

BLAZER BULLETIN

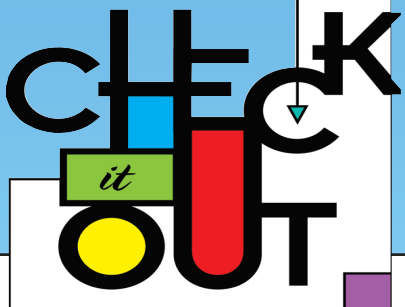
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Fall 2008

School for Students starts on **Tuesday, Sept. 2nd!** This will be a full day of classes.

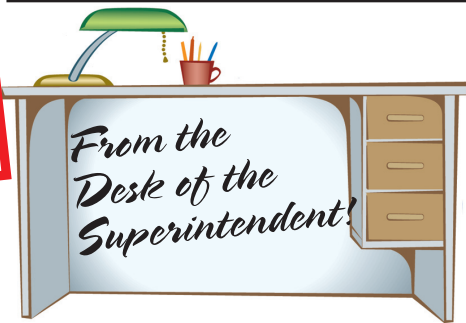
START & DISMISSAL TIMES

- Rapid City Elementary**
(Grades K-5) 5225 River St., Rapid City, MI
7:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
- Birch Street Elementary**
(Grades Pre K-3) 309 N. Birch, Kalkaska, MI
8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
- Cherry Street Elementary**
(Grades 4-5) 315 S. Cherry, Kalkaska, MI
7:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal 11:15 a.m.
- Middle School**
(Grades 6-8) 1700 Kalkaska Rd., Kalkaska, MI
8:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal 11:40 a.m.
- High School**
(Grades 9-12) 109 N. Birch, Kalkaska, MI
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Half Day Dismissal 11:15 a.m.
- Northside**
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Check Out Our Website...
[www.kpschools.com!](http://www.kpschools.com)

The school district's website address is www.kpschools.com. We hope to keep you up-to-date on school events and student achievements. If you would like to submit photos or news from games, classroom events, or other school activities, please contact Barb Poli or Deb Payne via e-mail (bpoli@kpschools.com or dpayne@kpschools.com), or by calling 231-258-9109.



It has been a busy summer!

The fire alarm system at Birch Street Elementary School has been upgraded, schools are ready for students, and technology upgrades are underway. Since voters approved a technology bond in May, we have taken bids for servers and networking, and computers will be ordered as soon as possible. The behind-the-scenes technology work that

helps everything operate smoothly has been taking place all summer. Students begin school on Sept. 2 with a full day of classes. Included in this issue is a calendar for the year. Calendars for the next three years are accessible on our web site, www.kpschools.com.

We have several new faces to the district this year, following the retirements of Mr. Greg Woolcott,

Mr. Greg Woolcott
Mr. David Stockford
High school teachers who retired after serving many years



Mr. David Stockford, Mrs. Sharon Stockford and Mrs. Nancy Read in

June. Mrs. Liz Gritter also retired from her long service in the Kalkaska 4s Program.

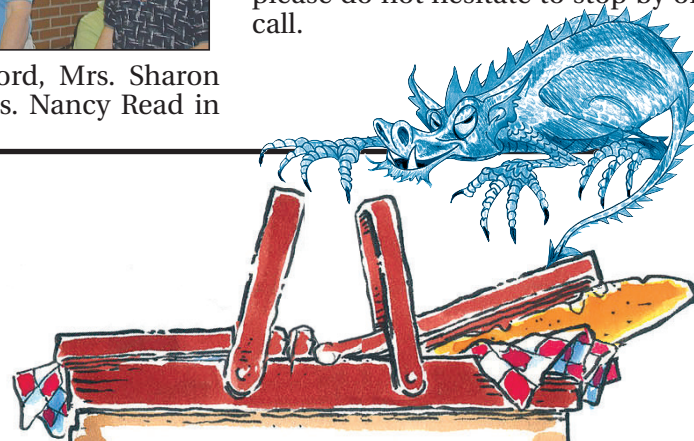
Mr. Larry Fields was elected as a new school board member, and he began a four-year term on July 1. Many thanks to Mr. Robert Dunn for his dedicated service.

If you drive by the athletic fields, you will notice a sure sign of the approach of fall – practices and band camp are great indicators that it's time for another school year to start.

School buildings are now open, so if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by or call.

2008-2009 CALENDAR

Aug. 27	First Day for Staff – Half Day set aside for Classroom Preparation
Aug. 28	Staff Work Day
Aug. 29	No School
Sept. 1	Labor Day – No School
Sept. 2	First Day for Students
Nov. 3	Staff Inservice – No School for Students; full day for staff
Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Half Day for Students, Full Day plus Evening for Staff
Nov. 7	Half Day for Students and Staff
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving – No School
Dec. 22	Winter Break Begins
Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan. 22	Exams-1/2 day for students; Records day; full day for staff
Jan. 23	Exams-1/2 day for students; Records day; full day for staff, End of first semester
Feb. 16	Mid-winter break – no school
March 20	Third Marking Period Ends
March 26	Parent-Teacher Conference; half day students
March 27	Full day for staff, plus Half Day in evening
March 30	Half Day for Students and Staff
April 6	Spring Break Begins
April 10	School Resumes
April 24	Good Friday – No School
April 24	Trout Friday – Half Day for Students, Full Day for Staff
May 25	Memorial Day-no school
May 26	School resumes
June 8	Half Day students Records day; full day for staff
June 9	Half Day students Records day; full day for staff (10 weeks) End of second semester



Community Back-to-School BLAZER BASH

Thursday, August 28, 2008
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

at the south end of the middle school lot, off Dresden Street

FREE picnic dinner, music, inflatables

These schools will be open for students and families to meet teachers:

Birch Street	5-5:45
Rapid City	5-5:45
Cherry Street	5:45-6:15
KMS	6:15-6:45

See you there!



Are Your Child's Immunizations Up To Date?

Immunization information is required at the time of student registration. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from school, according to state law. All students entering Kalkaska Public Schools must have on file an immunization record or a signed waiver. Public Act 84 of 1987 requires a school district to notify a person enrolling a student for the first time in the district that he or she must provide to the district within 30 days either:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate; or,
- Other reliable proof of the child's age and identity together with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the child's birth certificate.

All new enrollees (regardless of grade) must have documentation showing they have had the following immunizations:

- Two doses of MMR
- Three doses of polio
- Three doses of hepatitis B
- One dose of varicella (chickenpox or history of the disease).
- Complete series of DtaP/TD with one dose in last 10 years

As of September 2002, ALL sixth graders must meet these immunization requirements. Now, two doses of varicella are required at the High school level, or a history of the disease (chicken pox). County Health Dept. #10 is very helpful with immunizations, and provides monthly clinics. Call 231-258-8669 for more information.

