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RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 8, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS AND NOTES

EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY NEXT YEAR | MARIETTA

Next year all middle schools in Minneapolis have extended their school day: Ramsey Middle School will start at 8:30 AM and end at 3:45 PM. This change is being made in order to offer students more opportunities to choose academic experiences that interest them and match their goals for high school and beyond.

We recognize that changing the length of a school day can affect family routines. More time in school means more time for learning, and we are confident that students will be on task and grow while enjoying an engaging academic environment.

EXPANSION NEXT YEAR | MARIETTA

We are so excited for next year's expansion! Students from Green Central Park will be joining us, allowing us to have two full interdisciplinary teams at each grade level. Many key activities have already begun to introduce the students to one another and to Ramsey teachers. This spring we have planned joint field trips and family engagement activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, May 12

Farm Day Field Trip
Model United Nations Field Trip

Thursday, May 14

Choir and Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, May 19

6th Grade St. Paul Saints Game Field Trip
Site Council Meeting
PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 19 –

Friday, May 23

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair Event

Thursday, May 21

Band(s) Concert

Wednesday, May 27

Viva City Field Trip

Thursday, June 4

8th Grade Recognition Ceremony

Friday, June 5

6th and 7th Grade Dance
8th Grade Valleyfair Field Trip

Monday, June 15 –

Wednesday, June 24

Summer Fun at Ramsey

Monday, June 15 –

Thursday, July 23

Pillsbury K-8 Summer STEM Academy

THE ARTS THIS SPRING | MARIETTA

The spring is full of the arts! Remember to put the choir, band and orchestra concerts on your calendars. Plus, the dances: the 8th graders will have a dance on May 29, and the 6th and 7th graders will have a dance on the last day of school during the school day.

HOORAY FOR THE CREATIVE CABARET! | PTA

Speaking of the arts in spring, the Creative Cabaret was a great success! We can't thank Julida Kochanowski and Hayley Wender enough for taking this on and putting on a great show in just a few weeks.

SITE COUNCIL AND PTA MEETINGS

Our last site council meeting will be Tuesday May 19 at 4:30 PM. We will be going over some preliminary MCA results as well as plans for next year. Following the site council meeting, our PTA will be meeting at 6:30 PM. The PTA is seeking new volunteers to fill key leadership roles and laying out goals for the next school year.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH | PTA

The PTA does appreciate the Ramsey staff and will provide lunch for staff on Wednesday, May 13th. Donations of plates, plasticware, cups, napkins, appetizers, drinks, and desserts are welcomed. Just drop them off Wednesday morning. Also, it might be nice if your student were to send a note to their favorite teachers/staff.

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVENT

Ramsey Middle School will be hosting a spring Buy One, Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair Event from Tuesday, May 20 – Friday, May 23 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day. Volunteers are needed for this event; you can sign up by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-spring1>

SUMMER FUN AT RAMSEY

This summer, Community Education will offer enrichment camps for youth. There will be fun things like Theatre, Basketball and Cheerleading for students entering first through ninth grade.

SUMMER FUN AT RAMSEY (CONTINUED)

A flyer can be viewed by clicking [here](#) (or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: http://brochures.lerntools.com/pdf_view.cfm?id=2994) and copies will be available in the Community Education office soon.

Online registration is available by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://mplscommunityed.com> (search for Ramsey Summer) or download a form by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following URL address into a web browser: <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey.html>. You can also call 612.668.3450 for more information.

SUMMER STEM (GEMS AND GISE) ACADEMIES

The Pillsbury K-8 Summer STEM Academy (GEMS and GISE at Pillsbury School) will be held Monday, June 15th - Thursday, July 23. The Augsburg 4-8 Summer STEM Academy (GEMS and GISE at Augsburg College) will be held Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 14.

To learn more about the details of these academies and to download an application click [here](#), or copy and paste the following URL address into a web browser:
http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_2