

RAMSAY REVIEW

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Happy New Year!! Welcome 2025!

Parents-please to not drive towards the school until all three busses have departed. Thank You!

I would like to start with a huge thank you to everyone for a wonderful Christmas Program! Excellent job to all the students on their performances! Thank you, Mrs. Huerta, and Mrs. Bair, for directing the play. Thank you to Mr. Whelan for handling the sound system, and all the teachers and staff for their time and effort. I greatly appreciate it!



Feeding the Community

The Kindergarten class won the donut party for having the most food donated during the Student Council Food Drive. Second place went to 4th grade, and third place went to 6th. 805 items were collected by Ramsay School. Congratulations Kindergarten!! Excellent job to the students of Ramsay School!



December 12th was a busy day at Ramsay School! The first Hall of Fame Competition was held for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Students, first had to take a test in order to qualify, then lots of studying to prepare for the competition. Thank you to Brady Baxter, Ashlyn Burnett and Sara Taylor for donating their time to helping work with the students.

The competitors were:

4th grade: Lila Bell, Ruby Carey, Jack Gundersen, Kaison Mattison, and Otto Okrusch

5th grade: Isabell Cranney, Kaelyn Comfort, Ryder Knoedler, Quinn Schelin, Morgan Taylor, and Isla Thomson.

6th grade: Charlee Bogert, Sienna Burnett, Hazel Butori, Kinsley Coyne, Lucas Coyne, Bently Detonancour, Breece Garrett, Brody Hernandez, Bria Lyden, and Harper Rees.

The top six students will go to Butte for the county competition in May. The winners are:

1st: Isabella Cranney

2nd: Hazel Butori

3rd: Sienna Burnett

4th: Kinsley Coyne

5th: Isla Thomson

6th: Breece Garrett

CONGRATULATIONS !!

While the competition was going on in the gym, the state was inspecting our breakfast and lunch program, and the processing of funds for the food program. We passed with flying colors and received the highest score that has been given out to any school in the state this year.

Thank you, Whitney Blacklock-head cook, Meagan Coombs-assistant cook, and Cassie Biggers-business manager, for all your hard work. We are lucky to have you!



Skiing/Snowboarding will start on January 16th! Please look over the attached calendar for the dates your child will ski. Thank you to Solvay, Ramsay P.I.E., Biggers Transport, Corp., and Silver Bow Truck Center for helping with the cost of the program. We greatly appreciate it!

The calendar notes the days that money for skiing is due by. ***Please write a separate check for skiing and do not include with lunch money. They are two different accounts, and we do not always have the cash on hand to rearrange the money.*** Parents will only pay for one of the three trips, and the cost for that trip is \$24. 1st and 2nd grade students will not be allowed to buy lunch at Discovery, unless a parent is with them to purchase it and eat with them. If a parent wants to order a sack lunch from the school, please let the teacher know the day before skiing. Their school account will be charged for the sack lunch.

All students are encouraged to participate in our ski program. Lessons are given to all our students at their level of ability, so if your child has never skied/snowboarded before, they will be given appropriate instruction. If your child is not participating, they are to stay home and will be marked excused. All students' physical education grade will reflect their participation/non-participation.

Busses leave Ramsay School at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:25 p.m. Students participating in

skiing must come to school and ride the bus with their class to Discovery. ***If you are meeting your child/children at Discovery or they are staying with someone else, a note must be sent to the school; preferably the day before they go!***

The chaperones this year are: Mr. Kellogg, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grant, Ms. Hanley, Mrs. Huerta, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Skinner, Mrs. Schelin, Mr. Blubaugh, Mrs. Hansen, and Mr. Dave Wagner.

Cross Country skiing offered by Homestake Lodge for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will take place in February and March. There is a one-time charge but we have not heard what it will be this year. We will keep you posted regarding this charge.

Our second quarter ends January 23rd. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, January 29th. There are no parent-teacher conferences for the rest of the year, but if you have concerns, feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Reminder: Students, please remove hats and hoods when entering and while inside the building. Also, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are to have clear water bottles.

Parents, please remember when posting pictures, it is to be of only your child, as there are parents who do not want their child's picture posted. Thank you!

5th and 6th grade girls basketball forms went home yesterday and must be turned into Mrs. Butori by January 15th.



Basketball games for the 5th/6th grade boys' (6th) team are noted on the calendar.

Information regarding our Science Fair, happening in February, will be sent home with students in the grades that will participate.

THANK YOU'S:

Thank you, to the Avon Grange for providing dictionaries to the 3rd grade class again this year!

Thank you, to Tayler Conway for taking the school pictures! All pictures are completed and if you have not received yours, please call the school.

Thank you, to Ueland Ranch for providing hayrides to Ramsay School student on a chilly day in December. The hot chocolate donated by Partner's In Education helped warm students up afterwards!

This month's school board meeting is January 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Ramsay School has joined Facebook! Please follow the Ramsay School Page. Find us at: Ramsay School District #3.

Hoping everyone had an enjoyable break and is ready to get to work in 2025!

Mr. Chris Kellogg, Principal

R: Respect self, others, and environment

A: Act Responsible

M: Make safe choices

S: Speak kindly





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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Ramsay School is preparing for the *Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) assessment* through the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Students in Grades 3-8 will take Math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments in 4 administration windows as indicated in below chart:

Administration	Start Date	End Date	ELA	Math*
Admin 1	October 14, 2024	November 22, 2024	2 Testlets	3-5 Testlets
Admin 2	January 13, 2025	February 21, 2025	2 Testlets 1 Performance Task	3-5 Testlets
Admin 3	March 24, 2025	May 2, 2025	2 Testlets	3-5 Testlets
Admin 4	May 5, 2025	May 23, 2025	1 Testlet	

**The actual number of testlets your child(ren) takes each testing window will be contingent on your district's local curriculum sequence.*

What is the purpose of the MAST assessment?

The Montana OPI in partnership with New Meridian has developed an improved assessment system that will accurately reflect the needs of our students, teachers, and administrators while providing useful flexibility in terms of test administration. The MAST Assessment implements "through year" assessments across the state that satisfy federal testing requirements and better aligns assessment with instruction.

The ultimate goal with the "through year" model is to support the formative instructional process that is closer to the local decisions required to support teaching and learning needs. Rather than a single end-of-year assessment, the MAST assessment is broken up into smaller testlets over the course of the academic year. The "Through-Year Assessment" design benefits students, teachers, parents, and administrators by more closely aligning assessment with instruction while providing actionable data throughout the school year.

It is important to remember that statewide assessments provide only one measure of student learning, but when combined with grades, classroom activities, unit quizzes and tests, and district-level assessments, statewide assessments can complete the picture of a child's abilities and help him/her down a path toward academic success in reaching Montana's Content Standards.

Details about the 2024-2025 administration:

- **Participants:** 3-8 Grades Math and ELA
- **Administrations:** 4 administration windows throughout the year
- **Total Estimated Testing Time:** 15-30 minutes per testlet

- **Technology:** Computer-based test delivery via secure site
- **Reports:** Student reports will be available for teachers and districts after administration. Individual student reports will provide results from each testlet and will be made available to parents/guardians upon request.

Here are some things to note about the MAST test:

- Your child's privacy will be protected. State and federal laws, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), ensure these data remain confidential.
- Students with Individual Educational Plans (IEPs), Section 504 plans, or English Learner plans will be assessed based on individual student needs, consistent with all state and federal laws and regulations.

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Encourage your child to do their very best on everything they do in school, including the MAST assessment.
- Make sure he or she gets plenty of sleep the night before each test and has a healthy breakfast.
- Support your child by explaining the purpose of the tests and helping with homework and test reviews.

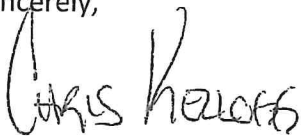
Learn More:

To learn more about this initiative follow this [link](#) to the Montana OPI MAST webpage. New Meridian is a non-profit organization that creates high-quality, innovative assessment solutions that focus on the skills that matter most for success in school and in life. You can learn more about New Meridian [here](#). Parent MAST resources can be found on the [MAST Portal](#) under *Resources for Parents*.

We appreciate your partnership in helping Ramsay School fulfill the state and federal requirements for statewide assessments and supporting your child to do his/her best.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about MAST. Questions can be directed to Mr. Kellogg at 406-782-5470.

Sincerely,



Chris Kellogg
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