

REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public Schools' Newsletter

August 2018

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 4th

September 4th will be a full school day. Students will report to their classes by 8:00 a.m. School will be dismissed at 2:54 p.m.

Rapid River's School Improvement plan has been submitted to the state. Thank you to everyone for the collaborative effort to improve our school and help our students to be successful.

Students in grades 6-12 should go to their 1st hour class (check posting in hall). Schedules and other pertinent information will be distributed at these locations. Please do not call the office for your schedule.

Delta Schoolcraft ISD Vocational Programs will begin on Tuesday, September 4th.

Handbooks and other pertinent information will be included in the summer mailing that is being sent out on August 17th. Please review this information carefully and return all forms that need to be completed. If you have any questions call Mr. Warning at 474-6411.

The Lunch and Breakfast Program will begin on Tuesday, September 4. Lunch prices are: K-5 \$3.00, 6-12 \$3.25, Adults \$4.75. Breakfast prices are: Students \$1.50 and Adults \$2.50.

Busing schedules are included in the summer mailing. Please contact Matt Scheuren at 474-3510 if you have questions regarding busing.

If you are new in the district, please register your child as soon as possible.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

For the most current athletic schedules and planned events along with school news check out our website at www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

ELEMENTARY PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please use the circle drive in the front of the building to drop off or pick up your students. For safety reasons, please do not drop off your students in the back of the building. This is for staff parking and bus drop offs/pick-ups only. All parking in front of the elementary side of the building is to be done in the visitor parking. **Once again, the circle drive is for dropping off and picking up students, not for parking. Thank you.**

SPORTS BOOSTERS

The Sports Boosters support our athletes, school, and local community. Club members will be helping to fund uniforms for high school athletic teams, sports banquets, equipment purchases, busing, etc. If you are interested in joining, contact Martha Beaver in the H.S. office at 906-474-6411.

We need volunteers for concession stand duties for all athletic events. Parents of athletes are strongly encouraged to volunteer in the concession stand.

SCHOOL PICTURES

BEL Photography will be here Thursday, September 13th to take student pictures.

LIBRARY

The library will be open for business on Monday, September 10th. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces again.

Please encourage your child(ren) to read for fun, and if they're not old enough to read for themselves, please read to them. Little ones especially enjoy having books read to them, and it's so much fun to watch their eager expressions with a good story!

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at our open house on Wednesday, August 29th from 5:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and meet your teacher.

PTC NEWS

Welcome back! We are excited to kick off a new school year and meet some new parents! If you would like to help out with PTC events (fundraising deliveries, event volunteering, etc.) please let us know. Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RapidRiverPTC/ to stay updated on our latest events. Our first fundraisers will be the Little Caesar's Pizza & Homecoming apparel sales. (We are looking for people to help sell at the football game) We are working hard towards our goal of a Zip Krooze for our playground, so we hope to have a successful year! Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give! For information: Brooke 906-280-7875 or brookes.prints@yahoo.com.

INDIAN ED

Our tutorial program starts the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4th. If you feel your student could use some extra help, please let his/her teacher know or call Mr. Pilon at 474-3572.

Mr. Keller will have a very interesting and informative cultural display case ready for all to see. Please check it out on the outside of the library wall!

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.

ROCKET RACK

The Rocket Rack containing "gently" used clothing has been a huge success. There is no cost to our students for the items they may find useful. The room is located close to the HS office and will be open Thursdays during Jr. High and High School lunches- 11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The room can be opened before and after school on a prearranged basis for Elementary too.

Please contact Becky Calouette (school nurse) or Bill Warning with any questions you may have. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Varsity Football

August

24	Ontonagon	Home	7:00
30	N. Central	Away	7:00**

September

7	Carney	Home	7:00
14	Pickford	Away	7:00
21	Sup. Central	Home	7:00
28	Rudyard	Away	7:00

Junior Varsity Football

August

24	Ontonagon	Home	4:00
30	N. Central	Away	4:00**

September

7	Stephenson	Home	4:00
14	Pickford	Away	4:00
21	N. Central	Home	4:00
28	Rudyard	Away	4:00

Junior High Football

September

11	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
18	Holy Name	Away	6:00
25	Stephenson	Home	6:00

Girls' Volleyball

August

30	Big Bay	Away	6:00
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September

6	Mid Pen	Home	6:00
8	Gladstone	Away	9:30*
10	Stephenson	Home	6:00
11	Norway	Home	6:00
13	Carney	Away	5:30**
18	Munising	Home	6:00
20	N. Central	Home	6:00
27	Bark River	Away	6:00

Girls' Junior High Basketball

September

6	Big Bay	Away	6:00
13	Gladstone	Home	6:00
18	Munising	Away	6:00
20	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
24	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
25	Munising	Home	6:00
27	Manistique	Home	6:00

Cross Country

August

23	Rapid River Invite	3:00
28	Esky Invite	11:00

September

5	N. Central Invite	4:00
12	Manistique Invite	4:00
20	Stephenson Invite	4:00
25	Munising Invite	4:00
27	Ishpeming Invite	4:00
	Tracy Strom	

SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Mtg., June 11, 2018

The Board thanked the Benevity Community Impact Fund for a \$500 donation for Julie Pilon's art program.

Transportation Manager, Matt Scheuren discussed summer cleaning, bus driver wages, and student bus behavior.

Motion made and approved:

-to hire Anthony Perino as Athletic Director.

-to adopt 2018-2019 Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution.

Special Mtg., June 26, 2018

Motion made and approved:

-to approve Budget Amendment 3.

-to adopt 2018-2019 General Fund budget, Food Service Fund budget, Debt Retirement Fund budget and Capital Projects(Energy Bond) Fund budget.

-to adopt State Aid Note resolution.

Regular Mtg., July 9, 2018

George Kanyuh was appointed as the Delta Schoolcraft Association of School Boards representative for 2018-2019.

Motion made and approved:

-to approve the 2018-2019 schools of choice 105 and 105c resolutions.

-to approve the 2018-2019 days and hours resolution.

-to eliminate one cook position and the reduction in force notification.

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

ATHLETICS

Hello and welcome to another school year. As your new athletic director, there are many things I wish to say, but more importantly, it is about, you, our student-athletes. Sports are an excellent way for student-athletes to grow socially, physically and emotionally and develop skills that will last a lifetime. I look forward to a successful, positive and safe season for our student-athletes, parents and coaches. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 906-474-3513. Anthony Perino

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

At the current time we are in need of full route and sub drivers. Competitive wage and elective 401K are available. Send resume to: Matt Scheuren, Transportation Manager, 10070 US Hwy 2, Rapid River, MI 49878.

RAPID RIVER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The objective of the Foundation is to provide resources that might otherwise be unavailable because of budget constraints public schools often face.

You can impact the educational experience of our next generation ...contribute to the enhancement of our fine school system...and lend a helping hand to the long-term process of student education. Your contributions, both large and small, enable the Foundation to foster the district's educational efforts. Once again, we are asking for your support.

Contributions can be made payable to the Rapid River Schools Foundation. Mail your gift to: **Rapid River Schools Foundation**, 10070 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI 49878.

Thank you to the ones that have made a donation to the foundation. The foundation is 501© (3) – tax exempt.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Please donate your items containing scrap metal. The dumpster is here until August 30th. It is near the bus garage.

All donations help the Rocket Varsity Softball Team.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

Matt Scheuren is the transportation manager. He is looking forward to working and meeting the students/parents of Rapid River. His contact information is mscheuren@rapidriver.k12.mi.us.

READING BUDDIES

Our Reading Buddies program is just around the corner. The program is held on Thursdays from 1:00 – 2:00. The Reading Buddies Program arranges for adult volunteers to read with second grade students. Reading Buddies has proven to have a direct positive impact on the children's interest in and ability to read. **We are in need of volunteers.** Please call Allison Derouin, RSVP Coordinator, at 786-7080 ext. 112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13 – Board of Education mtg., 6:30 p.m. in the library.

September 10 - PTC mtg., 3:00 p.m. in the PTC room.

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