

Rapid City Elementary

THE BOBCAT BROADCAST



December 16, 2011

From the Desk of the Principal

It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. We are wrapping up our first semester and our students have been working very hard. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for working with your children and keeping in contact with the teachers. Working together is the only way for our students to reach their fullest potential. As we get close to the holidays, things get pretty busy. As partners in your child's education, the faculty and staff of Rapid City Elementary value your role as a parent. We value open-communication and relationships with the staff, students, parents and the community. We appreciate all you do.

*Arica Zenner
Principal*



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 19
Progress Reports

December 20
Family Science
Workshop

December 22
Last Day of School

January 3, 2012
School Resumes

January 13, 2012
2nd Grade Skate begins
3rd Grade Swim begins

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



Guiding Ambition

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.

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 points (clip Campbell points or barcode + Campbell boy logo, you do not need to send front labels anymore).

Empty Ink Cartridges
Old Cell Phones

RAPID CITY ELEMENTARY PRESENTS: 'THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS'

The 2011 Christmas Concert was a huge success! A special Thank You goes to Mrs. Yost and Mrs. Guy for their time and dedication. Also, we would like to thank our PTA and special volunteers. Without them it would not have been possible to have such a successful Christmas Concert.



A special thank you to everyone who brought in desserts and finger foods for everyone's enjoyment after the concert.



THE RAPID CITY PTA WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE





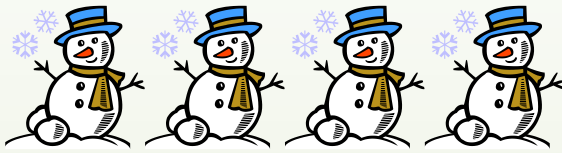
Calling all 2nd and 3rd Graders Swimming and Skating Lessons



Swimming & Skating will begin on Friday, January 13, 2012.

3rd Graders: Remember to bring your towel and swimsuit.

2nd Graders: Remember to bring your snow pants and gloves.



WAY TO GROW PROGRAM

The Way to Grow program is for all families with children aged birth to five and provides enriching experiences that promote school readiness. With funding through the TBAISD, Way to Grow now has a program at the Rapid City Elementary School. The Early Childhood Parent Educator is Susan Raven. Susan has a Masters Degree in Early childhood Education and has been a 'Parents as Teachers' Parent Educator for the Michigan State University Extension for ten years.

Starting in January, Susan will be providing playgroups at the Rapid City Elementary School. The playgroups will be on Tuesday, beginning on January 10, 2012. Families may drop in for playgroup at anytime between 9:30 and 11:00am. The next playgroup will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012. If there is a snow day, playgroups will be canceled.

The Way to Grow program also offers monthly home visits. You may obtain a Way to Grow brochure from Rachael Birgy, the RCE Family Coach. If you are interested in home visits, please mail in the registration form in the brochure.

5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

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



Holiday Village

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

Holiday Village



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 December 19

Mon: French Toast Sticks,
 turkey sausage, baked
 potato triangle and
 cinnamon applesauce

Tues: Cheese Pizza, salad,
 glazed carrots, and pears

Wed: Sloppy Joes, smile
 potatoes, and fresh fruit
 cup

Thurs: PBJ Sandwich,
 sunflower seeds, vegetable
 and fruit.

FRIDAY:
 NO SCHOOL

✓ August 31	First Day for Staff – Half Day set aside for Classroom Preparation
✓ September 1	Staff Work Day
✓ September 2	No School
✓ September 5	Labor Day – No School
✓ September 6	First Day for Students
✓ November 7	Staff Inservice – No School for Students; full day for students
✓ November 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Half Day for Students Full Day plus Evening for Staff
✓ November 11	Half Day for Students and Staff
✓ November 24-25	Thanksgiving – No School
December 23	Winter Break Begins
January 3	School Resumes
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