

# REACH OUT RAPID RIVER

Rapid River Public School's Newsletter

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**December 2015**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 2** – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 p.m. in the library.

**December 7** – PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. elementary teacher's lounge.

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

**December 23– January 1 - No School** – Christmas Break

**January 4**– PTC mtg., 5:30 p.m. elementary teacher's lounge.

**January 6** – Rapid River Sports Boosters mtg., 4:30 in the library.

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

**January 29** – Teacher In-Service, noon dismissal.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Program will be held Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Parents are more than welcome to pick up their child in their classroom after the program. The public is also welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation will begin on December 23rd. Classes resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

Rapid River students have had special guest artists share their knowledge and creativity with them this fall. Artist, Wendy Halperin, used her artistic knowledge to help students develop their fine motor skills and correct pencil grip while doing art.

Rod Snow, chalk artist and ventriloquist, used his artistic talents to teach a lesson of kindness to the students. He used his puppets in humorous ways for story writing.

Students were also entertained by The Science of Music program. The audience participated with singing and dancing, while sending the message of the importance of reading. We would like to thank the people who made these programs possible; Kristine Paulson who wrote the art grant for our school and the PTC for funding the Science of Music program.

Family night was once again well attended. Parents and students got to enjoy pizza and learn handwriting techniques from artist and illustrator, Wendy Halperin.

Starting in November, Rachel Sabin from the P-Nut program (Marquette ISD) will be here to teach health lessons in a fun, delicious way! She will also be incorporating health through literacy and new FitBit activities.

We would like to send appreciation to the families who sold Little Caesar's Pizza to raise money for our school. The PTC

worked hard organizing this fundraiser. The money raised goes to activities such as field trips, special programs, books for our AR library, incentives for each classroom, and many other worthwhile items.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parent teacher conferences and continue to help your child learn the importance of a good education. If you were unable to make it, please call your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

## FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE ACADEMIC AWARDS FIRST QUARTER

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** – All A's – Everett Belanger

**A-B's** – Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic

**Perfect Attendance** – Everett Belanger, Tucker Carlson, Erin Dedic, Evan Horwitz, Ava McCarty, Nathan Moore, Nickolas Raspor, Colton Stemick, Leondrea Vietzke

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** – All A's – Monica Thibault

**A-B's** – Madison Couillard, Eliana Junttila, Austin Rafuse, Lexie VanOss, Lee Parrett

**Perfect Attendance** – Imara DeGrand, Carter Johnson, Walter Kahl, Mary McNally, Shaun Nelson, Karmyn Schwartz, Monica Thibault, Lexie VanOss

## **ATHLETIC EVENTS**

### **Girls' JV & Varsity Basketball**

#### **December**

1	Mid Pen	Away	6:00
4	N. Central	Home	6:00
11	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
14	Engadine	Home	6:00
18	Bark River	Home	6:00

#### **January**

8	Sup. Central	Away	6:00
11	Stephenson	Away	*5:00
15	Big Bay	Away	6:00
19	Carney	Away	*5:15
22	Munising	Home	6:00
25	Bark River	Away	6:00
28	Gladstone	Home	5:45

### **Boys' JV & Varsity**

#### **Basketball**

#### **December**

7	Carney	Home	6:00
10	N. Central	Home	6:00
14	Bark River	Away	6:00
17	CFFP	Away	5:30
29	Mid Pen	Home	6:00

#### **January**

5	Munising	Home	6:00
12	Gladstone	Away	5:45
14	Engadine	Away	6:00
18	N. Central	Away	*5:15
21	Bark River	Home	6:00
25	Stephenson	Home	6:00
29	Sup. Central	Away	6:00

### **Boys' Junior High**

#### **Basketball**

#### **December**

1	Sup. Central	Home	6:00
3	Big Bay	Away	6:00
8	Munising	Home	6:00
* Central Time			



## **INDIAN ED**

Thanks to the Sault Tribe of Chippewas' 2% grant monies, our third and fourth graders had the privilege of having Mr. Keith Knecht come and do a Living History presentation on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Sault Tribe's anti-bullying campaign arranged to have Mr. Anthony Lanni do a presentation for all students in grades 4-12. Mr. Lanni is a former Michigan State basketball player who faced many obstacles in his life and overcame them all. He now speaks to students everywhere and is very well-received. To learn more, please Google "Anthony Lanni".

There will be a Traditional Teaching Circles held after school from 3:30-4:30 for both Indian and non-Indian middle school and high school students with permission. This series of circles will be held by cultural advisor Dave Keller (Rm 515) on the following Wednesdays: 1/13, 2/17, 3/16 and 4/13. Call our office with any questions.

If you feel your son/daughter needs some extra help please contact Mr. Pilon or Lollie Eskofski at 474-3572.

## **LIBRARY**

Thanks to donations of money in memory of the late Ron Lustick and Fred Wilbee, we've been able to update our middle school biography section in addition to some new Diary of a Wimpy Kid books which are so popular with the upper elementary. Donated funds and the generosity of the Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis Club are the major source of

income to purchase new books for our library. It's all very much appreciated!

Please make sure your child brings his/her library books back on a weekly basis. We will simply renew it if the book isn't finished. Already many of our younger students are telling us they forgot the book at home. Please help them with this responsibility.

Please feel free to check out our beautiful library during school hours or at Board meetings. We keep it seasonally decorated and welcome visitors!

Lastly, if there are any questions or concerns with overdue notices, please call the library at 474-3512.

## **SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Regular Meeting,**

### **October 12, 2015**

#### **Motion made and approved:**

- to approve Vicky Kirby as the new hire for Kindergarten.
- to appoint JoJean Miller to the DSISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) as district representative.
- to accept a donation of an HP Design Jet 1055 Cm 36" plotter with inkjet cartridges from Rapid River Forest Service (\$1,675 value).

### **Regular Meeting,**

### **November 9, 2015**

#### **Motion made and approved:**

- to accept letter of resignation from Darryl Lindquist.
- to approve transfer of \$73,100 from fund balance "committed to early retirement incentive" to fund balance "unassigned."

For complete minutes go to our website at

[www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us](http://www.rapidriver.k12.mi.us)

