

RAMSEY AROUND THE HORN

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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An Update from Principal Marietta

I am pleased to say that we finally made it through a full week of school! I feel that this means spring must be right around the corner.

Due to the school days in January that were cancelled because of the weather, we will now have school on February 14. This was previously scheduled as a Parent/Teacher conference day. Winter conferences are a time for teachers to meet with specific students and their parents. We will still accomplish this by having the teachers schedule individual conferences as needed. Unfortunately, we will not have the opportunity for a "drop in" time for parents. We do want to emphasize, however, that the teachers are available to connect with you any time you have a concern, question, or compliment.

The second make-up day for weather cancellations will be March 28, which was originally scheduled as a teacher record-keeping day. Let's hope there will be no further school days missed due to this unusually frigid weather!

The report cards for first semester will be sent home this week. We are still working towards the reformatting of the report cards to be reflective of standards-based grading practices. The grades you receive are an average of multiple learning targets within each subject. With standards-based grading, a "3" indicates meeting the standard. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher.

Join Us at the History Day Showcase

You are invited to celebrate the hard work that our 7th-grade students put into their projects at the first-ever Ramsey History Day Showcase on Friday, February 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the upper gym. Please [consider signing up here](#) to be a judge: It's easy and fun! Ms. Kragthorpe and Mr. Sommers thank you in advance for your help.

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Fri, Feb 14
SCHOOL IN SESSION

Mon, Feb 17
NO SCHOOL

Tue, Feb 18
**9:30 am Coffee and
Conversation with
Principal Marietta**

Tue, Feb 18
4:30- 6:00 pm
Site Council Meeting

Tue, Feb 18
6:30 pm PTA Meeting

Mon, Feb 24
Box Tops due

Fri, Feb 28
4-6 pm
**History Day Showcase
in the Upper Gym**

iPads Will Be Coming Home On Weekends

Starting on Friday, February 14, students will be able to take their iPads home over the weekends. Students will be able to complete projects and missing work, continue with ST math, and use their iPads for other school-related purposes over weekends from now on. There is a strong expectation that students are careful with the devices and bring them to school fully charged every day. Regular iPad checks will be conducted in Advisory each Wednesday.

Yearbook Club Needs Your Photos

We have a very eager group of 6th and 7th graders who have committed to helping create our 2013-2014 Ramsey yearbook. We meet every Tuesday morning before school in the media center. Students will be learning how to take quality pictures, write captions, and make creative layouts.

The Yearbook Club is searching for pictures of events that occurred earlier in the school year. Some of these events include: the first days of school, fall sports, after-school classes, artwork, assemblies, guest speakers, Penny Wars, concerts, Spirit Week, field trips, and intersession classes.

The Yearbook Club has set up an e-mail address to which teachers, staff, and Ramsey families can send pictures of school events for potential use in this year's book. If you have any photos of students or other school activities you'd be willing to share, [send an e-mail](#) with a high-resolution image to the Yearbook Club. If possible, please label the event, as well as any names of students that you may know.

This year's book will be sold for \$15, and donations will be gratefully accepted to ensure every student receives a yearbook. Pre-ordering of this year's book will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. We really appreciate your assistance in helping make the yearbook a great success. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to [contact the Yearbook Club](#).

PTA Update

Next PTA Meeting: February 18

Please join us on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Holly Kragthorpe will share details about the Social Studies department and

explain what History Day is all about.

If you can't make it to the evening meeting, please join us on the morning of the 18th at 9:30 for coffee and conversation with Principal Marietta.

Coffee Fundraiser is Underway

Perk up your mornings while helping to raise money for Ramsey. Bags of coffee are on sale in the main office for only \$5.

Box Tops Due by February 24

Please place your Box Tops in the collection bin on the PTA table by the main office.

Send Us Your Submissions

If you have any suggestions or contributions for the next issue of *Around the Horn*, please [send an e-mail to the editor](#) by March 7.