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RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 13, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MCA TESTING

All 8th grade students in Ms. Miller and Ms. Constant's ELA classes will begin the MCA Reading Test on Monday, March 16. Students will take the online test during their ELA classes Monday-Thursday, March 19.

Ms. VanDerWerf's Algebra/Intermediate Algebra class will take the 7th grade Math MCA Monday-Thursday during their 2nd hour math class period.

Remember to encourage your students to get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast and lunch each day of testing.

You can preview the online tools with your student by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:

https://www.pearsonaccess.com/media/MN/MCA_Student_Tutorial/launch.html

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, March 13 -

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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Winter session of Community Education classes ends on Thursday, March 26. There will be no after school classes the week after Spring Break.

Spring classes start the week of April 13 and run through Thursday, May 14. Registration for Spring session begins Monday, March 16; registration forms for Spring session are now available in the Community Education office or can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey.html>

MUSICAL THEATRE CABARET!

Join Mrs. Wender and Ms. Kochanowski after school Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:40 PM-5:40 PM starting Monday, April 13. Students will learn four big group numbers from musicals like “Kiss Me Kate” and “Newsies” and perform them as part of the Creative Cabaret at Ramsey on Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8. Participants will also have the opportunity to audition to perform smaller group numbers as part of the Cabaret.

Registration forms went home with students in advisory and are available in the Community Education office or can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey.html>

Forms and \$35 participation fee are due on Wednesday, March 25; scholarships are available to students who need one. Call 612.668.3450 for more information.

SUMMER STEM (GEMS AND GISE) ACADEMIES

The Pillsbury K-8 Summer STEM Academy (GEMS and GISE at Pillsbury School) will be held Monday, June 15th - Thursday, July 23. The Augsburg 4-8 Summer STEM Academy (GEMS and GISE at Augsburg College) will be held Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 14.

To learn more about the details of these academies and to download an application click [here](#), or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser:
http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_2

WALK! BIKE! FUN!

In May, students in Physical Education will be participating in the Walk! Bike! Fun! curriculum. We will be seeking volunteers to bike along with us, as we practice our skills developed in the curriculum. There is an optional course being offered to anyone interested in volunteering. Please see below for more information on the course:

BikeMN is organizing and presenting a Walk! Bike! Fun! volunteer training, which will include information on how to assist teachers who are implementing Walk! Bike! Fun!, the concepts and skills taught in the curriculum, a review on mapping routes, and group riding techniques.

This training includes classroom activities and hands-on outdoor activities. The Walk! Bike! Fun! volunteer training will be held at Whittier School on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. There is no cost for the training, but you must register and classes can fill up quickly.

Parents, school volunteers, support staff, law enforcement, senior citizens, bike clubs - anyone is invited to become a WBF volunteer. If you have questions about the curriculum or the volunteer training, please contact Michelle Breidenbach (BikeMN Safe Routes to School Education Coordinator) by emailing michelle@bikemn.org or by calling 507.430.2280.

For more information (including information about registration) click [here](#), or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-bike-fun-volunteer-training-minneapolis-tickets-16042670058>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GET LUCKY RACE | PTA

If you love to cheer on runners, join other Ramsey Rhinoteers at the Get Lucky race tomorrow (Saturday, March 14) to cheer on race participants. We need people there by 8:30 AM, and we should be done in about two hours. This will raise funds for Student Council and PTA. We will be at the corner of Shepard Road and Gannon, right across the river from Fort Snelling. There is plenty of parking nearby, and props will be provided! Click [here](#) to sign up, or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-getlucky>

YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE | PTA

Ramsey Middle School yearbooks for the 2014-2015 school year are now on sale! Paper order forms will be sent home with students the week of March 15, but for easy online ordering, click [here](#) or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser: http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=15693

If you have photos of any school activities from the 2014-2015 school year, please send them to yearbookramsey@gmail.com, and please be sure to identify the event(s).

PTA MEETING | PTA

This month's PTA meeting will be held next week on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM. It's St. Patrick's Day! No Corned Beef. No Cabbage. But Green! (We'll talk about the budget for next year).

EXCHANGE4GOOD | PTA

Ramsey is participating with several other local schools and organizations in a virtual garage sale through next Friday, March 20. We only have one more week to show that we are committed to our planet and encourage re-using, recycling and raising money for our school. Go to the website (<http://www.exchange4good.com>) to donate an item, or to shop for great gear!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL DANCE | PTA

Speaking of Friday, March 20, that is also the date of the school dance. Volunteers are needed to help set up, chaperone and clean up. Click [here](#) to sign up, or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-school>

GET GEARED UP FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK | PTA

Get your kids (and yourself) geared up for Spirit Week! You can order spirit wear by contacting Jan Sadusky by emailing rmsspiritwear@hotmail.com or by calling 612.240.9874. Place your order, then pay and pick up in the office (checks can be made payable to the Ramsey PTA).

Spirit wear will also be on sale the morning of Monday, March 23 from 8:45 AM-9:10 AM in front of the PTA office. The items that will be on sale include:

- Blue or Charcoal Gray T-Shirts (Youth M, L or XL: \$10; Adult S, M, L or XL: \$15)
 - Light Gray Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Youth: \$12; Adult \$17)
 - Pajama Pants (Youth L: \$20; Adult S, M, or L: \$20)
 - Blue or Gray Baseball Caps and Knit Hats (\$10)
 - Cinch Sacs (\$10)
 - Canvas Totes (\$12)
 - Coffee Mugs (\$5)
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VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED FOR THE ROLE OF SPIRIT WEAR COORDINATOR | PTA

The PTA is still looking for one or two individuals to take on the task of Spirit Wear Coordinator for next school year. This would involve ordering spirit wear and setting sale dates at school events. Contact Jan Sadusky at rmsspiritwear@hotmail.com or at 612.240.9874 for more information.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS | PTA

Band Registration is open! Have a Band? Sign up today to play 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>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 8TH GRADE CEREMONY | PTA

Plans are underway to celebrate our 8th graders. A dance and 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>

SPRING AND BASEBALL | PTA

Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd! Now that the temperatures are (finally) warming up, Ramsey is excited to join Lyndale and Burroughs at a Twins game this spring.

This year a huge section of Target Field will be reserved for Ramsey, Lyndale and Burroughs students and their families to enjoy a Twins game (against the Chicago White Sox) with friends and neighbors on Friday, May 1 at 7:10 PM.

Tickets will cost \$11 each; ordering information will be made available next week. See you at the ball game!