

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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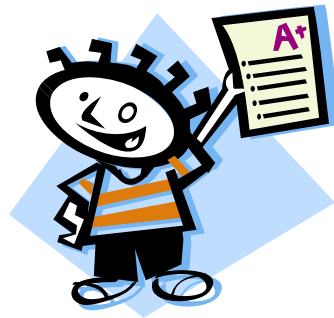
by Steven Westhoff, Superintendent

Here we go again. The days are getting shorter, the nights crisper, and the comment by our kids "I'm bored" more frequent. Welcome to the 2010-11 school year.

Let's start with some very positive news: **we're number one in the entire MOISD on MME scores.** Our composite ACT score of 20.1 is tops in the ISD, and Reed City High School has the top score in every area: Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies and Writing. Congratulations to all of the staff, parents, administration and especially our students.

As we look to the new school year, there will be some exciting changes that will be in place. We will very shortly begin the construction of a 52-foot diameter growing dome. The growing dome will provide students with the opportunity to learn through hands-on experi-

ence growing numerous plants and vegetables and by raising fish. We were able to provide this opportunity by means of a \$100,000 interest-free loan from Chartwells.



Several Norman staff have worked tirelessly moving us from a "targeted" title program to a "School wide" program. The ALPS (Accelerated Learner's Program Sequence) will get underway at the high school and RTI/Title services will be expanded at Norman Elementary and into the middle school. I'm extremely pleased that even though we've experienced difficult financial times like most school

districts, we still have outstanding people who have created and provided cutting edge educational programs that set us apart and provide outstanding educational experiences for our kids.

No school year is successful without the support and involvement of parents and families. Even though your kids may tell you that they don't want you involved in their education and school activities, they still want to know that you're always there to support them and that you care about their education. Talking to your kids everyday about what's going on in school makes a difference — when you make school your top priority your kids do as well. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your kids and family we look forward to a great school year.

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The Board of Education typically meets the THIRD Monday of every month, with a work/study session scheduled at 6 p.m. and a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. With the exception of the August 2010 meeting (which will take place in the Porteous Academic Center (fka MS/HS library), the meetings are held in the Board Room located at Central Office and are open to the public. Any changes to the meeting schedule may be found on the Board of Education page at www.reedcity.k12.mi.us. Approved minutes of meetings will be available online or at the Office of the Superintendent, 220 West Lincoln Avenue, Suite A, in Reed City. Notices of special meetings and committee meetings are publicly posted online and at the Office of the Superintendent.

**Reed City Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

Dan Boyer, President; **Randy Park**, Vice President; **Scott Ridderman**, Treasurer; **Kathy Yost**, Secretary; and trustees **Dave Lucey**, **Jim Dawson**, and **Ed Raby!**

School Scheduling Changes

Information regarding school closing or schedule changes due to severe weather is available on the following radio and TV stations throughout the school year:

FM Radio Stations	TV Stations
WYBR 102.3	TV 9 & 10
WWBR 100.9	TV 7 & 4
WTCM 103.5	TV 8
WKJF 92.9	TV 13
WLXZ 96.7	Fox 33
WOLW 91.1	

**Looking for more?
Check Out our Web Site**

We continue to update and improve our web site. For school information including important notices, Board meeting dates, school calendar and much more, please visit us at: www.reedcity.k12.mi.us.



Go Coyotes!

2010-11 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of Reed City Area Public Schools, 220 West Lincoln Avenue, Suite A, Reed City, Michigan 49677; telephone (231) 832-2201, will hold regular meetings at the following dates, time and location during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011. Regular meetings will be held on the third (3^d) Monday of each month as listed below at 7 p.m. in the Board Room located at Central Office at 220 West Lincoln Avenue, Suite A, Reed City (formerly, the "Annex.")

August 16, 2010*	December 20, 2010	April 18, 2011
September 20, 2010	January 17, 2011	May 16, 2011
October 18, 2010	February 28, 2011 (4th Monday)	June 20, 2011
November 22, 2010 (4th Monday)	March 21, 2011	
		July 18, 2011 (2011-12 yr)

The August 16, 2010, board meeting will be held at the Porteous Academic Center (MS/HS Library).

The Board of Education will meet for monthly work/study sessions to be held at 6 p.m. prior to the regular monthly meetings on the same day and location as the regular monthly meetings unless otherwise posted.

FLEETing NEWS

Information from the Transportation Department



Yet again, another summer is drawing to a close and the buses will be back on the streets transporting precious cargo. Here are tidbits of helpful information to start the year off right.

Again this year, there is no in-town busing. A Crossing Guard will be available at Lincoln and Chestnut to assure the safe crossing of students.

As always, students should be waiting at the stop at least five (5) minutes prior to the set pick up time. If a driver has to wait even two minutes for half of his/her riders, it will make the bus late to school.

As a reminder, all bus rules are posted in the front and rear of each and every bus and are distributed to each student on the first day of school. Please review them with your child. The Student Transportation Form and bus rules/medical form can be downloaded from the school web page at www.reedcity.k12.mi.us/transportation/transportation_doc.

Please remember that High School and Middle School students will not be allowed to walk to Norman Elementary to board any bus at any time without prior authorization from their building principal.

It is extremely important to us that your child remain safe at all times. No child under the age of ten (10) will be released from the bus without the driver seeing a recognized adult. Please call the garage if for some reason you cannot go to your door, and we can relay a message to the driver that there is actually someone there for the child.

Please see the chart below for bus numbers and assigned animal/character.

Bus #	Animal
96-8	Rooster
98-2	Mickey Mouse
98-3	Porky Pig
99-1	Snoopy
99-2	Cookie Monster
99-3	Big Bird
99-4	Monkey
00-5	Gus the Mouse
00-6	Chipmunk
01-7	Pluto
02-2	Raccoon
04-1	Bambi
05-1	Cricket
05-2	Elephant
07-1	Lamb
07-2	Pooh Bear
Navy Van	Tigger Van

We will be dropping off in the morning first at Norman and then the High/Middle Schools and, in the afternoon, picking up first at the High/Middle Schools and then Norman.

Please keep the bus garage timely informed of any changes to your child's transportation or to sign him/her up. It gets very hectic during the last couple of days before school starts, and the drivers need to be notified in advance of new stops.

With the cooperation of parents, bus drivers and office staff, we look forward to the beginning of another safe and successful school year. Please call John Beam at 832-4232 if you have any questions or concerns. The best time to contact us at the bus garage is 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and again between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can leave a message at any time and I will do my utmost best to return your call as soon as possible.

There will be some route changes this year and attempts will be made to contact all families who will be affected. As always, please be patient with us as we are doing the best we can to serve your family's transportation needs.



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

- ◆ Athletic fields were aerated and fertilized.
- ◆ Carpets were extracted, furniture was cleaned and floors were stripped and refinished. All four gym floors were screened and refinished.
- ◆ The High School stage walls were painted.
- ◆ Mechanical equipment was serviced and checked out.
- ◆ All of the district bleachers were inspected.
- ◆ Offices were added to the Annex. The move of Central office to the Annex building was completed.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RCAPS' RETIREES

The Board of Education, administration, and staff would like to wish those who announced their retirements this summer a very happy retirement from the district:

- John Engel, Bus Driver
- Julie Finkbeiner, Student Monitor — Norman
- Barb Grove, Payroll/Personnel
- Karl Jonsson, Bus Driver
- Pam Remus, Teacher Assistant — Norman
- Phil Rhode, Teacher Assistant — Norman
- Delores Van Peeren, Teacher Assistant — Norman
- Bill Webster, Bus Driver
- Connie Banks, Teacher — RCHS
- Bruce Bailey, Teacher — RCHS
- Pat Britten, Teacher — RCMS
- Joe Engle, Teacher — Norman
- Jacque Gerould, Teacher — Norman
- Patty Jarzabkowski, Teacher — Norman
- Mark Robb, Teacher — RCMS
- Mary Deb Rye, Teacher — Norman

We thank you for your service and dedication to Reed City Area Public Schools and wish you health, happiness, and peace in your retirement!



I ntegrated Pest Management Control

Advisory to All Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Reed City Area Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program **does not** rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, *etc.*, to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to make this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is the posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are those entrances that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot. The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least three (3) days prior to the application. If you would like to be notified by mail, please mail your contact information to Reed City Area Public Schools, Facilities Department, c/o 220 W. Lincoln Avenue, Suite A, Reed City, Michigan 49677. Please provide your name, mailing address and what school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees' nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or e-mailing Paul Lewis, the District's Director of Facilities, at phone number 231-832-2712 or e-mail address plewis@reedcity.k12.mi.us. This number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Sincerely,

Paul Lewis

Director of Facilities

SCHOOL DINING SERVICES



August 10, 2010

Dear Reed City Area Public Schools’ Students, Parents, and School Community:

The beginning of the school year is approaching, and we want to extend a warm welcome to let you know that **Chartwells School Dining Services** has exciting plans for your school meal programs. Our mission is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to our students and school community! We understand that although change is good, it is not without challenges. We will do our best to address any questions and concerns that may arise. Here is some general information that will be helpful to begin the new school year:

Meal Prices:

G. T. Norman Lunch	Paid	\$1.75	All reduced priced lunches are still \$0.40
MS & HS Lunch	Paid	\$2.00	
G. T. Norman Breakfast	Free to all students		
MS & HS Breakfast	Paid	\$1.50	All reduced priced breakfasts are still \$0.30

Milk: Milk is available with all meals. All 8 oz. cartons can also be purchased separately.

Menus:

Lunch menus will be sent home with K-5 students through classroom folders. Secondary lunch menus will be available on the Reed City Area Public Schools’ website at www.reedcity.k12.mi.us.

Elementary Meal Programs:

For the elementary students, we will be following an adventure of fun and nutrition education with the help of Theodore Eat, Sydney Learn and Ava Live – our nutrition characters who encourage students to eat healthy and be physically active. Watch for these characters on menus and signs throughout the cafeterias - they are our nutrition ambassadors! Be sure to check menus for special promotions, giveaways and nutrition information!

Universal Breakfast

Chartwells and Reed City Area Public Schools are happy to announce that we will still provide free breakfast to all G. T. Norman K-5 students and Middle School students. Breakfast will be given free to any K-8 student who wants it that day - no additional paperwork from parents is required. It doesn't matter if students qualify for free, reduced or full price meals for lunch, at breakfast, all K-8 students will receive their meal at no cost. Break-

Middle and High School Meal Programs:

We understand that older students have a more sophisticated pallet, so we’ve planned appropriate enhancements to meet their needs. Here are a few highlights:

- ◆ Our food stations include: *Balance Choices, Origins, Fresh Grille, Trattoria, Sandwich Central, and Outtakes Cuisine* – see menus for details!

Our goal is to **nourish** our students. With this in mind, we have developed **Balanced Choices**®, our signature comprehensive wellness program that identifies healthier meals, snacks and beverage choices. These will be identified by our Balanced Choices logo on menus and at points of service throughout the cafeterias.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at gknapp@reedcity.k12.mi.us.

Sincerely,
Gennie Knapp, Director of Dining Services
Chartwells School Dining Services

2010-11 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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District Calendar 2010-2011

FINAL
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July							August T-2, S-0							September T-20, S-18						
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KEY DATES:	August 30	Staff Only, Professional Development (PD)	February 18	Presidents' Day Recess
	August 31	Staff Only, PD	February 21	Presidents' Day Recess
	September 1 & 2	PD All Buildings	March 14	No School Students
	September 7	First Day of School/Half Day Students/Staff PD		PD/Records Day or P/T Confs Per Building Schedule
	November 3	Records/PD Day or P/T Confs Per Building Schedule	April 4-8	Spring Recess
	November 15	No School -- Safety Day	April 11	School Resumes
	November 24	Half Day Students/Staff	April 22	No School Students & Staff (Good Friday)
	November 25-26	Thanksgiving Recess	May 25	Seniors' Last Day
	December 22-31	Holiday Recess	May 30	Memorial Day Recess
	January 3 & 4	Holiday Recess	June 3	Graduation
	January 5	School Resumes	June 10	Half Day Students/Records Day Staff -- Last Day of School
	January 28	No School Students Records and PD Day End of 1st Semester		
			1st Semester	September 7, 2010 - January 27, 2011
			2nd Semester	January 31 - June 10, 2011

○	No School
□	Teachers and Staff Only
△	Half Day for Students and Staff
◐	Half Day for Students
—	Parent-Teacher Conferences

Total Staff Days: 181
Total Student Days: 174

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CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>SCHOOL/BUILDING</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE/ FAX NUMBERS</u>
<p>Central Office</p> <p>Steven Westhoff, Superintendent Judy Miller, Executive Secretary Sherry Nicklas, Business Manager Jackie Moss, Payroll/Benefits/Personnel/ Accounts Payable/Receivable</p>	<p>220 W. Lincoln Avenue, Suite A Reed City, Michigan 49677 (NEW ADDRESS, formerly, the Annex)</p> <p>Hours: M-Th: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Tel: 832-2201 Fax: 832-2202</p> <p>Ext 104 Ext 100 Ext 103 Ext 102</p>
<p>Technology Department David Griffin, Director</p>	<p>Porteous Academic Center 233 W. Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-6174 Ext: 143 Fax: 832-6180</p>
<p>G. T. Norman Elementary School David Vander Goot, Principal Kris Griffin, Assistant Principal</p>	<p>338 West Lincoln Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-5548 Fax: 832-6194</p>
<p>Reed City Middle School Tim Webster, Principal, and Director of Middle School sports</p>	<p>233 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-6174 Fax: 832-6180</p>
<p>Reed City High School Tom Antioho, Principal Tonya Harrison, Assistant Principal</p>	<p>225 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-2224 Fax: 832-2501</p>
<p>Reed City Community Education Tonya Harrison, Principal – Community High Chastity Hulliberger, Director – Community Ed Cathy Eichenberg, Secretary</p>	<p>225 W. Church Avenue (Alternative Ed., Room 215 Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-5517 Fax: 832-2501</p>
<p>RCAPS Athletic Department Monty Price, Director Linda Schuelke, AD Secretary</p>	<p>225 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-0700 Fax: 832-6184</p>
<p>Facilities and Transportation Paul Lewis, Director John Beam, Assistant Director</p>	<p>21809 Coyote Trail Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-4232 Fax: 832-4502</p>
<p>Food Service – <u>Chartwells</u> Gennie Knapp, Director of Dining Services</p>	<p>c/o 225 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677</p>	<p>Tel: 832-2840 Fax: 832-2501</p>



STUDENT REGISTRATION
AND
BUILDING OPEN HOUSES



Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

RCHS — Juniors and Seniors — August 31

Freshmen and Sophomores — September 1

Freshman Night — 6 p.m., September 1 (Cafetorium)

Student Council will give tour of building

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Building Open Houses – Meet the Teacher

Norman Elementary 4-6 p.m.

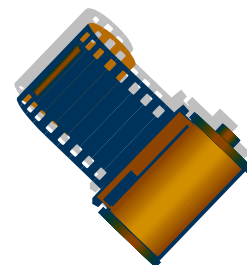
Middle School 5-7 p.m.

High School 6-8 p.m.

Student photos and identification card photos will be taken at the time of registration.



- RCHS 832-2224
- RCMS 832-6174
- Norman 832-5548
- Alternative Ed 832-5517



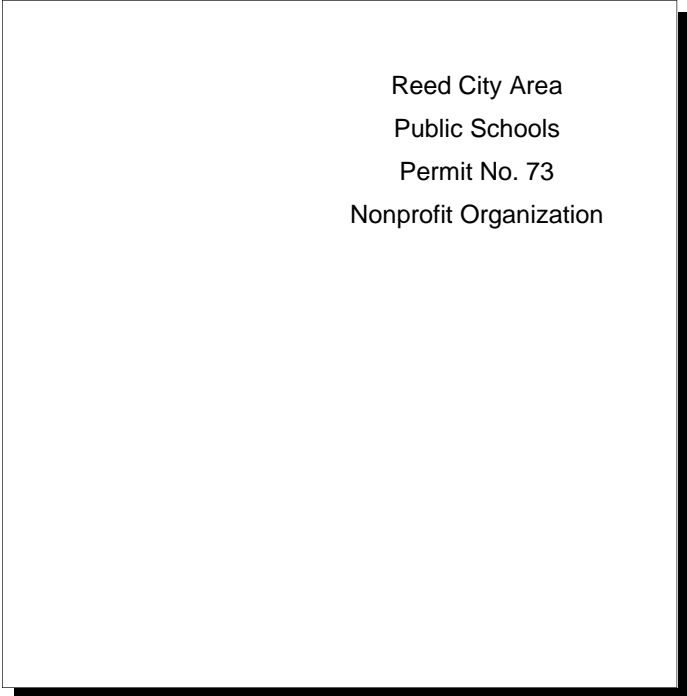


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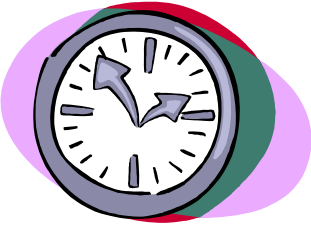
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2010-11 SCHOOL HOURS

High School/Middle School	Full Day:	8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Alternative Education:	Half Day:	8:10 a.m. to 11:20 p.m.
G. T. Norman Elementary School	Full Day:	7:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.
	Half Day	7:55 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.