Welcome to the Rhino Report!

Hello, and welcome to your new student-led newspaper, the Rhino Report! We are very excited to bring you student voices on issues, topics, and concerns of student here at Ramsey Middle School and within our Ramsey community. We hope you enjoy reading each issue as much as we enjoy putting it together. We would also love to hear from YOU about reactions to our stories, stories you would like to see us cover, or if you would like to submit something for publication (a great photo you took, a piece of artwork, an event, a poem you wrote, etc.), send it to travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us. Thank you for reading!

Rhino Pride at Q-Quest!

BY: Leo Mueller

As you may know, we have a GSA (gay-straight alliance) at Justice Page called Rhino Pride. It is a group for talking about issues in Page’s LGBT+ community, if you don’t know what it is. I recommend checking it out. Anyway, 14 students from Rhino Pride (including myself) were chosen to go to an event called Q-Quest. Q-Quest is essentially a metro-wide annual event for LGBT+ youth, as well as representing your school. You can also participate in discussions about LGBT+ issues, or activities like an art walk. I am glad to have participated there, and also am glad to have represented our school’s wonderful Rhino Pride.

FIRE DRILLS!

BY: Chloe Bitney

On Monday, 10-8-17, I was just sitting around in the library computer lab looking at click bait, when suddenly the fire alarm went off. At first I was scared and picked up my binder, but then I realized that this was probably just like the false alarm last year. Last year at the last two minutes of class (of the day!), the fire alarm went off, and everyone safely exited the building. A bunch of people were anxious to go home, but also wanted to see the school burn down. It turns out it was just smoke in the elevator shaft. I wish I knew that before I waited 45 minutes to get my phone in my locker. After a really long time, I decided to just walk home and go to my locker the next day.

Back on to the recent topic, I put down my binder and slowly walked down the stairs. I walked outside, and people were very mellow. I just waited around and talked while the fire trucks drove by. I was surprised to see that the firefighters were dancing in the truck. They probably thought it was another false alarm just like I did. After a while the bell rang, I went to my class, and everything went back to normal. There was some talk around school that there was an “electrical smell” in the cafeteria.

The No Phones in School Rule Enforced

BY: Norah Popehn

At JPMS, the “no phones in classes rule” was enforced on Wednesday October 10 because many students have been continually bringing their phones into classes, and it has distracted their growth in school as well as other students. If they refuse to hand over their cell, parents will have to come and pick it up from school. So parents, tell your kid that unless you want to be picking up your kids phone at JPMS!

The We Scare Hunger Food Drive

BY: Olive Strike

Starting on Monday, October 2, The We Scare Hunger Drive begins. In advisory, teachers will collect non-perishable food items ( Crackers, Trail-mixes, etc.) and personal care items ( toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, etc.) for the drive. Every item collected will be split and donated to the JPS Food Pantry and the Sabathani Community Center. So make sure to bring supplies! (Ending October 31st)
Mass Shooting in Las Vegas

BY: Zachary Taschler

A few weekends ago, many brave souls’ lives were lost in a mass shooting in a Las Vegas Jason Aldean concert. The shooter, a man named Stephen Craig Paddock, 64, of Mesquite, Nevada got a hotel room on the 32nd floor of a hotel, overlooking the place where the concert would take place. That night he shot into a crowd of 22,000 injuring over 500 people and taking the lives of at least 59. He had two connecting rooms, each with their own adjoining window, and ran between the two, though whether to get a better vantage point or avoid return fire is unclear.

“People kept dropping and dropping... people were getting shot a foot away from us, people were trying to save their friends”, stated witness Meghan Kearney. “there were gunshots everywhere, helping them would've meant we got shot too...”

Police got to Stephen’s hotel, and found him dead. He presumably shot himself. After later inspection of the room, police found 23 firearms and two hidden cameras. One on the balcony, and the other in a service cart outside his room his motives were unclear, but police are cracking down, trying to figure it out.

LA Chefs Raise Money for Victims of Recent Hurricanes

RESEARCHED BY: Norah Popehn

“Some of the most lauded chefs in Los Angeles are coming together to host an event called L.A. Chefs Unite on the front lawn of Hotel Bel-Air on Wednesday to benefit the Global Giving Fund. The fund provides relief for those affected by the earthquake in Mexico and from hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria.

In my opinion this was a wonderful thing to do because those people were giving up their time just to give comfort to people in need. So in conclusion when people are going through hard times, lend a helping hand.


Asteroid Attack

BY: Olive Strike

An asteroid gave Earth a close call on October 2. Being about the size of a bus, the asteroid was well inside the orbit of the moon, which is about 239,000 miles (284,600 kilometers) away. About the size of a 26-foot-wide (8 meters) space rock, this asteroid went within 54,100 miles (87,065 kilometers) of Earth at 6:20 a.m.
Land Pollution

BY: Kayana Smith

What is Pollution?

Pollution happens when the environment is contaminated with garbage and waste. A lot of people litter, and that makes pollution. Factories are also a part of pollution because all of the smoke that comes out the top of the factories makes pollution. Pollution is what is making the earth unhealthy. All of the waste and chemicals that we are putting on the earth is not just disappearing. It is soaking into the Earth and making it unhealthy.

Why Is It Important?

Why is pollution important? Because if we keep messing up the Earth we won’t have any clean water to drink. We can’t make more water. We only have what’s here on earth so if all of it’s dirty, we won’t have any to drink. We can’t make more air. We only have what the Earth gives us. After it’s gone there’s no more. All the air would be dirty. This is the only Earth we have. We have to take care of it or we won’t have anywhere to live that’s sanitary. The earth will be destroyed.

What Can Be Done?

It won’t take a lot to stop land pollution. We can’t fix what’s already done, but we don’t have to make it worse. We have to stop littering. We have to stop using chemicals because if we keep doing what we are doing now we will never be able to fix the Earth.

If you see someone littering tell them what they are doing to the Earth, and tell them to stop. If you see your family member littering, tell them to stop. You can also pick up trash on the streets and lakes and ponds so you can help out.

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What Artificial Lights Are Doing

BY: Angela Collazo Tamayo

Lights: we all use them, right? Well, we’re actually ruining our sleep and ruining animal environments and their habits. We don’t get enough sleep if we don’t turn off the lights to go to sleep. It makes our eyes feel like it’s day time. But it doesn’t just affect us. Like i said, it could affect animals and their habits, too. For instance, predators use the artificial lights to look for prey. It makes prey wide open to predators.

Another example is the picture below.

Light parties like this can cause major problem to the ecosystem. Little hatchlings (turtles) can get drawn away from their destination (the ocean). It could get the attention of hatchlings trying to get to their destination, but because of lights they die because they didn’t get to their destination (the ocean). Nocturnal animals get confused because now their night time is technically day time because of all the lights everywhere. Not only that, artificial lights can also cause migrating birds to migrate too early or too late and they could miss their nesting, too. And get this: fireflies talk with light, right? Well they need need dark to talk with other special lights from their belly. Many, many insects get drawn to light predators take advantage of the opportunity to eat. This is affecting food webs in an unanticipated way.

YouTube

BY: Devin Wooldridge

YouTube. That wonderful place where you can watch videos strangers have posted for free. But, there have been problems on the site. PewDiePie, the biggest YouTuber in the world with over 55,000,000 subscribers, had over 7,000,000 less views in one day than his average views per video on 10/4/17. And on 9/29/17, he got more than 62,000,000 less views than his average. That’s more views than his subscribers that he lost. (That’s not normal.) And all because of YouTube’s messed up algorithms. Also, on my YouTube channel, (BaconEggKing) it’s said before that I have 1 less subscriber than I did before. And I checked the names of all my subscribers, and none of them were gone. That’s probably just lag though.

Even though there are these problems, though, I still love YouTube and watch it every day. I still post as much as possible, (BaconEggKing if you forgot.) and enjoy it very much.

Minecraft

BY: Yovani Delgado

Minecraft is a good game because you start with a world, and you start building houses, and you fight to get food and water and have a dog or a cat. You keep building, and people will come and live there. You will be happy and they can be happy, too. Keep building and you can be loved and have kids and have a happy life.
A Short Poem About Politics

BY: Bert Hudson
Do not talk about politics in public unless you want to start a war
If you do metaphorical speech bombs will soar
Do not do this any more
Unless you want to start a war

Please just talk about something else
Perhaps industrial conveyor belts
Perhaps about how metal melts
Please talk about something different or else

If you are polite and talk decently
Do not talk about the politics recently
Do not mention whether or not you believe people should be able to smoke leagaly
So please please please speak decently

But still try to solve problems
Like how to stay warm in autumn
Or perhaps something you find awesome
So keep trying to solve problems

Soccer

BY: Nawal Hassan
Soccer is something I love to do. I started playing soccer when I was 6. Before that I never really liked it. My brothers are the ones who inspired me to do it and after that I have been playing soccer. One of my brothers played for Justice Page Middle School when it was Ramsey Middle School, and they won. Soccer is part of my life now

MEMES!

BY: Ingrid Barahona Maravilla, Mary Jane Acevedo Saldana, and Bryan Caballero Rubio
Meme’s are known all across the world. They are known to be funny, sarcastic, rude, and can also be nonsense! Memes can start many trends, for example the Grumpy Cat meme. This meme became very popular/famous when more and more people mentioned it. It became so popular that people started making shirts, posters, videos, and stuffed animals started selling in store. But they also made movies which made Grumpy Cat even more grumpy. In other words, more popular. There are also different memes and not just Grumpy Cat. And remember if YOU, yes you, see a meme, just laugh at it!

TRIVIA

BY: Zachary Taschler
Hello my dear reader! Today (and every other time an edition comes out) I will provide a few nuggets of amazing(useless) information, for you to figure out, and in the next edition, I will provide more trivia, while also providing this week’s answers. Now, for the trivia!

1. History: what is napoleon's last name?
2. Math: what is the quadratic formula?
3. Science: what happens when potassium and water are mixed?
Woof!

BY: Chloe Bitney

Are you tired of boring old chapter books about grown ups and moody teenagers? Well, look no further. Coming soon to the Rhino Report, there is a new comic series about dogs! Based on true events, these pups go through drama, heartbreak, and battles for affection! The main characters switch off depending on which edition you are reading, but the dogs that are mostly talked about are Mika, Tula, Sadie, and at the very beginning, a dog named Lilly is featured.

Mika is a kind and helpful pup with fluffy fur all over her body. She is mostly a light brown but the tips of her tail, ears, and paws are black. Sadie is a black lab mix that has jet black with white paws. She has the special feature of a white chest and some might even say that it looks like a yeti was pasted on her. Tula is also a black lab, but unlike Sadie, Tula is ALL black and in the night she is a shadow lurking, with only her eyes reflecting off the Moon. Tula has great skills in the sport of fetch. She usually hangs around with Sadie and chats about some of the drama happening around the park. And now for the last pup, Lilly can be aggressive at times and that leads her to a bad place. She is a light brown with short fur all around her. She has perked ears and a short stubby tail.

What’s For Lunch?

8th Graders, remember that these are the requirements to attend the Valleyfair field trip!

- No more than 20 tardies for the year
- No more than 5 hall sweep catches for the year
- No more than 10 days unexcused absent for the year
- No more than 5 referrals for the year
- No more than 5 days in or out of school suspension for the year
- Cannot be suspended at the time of the event

Lo estudiantes que rompan alguna de las siguientes normas no podrán asistir al paseo de fin de año a “Valleyfair” o participar en el baile de Fin del Año de 8vo grado:

- No más de 20 llegadas tarde a clase durante el año
- No más de 5 veces en “hall sweep”
- No más de 10 días de ausencia sin excusa durante el año
- No más de 5 reportes de conducta durante el año
- No más de 5 días de suspensión dentro o fuera de la escuela durante el año
- El estudiante no debe estar suspendido en el momento del evento.

- Jabinta mid ka M ID ah waxaan hoos ku qoran ayaa kahor istaagaya ardaday Valleyfair iyo ciyaarta dabaaldaga ee fasalka 8daad dhamaadka sanad dugsiyeedka:
  - Lama ogala inka badan 20 daahis sannadkii
  - Lama ogala in ka badan 5 jeer in lagu qabto haalwayga sannadkii
  - Lama ogala maqnaasho 10 maalmood ka badan oo aan cudurdaar lahayn sannadkii
  - Lama ogala in ka badan 5 danbi oo lasoo gudbiyay sannadkii
  - Lama ogala in ka badan 5 maalmood oo qanaaxis ah iskuulka qudahiiisa ama banaankiisa sannadkii

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