



# RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

October 25, 2013

## 5 Easy Ways to Help Ramsey Raise Funds

The Ramsey PTA aims to avoid fundraising that requires students to sell anything: No wrapping paper. No candy. No cookie dough. The PTA has lined up three fundraising opportunities for this fall that will help bring in those much needed dollars. We just need families to get involved.

### **Volunteer at The Monster Dash**

The Monster Dash 5K race has been moved to St. Paul this year, along with the 10-mile and half-marathon races. We need Ramsey families to staff the "Cheer and Candy" stop on the course, which will help us earn funds for the PTA. We have 5,000 pieces of candy to hand out and 5,000 runners to cheer for.

Monster Dash is THIS Saturday. Our spot is right under the High Bridge in St. Paul on Shepard Road. If you want vehicle access to our spot, you'll need to be there prior to 7:30 a.m. when the road closes. Those who don't mind a short hike can get there by 8:30 a.m. It is recommended that you park at the Science Museum ramp and walk the half mile down Shepard Road to our location. A [\\$5 parking coupon](#) is available on the Monster Dash website. There are also some families that will be meeting at the Ramsey parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to form carpools.

Students and parents are welcome. Costumes are encouraged. Or you can don your Ramsey Spirit Wear. The race should be over by 10 a.m. For more information, go to the [Monster Dash website](#) or [email Charles Spolyar](#).

### **Promote Ramsey on Give to the Max Day**

This is a fantastic way to reach out and encourage relatives, friends, and neighbors to show their support for Ramsey. A contribution to our school on Thursday, November 14 is tax deductible. More information to come from the Ramsey PTA. In the meantime, be sure to get the word out about Ramsey

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## Important Dates

**Fri, Nov 1**  
NO SCHOOL

**Sun, Nov 3**  
Daylight Savings Ends

**Fri, Nov 8**  
Picture Retakes

**Tue, Nov 19**  
9:15 Coffee and  
Discussion with the  
Principal  
6:30 pm PTA Meeting

## Stay Informed: Check Out Our Archives

[Read Past Issues of  
Around the Horn](#)

and direct people to the [Give MN website](#). Questions? [E-mail Bridget McGinnis](#).

### **Support the Burroughs Silent Auction**

On Friday, November 15, Burroughs is having its 6th Annual Silent Auction at the Varsity Theater in Dinkytown. Because of our close connection with the elementary school, Silent Auction coordinators have offered to include Ramsey-themed auction items as part of their Great Gatherings bidding. All proceeds from the Ramsey-themed items benefit our school.

Last year, we offered a School Tour--including access to the Tunnel and lunch with Principal Marietta. There was also an evening of Cocktails, Conversation, and Curriculum as part of the bidding. We will offer the Tour again this year and are still working on a few other ideas. [E-mail Bridget McGinnis](#) if you might be willing to host an event!

Ramsey families are invited to attend the Silent Auction. For more information about the event, see the [Burroughs website](#). You can also [purchase tickets online](#).

### **Drop Kowalski's Receipts in the Ramsey Box**

Ramsey Middle School again has a receipt box at Kowalski's on Lyndale. Through its Groceries for Good Causes program, the store will donate money each quarter to organizations based on how many receipts are in the boxes. Please remember to put your receipts in the Ramsey box when you shop at Kowalski's this year, and tell family, friends, and neighbors to support our school.

### **Support Ramsey When You Use Your Red Card**

Sign up now to participate in Target's Take Charge of Education program. The funds from this program can be used for books, band uniforms, reading programs, and other items that need extra funding.

Here's how it works: [Visit Target's website](#) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. (Ramsey Middle School's ID number is 153325.) When you shop using your REDcard, Target will donate up to one percent of your purchases to Ramsey Middle School.

Grandparents, alumni, friends, and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at [Target.com/tcoe](#).