



RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ramsey News:

October 20- After-school classes started this week

October 25 – Monster Dash PTA Fundraiser – 9:00 a.m.

October 25 – Bike Drive at Burroughs

October 28 – Media Center Volunteer Start-Up Meeting – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

October 29 – Southwest High School’s Open House – 6:30 p.m.

October 30 – Box Tops Due!

November 7 - Picture Retake Day

November 11 – 8th Grade EXPLORE Assessment

November 13 – GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

Monster Dash Fundraiser is **TOMORROW, SATURDAY!**

Grab a costume and head to St. Paul for the Monster Dash! We still need volunteers to hand out Sixlets candy and cheer on the runners. Your efforts will raise funds for PTA. It’s one of our easiest and most fun fundraisers of the year!

Ramsey students and families will be working the cheer/candy zone for this year's Monster Dash 5K race in downtown St. Paul. We will be in Rice Park (between the Ordway, Landmark Center, and the St. Paul Hotel). The race starts at 9:15 am, but we should be there about 8:30 am to prepare. Meet at the stage that will be set up in the corner by Landmark Center and the St. Paul Hotel. Look for a Ramsey lawn sign.

Try to carpool with other families. You can find more information about parking here:

<http://www.minnesotamonster.org/parking-transportation.html>

Sign up at:

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

(but feel free to come no matter what).

Donate your unused iPad 2 Bricks and Cords

If you have any unused iPad 2 cords and/or bricks, you can recycle them at RMS. We will gladly accept these unwanted cords to aid our 1:1 iPad initiative. You can drop them off at

the office.

High School Information Meetings

Please attend the upcoming high school open houses to learn about the different schools and variety of enriching education programs that are available in MPS.

Southwest High School's open house is this Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Individual high schools also offer small group tours during the school day.

If you have any questions about the high school choice process, please contact school counselor, Carolyn Tibbetts, at carolyn.tibbetts@mpls.k12.mn.us.

8th Grade EXPLORE Assessment, November 11

All 8th-grade students will take the EXPLORE Assessment on November 11. Please avoid any absences on this date. Students' results will arrive to RMS in January.

The primary purposes of the EXPLORE program are to stimulate students' career exploration and to facilitate development of a plan for each individual's high-school academic program. EXPLORE has four academic tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. A Composite Score (score range 1-25) summarizes performance across all four academic tests. In addition to the academic tests, students complete an interest inventory and needs assessment. For more information about the EXPLORE test, please visit the ACT Web site at <http://www.act.org>. EXPLORE is part of the state's suite of college and career readiness assessments; participation is required by legislation for high-school graduation.

Sample test items available at: www.actstudent.org/explore/

2014-2015 Student Directories will be going home this week. Look for this in your student's backpack. There will be a few extra in the office if you would like to pick one up.

After-School Activities for Youth at Ramsey Middle School

Minneapolis Community Education and the ALC Program offer a variety of classes open to registration for all students. Registration is still open for the fall term. Registration forms are available outside the Community Education Office (Room 106) or can be downloaded from the [Ramsey Community Education website](#).

ALC Courses are free to qualifying students. To find out if your student qualifies, please contact Marina Posse-Morey (marina.posse-morey@mpls.k12.mn.us) or JoEllyn Jolstad (joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us). Transportation is available to students who live in the busing area.

Minneapolis Community Education courses are available to all students for a small fee, however limited scholarships are available. Please contact JoEllyn Jolstad for information about program scholarships.

PTA Fundraising Updates:

Ramsey Middle School PTA is celebrating Give to the Max Day on November 13!

"Give \$10 and turn it into \$10k!" Every donation counts, no matter how big or small!

Keep your eyes open next month for a link to the easiest way ever to contribute to Ramsey. What if you could help the Ramsey Middle School PTA receive \$1,000 just by giving \$10? On November 13, 2014, you'll have that chance. Participate in **Give to the Max Day on November 13**, and you could help us receive a **\$1,000 Golden Ticket**. Just make an online donation on GiveMN.org, and your donation will be entered into an hourly drawing for a \$1,000 GiveMN Golden Ticket – which could go to Ramsey Middle School PTA! That adds up to 24 opportunities for you to help us receive an extra \$1,000! In addition, we'll be entered into the grand prize \$10K drawing too.

For more info visit our link now...this will be live for donations on November 13th!

<https://givemn.org/organization/Ramsey-Middle-School-Pta-1>

Box Tops for Education

Hello, Ramsey parents! Ramsey PTA is participating in Box Tops for Education™ program again this year. Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them to school – each one is worth 10¢. To see a list of products, go to BTFE.com.

Please turn in your Box Tops before **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30** to help boost the amount of the first check we receive in December. Clip your Box Tops and **turn them in to the BoxTop box on the PTA table by the school office** before the deadline. Thanks for your help!

Sara Strzok, BoxTop coordinator

Ramsey Spirit Wear

Want Spirit Wear, but don't want to wait for the next event to purchase? You can contact Jan Sadusky at rmsspiritwear@hotmail.com or 612-240-9874. She is happy to meet you at school or leave your order in the office for pick up.

Media Center Volunteer Start-Up Meeting

Come to the Volunteer Start-Up meeting on Tuesday, October 28th, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the Media Center.

Find out what's involved, what's where and ask questions. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Bridget McGinnis (bmcginnis@gmail.com) or Ann Prentice (ann@annprentice.com).

Fun Events Coming up at Burroughs and Washburn!

Our neighborhood schools, Burroughs and Washburn, are both holding their annual fall fundraising events on **Saturday, November 15th**. Click on the links below for more information and/or to buy tickets. Go to one or both! These are great opportunities to support two of our community schools and have a great time in the process.

Fall for Burroughs Silent Auction: <http://bidpal.net/fallforburroughs>

Washburn Fall Arts Gala: <https://www.facebook.com/WashburnArts>

Bike Drive Tomorrow at Burroughs – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Do you have bikes your kids have outgrown? Bikes collecting dust in your garage? Need to make room for your car before the snow comes? We can help!

Free Bikes 4 Kidz is a local non-profit whose mission is to help all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. The public donates gently used bikes, we organize thousands of volunteers to clean and refurbish them, and then we work through community organizations to give the bikes to kids in need. Last year we gave away 5,000 bikes!

Please consider donating a bike this year during FB4K school collection day on Saturday, October 25th at Burroughs Community School, 1601 West 50th street, anytime between 10-2pm at the East end of the parking lot. We accept gently used tricycles, kids bikes and adult size bikes. You will receive a tax receipt for your contribution, and will bring great joy to a child!

Also, if you and your children would like to volunteer on donation day, or you have questions, please contact Maureen Vischer, FB4K School Site Coordinator, at mkvischer@yahoo.com.



Calling All 7th and 8th graders

Join the fastest non-motorized sport in the world!

Do you enjoy downhill skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race? The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you.

MAST is THE downhill ski racing team of the Minneapolis Public Schools for Minneapolis students and residents in grades 7-12. No racing experience is necessary. We offer excellent coaching and training, a fun and friendly team atmosphere, exciting competitions against other high school ski teams, and the chance to participate in the fastest, non-motorized sport in the world! Our team is very welcoming and supportive of its seventh and eighth grade students. Our coaches are excited to teach you how to ski with perfect technique. Start now and by the time you enter high school you will be on your way to becoming an outstanding ski racer.

Learn more about MAST by checking out our website at www.mplsalpineski.org. You can also contact our Head Coach, Mark Conway, 612-275-8392, or email markrobertconway58@gmail.com.

It is never too soon ---or too late--- to learn to ski race.

Student Hours – 9:10 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
Office Hours – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office – 612-668-4040
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