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## Important Dates

- Apr 17 - Apr 21:** 7th Grade Math MCA Tests
- Apr 17 - Apr 28:** H2O for Life
- Tue, Apr 18:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Fri, Apr 21:** Twins Game, 7:10 pm
- Sun, Apr 23:** Battle of the Bands, 3 pm, The Junction
- Apr 24 - Apr 28:** 8th Grade Math MCA Tests

**May 1 - May 5:** 6th Grade Math MCA Tests  
**Tue, May 2:** Site Council Meeting, 5 pm, Ramsey Media Center  
**May 9 - May 10:** 8th Grade Science MCA Tests

[See the full calendar for more info](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### School Year 2017-18 Information Session

Join Ramsey Principal Erin Rathke for an informational session regarding school year 2017-18 on Wednesday, April 12, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Ramsey Media Center. At this meeting you will hear about staffing additions, bell schedule, calendar and academic vision for the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### 9th Grade Registration Night at Washburn

If you've received your high school placement letter, and Washburn was listed as your assigned high school, congratulations on becoming a Miller! You should be receiving a letter from Washburn this week providing details of their upcoming registration night on **Thursday, April 27**. This is an opportunity to meet staff and select courses for the 2017-18 school year. Sessions have a set start time so please plan on arriving on time or else you could miss important information.

Families choose one of three offered sessions to attend. Sessions take place in the Main Gym. Short, guided tours of the building will also be available.

Session 1: 4:30-5:15pm  
Tour 1: 5:30-6:00pm  
Session 2: 5:45-6:30pm  
Tour 2: 6:30-7:00pm  
Session 3: 7:00-7:45pm

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### AVID Elective Class Update

Next year, we are excited to share that we will offer one section of the AVID elective class at all three grade levels at Ramsey!

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective class supports students in the growth of their reading, writing, inquiry, collaboration, and organizational skills in anticipation of students taking advanced classes in high school, which in turn prepares them for college. The teaching methods used in AVID also provide a foundation for students to learn more effectively in their other courses.

During a typical AVID week, Mondays and Wednesdays are focused on reading, writing, and inquiry-based curriculum; Tuesdays and Thursdays are student-led inquiry-based tutorials; Fridays are typically focused on collaboration/team building activities, guest speakers, & organizational skills.

Over the next two months, we will be sharing the application process with incoming 6th grade families, as well as current 6th and 7th grade students. Our projected timeline is:

- Ramsey students will learn about AVID and the AVID application process by the end of April/beginning of May.

- Students will need to apply for the class—applications will be given out to students during their literacy classes.
- Students will be interviewed by members of the Ramsey AVID Site Team in Mid-May.
- Students will be notified of their acceptance into AVID by the end of May. Students who are not accepted into the program are encouraged to apply again next year for AVID at Ramsey, or at their Minneapolis high school.

For more information about the AVID selection process, visit the [AVID section](#) of the Ramsey website. Also, feel free to contact [Doug Werner](#), our AVID elective teacher.

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## EVENTS

### Twins Game Ticket Pickup

If you purchased Twins tickets for the Burroughs/Lyndale/Ramsey/Green Central outing, we ask that you or your student please **pick them up in the Ramsey office** before game day on Friday, April 21.



We have 6 unclaimed seats if you missed our initial deadline. Contact [Angie North](#) to reserve these last few seats.

We look forward to seeing you at the game. Go Twins, Beat the Tigers!

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### Spring Cleanup

Join Ramsey students in a spring clean-up of the grounds on Friday, April 21 (the day before Earth Day)!

Come as early as 1 pm and meet at the east entrance (steps facing Nicollet). Bring your own gloves and gardening supplies; we'll be picking up trash, weeding, trimming, and beautifying. Bags will be provided. For any questions, please contact [Evan Hermodson](#).



Students will be joining us from 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm. Mr. Gawronski and Mr. Sommers are looking for parent volunteers to help with student teams. Please contact [Mr. Sommers](#) or [Mr. Gawronski](#) if you are able to help with the students.

It's always fun to get outside and spruce up the grounds!

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### 6th Grade Math Competition

The Ramsey 6th Grade Math Competition is just around the corner! Our Ramsey competition will be held during lunch in the Math Centers on both April 19 and 20. The top teams from Ramsey will advance to the MPS District-wide 6th Grade Math Competition, held at North High School on Saturday, May 6. All 6th grade students are encouraged to compete in our Ramsey competition! There will be an individual and group contest. Good luck to all participants!

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### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Calling All Volunteers! On **Wednesday, May 17, at 8:00 am** in the Media Center, we will come together for breakfast to thank our wonderful Ramsey volunteers. The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is for the school community to honor and thank volunteers for their time, talent, and commitment. Volunteer

efforts support the building of community and make possible wonderful activities and programs for our students, parents, and teachers.



Whether you baked cookies for conferences, greeted our students, or chaperoned an event, we sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers and every contribution made to Ramsey. Please stop by anytime between 8:00 and 9:00 am on May 17 to enjoy some food provided by the staff.

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## 8th Grade End-of-the-Year Events

At the end of the school year, Ramsey would like to take time to recognize our 8th graders and the great things they've done at Ramsey. Note that details are still being finalized!

Friday, June 9: 8th grade dance during the school day

Tuesday, June 13: Trip to ValleyFair

Wednesday, June 14: Recognition ceremony, 9 am

Wednesday, June 14: Reception in cafeteria, released for the day around 11 or 11:30.

The cost for all events will be \$45; students may also wish to purchase snacks at ValleyFair and during the dance. Stay tuned for more information as details are confirmed.

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## VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

### H2O for Life Fundraiser: April 17-28

It's time for our annual Penny Wars to raise money for H2O for Life! The competition is between grade levels. Pennies count as positive points; bills & silver change count as negative points. The grade level with the most points will win a prize.

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## ACCOLADES

### Battery Drive a Success - Thank You!

Thank you, thank you, Ramsey families! The battery drive was a major success. We have received over 500 batteries to keep our TI-84 graphing calculators alive and kickin'! We appreciate your support! The batteries will be put to good use.



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## Math Class Receives Stand-Up Desks



Thanks to a grant from Fuel Up to Play 60, one Ramsey math room has been equipped with stand-up desks! Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, to help encourage today's youth to lead healthier lives.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ramsey Greeter Mornings

Only 10 more Greeter Mornings left this school year!

Fridays 8:00 - 8:30 am. (Plus one bonus Tuesday: June 13, the second-to-last day of school.)

Help make Ramsey a fun & friendly place for everyone. We'd love to see you there.

[Be a morning greeter.](#)

[Play live music.](#)

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## Ramsey Rendezvous 2017

We have a great list of Rendezvous for this year—on sale now! We have a wide array of social offerings, all of which go to support Ramsey! Some of these fill up quickly, so make sure to check out what's available and check back, as we have additional parties pending. See the [Ramsey PTA website](#) for details and ticket information for these fun upcoming events!

What's a Ramsey Rendezvous, you ask? You may already know them as Great Gatherings, Adventures, or FUNdraisers from your elementary school. But for those uninitiated, Ramsey Rendezvous are social gatherings that Ramsey parents host in their homes and elsewhere. All proceeds help support and enhance Ramsey activities. Events range in price and activities in order to appeal to varied interests. Have a great party idea and willing to host or co-host? Please contact Beth Gyllstrom at [ramseyfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ramseyfundraising@gmail.com).

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## Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.**

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