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## It's in the NEWS

### Recall vote set for Feb. 9

The date has been set. On Feb. 9, voters in the Eaton Rapids Public Schools district will decide whether to recall two members of the local school board.  
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### Holiday concert

The members of the Eaton Rapids High School concert band will fill the ERHS auditorium with favorite seasonal music this Tuesday, Dec. 16.  
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### Getting wired

Eaton Rapids Public Schools will be connecting all of its school buildings with fiber optic cable starting this month as part of its District Networking Project.  
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### Church donates food

Two Eaton County agencies have received early Christmas presents from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
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### Hounds win opener

The Eaton Rapids High School basketball team kicked off its season on a positive note Tuesday, Dec. 9, against Fowlerville High School, as the Greyhounds won 82-43.  
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## — AT THE HOP —



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**SOCK HOP** — Eaton Rapids Middle School staff members (left to right) Stacie Neros, Cindy Moore and Amy Miles donned poodle skirts and got into the groove at the school's recent sock hop.

## Students earn reward for good behavior

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As a reward activity for minding their Ps and Qs, Eaton Rapids Middle School students were recently treated to some fun — '50s style.



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**IN STYLE** — Eaton Rapids Middle Schooler Tim Clark had the necessary look and style at the sock hop.

Around 400 students, and a number of teachers and parents, got together for a sock hop.

"Only students who received no more than two detentions and no suspensions during the first 12 weeks of school got to participate," said teacher Marty Day, who coordinated the event.

Day, who is Eaton Rapids Middle School's seventh-grade Teacher Advisory Group coordinator, said that of the approximately 520 students in the middle school, 70 were ineligible for



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**HE'S BACK** — Eight-grade teacher Gerri Lindsemier was pleased to announce the return of fellow teacher Troy Pence as their group sang the song "My Boyfriend's Back" at the middle school's recent sock hop.

the reward.

"The only thing I can think to compare (TAG) to is the old concept of a homeroom — but this has a curriculum," Day said. "We do study skills, organizational skills, community service, group skills, and intramurals. (TAG) is a 25-minute class period every day for every student. It's through the TAG program that we keep track of discipline."

Day said the TAG program has been going on for years, and that each year a different way is chosen to reward those students with good behavior. She said this year they decided to make the reward just plain fun.

"(Students) had two choices. They could come to the sock hop or they could go to a

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