



# AROUND THE HORN

**RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**MARCH 6, 2015**

## **PRINCIPAL'S NEWS AND NOTES**

There are many changes going on at Ramsey Middle School. As we look forward, it is important to note that we still have a lot of work to be done this year! There are some key events and happenings at school including the start of “testing season.”

### **MCA TESTING | MARIETTA**

Students will be taking the reading, math, and science MCA tests during their ELA, Math, and Science classes.

- March 16-20: Constant, Miller, and VanDerWerf's Intermediate Algebra
- April 13-17: Bauck and Wender
- April 20-25: Bauck and Marr
- April 27-May 1: Janicek, Ismail, and Krasean's Intermediate Algebra
- May 4-8: Halvorson, VanDerWerf, Krasean, and Janicek's Geometry
- May 11-12: Schultz and Fowler

To support your children during this time, ensure that they are well rested and fed a healthy breakfast. Also, just asking them about the test shows them that there is a heightened level of attention given to the MCAs.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday, March 12 -  
Saturday, March 14**

Ragtime at Southwest High School

**Saturday, March 14**

Get Lucky Run  
Pi Day

**Monday, March 16 -  
Wednesday, May 13**

MCA Testing

**Wednesday, March 18 -  
Saturday, March 21**

The Little Mermaid, Jr. at  
Anthony Middle School

**Friday, March 20**

School Dance

**Saturday, March 21**

History Day at South High School  
Washburn Arts Council Fundraiser

**Monday, March 23 -  
Thursday, March 26**

School Spirit Week

**Thursday, March 26**

Third Quarter Ends

**Friday, March 27-  
Friday, April 3**

Spring Recess

**Monday, April 6**

Fourth Quarter Begins

## BUILDING HOURS | MARIETTA

Reminder that our building is open to students at 8:50. Unless your child is meeting with a teacher, they will not be allowed in the building before that time. Some leniency has been demonstrated during freezing temps, but now with warmer weather, they will wait outside until our school day begins.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS | MARIETTA

The good news is we have been approved for our Community Partnership Plan. Though we may not be able to implement it fully in year one, it affords us the flexibility to continue to be innovative and flexible as we build our program. We also have received our budget and projections for next year. I am pleased to say that our projected enrollment is 768 students next year, which will allow us to provide two interdisciplinary teams at every grade level. Teaming will afford more consistency for both students and teachers and lead to strong grade level communities.

## ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS | MARIETTA

We also are well into the remodeling of the Auditorium. The projected end date is July 18, enabling us to open our school with a brand new space for performances and large group meetings. Additionally, we are in the planning stages of constructing two new science rooms and additional bathrooms on the third floor. All of this is set to occur over the summer.

Solar panels have been placed on our roof this year to help with energy efficiency. We have had some great improvements this year.

The weather seems to be changing to spring! Enjoy your weekend.

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## RAGTIME | SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Ragtime is playing at Southwest High School at 7:00 PM on:

- Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM,
- Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM,
- Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 PM,
- Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM,
- Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM,
- Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM,
- Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM, and
- Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM

Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant, and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and a belief in the promise of the future. Join us for a truly powerful portrait of America!

## RAGTIME (CONTINUED) | SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets can be purchased at the lobby or online by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com/ragtime>

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## GET LUCKY RUN | STUDENT COUNCIL

This year the Student Council is taking the lead on this fundraising event on Saturday, March 14. We need 20-24 Rhinos (parents and siblings count too) to cheer on the “Triple Seven” (half marathon) runners.

We will be at the turn around at Shepard Road and Gannon (near Buca), across the river from Fort Snelling. We need people to show up about 8:30 AM, and cheer for two hours. Props will be provided!

We know that our own Angie Martin will be running the race as a pace runner; who else will we see? Find out by signing up to volunteer by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-getlucky>

NOTE: We do realize that this unfortunately conflicts with the Math Department’s Pi Day...

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## THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR. | ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Disney’s The Little Mermaid, Jr. is playing at Anthony Middle School on:

- Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 PM,
- Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM, and
- Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 PM

The 70-minute musical, designed for middle-school aged performers, is based on the 2008 Broadway production and the 1989 animated feature film. The cast is made up of 76 students in grades 6-8 and is directed by Tinia Moulder, with music direction by Dawn Allan.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults. A limited number of VIP pre-sale tickets are available for \$12 and can be purchased [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <https://www.facebook.com/events/823045551075535>. Doors open 45 minutes before show time.

Let The Little Mermaid become “part of your world.”

## SCHOOL DANCE | PTA

Friday, March 20 is the school dance. Volunteers are needed to help set up, chaperone and clean up. You can sign up to volunteer by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-school>

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## FUNDRAISER | WASHBURN ARTS COUNCIL

The Washburn Arts Council is holding a fundraiser at Pizza Rev on Saturday, March 21. Please see the flyer on the following page for additional information.

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## BATTLE OF THE BANDS | PTA

The Battle of the Bands will be on Sunday, April 12 from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM, but band registration is open now! Do you have a band? Then register by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17pNZme2xIHAOpeBYio-XiNmXx9VwZ7ZSwSVoWxQm8tQ/viewform>

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## EXCHANGE4GOOD VIRTUAL GARAGE SALE | PTA

Check out the items available to help support Southwest Minneapolis Schools! Sales continue for two more weeks, and there is still time to add your own items as well. See or add items by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:

<http://fs30.formsite.com/exchange4good/form1/index.html>

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## 8TH GRADE CELEBRATION | PTA

Plans are underway to celebrate our 8th graders. A dance and a celebration ceremony are being planned for the end of the year. Volunteer needs can be found by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-8thgrade>



**LETS RAISE SOME DOUGH!**



# Washburn Arts Council Fundraiser

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

7529 France Ave S, Edina, MN  
Centennial Lakes

**[www.PizzaRev.com](http://www.PizzaRev.com)**

**Present this flyer or simply mention us at the register!**