



Harambee Life

Working together for a common purpose

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

November 30, 2017

Harambee Families,

Do you have a child entering kindergarten next school year? Do you have friends or neighbors with young children? Tell them about Harambee! Children need to be 5 years of age by September 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

Here's what you need to know about applying:

- We have copies of the application in the office or you can apply online by going to the [electronic application form](#).
- Siblings of current Harambee students will be given preferred placement, but you must complete the application.
- Applications for the lottery will be accepted through January 31, 2018.
- Applications can be turned in at Harambee or Roseville's Central Enrollment.
- This is the same application for all new students in K-6 that want to enroll at Harambee next year, so tell your friends and family.
- The district will process applications during the week of February 5th and families will be notified of the lottery results by US mail by Friday, February 9, 2018.

This is also a good time to set up an appointment for an Early Childhood Screening, a kindergarten requirement. This free screening can be done with your resident school district or with the Roseville School District, 651-487-4378. Contact Central Enrollment at Roseville Area Schools with any questions, 651-635-1626.

In partnership,

Kathy Griebel, Harambee Principal

Looking Ahead

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Nov 30	Monarch Medallion School-Wide Celebration
Dec 1	No School, Professional Development Day for Teachers
Dec 18	PTO Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM
Dec 22 - Jan 1	No School, Winter Break
Jan 2	School Resumes
Jan 15	No School, MLK Day
Jan 18	PTO Family Event, 6:30-8:00 PM
Jan 22	PTO Meeting, 6:30-8:00 PM
Jan 23	Q2 Roller Skating at Saints North, 6:00-8:00 PM

This Week's News

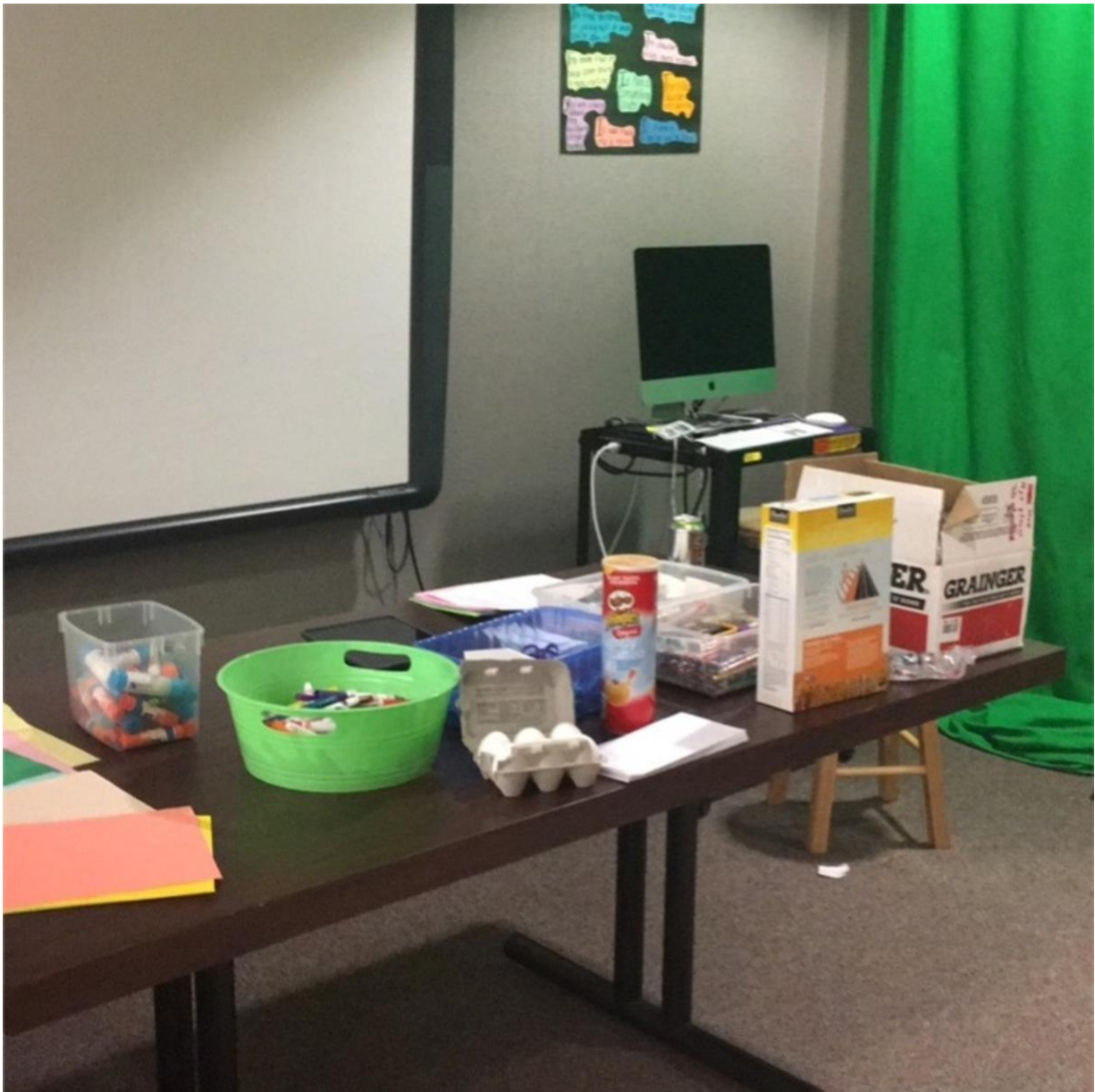
Click the Links Below to Access this Week's Flyers:

[Maplewood Winter Fun](#)

[Saftey Awareness](#)

[Winter 2018 Swim](#)

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News from the Media Center

Dear Harambee Families and Students,

Hello! My name is Andrew Ferri and I'm your child's Media Specialist. I currently hold an MFA and I'm licensed through the Urban Teacher Education and Leadership program at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN. When I was an elementary school student growing up in New York, I had little to no interest in building objects or reading books. Things have really changed for me as I went from being a reluctant reader and writer to your child's Media Specialist.

During the First Quarter at Harambee we began a project titled "Smashbox." The objective of "Smashbox," was for our students to explore what it's like to be Package Engineers. They were tasked with finding a better way to ship chips, carry eggs and keep cereal fresh. Utilizing my understanding that it's much more fun for kids to smash than build; the 5th and 6th graders at Harambee will compete for who can engineer the best packaging as we close in on Quarter Two.

Looking ahead to Quarter Two, our 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders will be creating murals based on their

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focused on how pictures often tell us what we need to know, when words fall short. We will be using the student's new knowledge to create a mural that will hang in our Reading Center.

Also on the horizon is our coding unit. Our 5th and 6th graders will use graphic novels written and drawn by Gene Luen Yang to unravel the mysteries of coding.

Our Kindergartners and 1st graders will continue to build their library skills and content knowledge by reading and discussing books by Shel Silverstein, the Berenstain Bear series, Dr. Suess and stories that focus on treating each other with kindness.

I could go on and on, but that's all for now!

Andrew Ferri

Library Media Specialist

Harambee Elementary School

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What's Happening In Music Class?

It's been busy in the music room during first quarter. We've been having fun singing songs, playing games, and learning to play instruments! In first quarter grades K-2 learned a lot about beat and pulse in music through a variety of songs and games. Beat is the heartbeat of a song, and, just like our heartbeat, it keeps us moving and grooving!

Grades 3-5 learned some American folk songs and dances that helped us learn how musicians add their own style and emotion to their music. We are also learning how to talk respectfully about why we like or don't like certain kinds of music, and we also reviewed how to play classroom instruments like xylophones and boomwackers.

The 6th graders explored how music has impacted their life by creating a playlist of songs that represented important moments in their life or important things about their personality. They also started learning all the elements, or 'building blocks', that make up any piece of music we listen to!

I look forward to seeing what these young musicians accomplish in quarter 2!

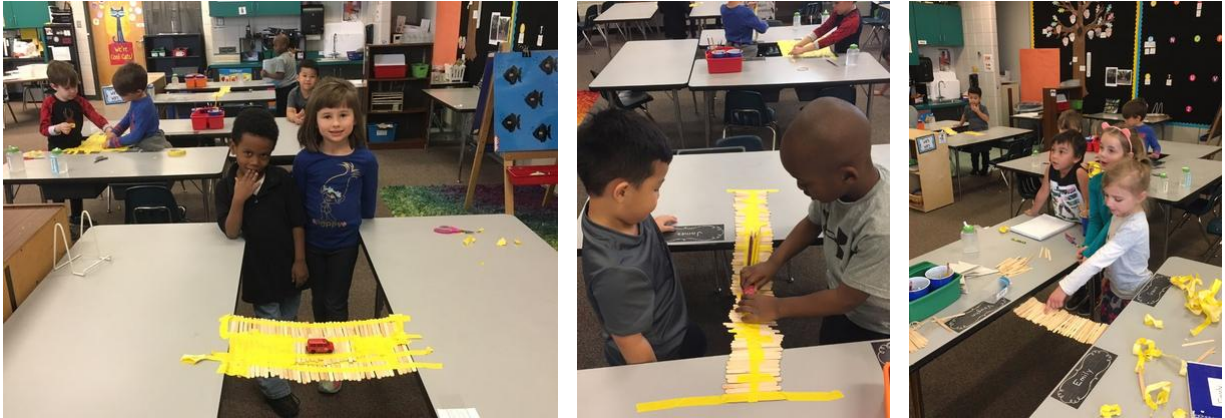
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News in Review

Drop Everything and Be an Engineer!

On Wednesday, November 8, Harambee students used the design cycle (ask, imagine, plan, create improve) to be engineers. They created bridges, towers, and ramps. Pictured below are engineers from Ms. Moravec's kindergarten class testing their structures. One young scientist was heard saying, "I think every day should be engineer day!"



Scenes from Harambee

Water is Life!

Harambee third graders are participating in an exciting program called Water is Life. This is a joint project of the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. This week, they spent the day at the Minneapolis Institute of Art studying art and artifacts related to water. Students explored our relationship with water and even got to create art using water.



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