

Rapid City Elementary

THE BOBCAT BROADCAST



November 18, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

November is winding down and winter weather will soon be upon us. Please take the time to dig out the 'winter-gear' so your child will be warm and dry as they go outside during the day.

Thank you to all the parents that attended the parent/teacher conferences. Through teachers and parents working together, Rapid City Elementary was able to achieve 91% contacts with our parents at conference time. Great Job! We would also like to thank those who took the time to complete the Parent Surveys. We appreciate the comments that you provided. Your input is very important to us as we continue to work closely with you designing a school that best meets the needs of our students.

Please feel free to come in any time to discuss any thoughts, concerns, or ideas that you may have. We, at Rapid City Elementary, have an open-door policy and feel that communication is the key to success!

Have a safe and wonderful holiday,
Arica Zenner

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 21

Re-Screening for Vision and Hearing

November 24

No School

November 25

THANKSGIVING

No School

November 29

School Dentist

December 6

Rapid City Elementary
Christmas Concert
6:30 pm

December 15

PTA Meeting
6:00 pm

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

Empty Ink Cartridges
Old Cell Phones



1,120 Food Items!!

With the help of the elementary students, their families, Girl Scout Troup 3973, and community members, the Rapid City PTA was able to collect 1,120 items for the Rapid City Food Pantry. The donated items were picked up on Thursday, November 17th by food pantry volunteers. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items. It is wonderful to have such a caring community.



Kevin Young holding a check for \$1,120.00 for the Rapid City PTA. The Rapid City PTA and Rapid City Elementary is very grateful for all the support from the Village Market Family.



WAY TO GO CHRISTINA



Christina Stone, a Kindergartener in Mrs. Quast's classroom, recruited the most donors for the Rapid City Blood Drive on October 18th.



Christina with Ryan Carrigan,
Donor Relations Specialist

Levi and Caleb Cummings and Lauren Judd were also top recruiters for the blood drive. Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate blood. You have made a lifesaving difference to people in our community.

**THIS YEAR'S BOOK FAIR WAS
OUT OF THIS WORLD!!**

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to make this year's book fair a HUGE success!!

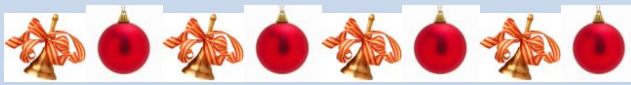


The Rapid City PTA did another Fantastic job on the 2011 Book Fair. They were able to raise \$1000.00 that will go towards reading books and supplies for the classrooms.

Thank you to the Rapid City PTA, the Rapid City Staff and the Rapid City parents and community members who helped make this year's book fair a success!!

A special Thank You goes to Jason and Janie Shier, Rashelle and Andy Wirtz, Tari Rogers, Joann Miracle, Rashelle Cummings, Arla Douglas and Teresa Fellows for their time and help in getting set up, the decorations, their time during the book fair and in cleaning up.

REMINDER: CHRISTMAS CONCERT FINGER FOODS



The PTA will be having finger foods after the concert, on Tuesday, December 6th. If you would like to bring in cookies, brownies, or fruit, please bring in by 3:00 pm on the night of the concert, December 6th. Thank You in advance.

Please try to keep them Peanut Free!

If you have any questions, please call Janie Shier, 231-331-8886 or the Rapid City office, 231-313-6121

RAPID CITY PTA

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Next PTA Meeting

*December 15
6:00 pm*

Child Care Provided

The Rapid City PTA would like to thank everyone for their time and dedication to the students, staff and community of Rapid City Elementary.



Kalkaska Public Schools Calendar 2011-2012

BREAKFAST MENU

Mon: Breakfast Pizza
 Tues: Scrambled Egg
 Sandwich
 Wed: French Toast Sticks
 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 Nov. 21

Monday

French Toast Sticks
 Turkey Sausage
 Potato Triangles
 Cinnamon Applesauce

Tuesday

Cheese Pizza
 Salad, Glazed Carrots,
 and pears

Wednesday

PBJ Sandwich, Gogurt
 Stick, Fresh Vegetables,
 and Fruit

**NO SCHOOL
 THURSDAY OR FRIDAY!**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

✓ 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 staff
✓ 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