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**RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**APRIL 17, 2015**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **6TH GRADE MATH CHALLENGE RESULTS**

Last Saturday, Ramsey once again brought over one-third of the students and teams to the annual 6th Grade Math Challenge at North High School with nine teams and 36 students (out of 25 total teams and 92 total 6th graders). It was fantastic to see that many students willing to take on some extra math on a Saturday morning.

Congratulations to Rebecca Bolan, Ben King, Markus Mitchell, Carling McQuinn, Kieran Padget and Olivia Bardon for scoring a near perfect 39 on the fact drill, and to Erin Thill and Truman Kester who DID score a perfect 40 (only one other student in Minneapolis also scored a perfect 40).

Truman Kester was also awarded the 3rd place individual trophy. The team of Paco Vavarro, Ben King, Markus Mitchell and Faruk Badur received Honorable Mentions in both the Team and Overall scoring while the team of Alex Graff, Ryan Everhart, Josh Maynard and Truman Kester tied for Honorable Mention in the Team scoring and took 3rd in the Overall.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Saturday, April 18**

Somali Tea and Culture  
Ramsey Rendezvous Event

**Tuesday, April 28**

Rachel's Challenge  
at Field Community School

**Thursday, April 30**

Final Due Date for Yearbook Order Forms

**Friday, May 1**

Twins Game

**Saturday, May 2**

8th Grade Moms Celebration  
Casino Night

**Thursday, May 7**

Musical Theater Cabaret and Family Picnic

## BATTLE OF THE BANDS RESULTS | PTA

Last Sunday, a record crowd witnessed the first annual Ramsey vs. Washburn Battle of the Bands, and Ramsey's own Sophie Bierman came away with the trophy for Best Solo Performance! Other trophy winners included:

- Overall Outstanding Performance: The Loose Ends
- Best Parent/Staff Band: Blues 211
- Best Solo Performance: Sophie Bierman
- Best Group Performance: Cabin 10
- Best Song: "Electric Eel" by Missing Piece of Mind
- Best Original Performance: Hallucitania
- Honorable Mention: Riley Iris

Thanks to The Junction, Twin Town Guitars, and all of the faculty, students, family, and friends who turned out in support of this fun, community-building event!

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## RAMSEY RENDEZVOUS | PTA

Ramsey parents: This is a reminder that the Somali Tea and Culture event is tomorrow, Saturday, April 18. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about Somali culture and savor some tasty treats.

Check out all of our Ramsey Rendezvous offerings and get your tickets by clicking [here](#), or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ramseyptafundraising/ramsey-rendezvous>

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## RACHEL'S CHALLENGE AT FIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL | PTA

The principal and PTA of Field Community School have invited students and families from Anthony and Ramsey middle schools to attend an event at Field featuring a speaker from the Rachel's Challenge program on Tuesday, April 28 from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Rachel's Challenge is a national non-profit organization dedicated to creating safe, connected school environments where learning and teaching are maximized. Based on the life and writing of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine tragedy in 1999, Rachel's Challenge provides a continual improvement process for schools designed to awaken the learner in every child. We motivate and equip students to start and sustain a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that transforms schools and communities.

The presentation will be geared to middle school students and their parents. This is a free event and it will be held in the Field Community School Commons area. Please contact Field PTA Co-Chair Becky Reed by calling her at 612.701.6115 or by writing her at [boo\\_reed@msn.com](mailto:boo_reed@msn.com) if you have any questions.

## FINAL DUE DATE FOR YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS: THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | PTA

The final due date for order forms for Ramsey Middle School yearbooks for the 2014-2015 school year is Thursday, April 30.

Extra paper order forms are still available in the main office, and yearbooks can still be ordered online by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser:  
[http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook\\_id=15693](http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/YearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=15693)

The price for ordering a yearbook is now \$17.00. If help is needed with paying for a yearbook, please contact Vicki Berg in the main office.

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

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## AN ADVENTURE TO TARGET FIELD | PTA

Join us as we attend a Twins game together! Ramsey Middle School has arranged for you to purchase discounted tickets for our students and family members.

Tickets are limited, so orders will be processed on a first come, first-served basis only. Submissions that aren't successful will be returned to you, along with your check.

To participate, please click [here](#) or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser to download the order form: [http://rms.mpls.k12.mn.us/an\\_adventure\\_to\\_target\\_field](http://rms.mpls.k12.mn.us/an_adventure_to_target_field). Print it, fill it out, and have your student return it to their teacher along with the total amount due. Orders and payment must be returned no later than Tuesday, April 7.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the game!

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## MUSICAL THEATER CABARET AND FAMILY PICNIC | PTA

Come join us on Thursday, May 7 from 5:45 PM-8:30 PM for a fun evening of music, dance and meeting new people.

Families from Ramsey, Richard Green Central Park, Lyndale and Burroughs community schools (and friends!) are invited to join us out on the lawn for a potluck picnic before the show begins in the cafeteria.

Please bring an appetizer to share, and donations are being encouraged for the Cabaret Theater fundraiser!

## 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](http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_2)