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### **Important Dates**

**Apr 17 - Apr 21:** 7th Grade Math MCA Tests

**Apr 17 - Apr 28:** H2O for Life

**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

**May 11:** Jazz Band Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium

**May 16:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Ramsey Media Center

**May 17:** Volunteer Appreciation Party, 8-9 am, Ramsey Media Center

**May 18:** Choir Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MPS Equity and Integration Conversation**

For the second time this year, MPS is hosting a community conversation about equity and integration at Minneapolis Public Schools. Our equity conversation will be held in a World Cafe format from 6-8:30 pm on Tuesday, May 2, at the Davis Service Center. In order to make lasting change within our schools and develop a successful Achievement and Integration Plan, we need to hear from as many voices as possible.

It's extremely important that the diversity of our families is widely represented in this conversation. We want everyone to understand that this is a safe and welcoming venue for them to share their opinions and ideas about creating more equitable environments within our buildings.

See the flyer for more information.

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### **2017-2018 First Quarter Calendar**

At the information session last week, Principal Rathke shared the [First Quarter Calendar for 2017-2018](#).

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### **It's Time To Order Yearbooks**

Don't miss out on the memories! Place your order before **May 5, 2017**. The yearbook costs \$7.

### Two ways to order a yearbook:

1. Go to [tinyurl.com/2017RMSYearbookOrder](http://tinyurl.com/2017RMSYearbookOrder), click the Tickets button, and pay by credit or debit card. Note: online orders incur an additional processing fee of \$1.38, for a total charge of \$8.38.
2. Print and complete [this order form](#) and send it with cash or a check to school. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Ramsey Middle School PTA. Paper forms can be dropped off either in the Main Office, or with students' advisory teachers.

A few paper forms are also available in the Main Office.

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## 8th Grade Transition to High School

The student placement office mailed out final high school placement letters to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families during spring break. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please contact Student Placement at 612-668-1840 and they will be able to tell you your child's placement for next year.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming high school registration dates. These events are for students to choose their 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes and meet future teachers and staff. Ms. Cottingham will also be giving 8<sup>th</sup> grade students additional information about course choices during ELA class in the next couple of weeks.

Please call (612-668-4059) or [email Carolyn Cottingham](#) for any questions about the transition to high school.

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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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## EVENTS

### Battle of the Bands

The 3rd Annual Ramsey-Washburn Battle of the Bands is this Sunday, April 23, from 3 to 6 pm, at The Junction, [901 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis](#).

This fun, family-friendly event features talented Ramsey and Washburn student and staff bands facing off for bragging rights and an amazing traveling guitar trophy. Purchase raffle tickets for [this awesome Fender Guitar](#), donated by Twin Town Guitars. Cool BoB T-shirts for sale.

Proceeds and donations at the door benefit programs at Ramsey and Washburn. Join us!



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## 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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## 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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## Student Showcase Concert

Copper Street Brass is hosting a Student Showcase Concert at Ramsey Middle School tomorrow, **April 20, from 6-7 pm** in the Ramsey Auditorium. Hear student groups from Ramsey Middle School and Northeast Middle School perform, as well as special performances from The CSB! Admission is free. Come out and support many of Minneapolis' talented band students!

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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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## Step Team Competition

The Ramsey Rhinos Step Team will be participating in a competition this **Saturday, April 22**, at Patrick Henry High School at 3pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 each (children 5 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased in Mrs. Cottingham's office. We hope to see you there, cheering for our school!

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## Help Finish the Ramsey Mural

Ramsey is hosting two community painting days:

- Wednesday, May 3, 4-7:30 pm (bring \$5 for pizza; students will need written permission to stay after school and a ride home at 7:30)
- Saturday, May 13, 1-4:30 pm (bring a snack to share)

Invite your friends and family to come help paint the mural! Wear old clothes and meet us in the mural hallway.

Mark your calendars! The Mural Unveiling Event will be held on Wednesday, May 31, before the Band Concert.

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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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## 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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### Art Room Volunteers Needed

Want to donate a small amount of time to Ramsey's creative endeavors? We need help hanging artwork, prepping supplies, painting the mural, washing aprons, and other fun/easy jobs! We are doing the clay unit right now; extra hands are needed! Email [Ms. Elissa](#) or [Ms. Butler](#) if you're willing to help. Thank you!

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### Treats for Teachers

Show our wonderful Ramsey staff how much they are appreciated by supporting "Treats for Teachers." Bring or send in a treat for the staff to enjoy on the first Wednesday of each month. Treats can be a simple bag of fruit, a veggie tray, baked goods, chips and dip or salsa, a family favorite, or anything you would like to send in! Contact Heidi Knaus with questions at [haknaus@yahoo.com](mailto:haknaus@yahoo.com) or [sign up for any of the Treats Days](#) this year.

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## ACCOLADES

### Congratulations to Viva City Participants

Eight students' artwork from RMS was selected to be in a city-wide middle grades exhibition. Their artwork is on display at the Davis Center gallery, 1250 W. Broadway, Mpls 55411, now through May 31!

Artists are Amina A, Sean M, Jacob M, Payton S, Maria F, Owen K, Chloe G-G and Madeline M.

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### MPS Serves Junior Iron Chef Winning Lunch

On Thursday, April 13, MPS Nutrition Services served an entirely locally-sourced meal featuring winning recipes from the 2016 Jr. Iron Chef Competition. The 2016 Jr. Iron Chef winners are: Chef Erick Harcey (Victory 44 and Upton 43), Makiah B. (Jefferson Community School), and **Nyle D. (Ramsey Middle School)**. The menu featured Jr. Iron Chef Winning BBQ Chicken, Dirty Grain Blend, Gingered Radish Salad, and a vegan & gluten free Kakookie. Congratulations, Nyle!



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## PERFORMING ARTS

### The Secret Garden

Project SUCCESS has tickets available to Ramsey students and their families to Friday's performance of [The Secret Garden](#). Ramsey families can receive up to four tickets per family **at no cost** to them.

Based on the beloved children's book, The Secret Garden is a musical telling of a classic Victorian story. Eleven year-old orphan Mary Lennox is taken to live at the estate of her reclusive uncle Archibald. A deep melancholy pervades the house and its overgrown grounds, but Mary's youthful spirit leads her to find beauty and joy in the place. An enthralling show for adults and a perfect introduction to "grown-up" theater for children, The Secret Garden is a story of spring, renewal, and the happiness a young girl can nurture when she is determined to make things grow.

- **Reservations:** You must call for tickets. Tickets are only available by calling Project SUCCESS at 612-874-7710.
  - **When:** Friday, April 21, 2017 7:30pm
  - **Where:** Artistry at Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN 55431
  - **Transportation:** If you do not have access to a ride, call Project SUCCESS and we can provide transportation for you. Please let us know if you need a ride when you make your reservation. We will need at least 2 days' notice to set up transportation.
  - **Tickets:** Invited students can pick up tickets at the Project SUCCESS table in the lobby of the theater on the dates of the performances. Please arrive 20 minutes before the play to pick up your tickets. Each student/family may receive up to 4 FREE tickets.
  - **Childcare:** Children should be 8 years of age or older to attend this performance. Childcare is provided at the for those under 8. Please let us know if you need childcare when you make your reservation.
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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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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### Ramsey Greeter Mornings

Only 9 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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## AFTER SCHOOL

### Summer Theatre Camps at Ramsey

Be in the show or the tech crew for "High School Musical" at Ramsey this summer! Also back is our popular Musical Theatre Camp, held the first week of summer break. See the MPS Community Education website for [class and registration information](#).

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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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