



AROUND THE HORN

RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

APRIL 28, 2016

GREAT NEWS

Ramsey Students' Designs Featured in Nicollet Avenue Public Art!

During two upcoming workshops, community members will be making beautiful mosaic wings for the bird stools you see along Nicollet Avenue. The designs for the mosaics were created by Ramsey art students!

Interested in the workshops?

WHEN: Saturday, April 30 AND Saturday, May 7 (you do not need to attend both) 1-3 PM

WHERE: Martin Luther King Recreation Center
4055 Nicollet Avenue South

FOR WHOM: Everyone is welcome, but children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult who also participates in the workshop.

HOW TO REGISTER: Workshops will be limited to 32 participants each; call or email KFNA at 612.823.5980 or info@kingfield.org to reserve your place at the table!

Ramsey Student *could* be next MPS Junior Chef

We've got exciting news – Nyle Dickel from Ramsey Middle School was selected to participate in the 2nd annual MPS Junior Iron Chef Competition on May 2nd!

Free tickets: <http://bit.ly/MPSJrIronTickets>
Event details & invitation: [HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

April 18th – 29th

H2O for life penny wars

April 29th

Ramsey Twins Outing

May 2nd

6th grade Math MCA begins

May 4th

Treats for Teachers Day

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

5:30-7:30

May 6th & 7th

Ramsey Musical: 7PM

Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat

May 12th

Jazz Band Concert 7:00

May 16th

Plant sale pick-up

May 19th

Choir Concert 7:00

May 24th

Orchestra Concert 7:00

May 26th

Band Concert 7:00

THANK YOU!

Thank You for Ramsey Planters & Landscaping Beautification

Many thanks to Ramsey parents Katie Wigren, of Simply Potted, and Fernando Floersch, of Green Dreams Landscaping-Stone, for very generously donating their time, talents and professional services to help clean up the Ramsey grounds and to create gorgeous potted planters at the school entrances. The students, staff and community all appreciate your efforts!

Green Dreams Landscape-Stone, Inc
Fernando Floersch
Bloomington MN
612-250-8261

Simply Potted
Katie Wigren
Bloomington, Mn
612-968-8406

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Ramsey Food Shelf

Dear Ramsey families,
We are opening a food shelf at Ramsey Middle School! We will be stocking dry and canned goods for students to access as needed. If you are able to donate food items, there will be a box in the main office. We are looking for the following items:

- Cereal
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned corn or green beans
- Canned black or pinto or refried beans
- Dry beans
- Rice
- Pasta
- Mac and cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Fruit cups
- Canned tuna or canned chicken

- Backpacks (for the food to be transported)

If you are a family that would appreciate food support, please contact Annie Loch – 612-668-4043. Leave a voice mail with your students' name and grade. All students receiving assistance from the food shelf will be anonymous.

H2O for Life Penny Wars – April 18th - 29th

We are raising money to fund a water well for Kyere Primary School in Uganda. The grade levels are competing against one another to win a fabulous prize! Please have your child bring in pennies (positive points) for their own grade level and silver/bills (negative points) for the other grade levels. For more information, follow this link:

<http://www.h2oforliveschools.org/index.php/component/k2/item/1003-ramsey-middle-school>

Washburn Registration Events – Tonight!

Attention 8th Grade Families! If you received the district letter confirming your placement at Washburn High School for the 2016-2017 school year, please join us for our registration events on Thursday, April 28th. You will have the opportunity to come to the school and learn about the registration process as well as learn about the different class choices for your student. Sessions listed below:

- 4/28 7:30-8:30 am: Open to all (Auditorium)
- 4/28 5:00-5:45 pm: Last Names A-K (Main Gym)
- 4/28 6:00-7:00 pm: Last Names L-Z (Main Gym)
- 5/3 7:30-8:30 am: Make-up Session -- Open to all families who missed the 4/28 event (Auditorium)

Contact the Parent Liaison at Washburn with further questions: Erica Lebens-Englund (612-668-3440) erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us

Lets' Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

Where? Ramsey Middle School Cafeteria and Auditorium

When? Thursday, May 5th, 5:30- 7:30p.m.

Why? Watch a traditional Cinco de Mayo dance, Learn Bachata, enjoy a Mexican dinner

How much? \$2.00/person. Every student must come with a parent.

How can I get a ticket? Tickets on sale starting Monday, April 18th after school near main entrance.

Spring Musical!! May 6-7, 7PM

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is loosely based on the "coat of many colors" from The Book of Genesis, but is in essence an irresistible family story of a dreamer who overcomes adversity and ultimately finds acceptance and success. With some of the most endearing and entertaining numbers, audiences will leave humming the unforgettable

songs, including "Go Go Go Joseph" and "Coat Of Many Colors". We hope you will come and support live theater at Ramsey!

Gaining Steam for STEM workshop

The 3rd installment of *Gaining Steam for STEM* will focus on [Rapid Prototyping](#).
[? Watch This.](#)

Students and Staff are welcome:

Please join us **Saturday, May 14th from 9:00-3:00 @** North High School Media Center.
Register on to get CEUs [eCompass](#) course# 91426, get your spot early!

If are registering community members or students use this link for Eventbrite: [Register Here](#)
([chrome browser works best](#))

Keep look out for more information regarding our *Pockets of Innovation Summit!*

Charlene (Char) Ellingson & Elizabeth (Betsy) Stretch

K-8 STEM Curriculum Integration Specialists

Minneapolis Public Schools

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Minnesota High School Cycling League

The Minnesota High School Cycling League is a state-wide co-ed club sport that is quickly growing with over 1000 participants expected this year. They recently expanded to include categories for middle schoolers in 7th and 8th grade.

Riders learn bike safety, road and trail etiquette, trail-side maintenance, fitness and nutrition, and technical skills needed to overcome obstacles on a mountain bike trail. All levels and abilities are welcome.

Practices are 2-3 times a week and run July-October. There are 5 races in Sept. and October where riders challenge themselves to their greatest potential. If you would like more information on joining the middle or high school team, please contact Tonja Sahaydak by May 1, 2016 at: tonjasahaydak@gmail.com.

Cycling team events:

Chipotle Fundraiser

Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support Minneapolis Southwest, Washburn and Southside Mountain Bike Teams. Come in to the Chipotle at 3040 Excelsior Blvd in Minneapolis on Tuesday, May 10th between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Tell the cashier you're supporting the Mountain Bike Team to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Minneapolis Southwest, Washburn and Southside Mountain Bike Teams.

MTB Registration Party

Please join us on May 14 anytime between 10-1 for a team party. We will meet at Charlie's Tangletown Bike Shop at 322 W 48th St, S. Mpls. This is what's we'll be doing:

- Paying team fee (bring your checkbook!) and signing up for the team
- Getting info packets
- Trying on a jersey for size
- Checking bike fit and safety
- Meet coaches, other parents, and the rest of the team
- FREE GEAR (Joe Christian of Bike City Juniors has collected lots of donations of jerseys and equipment to pass out)

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Ramsey Morning Parent Greeters

Help promote a positive culture and start our students' days out on a positive note by greeting students when they arrive at Ramsey!

Who? - Ramsey Parents or anyone who wishes to support our Ramsey students.

What? - Stand in pairs inside school entrances and actively greet students as they arrive to school in the mornings. Smile, say "hello", "have a great day", "great to see you", etc.

When? - School days from 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

First time volunteers are requested to sign up for a briefing session from 8:00-8:15 with Principal Amy Janecek so everyone is clear on their roles.

Where? - Inside the Ramsey entrances, 49th street doors; 50th street doors; Nicollet doors.

Why? - To promote and support a positive school culture at Ramsey.

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

MCA escorts

Now that MCA testing has begun, we are looking for parents to serve as bathroom escorts. During the test, students are not allowed by law to leave the testing room without an escort. Escorts would be stationed between the computer labs waiting on call for any students who need to use the restroom during the test.

For the week of May 2-6, the 6th grade math classes will be taking the MCA test and we would like help Monday – Thursday for the following times:

10:45 – 12:30

1:15-2:45

If you can help for any part of this time, please contact Kate Goeddeke :

kathleen.goeddeke@mpls.k12.mn.us

PTA NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Treats Day

The next chance for you to show your appreciation for our fantastic Rhino teachers is May 4th (and the first Wednesday of each month)! Bring a treat to show your appreciation for this amazing staff. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-teacher>

Hey Twins Fans!

There are tickets available for the **Twins game** THIS Friday, April 29! Order forms are in the office or here tinyurl.com/ramseytwins Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and will be distributed through advisories.

Please Help

We are in need of a parent or pair of parents to **coordinate the May Book Fair!** Help make this event happen and get books into our students' hands for the summer. Please contact Bridget McGinnis if interested bfmccginnis@gmail.com

Yearbook orders are still being accepted through April 30! Order forms are in the office or you may order online:

http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/YBStore/yearbookStoreMain.asp?yearbook_id=18452&product_id=12072

Upcoming Ramsey Rendezvous!

8th grade Moms!

Just like that, they're heading to high school! Come on over to enjoy coffee, tea and pastries with **Ramsey 8th Grade Moms on Sunday, May 15th.**

BRING A KINDERGARTEN AGE PICTURE OF YOUR 8th GRADER!

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