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Important Dates

- Thu, Feb 2:** 7th Grade History Day Showcase, 6 - 8 pm
- Tue, Feb 7:** Site Council Meeting, 5 pm, Ramsey Media Center
- Fri, Feb 10:** Ramsey Musical, *Annie Jr.*, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
- Sat, Feb 11:** Ramsey Musical, *Annie Jr.*, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
- Tue, Feb 14:** African-American Parent Involvement Day at Ramsey, 8 - 9 am
- Thu, Feb 16:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (by appointment only), 4:30 - 8 pm
- Fri, Feb 17:** NO SCHOOL; Parent-Teacher Drop-In Conferences, 8 am - 12 noon
- Mon, Feb 20:** NO SCHOOL; Presidents' Day Holiday
- Tue, Feb 21:** Media and Technology Parent Education Presentation, 6:30 - 8 pm
- Thu, Feb 23:** Arabic Night, 5 pm, Ramsey Cafeteria
- Tue, Feb 28:** Somali Tea at Morning Greeters, 8 - 8:30 am
- Tue, Feb 28:** Rename Ramsey Community Voices Event, 6 pm

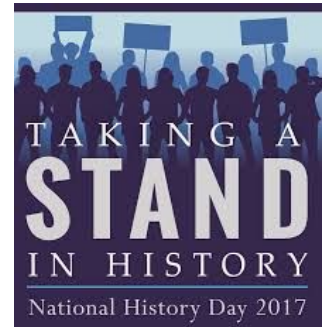
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History Day is Here!

7th grade History Day Showcase

Tomorrow, 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.



Note to 7th grade families: We are asking each student to present their project during the showcase. Students will be asked to register for ONE 10 minute presentation time. For the rest of the evening, students will have the opportunity to view their classmates' projects on display.

Rename Ramsey Update

Last Friday a group of 23 panelists (students, staff, parents, board members, historians and community members) met for six hours to narrow down the top 14 new name ideas (from hundreds of nominations!) to a final five. We will present these names to the RMS community for feedback at our February 28th event (details below), and to the students during Advisory next week.

Click the links below for descriptions for each of the final five name ideas for our Middle School:

[Bde Ota](#)

[Justice Alan Page](#)

[Martha Ripley](#)

[Prince Rogers Nelson](#)

[Dorothy Vaughan](#)

To provide feedback on these options, please join us on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed by a program at 6:30. All are invited: neighbors, alumni, students, families, historians & community leaders! The event will be held at Ramsey Middle School. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Come for a presentation by students outlining our top new name choices as submitted and chosen by the Ramsey Middle School community. Then, attendees will participate in small group-listening sessions to discuss their name preferences.

Please spread the word as well as RSVP to Paul Sommers (paul.sommers@mpls.k12.mn.us) or Miss Elissa (elissa.cedarleafdahl@mpls.k12.mn.us) for dinner/childcare.

For more information about our Rename Ramsey efforts, see our website: RenameRMS.weebly.com

Upcoming Events at Ramsey Greeter Mornings

Join Ramsey Morning Greeters for these upcoming events:

Tuesday, February 7

Ramsey student Annie Jr. pit orchestra will be playing live music. Get a preview of the school musical!

Tuesday, February 14

Leslie Mallery & Kate Niemisto will be playing with Ramsey students on piano (any interested students can play). This will be followed by Ramsey's African American Parent Involvement Celebration; [RSVP here](#).

Tuesday, February 28

Enjoy a hot cup of Shaah, traditional Somali tea (it is absolutely delicious!) with Ramsey's own Safia Qanyare.

Greeter sign up [is here](#).

Live Music sign up [is here](#).

All are welcome to welcome all.

Spirit Wear

Remember Rhinos, Spirit Wear supports your school. Every dollar spent on your purchase of Spirit Wear goes back to students in a variety of ways. Spirit Wear can be bought at all evening performances. We are also providing opportunities for you, our students and staff, to buy Spirit Wear on the second Friday of the month during student lunch in the cafeteria.



Correction from previous article: Spirit Wear will NOT be sold at morning arrival during greeting time at the Nicollet Avenue entrance. We apologize for any confusion this may have created.

GO RHINOS!

Phillips Eye Institute Vision Screening – Help Wanted

Phillips Eye Institute is coming to screen students on February 9 from 11:30-3:30. We are in need of at least TWO parent volunteers for this. If you are able to help, please contact [Anne Leo](#), school nurse.

Future City Teams Win Awards

Ramsey's Future City teams won three awards at this year's competition.

- **Most Innovative City Setting:** Bonumorbis (for you sci-fi folks, their city was located on the outside of a Dyson Sphere)
- **Best Infrastructure System:** Shadows of Wisdom (we won this one last year, too!)
- **Readiness for Natural and Manmade Disasters:** Hollowed Place (they actually applied what we talked about in Science class, and won an award for it)

Of all the schools at this year's state competition, no team scored more trophies than us. That includes the Top 5 team schools as well as the school/team that won. While last year we had one team bring home three trophies, this year each RMS team showed the suburbs what's up.

That's how we roll.

African-American Family Involvement Celebrations

From Principal Erin Rathke:

I want to personally welcome our African American families to school, on **Tuesday, February 14 at 8:00 am**. Our desire at Ramsey is to celebrate the diversity of our building by providing opportunities for our families to be involved. At 8:00 am we will meet by the Auditorium for a brief gathering with the principal and other parents, before greeting students at the door with music. At 8:30 there will be an opportunity to have breakfast, coffee and conversations with the principal. Please let us know you are coming by [signing up here](#).

Minneapolis Public Schools is also hosting a district-wide family event in recognition of African-American Family Involvement Day.

When: **Monday, February 13, 6-8 pm**

Where: Roller Garden, 5622 W. Lake St., St. Louis Park

This is a free event open to all MPS families.

Update on Winter Conferences

Winter Conferences are Friday, February 17 from 8 am to noon. Thursday, February 16 conferences are reserved and scheduled in advance by the teams. This is NOT a drop-in day; teams are determining students/families they feel have the highest need (behavior and academic concerns) and will meet with those families at that time. If you are not scheduled Thursday evening, please either arrange an alternate time with your child's teachers, or come to the Friday drop-ins!

Friday, February 17, all families are invited to our drop-in conferences from 8 am to 12 noon. Drop-in means that you do not need to schedule in advance: you come by anytime between 8 and noon to meet with your child's teachers. If you are not available for Friday drop-ins, contact your child's teachers and they will arrange a time to meet with you!

For Friday, grade-level teams will be organized together, with electives in the media center. This is where they will be located:

8th Grade

Constant/Jacques/Schultz/Knee: Room 305

Koupal/Miller/Wender/Janicek: Room 304

7th Grade

Burnett/Holland/Peterson/Kroger: Room 132

Olsen/Fowler/Nutter/Novak: Room 129

6th Grade

Bauck/Halbach/Gawronski/Krasean/Lescenski: Room 115

Noriega/Sommers/Marr/Halverson: Room 114

Electives

Elective class teachers will be in the media center (2nd floor)

Thank you for your flexibility and will look forward to meeting with you!

Feed the Teachers

Help feed our hardworking and devoted teachers on Thursday, February 16, when they put in a long day for conferences. Items can be dropped off at Ramsey Wednesday (2/15) or Thursday (2/16). [Sign up here](#) to help feed our teachers!

Arabic Night

Arabic Night will be held at Ramsey Middle School on February 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Lyndale, Ramsey and Washburn students and parents/guardians are all invited for a fun night. The event will take place in the cafeteria at Ramsey. Those attending will enjoy Mediterranean food, Arabic music and dance, and will learn about the Arabic language how to write one's name and greet others in Arabic. Come and have fun! [Click here for an event flyer](#).

Box Tops

Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them to school! Each one is worth 10¢ and our school can use the cash for whatever it needs to help our students learn and grow. Last fall, we earned \$207—let's top that this winter!

Turn in your Box Tops before February 27 so they can be included in our school's April check. The drop box is located on the first floor near the school office, between rooms 101 and 103.

PTA Hosts Two Can't-Miss Parent-Education Opportunities

Join us on Tuesday, February 21, 6:30-8 pm, for **Media and Technology: How To Help Our Kids Navigate the Tech-Saturated World They're Growing Up In**

This presentation by MPS parent educator Christy Kujawa will help parents sort through everyday challenges, like finding a balance between screen time and other activities, setting limits, knowing what apps their kids are using, and how parents can be involved in their child's journey through technology in a respectful way.

Christy Kujawa has a master's degree in Family and Parent Education from the University of Minnesota and founded Nurture With Neuroscience, which conducts workshops for parents on early-childhood brain development.

Please indicate your interest so we can be sure to have enough seats available. [Sign up for Media & Technology here](#).

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.](#)

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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