



AROUND THE HORN

RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

JANUARY 13, 2016

CURRICULUM NEWS & NOTES

8th grade SCIENCE

In 8th grade science we launched unit 2 last week. Titled “Changing Earth,” this quarter-long unit explores earthquakes, plate tectonics, volcanoes, the rock cycle, and other natural forces that change the surface of our planet.

6th Grade ESL (Suo)

In 6th grade ESL we are wrapping up the semester by reading a nonfiction article called Race Against Death. The article discusses the use of sled dogs in Alaska in the early 1900s. It also explains how the Iditarod became an annual dog sledding race. Students will use this article to work on summarizing a text. We will start 2nd semester by reading poetry, specifically odes. Students will be writing their own odes and reading them to the class.

7th Grade AVID (Werner)

In 7th grade AVID, students have been working on strategies to improve their Cornell Notes, including note taking strategies, revision of notes, and studying from their notes. Students are also working to improve their Tutorial questions and participation in their groups.

8th Grade AVID (Werner)

In 8th grade AVID, students have been working on critical reading, writing, and speaking skills. This week, students are discussing current issues via Socratic Seminars in AVID class. In addition, students are working to improve their Tutorial questions and participation in their groups.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 14th

Varsity/Beginning Band concert 7:00-8:00

January 15th

No School – End of 2nd quarter

January 18th– 19th

No School

January 20th

Grade level field trips

January 21st

Arabic Night 6:00-8:00

January 21st-22nd

Intercession

January 23rd

Egyptian Dinner

February 3rd

Treats for Teachers

February 4th

Multicultural Pot Luck/

Ramsey Open House

February 6th

MPS School Fair Showcase

February 11th

PTA Feed the Teachers dinner

February 11th-12th

School Conferences

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Transition to High School:

The High School Request Center is now “live” on the Student Placement website. This means that all students, with their families, can sign-up for their high school of choice for the 2016-2017 school year. The website is: <http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/> and the deadline is March 5th. Please email the school counselor at carolyn.tibbetts@mpls.k12.mn.us if you have any questions.

Egyptian Dinner

Please join us for this upcoming Ramsey Rendezvous! Our own Ms. Ismail will prepare an authentic Egyptian dinner for 100! Enjoy the company of other Ramsey families and some wonderful food, all while supporting the Ramsey community. You must sign up to attend.

Limited number tickets available.

Follow the link below to sign up:

[Egyptian Dinner Tickets](#)

Recycle your Gift Cards

Give them to Ms. Vicki in the main office. She will make them into guitar picks. Make sure there is a zero balance on the cards before you donate them!

Arabic Night

مرحباً وأهلاً وسهلاً

You are all invited to come and enjoy

Arabic Night

at Ramsey Middle School

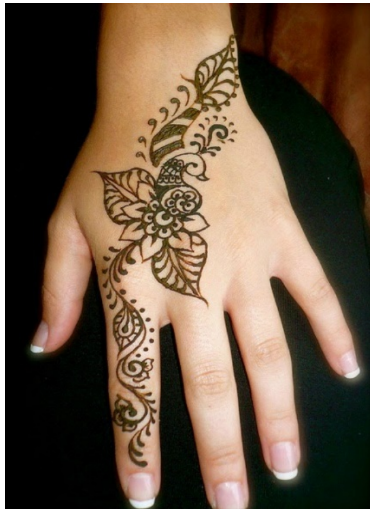
on Thursday, January 21 from 6:00 -8:00 pm.

Come one, come all! Enjoy Arabic music and Arabic food including hummus, falafel, zaatar bread, pita bread and dates. Watch and learn the Dabke – an Arabic folk dance. You will learn about the beautiful Arabic calligraphy by our professional calligrapher, Edwin, and you could have a henna design and enjoy the henna art by the professional artist, Anawdra.

All items are included with a \$ 1 admission fee that goes to support our Ramsey PTA!

Parent volunteers are needed to help with this event. I hope not only that you can attend, but come help too!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-arabic



Multicultural Potluck/Ramsey Open House

This fun Ramsey event will take place on February 4th, from 6:00-8:00 PM. This is an evening to build community and welcome incoming families. The schedule is as follows:

5:30 Set up begins

6:00- 7:00 Potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share!

7:00-8:00 Information Session in the Auditorium for incoming families

Please help make this event great by signing up for a shift:

5:30-6:15 Set up/welcome table

6:45-7:30 Clean up

Sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CO44eabad22a1fb6-multicultural>

Winter After School Session Starts January 25:

The first session of after school ends Thursday, January 14. There are no classes the week of Martin Luther King Holiday. A flyer to sign up for the next session will be available during Intersession and will be posted on <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey.html>. You can also find a link to our new online registration system on this site.

NEW: Starting Friday, families can register for Ramsey Community Education classes online! Visit www.mplscommunityed.com to set up a student profile and browse class selections. The first step is to set up an account. This link is at the very top of the page. Ramsey classes can be found under After School Youth Enrichment in left side margin of the page. You can also call 612-668-3450 and register over the phone. Paper registrations with check are also still accepted.

PTA NEWS

Next Meeting

February's PTA will be focused on high school choice as well as the transition to Washburn High School. Our counselor, Carolyn Tibbetts, will talk about how it all works. We have also arranged a panel of parents who have 9th grade students who transitioned from Ramsey to Washburn this year. They will share their experiences and insight. Please note there is a time change for the night: We will meet from 6:30-8:30.

Conference Dinner

Let's help feed our hardworking and devoted teachers on Thursday, February 11th when they put in a long day for conferences. Items can be dropped off at Ramsey Wednesday or Thursday. Please have items at Ramsey no later than 3:30 pm on Thursday. Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the PTA room. Perishable items should be taken to the office. Please label dishes, utensils, or items otherwise needing to be returned. They can be picked up in the PTA room on Friday.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-dinner3>

Ramsey Rendezvous 2016!

We have a new Ramsey Rendezvous offering --the ever-popular Hunt & Gather shopping spree event is slated for Thursday, Feb. 25, and tickets are available now. Don't forget to get your tickets to Ms. Ismail's authentic Egyptian feast on January 23rd! Tickets are going fast and you do not want to miss this event. Click on the link below for tickets to either event.

[Ramsey Rendezvous - Ramsey Middle School Fundraising](#)

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Intersession

Attention parents! We could still use your help during Intersession. This is a great way to be involved in your child's school.

If you are available to help for a half day, a full day, or more than one day, please complete this [volunteer form](#). Once you have completed the form, we will contact you with more details.

If you have specific questions, contact Kate Goeddeke at kathleen.goeddeke@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Media Center

Help keep the media center well organized. Our goal is to have volunteers 5 days per week. Sign up for whatever dates work for you and in the notes column, please write what time you will be coming. Volunteering can be done as a single volunteer, or two people can come together, double the fun! Instructions for volunteering can be found in the attachment. Thanks for helping in the Ramsey Media Center!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-media4>