Annie Jr. Cast Interviews

BY: Nora Grant

The music of Annie has been buzzing all around Ramsey Middle. Many students have stepped forward showing their musical capability. As the actual musical is starting everyone is fully aware of the challenges and excitement that lay ahead of them.

“Well this is the third time I’ve been in it. I’ve been in it all the years I’ve been here at Ramsey so I don’t know I think it’s pretty cool”

“I am really excited and I really hope to learn more about theater and things. I just hope that I do what I know is my best and think I can do that”

“I’m super excited and I think we have a really talented group of students that are helping with the cast with the set design with the costuming and I couldn’t be more enthusiastic about my first show with Ramsey”

“I feel really good I mean there is a lot of upsides to being in the musical but there’s also some downsides, like missing really fun events like intersession and ski trips stuff like that. But I am also extremely proud to be in the musical”

“I really want to improve my skills and prove that I am capable!”

Future City State Competition

BY: Mr. K.

Three teams of 8th graders will be presenting Ramsey and Minneapolis Public Schools at this year’s State of Minnesota Future City Competition. These students have been working on their projects since September. They first played the SimCity computer game to learn how a city is run. Then, they composed a 1500 word research essay around this year’s theme of Public Spaces. Finally, they constructed a 3D model using mostly recycled materials and prepared a 7- minute presentation that they will present in front of judges at the state competition.

Last year, RMS nearly won, so we are looking to take home the 1st place trophy this year! If we win, we will represent the State of Minnesota at the National Competition in Washington, D.C.in February! Student Teams are:

Team Bonumoris: Charlie Boesen*, Ben King*, Jack Skogg, August Butler, Devin Knosalla, and Henry Bastian

Team Hallowed Place: Faruk Badur*, Will Musser*, Asher Teal*, Alex Peik, Noah Siddiqui

Team Shadows of Wisdom: Ryan McChesney*, Josh Maynard*, Fred Hillmyer*, Alex Converse, Isaiah Leflore

* = competition presenter/team leader

Be sure to check the next issue of the Rhino Report to read how we did!

Early Release Days Next Week

On Wednesday, January 25, and Thursday, January 26, Ramsey Middle School will be closing at 1 pm. Buses will come and pick up at that time. There will be no after school activities.

These early closings are to enable essential professional development for staff to improve the work that we do with students each day, as well as time for us to work together on our programming for the future.

These changes are during Intersession week, so students will not be missing regular class, and we have created an adjusted schedule so students still have access to the variety of courses Intersession offers.

Only Ramsey Middle School that has the early closing on these days.

Help Wanted!

The Rhino Report is looking for:
- Writers (news, sports, creative)
- Critics (food, movies, music)
- Cartoonists/Artists
- Photographers

Sound like you? Join us! Sign up in the Community Ed. Office today!
**History Day is (Almost) Here!**

*BY: Mr. Nutter and Ms. Peterson*

7th grade History Day Showcase
Thursday, February 2, 6:00-8:00 pm

7th grade students will be showcasing their 2017 History Day projects. Throughout the past 3 months students have chosen topics, conducted research, and created projects based on the theme “Taking a Stand in History.” There will be more than 175 projects on display including documentaries, websites, exhibits, and performances.

**iPad Update**

*FROM: Principal Erin Rathke:*

It is important for me to share with you that we are making some much-needed adjustments to our 1:1 technology program at Ramsey. I am working closely with our tech council, staff and district IT department on the best, most sustainable model for Ramsey and our students. Technology is one of the founding cornerstones of Ramsey. I want to sustain our technology for student learning. We are finding that travelling back and forth with students is causing some more frequent damage to the iPads. At semester end we are moving to a 1:1 cart model for now. Students will have access to iPads on a daily basis at school. Students will hand in their iPads at semester end for reimagining and clean-up.

Our goal is to work towards a sustainable plan—we will be surveying students, staff and families, we will be taking guidance from the district IT department, we will work with Site Council and the technology council to inform and implement a more effective plan.

**Second Semester Schedules**

*FROM: Ms. Cottingham*

Second semester starts on Tuesday, January 31. Students are able to see their second semester schedule on the student portal. If students would like to request a change in an elective class, they need to fill out a schedule change request form. Schedule change request forms are available to pick up in the main office. All request forms are due by Thursday, January 26 - no exceptions. A parent signature is required for all schedule change requests. If a student wishes to drop a year-long elective course, a teacher signature is also required. Students and parents will be emailed with a decision about their schedule change request. Students will not be called down to the office to get a copy of their new schedule if their request is approved.

**Important Dates**

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Arabic Night!

**COME TO RMS ARABIC NIGHT**

**WHERE:** RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**WHO:** YOU!

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 5:00-7:00

**FASHION SHOW**

**Food**

WRITE YOUR NAME IN ARABIC

Random Notebook Drawings

BY: Zoe Huntington

What’s For Lunch?

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