



RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 10th -7th grade
Urban Wilderness field trip

September 10th – 5:30-8:00
p.m. Curriculum Night

September 15 – 6:30-8:30
PTA Meeting

September 17th – Picture Day

October 6th – Speaker Kevin
Harrington: Raising a
Resilient Teen

October 7th – National
Bike/Walk to school day

October 8th – Evening
Conferences 4:30-8:00

October 13th – Picture Retake
day

October 13th – Evening
Conferences 4:30-8:00

What's Happening

Math Center

The Math Center is now open during all lunches! Students may come to the Math Center to get help on homework or other assignments. It is also a place where students can retake assessments or work on ST Math! The Math Center is staffed by Ms. Janicek and Ms. Krasean as well as tutors from the University of Minnesota. Find us in room 322!

6th Grade Field Trip to Camp St. Croix

Ramsey Middle School's 6th Grade Team is getting excited about our upcoming field trip to Camp St. Croix, and we are hoping you and your student are as well! We will be at camp from Monday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 28, and will arrive back at Ramsey in time for busses on Wednesday afternoon. Please be sure your student packs light and appropriate clothing for the weather.

There are scholarships available if the camp fee is too great at this time. We don't want money to be the reason students do not participate in this great opportunity!

If you have any questions regarding the Camp St. Croix field trip, please contact your student's advisor.

After School Activities for Youth at Ramsey Middle School

Minneapolis Community Education and the Extended Learning Program offer a variety of academic and enrichment classes for all students. The fall term begins on Monday, September 28. Classes will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45-5:45. Course selections will be available soon and will be passed out in advisory. **Please complete a pre-registration form if your child will need a bus home.**

Visit www.youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey for forms. Contact JoEllyn Jolstad at 612-668-3450 or joellyn.jolstad@Mpls.k12.mn.us with questions or for more information.

My Life Plan – Ms. Tibbetts

During the month of September, all students in grades 6-8 will experience their first My Life Plan lesson of the school year with school counselor, Ms. Tibbetts. My Life Plan is a post-secondary planning graduation requirement for the class of 2010 and beyond. In middle school, students will learn how to make successful transitions, explore careers, and make academic plans based on possible career paths. This month's lesson will focus on providing students with a general overview of My Life Plan and the Naviance website that they will use throughout their middle and high school career. Please email Ms. Tibbetts at carolyn.tibbetts@mpls.k12.mn.us if you have any questions.

Curriculum News and Notes

ART 6/7/8 Students with Ms. Elissa and Ms. Butler will be drawing in their first unit. They will experiment with multiple media, pencil, chalk and oil pastel to create expressive line and contour line. The culmination of many experimental drawings will be a still life where student groups design their own composition and draw using a full range of value, shadow and light.

STEAM Students in Ms. Remillard and Ms. Butler's classes are continuing to build understanding of the contents of STEAM. Students are writing working definitions of STEM, Engineering, and Technology. The first unit in STEM will be exploring sound and students will be engineering instruments.

Arabic Students, level 1, with Ms. Rita are practicing their names in Arabic and they are learning how to greet each other in Arabic using different phrases and they are working on creating an Arabic skit with a partner.

Arabic students, level 2 and 3, are reviewing so many topics that we have covered last year through skits, watching video clips and listening to songs. We will practice writing the Arabic Alphabet letters with level 2 and start reading, analyzing and acting Arabic proverbs with level 3.

6th grade ELA: Students began the year by writing All About Me letters and exploring our past accomplishments and future goals as readers and writers. Last week we reviewed the characteristics of different genres and practiced identifying genres of books in our class library. In the coming weeks we will begin our Community unit, starting with a short story called "What Do Fish Have to Do With Anything?" and continuing on to the novel *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman.

8th grade Global Studies: Ms. Miller and Ms. Jacques' students began the year by examining the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. They analyzed the primary document, watched psa's, created art, and wrote about the most important right. This week students will participate in their first seminar text based discussion using a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt and a poem from Maya Angelou. Next week we will zoom in and look at education around the world with a human right's lens.

8th grade Earth Science: Students are investigating weather. We began by using various tools to observe and collect weather data. Next, we focused on the structure and composition of Earth's atmosphere. In the lab, we explored properties of air through several experiments. Then we used an online simulation to ride an elevator through the layers of Earth's atmosphere into space. Currently, we are investigating air pressure and wind.

6TH GRADE ELL (MS. SUO)

In 6th grade ELL we will be starting the year by practice how to identify the main idea of both fiction and nonfiction texts. We will also be working on identifying parts of a story in preparation to write our

own short stories. In addition, students will be receiving extra help and support on learning tasks assigned in their ELA classes.

7th grade Science Holland and Fowler

We are starting this year with Natural Systems. Students are looking at ecosystems, the organisms within them and the relationships between the organisms. We have a population of milkweed bugs in the classroom and we have enjoyed watching them demonstrate the characteristics of living things. We have already taken 2 learning targets. Check portal to see if students need to redo an assessment, (if they have a 2 or lower)

PTA Corner

Join us for the first PTA meeting of the school year Tuesday, September 15 from 6:30-8:00. We will meet in the library to discuss PTA business for the first thirty minutes. Starting about 7:00, we will focus our discussion on 'How to Ramsey,' a chance for parents to ask questions about our school. It's a great time to learn about the ins and outs of Ramsey from staff and veteran parents. Hope you can join us for all or part of the night.

Mark your calendars for the evening of October 6 when Kevin Harrington will speak in the RMS auditorium about mindfulness and resiliency. It will be a fantastic event for parents and students alike! More information to follow.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Girls on the Run Volunteers needed!

Who: Women runners

What: Be a running buddy for a Ramsey girl. Run alongside her and encourage her!

When: ONLY 2 days - Practice 5k Wed, 10/28 and Final 5k race 11/14

Contact: Rachel Borrell Rachel.Borrell@mpls.k12.mn.us or

Brenda Butler Brenda.Butler@mpls.k12.mn.us

Student Hours – 9:10 a.m.-3:40 p.m.

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