



SAM RAPPELLO DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

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Pirate News

Rampello's Holiday Shop

The dates are set for one of the student's favorite events of the holiday season, "The Holiday Shop".

From December 7th thru December 11th, your child will have the opportunity to shop for friends and family.

The shop will be open from 7:15am-1:15pm each day at Rampello. There will be a wide assortment of items that range in price from \$1 to \$5.

Please contact Alice Dominguez at alice.dominguez@yahoo.com, if you are interested in volunteering at the Holiday Shop.



Student Artists of the Month



Payton B., a middle school art student, designed this piece of artwork using various forms of medium. The art department will be showcasing student artwork and upcoming events on the school's website. Please visit the website to see if your child's artwork is show showcased.



Captain's Log

We'd like to thank all those who participated in our recent Great American Teach-In during the month of November. Your willingness to share information about your job and talent was greatly appreciated.

The students at Rampello learned a lot about various jobs throughout the community and have gather knowledge of how their academics can help them to pursue their dreams.

Thank you once again for participating in this event. We look forward to having you join us again next year.



Sports News

Please join us in supporting our Rampello students at the following events.

Track Meet @ Robinson	Dec. 10
Track Meet @ Jefferson	Dec. 16



Crow's Nest

Upcoming Events

Conference Night	Dec. 10
8 th Grade Bowling Trip	Dec. 11
Early Release Date	Dec. 16
5 th Grade Museum Trip	Dec. 16
Student Council Meeting	Dec. 16
December Dance & Music Recital	Dec. 16
NJHS @ Metropolitan Ministries	Dec. 17
December Dazzle	Dec. 17
Winter Break	Dec. 21-Jan. 1



The holiday season is fast approaching and Hillsborough County has over 2,500 children who need your help to make them feel special. Sam Rampello Downtown Partnership School's student council is supporting a

toy drive benefiting children who are represented by the Guardian ad Litem Program.

We will be collecting **new** toys for all age groups and the following items:

- Batteries
- Gifts for teens
- Gift cards for Target and Wal-Mart, etc.
- Wrapping paper
- Name tags

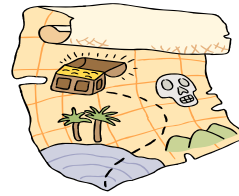
Donations should be turned until December 11th in to the front office UNWRAPPED please! This is a wonderful way to teach your children the power of giving back this holiday season!

For more information on Voices for Children or to become a GAL volunteer please visit www.vfcgal.org.



Pirate Quote

'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it, you will land amongst the stars.' ~Les Brown



Crew Member(s) of the Month

Nancy Doyle, Fifth Grade Science Teacher at Rampello, was recently honored by her peers to be Rampello's Teacher of the Year. Nancy considers this award as a high honor.

Nancy has been teaching for ten years, with five years in the gifted field. Nancy has always had the desire to be a teacher. Her most favorite subject is science, where she can share the wonderful world of science with her students. She shares her excitement of this curriculum with her students in a fun and inviting way.

Nancy is originally from New Jersey but moved two Tampa 23 years ago. She is the mother of two children of whom she is very proud.

Melissa Olson, Rampello's Middle School Reading Coach, has been selected as the Ida S. Baker Educator Award recipient for this school year.

She is the daughter of an educator and has continued this legacy by teaching for the past 10 years. Throughout her career, she has taught Reading and Language Arts and has guided our school as one of its reading coaches.

Melissa graduated from USF. She is also a classical pianist and teaches private piano on the side. She is married and loves to travel with her husband.

Melissa is honored to represent Rampello as the recipient of the Ida S. Baker Educator Award.

Sherry Branham-Keding, Secretary of Rampello's Student Affairs, was selected as this year's recipient for the school's Instructional Support Award. Sherry has been with Rampello since 2006 and works with administration in assisting with any student affairs issues.

Sherry was born in TN and moved to FL in 1986. She is married and has two children. She obtained her A.S. degree in 88' and her B.A. in 90'. Please congratulate Sherry on being selected as this year's recipient of this outstanding award.