

# Rapid City Elementary

## THE BOBCAT BROADCAST



January 12,

### DATES TO REMEMBER

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*The New Year is a perfect time to reflect on the past year and set goals and make plans for the future. We are pleased with the first half of our school year and are looking forward to continuing our growth and expanding on our successes.*

*As I have said before, the strength of this school is in our rapport with all of you. Our school and its many accomplishments are a direct reflection of our work with each of our students and their parents. The ways that we support our students and their parents and the way that you support our school's efforts are what make this school what it is. Because we acknowledge the importance of this, our pledge to all of you this year is to improve on our communication and on the ways that we will continue to foster this relationship. Our staff is looking at ways that we can improve on and in some cases increase our communication between home and school so that we can continue to be successful. Thank you for your continued support.*

*The entire Rapid City Staff wishes you the very best for 2012!*

*Arica Zenner*

January 13, 2012  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Skate begins  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Swim begins

January 17, 2012  
Spelling Bee  
Kalkaska Middle School  
6:30pm

January 19, 2012  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Day of School  
Dismissed at 11:00am

January 19, 2012  
PTA Meeting  
6:00pm

January 20, 2012  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Day of School  
Dismissed at 11:00am

January 25, 2012  
Report Cards Sent  
Home

February 4, 2012  
Winter Carnival



### Rapid City Elementary School's Vision, Mission, and Belief Statement

#### Vision Statement:

It is the vision of Rapid City Elementary School to provide instructional programs that strengthen and maximize the learning opportunities for all students.

#### Mission Statement:

It is the mission of Rapid City Elementary School to provide a family environment for our kids to learn to their fullest potential – Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!

#### Belief Statement:

We are a family who believes...

- It is our duty to provide an educationally, physically and emotionally safe environment at school.
- In high academic standards for all students.
- All students are capable of learning and success is possible for all.

*Guiding Ambition*

## PTA Corner

### Popcorn Fridays

Every other Friday, the students of Rapid City Elementary School enjoy an afternoon snack provided by the PTA and volunteers. Please sign up to help make and deliver popcorn. The signup sheet is on the PTA bulletin board in the lobby.

### **Labels, labels, labels!!**

Rapid City PTA collects a number of items year round. These items help us raise thousands of dollars to use towards PTA projects. Please take time to start saving the items listed below and send them to school. Make sure the bag/envelope is identified with your child's name and classroom teacher for the weekly prize drawing.

### **Please Save:**

Village Market sales receipts and Village Market gas receipts (both need to be marked "Community Cash").

Box Tops for Education, Spartan UPC's, Campbell Soup, Juice & Beans Soup (clip Campbell points or barcode + Campbell boy logo, you do not need to send front labels anymore).

Empty Ink Cartridges  
Old Cell Phones



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### SWIM AND SKATE LESSONS

The Rapid City PTA is sponsoring the annual Skating Lessons for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class and Swimming Lessons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class. The lessons begin on Friday, January 13, 2012. The lessons will be every Friday afternoon, ending on February 24. (We have a half day on Friday, January 20. There will be no lessons on this day.)

**The second graders will need to bring gloves and snow pants. The third graders will need to bring a bathing suit and a towel.**

Parent volunteers are encouraged to come and help.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office: 231-331-6121

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## Spelling Bee

Advancing to the KMS Spelling Bee from Mrs. DeVol's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class are: Tim Stoldt and Angeni Fields. The alternate representing the class is Skylar Berghuis. GOOD LUCK!!

### WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The Alert Now System is used by the Kalkaska Public School District to notify parents of any school closings due to weather, parent/teacher conferences, or any changes that may take place in the daily school routine.

**Please notify the office of any phone number changes. You will only get the alerts if your information is correct and up-to-date.**

The school district also notifies the local television and radio stations to publicize any information related to school closings.

### DRESS FOR THE OCCASION

*It is important that children come to school dressed for outside recess and the weather. Your child should be wearing their boots, snow pants, hat and mittens when they arrive at school in the morning. The students are outside until school begins at 7:50am and they are outside after lunch for noon recess.*

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# WINTERFEST 2012

## *"MICHIGAN WINTER WONDERLAND"*

A FUN FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

*Rapid City Elementary 11th Annual Winterfest  
Sponsored by the Rapid City PTA*

*Saturday, February, 4, 2012  
9am – 2pm*

The planning for this year's event has already begun. We will be having

- an all you can eat pancake breakfast
- craft show, cold cash hill
- outdoor obstacle course, logger races
- hay rides, snow snake, Quonset huts
- bounce house, tot merry-go-round
- and much, much more!!!

The Girl Scouts will be having Green Games and the Boy Scouts will lead snowshoe hikes. A pirate from the ship "Welcome" and the Acme Heritage Society will be in 'era costumes'. You can also have your Blood Pressure and your Blood Sugar checked.

The Winter Carnival is organized by the PTA and Volunteers. If you are interested in helping to make this Carnival a huge success, please let us know. There is a sign-up sheet on the PTA board at the Rapid City School with the times and the events. You may contact any board member or activity chairperson with any questions or ideas.

Winter Carnival Chair Person: Teri Noffsinger  
Outdoor Activities: Trevor Darnell 231-331-7010  
PTA Table: Rashelle Wirtz 231-676-9729  
Craft Show: Janie Shier 231-313-8886  
Indoor Activities: Gina Nagy  
Breakfast/Concession Stand: Rachele Cummings 231-331-7744  
Julie Menestrina 231-676-1008

**BUTTONS!!** We are in need of lots and lots of buttons for the Winterfest. Bring in any and all spare buttons that you have around the house. You may drop them off at the office. Thank You.



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## RAPID CITY PTA

President:  
Janie Shier 313-8886

Vice President:  
Trevor Darnell 331-7010

Secretary:  
Anja Stoldt 322-2346

Treasurer:  
Rachele Cummings 331-7744

## Next PTA Meeting

*January 19, 2012  
6:00 pm*

Child Care Provided

## APPRECIATIONS

*Thank you to all the  
volunteers who  
supported our staff and  
students this first  
semester. Your time  
and efforts truly make  
a positive contribution  
to our school  
community.*



*Guiding Ambition*

## Kalkaska Public Schools Calendar 2011-2012

### BREAKFAST MENU

Mon: Breakfast Pizza  
 Tues: Scrambled Egg  
 Sandwich  
 Wed: French Toast Stix  
 Thurs: Pancake on a stick  
 Fri: Cheese Omelet &  
 Power Ball

Fruit and/or Fruit Juice &  
 1% milk is offered every day.  
 Yogurt, whole grain cereals,  
 warm oatmeal, cheese,  
 hardboiled eggs and breads  
 are also offered every day.

### LUNCH MENU

#### WEEK OF January 16

Mon: Two Cheese Max Stix,  
 corn and pineapple tidbits

Tues: BBQ Beef Bites,  
 buttered noodles, green  
 beans and fresh fruit

Wed: Turkey and Gravy,  
 mashed potatoes, fresh  
 fruit cup and whole grain  
 roll

Thurs:  
 ½ Day of School  
 No Lunches

FRIDAY:  
 ½ Day of School  
 No Lunches

January 19	Exams-1/2 day for students; Records day; full day for staff
January 20	Exams-1/2 day for students; Records day; full day for staff, End of first semester
February 20	Mid-winter break – no school
March 22	Parent-Teacher Conference; half day students Full day for staff, plus ½ day in evening
March 23	Half Day for Students and Staff; Spring Break Begins
April 2	School Resumes
April 6	Good Friday – No School
April 27	Trout Friday – Half Day for Students, Full Day for Staff
May 28	Memorial Day-no school
May 29	School resumes
June 6	½ day students Records day; full day for staff
June 7	½ day students Records day; full day for staff (10 weeks) End of second semester

### ABSENCES AND PHONE NUMBERS

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office. You can call 231-331-6121 at any time. If it is after hours, you may leave a message on the voicemail. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call the school. If we do not get a phone call or a written statement, your child is marked unexcused. This is also a safety issue; we would like to know that your child is safe.

We are also running into problems where parents/guardians are not contacting the office when there is a change in phone numbers and/or emergency contact numbers. It is very important to have working numbers in the event of an emergency with your child or with the school.

If any of your numbers have changed (home, work, emergency), please contact the office.