

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

May 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

May 9 – Sports Physical

May 14– School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

May 28 – No School – Memorial Day

June 4 – PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

June 5 – 11:00 a.m. Dismissal – Teacher In-Service.

June 6 - Last Day of School;

11:00 a.m. dismissal; Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

June 11 – School Board mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

SENIOR EVENTS

May 18 – Last day of classes for seniors; any fines and lunch accounts need to be paid by this day. Textbooks and library books must be turned in.

May 21 – Senior Awards Program, 7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym

May 22 - 23 – Senior Class Trip

May 25 – Senior breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Graduation rehearsal and decorating to follow

May 26 – Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

PTC NEWS

The 2nd annual Ladies Gala will be held on Friday, May 11th at the Lions Club from 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. \$25.00 presale tickets on sale now! Includes swag bag, drink ticket, free apps, desserts, trivia and more! Huge bucket raffle and entertainment by Mitch from Taylored Weddings. You won't want to miss it! Purchase tickets on eventbrite.com or contact Brooke at 280-7875 for more information.

As the year is winding down, we would like to announce that the PTC has been working hard towards a big goal - a new ZipKrooze zipline for our playground. Cost of this will be around \$12,000 but we know we can do it! We added an additional fundraiser already this year and have some other ideas in the works. If you or a business you know would like to donate to this project, please contact the office or Brooke at 280-7875. Thank you all for your continued support.

WELLNESS POLICY

As required by law, the Board of Education established a wellness policy for the Rapid River Public Schools. Goals are set to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits.

To review this policy, please go to our website www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us. Click on Board of Education Bylaws & Policies & you will find it under Operations in the Table of Contents.

TITLE I NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Kindergarten and First Grade family night. Parents received pizza, books, tools and ideas to make reading time fun. Homework time should be bonding time and not stressful!

March Reading month was filled with all kinds of literacy activities. We hope your child told you about some of the many things that went on such as: Breakfast with Books, Mystery Reader Week, Teacher Swap reading week, Representative Beau LaFave reading to our elementary, the Delta Animal Shelter presentation, Key Club Fun Night, dress-up days to encourage unique opportunities to read, and of course, Reading Olympics. The 5th graders were the overall winners, but all competed with enthusiasm and had a great time!

We are very fortunate to have an active Parent-Teacher-Club at our school. They have worked extremely hard this year to put on activities such as the Family Night and Book Fair, which were very successful. They are frequently fundraising so that our students can have the resources, incentives, field trips, and programs that they need.

Our school will continue to offer a summer school program, but with less emphasis on "school". It will be more of a Summer Library Program and open to all. Research shows that in order to **not** see the "summer slide" with progress, children really only need 3 things: access to books, someone to support them, and free choice in reading.

M-Step testing started in April. This testing included the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. State assessments, of course, only show a fragment of everything your child has learned or is learning, but are there to make schools accountable. As parents you can show support for your school by making the experience as positive as possible.

BONIFAS YOUTH ART

Congratulations to all our Bonifas Youth in Art winners: Riley Edwardsen, Cecilia Pilon, Paige Christianson, and Brady Proehl.

Riley Edwardsen's art work "Octoapple" has been selected to appear in the Park Art display sponsored by the MEA and Bonifas Art Center. Riley's work will be featured at the pavilion in the Escanaba Park. It will be on display throughout the summer and will remain there until next winter.

Congratulations to all the award winners!

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Annual sports examinations will be Wednesday, May 9th, at 5:30 p.m. for girls and 6:45 p.m. for boys at the Gladstone High School.

The bus for the girls will leave the school at 5:00 p.m. and return at approximately 6:45 p.m. The boys will leave at 6:50 p.m. and return at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Proper attire **MUST** be worn. This consists of a loose fitting short sleeve t-shirt/tank top, loose gym shorts and gym shoes (absolutely NO sandals). The examiners have to be able to easily see the upper and lower arms, the shoulders, the knees, and the ankles.

REMINDER: Any student who has not had an office-based physical by his/her physician for the first time must do so in order to participate in future school physical examinations.

Any questions contact Rick Pepin (ext. 513) at 474-6411.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Rapid River Legion for the very welcome monetary donation and our PTC for the generous donation of books from their recent Book Fair. The students love them as do we! Also, thank you to Mrs. Michelle Denkins and Mike and Karen Mohler for the donations of magazines.

While we appreciate the donation of school appropriate books and magazines, we no longer are accepting donations of encyclopedias, dictionaries, Nat'l Geographic and other reading material of this nature as technology/Google has sadly rendered these materials obsolete. Goodwill Industries accepts these types of books/magazines if you're "cleaning house". If you're unsure if it's suitable for the school's library please call 474-3512 and ask for Lollie or Janet.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society of Rapid River would like to announce our new members: Jaden Schwartz, Emily Thibault, Riley Christiansen, Sherry Vandeville, Azariah Hernandez, Allison Gustafson, Lucas Gendron, Avery Closs, Aerianna Spriks, Garrett Novak, and Brooke Landis.

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Everett Belanger, Emma Bowden; 3.69 to 3.30 – Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Conner Kee, Peyton McKeage; 3.29 to 3.00 – Morgan Dawley, Blake Lundquist, Ava McCarty, Nathan Moore, Amber Proehl, Ethan Wennesheimer

7th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Megan Dausey; 3.69 to 3.30 – Madison Couillard, Zander Makosky, Ian Sundling; 3.29 to 3.00 – Eliana Junttila, Maizie Nelson, Shaun Nelson, Austin Rafuse, Lexie VanOss, Kylie Wils

8th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Addie Christoff, Maddison Kee, Madilynne LaChance, Gabrielle Moss, Corey Novak, Kyra Stumpf; 3.69 to 3.30 – Kenzingtin Pepin, Gracie Stemick; 3.29 to 3.00 – Brooke Kelly, Kruzz Makosky

9th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Madison Axtell, Hannah Casey, Kathleen Hickman, Myah Pearson, Cecilia Pilon, Quenna Spriks, Taylor VanOss; 3.69 to 3.30 – Jaqueline Gillman, Ismael Hernandez, Zeta Keys; 3.29 to 3.00 – Natalie Belanger, Riley Edwardsen, Maxwell Lenaker, Shania Poore

10th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Lucas Gendron, Allison Gustafson, Brooke Landis, Garrett Novak, Aerianna Spriks; 3.69 to 3.30 – Azariah Hernandez, Braydon Moss; 3.29 to 3.00 – Avery Closs

11th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Audrey Naeyaert, Gwendolyn Neyaert, Erica Proehl, Jenna Rubick, Emily Thibault, Sherry Vanderville; 3.69 to 3.30 – Cassidy Berg, Riley Christianson, Mason Kennedy, Philip Monticello, Jaden Schwartz, Alexis Trombley; 3.29 to 3.00 – Payten Berg, Joseph Davis-Holzenkamp, Leonard Menary, Elizabeth Moberg, Nathaniel Olson, Brittany Schwartz

12th grade – 4.00 to 3.70 – Logan Hardwick, Takoda Hardwick, Emily Johnson, Jarrett LaCasse, Shelby LaCasse, Daren Landis, Levi Miller, Joseph Pilon; 3.69 to 3.30 – Julia Breault, Weston Hedges; 3.29 to 3.00 – David Alvarado, Gavin Harris, Wyatt Schwartz, Richelle Vandeville, Kailey Vietzke

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service program was created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs. To find the nearest Summer Food Service program go to the following website:

<http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>.

THANK YOU

The Senior Class of 2018 and the All-Night Graduation Committee would like to give a huge thank you to the community and local police departments for volunteering and making the fuzz buster game a great success.

INDIAN ED

Our annual Spring Feast was Sunday, April 29th. We honored Indian Ed's graduating seniors.

The cultural portion of our program will end the year with the 5th grade's annual native Plant Walk at our school's outdoor Classroom. Guest presenters are Tom and Kim Roman, Ms. Judy Keller, and possibly Mr. Rick Bricker.

Indian Education is pleased to have established the Sally Constantino Memorial Scholarship to honor and recognize Sally for her many years of involvement with our program, including chairperson of our Parent Committee. We will be presenting the first scholarship on Awards Night.

Chi-mii-gwetch to tutor/teacher Mr. Mike Pilon and cultural advisor Mr. Dave Keller for all they do for our program and students. Thank you to the Sault Tribe for their generous 2% grant which funds the cultural portion of our program and activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 474-3572 or email:

leskofski@rapidriver.k12.mi.us or
mpilon@rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

REPORT CARDS/ DIPLOMAS

Report cards for grades 6 -12 and senior diplomas will be ready Friday, June 15. They will not be mailed but can be picked up by either a parent or the student.

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., February 12, 2018

Sandra Sauve, representing the RREA, donated books to the library in memory of Richard Spriks.

Rapid River School Board thanked Ralph and Karen Lundquist, Diane Kuchan, and Rapid River Relic Riders for their donations to the library in memory of Sally Constantino.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the 5th grade Clear Lake overnight trip request for May 21-22 provided all funds are raised.

-to approve the Key Club district convention trip request to Green Bay.

-to approve the hire of Mallory Westerberg as math Interventionist.

Special Mtg., February 13, 2018

Gladstone Board President Linda Howlett read the employee discipline resolution drafted by Thrun Law Firm noting that Rapid River's resolution did not contain paragraph 8. Other than that, the resolutions read the same.

Michelle Denkins read a statement prepared by the board concerning the employee discipline.

Motion made and approved:

-to accept the employee discipline resolution.

Regular Mtg., March 12, 2018

Principal Bill Warning updated board members on school events – fun family night book fair, reading Olympics scheduled for the end of March, visitors in the building for elementary students were Laurene Waurene Watson and the Delta Animal Shelter. Dibels scores increased to 86%, up from last year and higher than goal, Friday is half day with professional development in the

afternoon to review emergency crisis plan with staff.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve budget amendment 2.

-to nominate Karen Lundquist to the 2018 Scholarship Committee.

-to renew audit contract with Johnson

& Rennie, LLC for a period of two years.

-to approve the overnight senior class trip.

-to award the 2018 USF-Erate technology project to Teck Solutions Inc.

Special Mtg., March 20, 2018

-to approve the superintendent's evaluation.

Regular Mtg., April 9, 2018

-to approve the Generation E overnight trip request to Battle Creek.

For complete minutes go to our website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

THIRD QUARTER 4TH & 5TH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS

4th grade – All A – Jacie Tuljus

B or Better – Aubrey Olson

Bug Award – McKenzie Kurtz, Lilly Kwak

Perfect Attendance – Jacie Tuljus

5th grade – A-B's – Colton Beauchamp, Clay Christoff, Ava Damon, Adam Frappier, Karley Hardwick, Mason Johnson, Madison LaCrosse, Hailey Paquette

Bug Award – Ethan Harrison

Perfect Attendance – Madison LaCrosse, Hailey Paquette, Karsyn Willour

ATHLETIC EVENTS

High School Track

May

10	Rapid River	1:30
11	Bark River	3:00
15	Bark River	TBA
17	Munising	1:30
22	Stephenson	2:00

June

2	Kingsford UP Finals	TBA
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Junior High Track

May

7	Munising	4:00
14	Rapid River	1:30

Girls' Softball

May

7	Marquette	Away	4:00
8	Gladstone	Away	4:30
12	Escanaba	Away	TBD
14	Munising	Away	4:00
16	Marquette	Home	4:00
19	Tawas	Away	8:00
24	Sup Central	Home	4:00
25	Sault	Away	2:30

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following groups for contributing financially to the Rapid River Reach Out: Indian Education, Sports Boosters.

Daniela Isacc, Physical Education; Collin Farnes, Math Department; and Brooke Landis, Social Studies Department. The Teacher of the Quarter is Mr. Greg Rubick.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM

The Salmon in the Classroom Program would like to thank the UP Sport Fishermen Group of Escanaba for purchasing an advanced water quality probe for our fish tank. The probes will be used to test water quality. This will help us to better care for our Chinook salmon that we are growing in our tank.

The Salmon in the Classroom project was started a couple of years ago, and we have had great success each year.

This year we started with 150 salmon eyed eggs from the Thompson Fish Hatchery. At this point we still have approximately 135 swim up fry in our tank. The 5th and 6th grade students help with water testing and feeding. Mr. Pilon is in charge of helping students with water testing and Austin Wicklund, a high school senior, is in charge of tank maintenance. We plan to release the salmon in the Whitefish River this spring.

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

The School Improvement Team is announcing the, “Student of the Quarter” for 9th – 12th grades. Each quarter, teachers from each department (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Physical Education and Fine Arts) select a student to be their “Student of the Quarter”. The teachers use the following criteria to make their selections; grades, attitude, participation, and improvement.

The students that were selected for the 3rd Quarter of the 2016 – 2017 school year. Logan Hardwick, Science Department; Julia Breault, English Department; Samantha Hickman, Fine Arts Department;

