



# Harambee Life

*Working together for a common purpose*

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

## June 28, 2017

Dear Harambee Families,

School attendance matters! We are seeing a dramatic increase in absences this quarter. Please do your best to make sure your child is at school each day.

We are a year-round school and regular attendance is expected during all four quarters of the school year, including the summer months. There are two types of absences: excused and unexcused. All absences must be reported by calling the attendance line: 651.379.2595.

Excused absences:

- Illness of a student. A parent or guardian must verify the student's illness. If school personnel determine the illness absences are excessive, Minnesota law permits the school to require the family to provide medical verification or to see the school nurse.
- Religious observances required by the student's religion.
- Extreme family emergency (e.g. house fire, critical injury to parent/guardian, funeral of a close family member).
- Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours.

All other absences are considered unexcused. Family reunions, vacations, and camps are considered unexcused absences, **without principal approval in advance**. Families should schedule vacations during the intersession breaks. Under Minnesota law, school administration has the right to determine the validity of any request for an excused absence.

In partnership,

Kathy Griebel, Harambee Principal



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## Looking Ahead

### June

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

**30:** Variety Show Samplers, 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



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## This Week's News

Click the links below to access this week's flyers:

[July Lunch Menu](#)

[Roseville Fall Youth Soccer](#)

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### End of Day Dismissal Changes

If there is a change to your child's schedule at the end of the day, (i.e., picking up instead of taking the bus, etc.) please send a note or contact the front office before 1:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation!

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### Lost and Found

Children frequently misplace clothing or items brought to school. Please put your child's name on everything your child brings to school. A "LOST AND FOUND" collection is kept in the building. You are welcome to check the collection anytime. At the end of the quarter we will donate unclaimed items to a local charity.

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## News in Review

### Harambee Variety Show - June 29

Looking for a fun family night of great entertainment? Join us for our annual Variety Show on Thursday, June 29 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!

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### 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 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.

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### 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!

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### 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](mailto:timothy.stepan@isd623.org) or 651-379-2567.

# Snapshots from Harambee

## Pre-K Blasting Off to Kindergarten

On Thursday our Pre-K students are blasting off to kindergarten! We are so proud of our super students. Their super powers include: reading, writing, counting, making friends, asking questions, running fast and taking care of our school.



**Harambee Elementary School**  
**30 East County Road B, Maplewood, MN 55113**  
**Main Office: 651.379.2500**  
**Attendance: 651-379-2595**  
**School Hours: 9:35 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

If you need help with school paperwork or communicating with school staff please contact:

**Spanish:** Si necesita ayuda con los formularios escolares, o tiene alguna pregunta sobre la educación de su hijo(a) por favor llame a:

**Marlene Stillman – 651-604-3546** marlene.stillman@isd623.org      **Cecilia Martino – 651-235-3426** cecilia.martino@isd623.org  
**Brenda Vasquez – 651-233-9787** brenda.vasquez@isd623.org      **Carolyn Ellis – 651-999-9385** carolyn.ellis@isd623.org  
**Liz Gallegos – CP – 651-703-4753** elizabeth.gallegos@isd623.org

**Hmong:** Yog nej xav tau kev pab txog cov ntaub ntawv tuaj ntawm tsev kawm los xav txuas lus nrog cov neeg ua haujlwm thov hu:  
**Maidar Lee – 651-210-7821** maider.lee@isd623.org

**Karen:** နမူနာလိပ်တံဆိပ်များအားလုံးကိုအားပေးပေးပို့ပါ။ မှတ်တမ်းတင်စားကတိသကဲ့သို့အားပေးပေးပို့ပါ။  
**Mya Phyu – 651-307-4475** mya.phyu@isd623.org      **Hsar Htoo – 651-332-6929** hsar.htoo@isd623.org  
**Zin Zin Htoo – 651-278-1897** zin.zin.htoo@isd623.org

**Somali:** Hadii aad u bahantahay in laga caawiyo buxinta waraqaha iskuul iyo xiriirka mamulka fadlan lasoo xiriix  
**Fathiya Yusuf – 651-322-0468** fathiya.yusuf@isd623.org

**Nepali:** यदि तपाईं विद्यालयका कागजी काम गर्न अथवा विद्यालयका कर्मचारीहरूसँग कुरा गर्न सहायता चाहनुहुन्छ भने कृपया संपर्क गर्नुहोस्।

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