



AROUND THE HORN

RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAY 18, 2016

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ramsey PTA Volunteer End of Year Celebration!

Calling all Ramsey volunteers! There are hundreds of people who have volunteered at Ramsey this year. We are so thankful and appreciative of their time and talents. We're throwing an end of year open house soiree to properly thank our volunteers for all they have contributed this year and to invite incoming 6th grade parents to join in the fun and get connected. Please join us for a night of stimulating conversation, great drinks and delicious snacks-you'll be glad you did!

When: Sunday, June 12th from 7-8:30pm

Where: Beth Gyllstrom and Dan Anderson's home

Who: current Ramsey parent volunteers and new incoming 6th grade parents

Why: to thank our wonderful volunteers and celebrate our many successes
to look ahead to next year with excitement and energy
to meet incoming parents and welcome them into the Ramsey family
to have fun with other Ramsey parents who are committed to making Ramsey the best it can be

Please join us for a fun night of conversation and connection!

Drinks and tasty nibbles will be provided. See you there, Ramsey PTA

RSVP: Robin Langevin - langevinrobin@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

May 19th

Choir Concert 7:00

May 21st

Special Olympics at Roosevelt HS

May 24th

Orchestra Concert 7:00

May 26th

Band Concert 7:00

May 24th-26th

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

8:30-4:00 Ramsey Cafeteria

May 30th

Memorial Day – no school

Upcoming Concerts

Students in our music programs will be showcasing their hard work in upcoming assemblies and concerts. The student body will have the chance to see their peers perform in an assembly on Friday May 27th, and we welcome everyone to come to the remaining evening concerts on May 19th (Choir), May 24th (Orchestra), and May 26th (Band).

Book Fair Next Week

The Scholastic Buy One Get One FREE Book Fair is right around the corner! This year we will be set up in the cafeteria Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

New this year: For every purchase, students may put their name in a drawing to win a prize! Six prizes will be awarded!!

We need volunteers to help run the book fair!

Please sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-spring>

Greeter Program Is A Big Success With Students, Staff And Volunteers!

We had a record turn out of Greeters on Friday with 11 parents, including 7 rookies.

Said first-time greeter, Linda Heath, "So much fun, I could seriously do that every day!" Linda, we love your enthusiasm, but for now it's just on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Even the students are loving it. Check out this quote from a 7th grader, "Yeah, it's okay." As any middle-school parent knows, that's high praise!

So sign up. Just 20 minutes on a Tuesday or Friday morning. You will brighten the students' day, and your own. The more the merrier.

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

Music To Our Ears!

Huge shout out to the talented musicians who played during last week's Morning Greeter times. On Tuesday, celebrity guest Billy Johnson rocked the guitar and vocals. Wow! He was the talk of the town (okay hallways, but you get the point). Then on Friday, two Ramsey Daddy-O's, Volney Hendrix and Lee Zukor - joined by Ramsey student Eli ZZ - treated greeters, students and staff to their smooth, silky sounds. We can't thank these talented musicians enough. Their music really transformed the start of the school day. We hope they come to play again soon!

Interested in playing at an upcoming greeting session? Click here for sign up & info <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-morning>

8th Grade Recognition Events

Reminder to 8th Grade Families – We are almost to our goal.

Please send your \$25 donation for the 8th Grade Recognition Events below:

Thank you for your support in helping us send our 8th Graders off in style.

We request that all responses and contributions be received by May 18

Friday, June 3 - 5:30-8:30

A semi-formal dance and party will take place in the Ramsey Cafeteria. The dance will be hosted by A-List Entertainment. A-List does an incredible job of encouraging all the kids to dance and join in the fun, by fostering a sense of inclusion. There will be a DJ, lights, dancers, a photo booth and light refreshments and beverages will be served. Students should plan to eat dinner prior to arrival.

Tuesday, June 7 (time TBD) – Morning Recognition Ceremony

This ceremony, in the newly renovated theater, will celebrate and recognize our students' achievements as their middle school experience concludes. The ceremony is open to families and will be followed by a cake and punch reception in the cafeteria.

These are special events and we are asking you to please contribute the basic cost of \$25 per student. If you are considering a larger donation, please consider a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsorship. All sponsors will be listed in the Recognition Ceremony Program unless anonymity is requested.

Platinum Sponsorship	- \$500 or more
Gold Sponsorship	- \$250 - \$499
Silver Sponsorship	- \$100 - \$250
Bronze Sponsorship	- \$50 - \$99

With Much Appreciation,

Angel Paulson & Ruth Johnson, 8th Grade Recognition Co-Chairs

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Spirit Wear!

Volunteers are needed to help sell Spirit Wear at the upcoming music concerts. Volunteers will not miss the performances. If you will be there anyway...

[Spirit Wear Sales for Spring Concerts](#)

Dance Chaperones

Help is needed chaperoning the 8th Grade Dance! There are many opportunities to be a wallflower at this fun event. Your child won't even notice you are there!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-8thgrade2>

End of School

The 7th graders are walking to King Park in the last day of school. Some parent help is needed to make this a fantastic last day of school.

[7th grade Last Day of School Celebration](#)

PTA NEWS

The PTA is looking for your ideas about meetings and communication. Please take a minute to complete this brief survey. Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ866X5>

Thank You!

A big thank you to Ann Prentice and Anna Lowenthal-Walsh for hosting the 8th Grade Moms' Coffee Ramsey Rendezvous event on Sunday. It was a great day for catching up and getting prepared as they begin the countdown to promotion and onto high school!

The 2nd Annual Ramsey Open

It is right around the corner--June 11th! Time to dust off the racket and join us for another fun, competitive night of ping pong and bootlegs to support our favorite middle school!

New this year:

- Sign up as a player OR just support as a spectator. Either way, it's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening.
- New! Junior Tournament! Any 2016-2017 Rhino is invited to sign up to compete the following day, June 12th (incoming 6th graders and their parents encouraged to sign up!)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

The Graffs, Hemers and Bastians

Sign up here! Bracket space is limited:)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-ramsey-open-tickets-25045332263>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-only-amateur-ramsey-open-tickets-25045787625>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention former Burroughs Families!

Ice Cream Social to honor Mr. Cadotte

Join us Monday, June 6, 4-6:00 pm: Current and former Burroughs families are invited to an ice-cream social to celebrate and say farewell to our fearless leader! This event will be open-house style, so come when you can, and enjoy a sweet treat with Mr. Cadotte, who is retiring after 18 years at Burroughs.

The Ramsey Middle School mountain bike team is looking for more riders!

No experience is needed. Join the team and have a blast with fun people riding your bike in the woods!

Current 6th and 7th graders are eligible for next year's Ramsey Middle School team and all current 8th graders are eligible for next year's Washburn High School team.

Practices are 2-3 times a week and run July-October. There are 5 races in Sept. and October where riders challenge themselves to their greatest potential.

Want more info? Here are three options:

1. Please join us on May 14 anytime between 10-1 for a team registration/information party at Charlie's Tangle town Bike Shop at 322 W 48th St, S. Mpls.
2. Talk to 6th grader Nico Alexander, 7th graders Eleanor Dolan and Sudie Hall, 8th graders Per Alexander and Isaac Lowenthal-Walsh or art/stem teacher Ms. Butler.
3. If you would like more information from the coach, please contact Tonja Sahaydak at: tonjasahaydak@gmail.com.

Riders learn bike safety, road and trail etiquette, trail-side maintenance, fitness and nutrition, and technical skills needed for riding on mountain bike trails. **All levels and abilities are welcome.**