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Do You Have News to Share?

Important Dates

Mar 13 - Mar 17: 7th Grade Reading MCA Tests

Mar 20 - Mar 24: 8th Grade Reading MCA Tests

Tue, Mar 21: "It's That Easy" Parent Education Presentation, 6:30 - 8 pm

Mar 27 - Mar 30: 6th Grade Reading MCA Tests

Fri, Mar 31: NO SCHOOL

Apr 3 - Apr 7: NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Mon, Apr 10: H2O for Life Begins

Tue, Apr 11: Site Council Meeting, 5 pm, Ramsey Media Center

Apr 17 - Apr 21: 7th Grade Math MCA Tests

Tue, Apr 18: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm

Fri, Apr 21: Twins Game, 7:10 pm

[See the full calendar for more info](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Ramsey Visitor Policy

Ramsey has a new visitor policy in place during school hours, 8:30 am to 3:45 pm:

1. Buzz in at door 1
 - a. Secretary states: "Welcome to Ramsey, how can I help you?"
 - b. Identify yourself and state your purpose over the speaker.
 - c. Proceed to the main office
2. Report to the main office
 - a. Sign in on the pink sheet.
 - b. Turn in your license/ID or keys and pick up a neon visitor's badge to wear in a visible location on your shirt (all visitors without a badge will be asked to report back to the main office). If you do not have an ID or keys, your party must meet you in the main office and escort you to your location (you must still wear a visitor's badge)

Check-Out Procedures

1. Return to main office and sign out
2. Remove and return visitor's badge
3. Collect keys or ID

Alumni/Previous Students:

1. You must have an appointment prior to arrival
2. Your appointment must be after school hours
3. The teacher you are meeting with must meet you in the main office.

Yearbook Photos Needed!

We're looking for great pictures of Ramsey students to be included in this year's yearbook. Did you get a good picture of your child and their friends during spirit week? Do you have action shots from your child's basketball season? Do you have photos from your child's History Day project? We may not use all photos, but we'd love to have lots of pictures to work with!

Please email photos to ramseyscommunications@gmail.com, and include a description of the event and names of people in the photo. To be included in this year's yearbook, all photos must be submitted by **Friday, March 24**. Thank you!

Yearbook order forms will be available in late March/early April. Stay tuned for more information.

MCA Testing Begins Next Week

MCA testing will take place from March to May, as follows:

March 13-17: 7th grade reading
March 20-24: 8th grade reading
March 27-30: 6th grade reading
April 17-21: 7th grade math
April 24-28: 8th grade math
May 1-5: 6th grade math
May 9-10: 8th grade science

Is Your Student Not Feeling Well?

If your student is feeling ill and needing to go home, please have them go to the health office for an assessment first. If dismissal is warranted, the health office will contact parents to arrange for pick up. Students should not be texting for parent pick up from their cell phones.

Rhino Report

The latest edition of the [Rhino Report](#) is here!

In this issue:

- Important update RE: Rename Ramsey
 - Step Team
 - Photos from Rename Ramsey Community Events
 - Arabic Night articles (including one in Arabic) and photos
 - Gum in the water fountains
 - Editorial
 - New Solar System
 - Weird Fruits
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Rename Ramsey Fundraising Is Separate from PTA

The Ramsey PTA would like all families to be aware that fundraising currently taking place for the Rename Ramsey effort is not under the umbrella of the PTA. Any funds raised for PTA (like Give to the Max Day, Spirit Wear, or Ramsey Rendezvous events) are kept in the PTA treasurer account and allocated by a request and approval procedure for school events or educational experiences and materials. Neither the PTA nor the district is allowed to contribute funds towards the Rename Ramsey effort.

Money raised for Rename Ramsey (through grants and specific fundraising events) is being kept in an AchieveMpls account, and the MPS Finance Department also has an account for Rename Ramsey grants. For more details, please see the [Rename Ramsey website](#).

EVENTS

Churros & Mexican Hot Chocolate at Greeters

Friday, March 10, 8:00-8:30 am

Come greet the students as they arrive at school and enjoy delicious churros & Mexican hot chocolate (and coffee). Hosted by Christy & Armando Santiago together with the PTA. We'd love to see you there! [Sign up here](#).

Does Your Band Have What it Takes?

The 3rd Annual Ramsey-Washburn Battle of the Bands is coming soon: Sunday, April 23, from 3 to 6 pm, at The Junction.

For families new to Ramsey, this event features Ramsey and Washburn student and staff bands, facing off for bragging rights (and an amazing traveling guitar trophy beautified by our own Ms. Cedarleaf-Dahl).



There's still room for a couple of bands from Ramsey, so if you're considering signing up, the time is now! [Bands can sign up here](#). This is a first come, first booked, sign-up process. **Please make sure to review the guidelines and enter all needed information.** May the best band win!

PTA Hosts Parent-Education Opportunity

Join us on **Tuesday, March 21**, 6:30-8 pm for **It's That Easy: Talking to Our Kids About Healthy Relationships and Sexuality**

This presentation by Linda Madson and other educators from the Annex Teen Clinic will help parents reflect on healthy emotional, social, and physical development in adolescence. We will think about our personal values around relationships and sexuality, and create a statement/conversation starter that reflects each caregiver's hopes for their children as healthy young people and adults.

Linda Madson is a sexuality educator at the Annex Teen Clinic in Robbinsdale, and is also a Ramsey and Washburn parent. It's That Easy is a Better Together Hennepin program.

Please indicate your interest so we can be sure to have enough seats available. [Sign up for It's That Easy here](#).

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join the Ramsey, Burroughs and Lyndale school communities in cheering on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Detroit Tigers on **April 21 at 7:10 pm**. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball. A great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom. Seats are limited, buy yours now!

Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 29.



Two options to purchase tickets:

- [Buy seats online](#) with credit card. Online purchases include an extra \$1.54 fee to cover credit card processing costs (total cost \$11.54).

- Buy seats with a check made out to Ramsey Middle School PTA. Tickets are \$10 each. Mail your check to Ramsey PTA, 1 W. 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

Contact Angie North at ramseytreasurer@gmail.com with questions.

Sixth Grade Math Competition May 6

Save the Date for the MPS 6th Grade Math Competition! After competing in a preliminary competition at school, four teams of Ramsey students will participate in the District Math Competition at North High School on May 6, 2017. Teams will check in at 8:30 am. Awards are presented at 2:00 pm.

Event organizers are in need of many volunteers. If you'd like to help, or would like more information, [visit the district website](#).

“Sweet Charity” at Southwest

Southwest's Spotlight Musical, "Sweet Charity," opens Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. Follow the misadventures of Charity Hope Valentine and her associates at the Fandango Ballroom as she sings, dances, laughs and cries her way through comical situations in the hope of finding true love.



Showtimes:

March 16-18, 7 pm; March 19, 2 pm

March 23-25, 7 pm; March 26, 2 pm

March 16, Name Your Price at the door

March 17, Alumni Night (Special Alumni discount \$5 off adult or senior ticket, at the door or online! Online code: SWALUM. Please stop by the Alumni table in the lobby for a button and name tag. Alumni will be recognized before the start of the show)

Visit the [Southwest Theatre website](#) for tickets and information.

ACCOLADES

Ramsey Students at Jazz Festival

Congratulations to the following Jazz Band students for playing at the University of Minnesota Jazz Festival last Saturday, March 4. They represented Ramsey well and played their hearts out in Ted Mann Hall! Special congratulations to Faruk B. for receiving a scholarship to attend the Shell Lake Jazz Camp!

Faruk B., Henry B., Oliver B., Charlie B., Anna C., John D., Nick E., Oskar E., Luke G., Theo G., Tori H., Aidan V., Isabel K., Jacob M., Leo M., Red M., Jack M., Sam S., Asher T.

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

AAA Batteries Needed

The Math department at Ramsey is requesting donations of triple-A (AAA) batteries for use in graphing calculators. These calculators are shared and used across all math classrooms at Ramsey and tend to run out of batteries at this point in the school year.



Please send in packs of new AAA batteries with your students to drop off in Room 323 (Ms. Novak's classroom) or Room 322 (Ms. Krasean's classroom/Math Center), from March 1 through March 31.

It's one very practical and easy way to help keep Ramsey students charged up about math. Literally.

AFTER SCHOOL

Ramsey Ultimate Spring League—Free Clinics for Girls!

Girls Ultimate Movement (GUM) is offering two free clinics to provide girls interested in playing ultimate a chance to learn and play, and ask whatever questions they may have. This is a great way to be introduced to the sport!

Clinic #1:

When: Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 1 pm

Where: Blaisdell YMCA: 3335 Blaisdell Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Who: Girls 5th-8th grade

Clinic #2:

When: Sunday, March 19, 1 - 4 pm

Where: Robbinsdale Middle School: 3730 Toledo Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55422

Who: Girls 5th-8th grade

Please go to minnesotaultimate.org to register so they have an idea of how many to expect for the clinics, or to sign up for middle school league.

Contact Barry at barrymarkus@hotmail.com with any questions.

Sailing Team this Spring

Did you know that 7th and 8th grade Ramsey students can sail for the Washburn Sailing Team? The Washburn Sailing Team is looking for new sailors this spring to join our team on Lake Calhoun. The sailing team meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 4 to 6:30 pm on Lake Calhoun for practice. Weekly races are held throughout the Twin Cities.

No previous sailing experience required. Visit sailcalhoun.org or email info@sailcalhoun.org for more info on joining the team.

Summer Community Education

Registration is open for summer Community Education classes! Visit the [youth programs website](#) for information and links to registration. This summer Ramsey will be doing High School Musical! Get the early bird discount by registering for the cast before May 1.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Box Tops Results

Thanks to everyone who brought in their Box Tops! We raised over \$250 in this spring collection round that will be used to fund teacher requests and activities at school.

We collect Box Tops all year long, so keep bringing in Box Tops and putting them in the collection box near the PTA room—let's see how much we can raise next time!

We are also seeking a Box Tops collection coordinator for next year. This is a fun and easy job involving promoting Box Top collection, and counting and mailing in Box Tops twice during the school year. Please contact Ramsey PTA or Sara Strzok (sarastrzok@yahoo.com) if you're interested in taking on this easy fundraiser!

Ramsey Rendezvous 2017

We have a great list of Rendezvous for this year—on sale now! We have a wide array of social offerings, all of which go to support Ramsey! Some of these fill up quickly, so make sure to check out what's available and check back, as we have additional parties pending. See the [Ramsey PTA website](#) for details and ticket information for these fun upcoming events!

What's a Ramsey Rendezvous, you ask? You may already know them as Great Gatherings, Adventures, or FUNdraisers from your elementary school. But for those uninitiated, Ramsey Rendezvous are social gatherings that Ramsey parents host in their homes and elsewhere. All proceeds help support and enhance Ramsey activities. Events range in price and activities in order to appeal to varied interests. Have a great party idea and willing to host or co-host? Please contact Beth Gyllstrom at ramseyfundraising@gmail.com.

Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.

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