



Harambee Life

Working together for a common purpose

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

October 11, 2017

Dear Harambee Families:

Think about an accomplishment that makes you proud. Whatever the triumph, large or small, it is likely that there were others involved. We need others to help us, challenge us, cheer us on, and celebrate in our success. Nowhere is that teamwork more important than in educating a child.

School age children spend 70% of their waking hours (including weekends and holidays) outside of school. Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation, better self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior

The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects. We are looking forward to our fall conferences. This is a chance for home and school to work together to support learning. If we want ALL our students to be successful, we ALL need to work together.

At conferences you will receive a Title I Compact. This is a pledge to work together - student, parent, teacher, principal. Together we can improve teaching and learning. Together we can accomplish great things.

In partnership,

Kathy Griebel, Harambee Principal

Looking Ahead

October

12:Grade 4 Field Trip

13:Pizza Fundraiser Forms Due

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- 17:**Conferences, 4:00-8:00 PM
- 18:**No School - Conferences, 12:00-8:00 PM
- 19-20:** No School - Education Minnesota Conference
- 24:** Fundraiser at Raising Cane's, 4:00-8:00 PM
- 25:** Unity Day, Wear Orange Wednesday
- 30:** Pick Up Pizza Fundraiser Items



November

- 1:** Family Engagement/Parent Focus Night for PreK-Grade 3 Families, 6:00-7:30 PM
- 8:** Drop Everything and Be an Engineer Day
- 9:** Last Day of Q1
- 10:** No School
- 13-17:** Kaleidoscopes Program (formerly known as Bridges)

This Week's News

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

[Usborne Book Fair](#)- Tuesday, October 17th, 4:00-8:00 PM and Wednesday, October 18th, 12:00-8:00 PM

[17 Partners](#)

[Regular Absentee Ballot Application](#)

[Raising Cane's Fundraiser-Sponsored by Harambee 6th grade](#)

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Vote Today!

Did you know that you can vote now? While Election Day is November 7, absentee voting is available to all voters prior to Election Day; NO REASON IS NEEDED. You may cast your vote early through absentee voting.

How?

- Complete an application ([click here](#))
- Mail, fax, or deliver it in person to the Ramsey County Elections Office (90 Plato Blvd. in St. Paul/651-266-2171)
- Wait for your ballot, which will be mailed to you
- Complete your ballot and send it back on or before Election Day (November 7, 2017)

Register to Vote

Do you need to register to vote? Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's [website](#) where you can register to vote. You just need your driver's license number, ID card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

PTO Meeting - October 16

Join us for our next PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Meeting on Monday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Melissa Hein, Harambee Math Specialist, will be sharing information about the "new way" of doing math!

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Gourmet Pizza Fundraiser - Order Forms Due on October 13

Turn in your Gourmet Pizza Fundraiser order forms and money (by October 13. Remember...if we sell 400 items, Mrs. Griebel will sleep on the roof! Orders and money (checks made out to Harambee PTO)due to school by October 13. Pick up pizzas on October 30 at school. (Pizzas need to stay frozen, please plan accordingly!)



News in Review

Raising Cane's Fundraiser - October 24, 2017

Join our sixth grade fundraiser at Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers on Tuesday, October 24. Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to our school.

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Location: 3780 Lexington Avenue N, Shoreview, MN 55125, 651.484.9733

Saxophones and Clarinets

If you have a saxophone or clarinet that you are willing to donate to our school, please contact Jen Seckora, music/band teacher at 651.379.2553. Our future Charlie Parker and Benny Goodman thank you!

October Conference Sign Up

October conferences are Tuesday, October 18th from 4:00-8:00 PM and Wednesday, October 19th from 12:00-8:00 PM. Click on the button below to sign up online through our Conference Sign Up Genius. Please call Lindsay Most at 651-379-2507 if you have questions or if you will need an interpreter or transportation for conferences.

Conference Sign Up

Cultural Suitcases

Third graders from Ms. Lesicka's class shared artifacts from their Cultural Suitcase project.

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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.

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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:

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