



Harambee Life

Working together for a common purpose

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

June 21, 2017

Dear Harambee Families,

Harambee is a school community where all students are welcomed and respected. Research clearly shows that there is a connection between social and emotional well-being, school connectedness and improved academic achievement. Harambee is a beautifully diverse community - we bring together students of different races, cultures, neighborhoods, and families. We teach students that differences are interesting and noticing differences is natural. We learn not to make negative judgments on the basis of differences. When a student notices differences, our thoughtful responses can set in motion understanding of difference. At Harambee, we embrace these times as “teachable moments”.

The Philando Castile shooting, trial and verdict represent a “teachable moment” for our community. Harambee staff members are well-prepared to respond to questions and guide children with age-appropriate discussions as they arise. I am proud to be part of a school where we strive to increase our understanding and appreciation of all children and families. I am confident that the greater Harambee “family” will continue to value differences, seek understanding and embrace inclusivity.

Our school is a safe and welcoming place where children learn from and with each other. It is our responsibility to create a learning environment that affirms all children. We make sure that your children are seen and heard. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 651.379.2501.

In partnership,

Kathy Griebel, Harambee Principal



Looking Ahead

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June

19-23: Staff Appreciation Week

21: Listening Session with Principal Griebel, 5:30 PM

21: PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM

27: Trek the Trails, 9:45-11:30 AM for Grades 4-6

29: Variety Show, 6:00-8:00 PM

30: Variety Show Showcases, 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM

30: Early Dismissal, 12:15 PM



July

3-7: No School

13: Track and Field Day

20: PTO Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:00 PM

27: Sixth Grade Graduation, 10:15 AM

27: Last Day of School! Early Dismissal, 11:45 AM

This Week's News

Yearbooks Have Arrived!

The 2016-2017 yearbooks have arrived. Many thanks to Karla Lindsay, yearbook coordinator, for your work in putting together this treasured memento.

If you pre-paid for a yearbook, you should have received it already. If you did not pre-order a yearbook, it's not too late to get one! **There are a limited number of yearbooks available for purchase at \$15 each.** If you are looking for yearbooks from prior years, we have some available for the bargain price of \$5 each!

Harambee Lunch Accounts

Please check the balance of your child's lunch account. If your child has a negative balance, please make a payment. You can make a payment at Paypams or send payment to school. All negative

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balances must be paid up by the end of the school year. Any money left in an account at the end of the year will be available in September.

Reminder Free and Reduced meal applications must be filled out every year. A new application will need to be filled out in August to see if you qualify for benefits in the 2017-2018 school year.

Harambee Variety Show - June 27

Looking for a fun family night of great entertainment? Join us for our annual Variety Show on Thursday, June 27 from 6:00-8:00 PM. With everything from singing and dancing to magic and origami, it promises to be an unforgettable evening. And, there may be a surprise or two in store for you as well!

News in Review

Trek the Trails - June 27

Get out your walking shoes! Get ready for a fantastic summer event. Tuesday June 27th we will be hosting Trek the Trails from 9:30-11:30. Mark your calendar to join us for a 5K walk on the beautiful school grounds.

Students will be walking to raise money for outdoor environmental education experiences and to practice healthy life habits. There will be educational stations promoting environmental science and health.

Please watch for further information to be coming in newsletters and Wednesday folders. If you are available to help between 9:30 and 11:30 please contact sierra.robinson@isd623.org

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program Ends on June 29

The last day for this year's Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program is Thursday, June 29. Classrooms will still have a snack time in their schedule, but there will not be a fruit or vegetable snack provided.

Early Dismissal - June 30

Students will be dismissed from school at 12:15 PM on Friday, June 30. **Lunch will not be served.** Staff will have professional development in the afternoon.

Crosswinds Closes July 1

We are sad to report that Crosswinds Arts and Science School is closing on July 1. The last day for students is June 22. We are thinking of all our Crosswinds friends – past and present. They were our sister school and this is a loss for our community. What we created together will be remembered and loved.

No School - July 3-7

There is no school from July 3-7. School resumes on July 10.

Track and Field Day - July 13

This year's Track and Field Day for all students will be held on Thursday, July 13. Physical Education teacher, Mr. Stepan, sets up races and other fun activities for the students to do outside in the backyard. If it rains, we will have Track and Field Day on Friday, July 14. Mr. Stepan will be looking for volunteers to help at the different stations. Please contact him at timothy.stepan@isd623.org or 651-379-2567.

Snapshots from Harambee

Harambee Fourth Graders Sweep Art Contest!

Harambee fourth graders took top prizes in the "Journey to the Falls" art contest! This art contest was connected to the National Park Service riverboat field trip that our students recently attended. Congratulations to fourth graders Precious Moe (Grand Prize Winner), Rinoa Vang (Winner), Jack Stepan (Winner), and Sonia Zia (Winner)! We are so very proud of this accomplishment. Thank you to our fourth grade teachers, Geri Cook and Sara Schearer, for arranging this exciting opportunity.

Each of these students, and their teachers, are invited to an artist recognition event on June 29th (6:30-8:00) at Fort Snelling State Park. They will receive complimentary tickets to Mill City Museum in Minneapolis, and tickets to ride on the Minneapolis Queen. Their artwork will hang for one year at Fort Snelling State Park, and one year at Mill City Museum.



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