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## Important Dates

- Wed, Mar 29:** Plant Sale Order Forms Due  
**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  
**Sun, Apr 23:** Battle of the Bands, 3 pm, The Junction  
**Apr 24 - Apr 28:** 8th Grade Math MCA Tests

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Last Call for Ramsey Plant Sale Orders

Today is the last day to turn in plant sale forms and payment! [Plant sale order forms can be found here](#). Please print and fill out the forms, and make sure that you include your name and a contact number. See the [electronic version of the catalog](#) for descriptions of all of the plants available.

Order pickup is on **Monday, May 15 from 12-6 pm**. There are **NO REFUNDS** for plants that are not picked up.

Please help us make this year our most successful year ever!

Sincerely,

[Paula Huber-Williams](#) and [Melissa Waskiewicz](#)

Plant Sale Committee Chairs

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## Rhino Report

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

In this issue:

- Youth Day at the Capitol feature and photos (so far)
  - Pros and cons of cellphones in school
  - Earth facts
  - News and Announcements
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## EVENTS

### Last Chance for Baseball Tickets!

**Ticket sales close today** for the Ramsey, Burroughs, Lyndale, and Green Central outing to see the Minnesota Twins play the Detroit Tigers on April 21 at 7:10 pm. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball at a discounted price. A great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom.



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](mailto:ramseytreasurer@gmail.com) with questions. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

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## Battle of the Bands



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!

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## VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

### Last Week to Donate AAA Batteries

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.

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## Treats for Teachers

Show our wonderful Ramsey staff how much they are appreciated by supporting "Treats for Teachers." Bring or send in a treat for the staff to enjoy on the first Wednesday of each month. Treats can be a simple bag of fruit, a veggie tray, baked goods, chips and dip or salsa, a family favorite, or anything you would like to send in! Contact Heidi Knaus with questions at [haknaus@yahoo.com](mailto:haknaus@yahoo.com) or [sign up for any of the Treats Days](#) this year.

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## ACCOLADES

### Middle School Debate Championship

Congratulations to 7th grade student Max D-L! Max competed in Minnesota Urban Debate League's Middle School City Championships last weekend. He performed well, despite being put at a disadvantage, and showed impressive commitment to debate. Way to go, Max!

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## AFTER SCHOOL

### Spring Community Education

There will be a four-week session of Community Education classes after Spring Break. Visit <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey> to download a flyer and link to online registration. Scholarships are available. Contact the Community Education Office at 612-668-3450 or email [JoEllyn Jolstad](mailto:JoEllyn.Jolstad) with questions.

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### Washburn Summer Soccer Camp

The camp runs Tuesday June 27, through Thursday, June 29, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am each day at the Washburn stadium turf. Camp is open to boys and girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade in Fall 2017. Cost: \$55.00 per camper (includes t-shirt)

For more information, see the [Washburn Soccer website](#).

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### Upcoming Concerts at Southwest High School

April 17: Guitar Concert; 7 pm

April 27: Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Concert; 7 pm

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](mailto:ramseyfundraising@gmail.com).

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### Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com).

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

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