

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School Year Version 2012-13

by Steven Westhoff, Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to the 2012-13 school year. Wow; has it been hot; I'm sure things will seem a little cooler once your kids return to school. I hope your kids are excited to return, see some of their friends that they've missed, and ready to learn as much as possible; it's going to be a great year.

Like most school years there will be some changes that your students will experience; let's start on a positive note. All high school students will get into home high school athletic events for free if they have their student I.D. All middle school students will get into home middle school athletic events for free if they have their student I.D. Our hope is to improve student attendance at their school buildings athletic events and at the same time to save parents and kids some

money. There will still be a student charge when attending events at other buildings and family passes may still be purchased through our athletic office. We are also looking at a pilot program that will expand elective offerings for high school students. These classes will be offered on-line, at school, with supervision by district staff. On the negative side, due to lack of State funding we will see higher class sizes at the high school and middle school; our elementary class sizes remain very reasonable. If additional funding comes through by means of legislative reforms or increased enrollment high school and middle school class size will be the first thing we address.

As all of you are surely aware funding for education has been severely limited for the past several years which have certainly caused hardship

within our district. As this is an election year we all need to know where our officials running for office stand in regards to funding for schools and what priority do they place on education of our children. Please learn as much as you can about various candidates and then hold them accountable with your vote. Every student in this State deserves a quality education which can't be obtained with year after year of funding cuts.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your children; it is an incredible responsibility and honor. We will continue to do everything possible to serve your children as our top priority; now we have to make sure that our elected officials do the same.

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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., 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, 225 W. Church Street, 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; **Ed Raby**, Vice President; **Scott Ridderman**, Treasurer; **Kathy Yost**, Secretary; and trustees **Dave Lucey**, **Jim Dawson**, and **Cathy Todd**.

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:

<u>FM Radio Stations</u>	<u>TV Stations</u>
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.



2012-13 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of Reed City Area Public Schools, 225 W. Church Street, 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, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. Regular meetings will be held on the third (3rd) 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 20, 2012	December 17, 2012	April 22, 2013 (4th Monday)
September 17, 2012	January 21, 2013	May 20, 2013
October 15, 2012	February 25, 2013 (4th Monday)	June 17, 2013
November 19, 2012	March 18, 2013	July 15, 2013 (2013-14 yr.)

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



I'm going to need the parents help as again this year we are lining up the buses in the bus lane by number 1 – 13. The bus will have the number on it next to the door and on the sidewalk at the entrance to the bus. It's hard to understand the animal when it's called out over the radio so we would like to stay with a number.

There are little change in the bus routes themselves and the only driver change we have is that Don McLachlan will not be driving for us this year. As we are talking about this I would like to remind you that your bus student needs to be at the stop five minutes before the scheduled pickup time, which enables the drivers to keep to the route schedule and gets all of the students to school on time. Stop times should be close to what they were last year unless you get a phone call otherwise stating a different time.

School bus rules are posted in the front and rear of each bus and are distributed to each student on the first day of school. Please review them with your student. The Student Transportation form and bus rules and medical forms can be downloaded from the school web site at www.reedcity.k12.mi.us

It is extremely important to us that your child remains safe at all times. No child under the age of 10 will be released from the bus without the driver seeing a recognized adult. Please call the garage (231) 832-4232 if for some reason you cannot go to your door, and we will relay a message to the driver with the 2-way radio onboard that there is someone there to receive the child.

Please see the chart below for bus numbers and driver.

Bus #	Drivers name
#1	Alex Bush
#2	Julie Patteen
#3	Shannon Bush
#4	Deb Rolston
#5	Julie Stellini
#6	Tammi Maxfield
#7	Aloma Grein
#8	Beth Perdue
#9	Lorrie McDaniel
#10	Betty Mitchell
#11	Holly Oates
#12	Bill Damon
#13	Laurie Cendrowski
#14	Sheryl Merrian

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



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

- ◆ The annual gym floor screening and refinishing has been completed on all four gym floors at the High School, Middle School and Norman.
- ◆ Norman playgrounds have had sand and wood mulch added to the play areas.
- ◆ Carpets have been cleaned and floors have been refinished for the start of the school year. The hot and humid weather slowed the process this year.
- ◆ A drain problem on the west side of the High School was repaired. These lines serve the High School and the Middle School. Storm and sewer lines were also jetted and structures vacuumed out.
- ◆ A walk-in freezer was replaced at the High School and two ovens were installed at the Norman kitchen for the food service program.
- ◆ Mechanical systems for all of the buildings were serviced during the summer.
- ◆ The walls in the Norman gym were repainted.
- ◆ Due to relocations and changes several moves were completed in offices and classrooms.



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:

Tom Antioho, Principal—RCHS
Sally Momany, Teacher — GTN

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 225 W. Church Street, Reed City, MI 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



Dear Reed City Schools Parent:

The USDA has recently issued new school meal requirements that will be effective for the 2012-2013 school year. This Reed City School's students will see some changes this coming school year in the foods served at school. Chartwells School Dining Services manages the food service department at Reed City Schools and has made strides in incorporating several positive initiatives that will allow for a smooth transition to the new meal requirements.

We would like to provide an overview of what your student can expect to see in their school dining center at Reed City Schools.

Increase In Fruits and Vegetables

We will offer a larger variety of nutrient-dense vegetables, including dark green, orange, starchy vegetables and legumes. *Students will now be required to take 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable for their meal to be considered a full meal.* Colorful fruits and vegetables provide essential vitamins and minerals important for growth and development during childhood. **Anything less than a full meal is charged at ala carte prices.**

Allowable Grains and Proteins

Menus will offer specific amounts of whole grains and proteins. This is intended to make sure students are receiving age-appropriate, nutritionally-adequate meals that provide the right amount of energy from healthful food sources. We already offer a variety of whole grains on menus with items like whole grain pizza crust, rolls, muffins, pancakes, waffles and cereal.

Lower Sodium

We have already identified several products for use next year and will continue working with food manufacturers to lower sodium in products. Chartwells chefs and registered dietitians have worked to modify and develop creative new recipes using non-salt seasonings, herbs and tasty fresh foods.

Reduced Fats

Unhealthy fats such as saturated and trans fat can lead to heart disease and high cholesterol, as well as other chronic diseases. We will only use food products and ingredients that contain zero grams of trans fat per serving.

Menus by Age Groups

New grade groups for menu planning will be aimed at ensuring students receive age-appropriate portions and nutrients. New calorie requirements will be implemented to align with these newly established grade groups.

Meal Price Increase for 2012-13

In December 2010, Congress passed the Healthy and Hunger-Free Act of 2010. The USDA requires the school to bring the amount of money that schools are reimbursed for each free and reduced lunch closer to what students are paying for a full price lunch. Districts must compare their paid lunch prices to the difference between the federal free reimbursements to the lower paid reimbursements each year. If the district's prices are below the difference they must gradually increase meal prices over time.

2012 - 2013 School Year Full Meal Prices

These new school meal requirements incorporate many changes which will directly impact our school meal prices. We have seen a dramatic rise in food prices and will continue to do so over the next several years due to increasing transportation costs and the continued rollout of the new meal legislative requirements. Meal prices are determined by Reed City School's leadership.

Free Elementary Breakfast	Free Middle School Breakfast	\$1.60 High School Breakfast
\$1.90 Elementary Lunch	\$2.15 Secondary Lunch	\$2.15 High School Lunch

Milk is available with all meals. All 8 oz. cartons are \$.35.

Please take note that at both GT Norman Elementary and Reed City Middle School, Reed City Schools offers free breakfast to all K-8 students. This is part of the Universal Breakfast in the Classroom Program!!

Both Chartwells and Reed City Schools are dedicated to providing quality nutritious meals that students will enjoy and choose to eat. We hope you will encourage your students to try new fruits and vegetables and you will join us for a meal at school to see the changes for yourself. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 231-832-2840 /231-832-7341 or via email at gknapp@reedcity.k12.mi.us.

The School Lunch Program is operated in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Sincerely,

Gennie Knapp

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Director of Dining Services

Chartwells School Dining Services

2012-13 SCHOOL CALENDAR

REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS District Calendar 2012-2013

Final 5/10/2012

July							August T-3, S-0							September T-19 S-19						
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January T-19 S-18							February T-19 S-18							March T-20 S-20						
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April T-17 S-17							May T-22, S-22							June T-5, S-5						
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KEY DATES:






August 27 Opening Day, Staff Only
Professional Development (PD)
Staff Only, PD
August 28 Open Houses: GTN 4-6 p.m.
RCMS 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Staff Only, PD
August 29 Labor Day Recess
August 30, 31 & September 3 First Day of School/Half Day
September 4 Students/Staff PD
No School Students
October 22 P/T Confs All day + GTN
October 25 P/T Confs RCMS & RCHS 4-7 p.m.
November 15 No School - Safety Day
November 16 No School Students/ Staff PD
November 21 Half Day Students/Staff
November 22-23 Thanksgiving Recess
December 24-31 Holiday Recess
January 1-4 Holiday Recess
January 7 School Resumes
January 18 End of 1st Semester
January 21 No School Students
Records Day

February 15
February 18
March 21
March 28
March 29
April 1-5
April 8
May 17
May 27
May 31
June 7

Presidents' Day Recess
No School Students/Staff - PD
Half Day Students
P/T Confs GTN/RCMS/RCHS
12-3 p.m. & 4-7 p.m.
Half Day Students/Staff
No School Students/Staff
Spring Recess
School Resumes
Seniors' Last Day
Memorial Day Recess
Graduation; 7 p.m.
Last Day of School
Half Day Students/Staff

1st Semester September 4, 2012 - January 18, 2013
2nd Semester January 22, 2013 - June 7, 2013

Total Staff Days: 181
Total Student Days: 174

	No School
	Teachers and Staff Only
	Half Day for Students and Staff
	Half Day for Students
	Parent-Teacher Conferences

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CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>SCHOOL/BUILDING</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE/ FAX NUMBERS</u>
Central Office Sherry Nicklas, Business Manager Jackie Moss, Business/Payroll Barb Grove, Benefit Coordinator/Personnel	220 W. Lincoln Avenue, Suite A Reed City, Michigan 49677 Hours: M-Th: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fri: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Tel: 832-7328 Fax: 832-6184
Technology Department David Griffin, Director	Porteous Academic Center 233 W. Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-6174 Fax: 832-6180
G. T. Norman Elementary School Tonya Harrison, Principal Kris Griffin, Assistant Principal	338 West Lincoln Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-5548 Fax: 832-6194
Reed City Middle School Tim Webster, Principal, and Director of Middle School sports	233 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-6174 Fax: 832-6180
Reed City High School Steve Westhoff, Principal/Superintendent Monty Price, Assistant Principal Shannon Woodside, Executive Secretary	225 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-2224 Fax: 832-2501 Tel: 832-2201 Fax: 832-2202
Reed City Community Education April Sunderlin Susie Miller, Co-Directors Cathy Eichenberg, Secretary	338 W. Lincoln Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-5548 Fax: 832-6194
RCAPS Athletic Department Monty Price, Athletic Director Linda Schuelke, Athletic Secretary	220 W. Lincoln Avenue, Suite A Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-0700 Fax: 832-6184
Facilities and Transportation Paul Lewis, Director John Beam, Assistant Director	21809 Coyote Trail Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-4232 Fax: 832-4502
Food Service – <u>Chartwells</u> Gennie Knapp, Director of Dining Services	c/o 225 West Church Avenue Reed City, Michigan 49677	Tel: 832-2840 Fax: 832-2501



STUDENT REGISTRATION AND BUILDING OPEN HOUSES



Tuesday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 29

RCHS — Juniors and Seniors — August 28	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Registration
Freshmen and Sophomores — August 29	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Registration
“Freshmen Orientation Table” — August 29		

RCMS — Tuesday, August 28	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Registration Students Last Name A-L
Wednesday, August 29	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Registration Students Last Name M-Z

G. T. Norman Elementary School

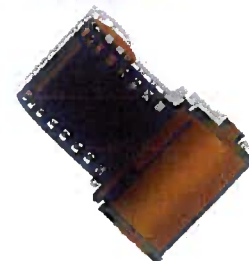
Tuesday, August 28	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Registration
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Student photos and identification card photos will be taken at the time of registration.

Tuesday, August 28

Building Open Houses – Meet the Teacher

Norman Elementary	4-6 p.m.
Middle School	5-6:30 p.m.
High School	None



RCHS	832-2224
RCMS	832-6174
Norman	832-5548

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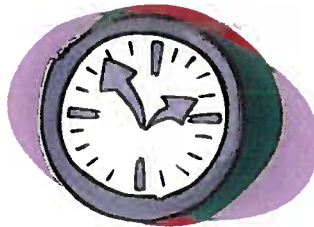
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Return Service Requested



Reed City Area
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Permit No. 73
Nonprofit Organization



2012-13 SCHOOL HOURS

High School/Middle School

Full Day: 8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.