



RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Hours

Student Hours: 9:10 a.m. - 3:40

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:30

Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 9th and October 14th. These conferences are scheduled and student led with your child's advisor. If you have not scheduled the conference, please call the main office at 668-4040.

Wednesday October 15th will be "open" conferences where you can come and meet with specific teachers.

Volunteers!

Calling all Rhinoteers! We still want you!

If you have not looked at the interest survey sign up, take a look and let us know in what areas of volunteerism you are interested. This is not a commitment to any event but a way to express interest in helping in certain areas. When we need volunteers, we will send the sign-up out to you first. It is like being a preferred customer! This is the same list of opportunities we had at the PTA table during our evening events, so if you gave us your name, we already have you. If you missed us, follow the link to become a Rhinoteer!

Link for sign up [here](#)

We also have some current volunteer needs:

Are you passionate about landscaping? Amy Melcher, Ramsey's current landscaping guru, has an 8th grader and will be moving on at the end of this year. She would like to pass the torch and the wealth of her knowledge. If you are interested, please talk to Amy or email rhinoteers@gmail.com

Do you have blue rhino blood? How about spirit wear? Jan Sadusky, the current spirit wear coordinator also needs to pass the torch. If you would like to coordinate spirit wear, Jan will train you in this year.

Again, email rhinoteers@gmail.com

Upcoming volunteer gigs:

- Walk/Bike to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 8th needs a few volunteers to pass out healthy treats to bikers and walkers. Sign up [here](#)
- Media Center volunteers! Come help in the media center. Flexible hours during the school day.

Media Center Sign up [here](#)

• **Monster Dash:** This will be a fundraiser for Ramsey. Volunteer to cheer on runners and pass out candy at Rice park. [Monster Dash Sign Up here](#)

Thanks!

Directory

Please be sure to add or update your directory information. We will be going to print soon!

Here's the [link](#)

PTA News

As mentioned last week, the October PTA meeting is canceled, as Principal Marietta will be at the 6th Grade Camp St. Croix adventure.

Washburn Discussion Summary

At the PTA meeting, we had a good discussion led by Rich Flint, a Ramsey parent who is also on the Washburn Site Council. At this point in time, we still don't know what will happen, if anything.

The idea of Washburn and Ramsey sharing space and programs started in the district office when some in the administration noticed that Washburn needs more space and that Ramsey has extra space. At first glance, it may seem like a logical way to solve the space issues.

However, when the staff at the schools started to think about how to actually make that happen, they discovered that it is much more difficult to come up with a plan that would work. Ideas that are being looked at include, but are not limited to: a 9th-grade Academy (all 9th graders at Ramsey); 9th graders at Ramsey for half a day; some subjects for all Washburn students housed at Ramsey (for example, World Languages); finding a way to gain extra classrooms at Washburn.

All of these ideas have pros and cons, especially ones that require students moving between buildings. (It is true that there is a tunnel between the schools, but it is not a realistic way to move students. The tunnel has exposed heating and cooling pipes, and you have to go down steep stairs and through the mechanical room at Ramsey to access it.)

For now, the likely plan is to maintain the status quo for next year, and for the principals and site councils to work on a thoughtful plan that can be sustained in the future. The first Ramsey Site Council meeting will be October 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. As with PTA meetings, we invite everyone to attend.

Scholastic Book Fair Update

Thank you to those who purchased and volunteered at the book fair last week! Ramsey PTA will receive a \$500 cash donation and \$300 in Scholastic Books for participating in the Fall Book Fair.

Look for the Buy One, Get One fair in May 2015!

Athletic/Activities

Soccer Jamboree was held last week. Students had a great time with this one time adventure. We hope soccer becomes a regular sport in the middle schools in the future.

Games for volleyball and football are posted on our webpage and up to date!

After school and community education classes will begin next Monday! If you haven't already signed up, please connect with JoEllyn Jolstad. (joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us). Classes are from 3:40-5:40 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.