

MISSION

Educate, Engage, and Empower each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

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Ramey School envisions productive citizens through quality education.

GOAL 1: READING

By June 2013, all students will increase the percentage of scoring at or above the standard by 5% in reading comprehension, the ability to construct meaning from text, across the curriculum as measured by selected system-wide and selected local assessments.

GOAL 2: MATH

By June 2013, all students will increase the percentage of scoring at or above the standard by 5% in problem solving performance, the ability to understand the problem, apply appropriate problem solving strategies, and interpret and communicate the results, across the curriculum as measured by selected system-wide and local assessments.

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Mr. Kirk and Thomas Blanks, 4th grade student during the Winter Solstice Celebration



**EARLY RELEASE
DAY
February 14,
2013**



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Dear Parents,

During the week of February 25- March 1, 2013, Terra Nova testing battery will be administered to students in grades 3 through 11 grades. The content of the test is designed to measure concepts, processes, and objectives taught throughout the nation. Testing begins on Monday, February 25 and will end March 1 during the mornings. Please ensure that your child is in school. Please schedule appointments after lunch if not, after school.

The complete battery provides measurement of student achievement in Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Our English language learner 1 and 2 will take an alternate assessment; the Plus component adds to Math Computation and the IPT.

You are probably wondering how you can help your child prepare for the upcoming tests. These are ways to help prepare your child:

- Be sure your child comes to school each day well rested and on time.
- Reinforce the idea that testing is just another part of their school experience and reduce any anxiety they may have.
- Share with him/her that the purpose of the test is to find out which skills have been mastered and which skills need further development.
- There is no material to study. The only materials needed are two sharpened # 2 pencils with good erasers and a good book to read for the in between times.

My hope is that this assessment experience will enable teachers to use the test results to meet the ever-evolving needs of our students. The aggregate results will help the administration make good curricular and instructional choices. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely

D. Cuadrado
Principal



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Ramey School Needs Your Support

Each quarter Ramey School analyzes student attendance and tardiness. Research consistently shows a strong relationship between student attendance and academic performance, confirming what we already know about student learning. What is surprising is the poor attendance rate among Ramey students. During the 1st semester 3,478 instructional days were lost due to “excused” and “unexcused” absences. Poor absenteeism is not something affecting a few students. In fact, 158 students met the definition of being “chronically absent” – missing at least 10% of the school year. This translates to 1 out of every 3 students at Ramey! Chronic absenteeism is associated with lower academic achievement as well as gaps in achievement. Attendance rates at Ramey School must improve and doing so will require your cooperation.

Upon my arrival to Ramey School I addressed parents about my simple philosophy regarding education and student performance – “Excellence is our only option.” Being excellent means putting forth effort and being well disciplined, in our thoughts and actions. Excellence happens when people work together for a common purpose. We cannot provide your child an excellent education if they are not at school. Your help is required.

Your child’s attendance will be carefully monitored throughout the remainder of the year. The school will be in contact with sponsors and parents whose children remain or become chronically absent from Ramey. Appropriate actions will be taken and may result in the following consequences:

- Sponsor/Parent meeting with the school
- Student referral to the student study team (SST)
- Loss of class or course credit for the semester
- When appropriate, a request to the base commander for assistance

Once again, please help us provide your child with an excellent education by making sure they are attending school. Thank you in advance for your assistance concerning this important issue. Any questions or concerns about the school attendance policy can be directed to my office.

Ken Kirk, SSP, MSA
Ramey Assistant Principal

ALERT: Stray Textbooks Roaming on Campus

Every secondary student (6th-12th grade) is assigned a locker to store academic materials and personal belongings. The storage of these materials keeps them safe and ensures our campus stays organized and clutter free. Lately, students have been placing textbooks, personal items, and trash on top of the lockers. Often times these items are left outside overnight exposed to the weather. This causes damage to expensive textbooks that are purchased with the intent of lasting five to ten years.

Beginning 2nd semester Ramey School will be addressing this issue. Secondary students will be required at all times to store textbooks and personal items in assigned lockers. Any items left outside during the day or night will be confiscated. Textbooks found outside will be stored in the main office, whereas personal items will be sent to lost-and-found located in the cafeteria. Students will be assigned a lunch detention for school materials left on or near a locker. Sponsors may be financially responsible for textbooks or school materials sustaining significant damage. Please speak with your son or daughter about the importance of taking care of personal possessions and keeping our campus clean. Thank you for your cooperation!

Ken Kirk, SSP, MSA
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July 23, 2012

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Dear Administrator:

Congratulations! Ramey Unit School has been awarded continuing accreditation with a status of Accredited with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). Your accreditation is a mark of quality that signifies your commitment to educational excellence. You can take pride in your accreditation and so can your community.

As an accredited school, you are part of the AdvancED network of 30,000 schools and systems in over 70 countries that are committed to continuous quality improvement through accreditation. Through our state and national offices, AdvancED, the parent organization of NCA CASI, offers a wide range of services to its schools and school systems including workshops, conferences, web-based resources, publications, surveys, and technical assistance. We welcome you to the network and look forward to working with you to advance education quality worldwide.

An accreditation certificate that indicates the term of your NCA CASI accreditation is enclosed. Throughout this term of accreditation, Ramey Unit School must continue to engage in the tasks required of all schools to maintain accredited status as outlined in *AdvancED Accreditation Policies and Procedures for Accreditation* available on our website at www.advanc-ed.org/policies-procedures.

Finally, promoting your accreditation is one of the easiest things that you can do to raise awareness of the importance of quality education in your community. To help you celebrate your accreditation, we are providing you with a press release that you may share with your local media. You can access the press release by visiting www.advanc-ed.org/communicationskit. In the kit, you'll find other press releases, brochures, accreditation seals, and promotional items to display your pride in your school's accreditation.

Congratulations again. If you have questions regarding the enclosed certificate, e-mail us at accreditation-certificates@advanc-ed.org. Our AdvancED Accreditation Office is available to answer any questions you might have as well and can be reached at 888.41 EDNOW. We look forward to serving you now and in years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D.
President/CEO AdvancED



Early Release Day

February 14, 2013



There has been a change in the Early Release Date for the month of February.

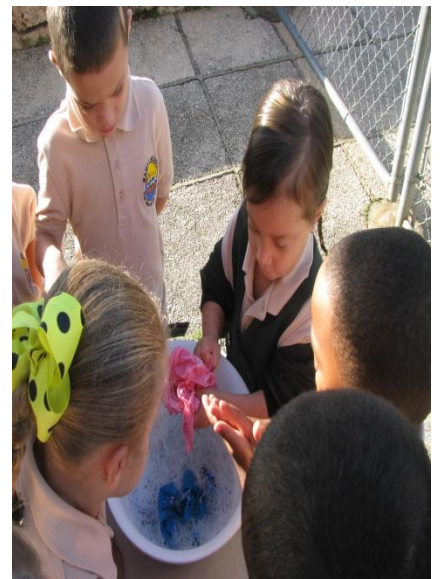
The Early release day will be February 14th instead of February 27th. Please mark your calendars and remember to pick up the students at an earlier time. Bus will leave school grounds at 11:30

PREKINDER INVESTIGATION: Clothes Study

PreK students have been involved in “Clothes Study” unit. The children have been investigating types of clothes, such as play, favorite outfits, and work/professional clothes; how clothes are labeled; clothes laundering; buttons, loops, and zipper closures; how clothes are constructed; shoe sizes, which were displayed in a bar graph to show range within the students. The unit is a springboard for curiosity and investigation; performance skills record the children’s development in many areas: one to one correspondence, counting, comparing (less/more), speaking and expressing of self, fine motor to name a few.



Ms. Ginn
and
students'
investigation
In Action!



**Ramey School Western Forensic League Fall Competition
Held at Colegio San Carlos, December 8, 2012
Sara Justiniano won second place medal in Poetry
Jeremy Muniz won 6th Place in Oratory
Sponsor: Ms. J. Portela**



RAMEY SCHOOL'S MAGNUM ORPHANAGE EVENT





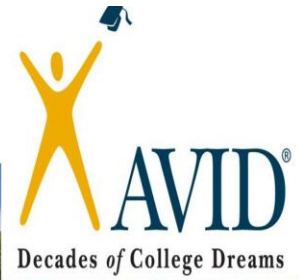
Ramey School Beach Clean-up 12/15/12

Ramey students (NJHS, NHS and Green Team), parents, and teachers in partnership with Rescate Playas Isabela cleaned Jobs Beach on Saturday, December 15th, 2012. In total they completed forty-two community service hours and removed three hundred and ninety four cigarette butts! Thank you volunteers!

Los estudiantes, padres, y maestros de la escuela Ramey (NJHS, NHS, y Green Team) en union con Rescate Playas Isabela limpiaron la playa de Jobs el sabado 15 de diciembre 2012. En total completaron cuarenta y dos horas de servicio comunitario. Ellos removieron tres ciento noventa y cuatro colillas de cigarillo y muchos plastico. Gracias voluntarios!



AVID @ The Nutcracker



The AVID class at Ramey school shared a unique cultural experience on December 6th, 2012 along with students from Antillies Middle School and Antillies High School. Students prepared well by writing their own question (based on Costa's levels of questioning) and conducting research. Research was presented to classmates and peer reviewed resulting in a well prepared group. By engaging in higher order thinking and sharing their research, the group was able to understand and appreciate the complex art form they viewed at the Centro de Bellas Artes in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

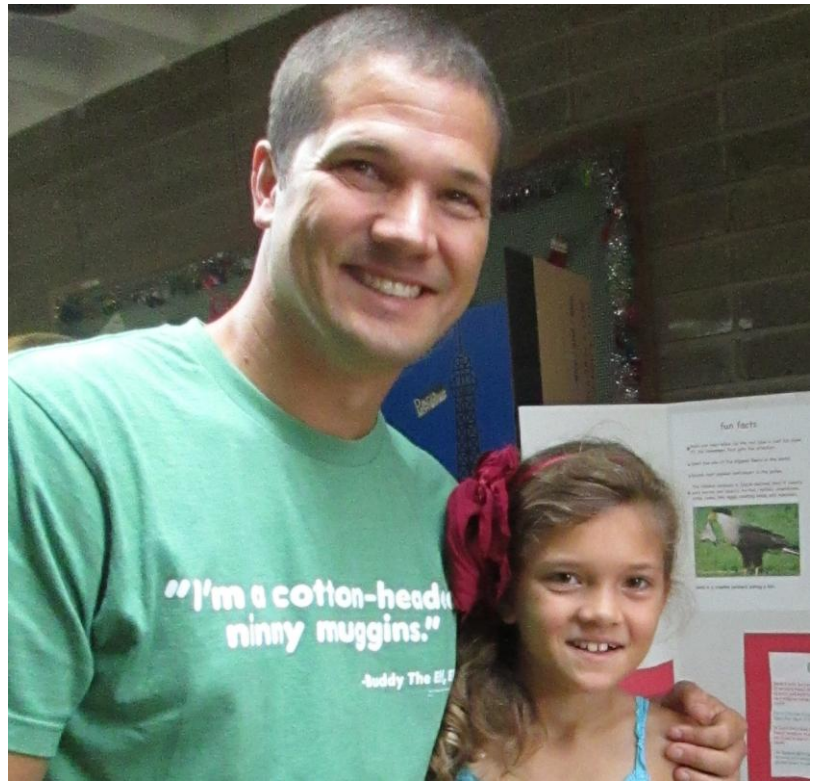


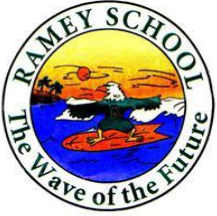


Girls Basketball Team 2012-2013
Coach, Mary Otero

The Mayan Calendar stopped counting on the 21st of December 2012, but 4th grade reckons that is just when the days begin getting longer and a New Year is born.
Sponsor: Mr. R. Wachholz







CONGRATULATIONS



Aldair Barriga (1st)

Alexander Hamilton (2nd)

Derek Serrano (3rd)

Participants: Alejandro Figueroa, Arianna Velazquez, Christian Ayala, Jacob Smith, Nicolas Velazquez, Paulo Martinez, and Ryan Roettger



The National Geographic Bee, is a nationwide geography competition for U.S. schools with grades four through eight, designed to encourage the teaching and study of geography.

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**Dr. Donato Cuadrado
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3	4	5	6	7	8 PARENT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING 3:00PM	9 SATURDAY DETENTION
10	11	12	13	14 EARLY RELEASE DAY	15	16 SATURDAY DETENTION
17	18 HOLIDAY No School	19	20	21	22	23 COLLEGE BOARD
24	25 SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS	26	27	28		