



Harambee Life

Working together for a common purpose

A ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOL

December 13, 2017

Harambee Families,

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions. Directly teaching and practicing SEL benefit all students. There are five core competencies that help all people navigate the world more effectively:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Responsible Decision-making

These are the skills, attitudes, and behaviors that parents, educators, and employers alike value. Students with these competencies do better in school, are more engaged, and are less likely to be involved in risky behaviors, as documented by a growing body of research. Harambee staff are directly teach these competencies. We are working hard to create a welcoming, participatory, and caring climate for learning.

In partnership,

Kathy Griebel, Harambee Principal

Looking Ahead

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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
Jan 26	No School, Professional Development Day

This Week's News

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

[Give Kids a Smile 2018](#)

[Roseville Area Middle School Curriculum Night 2018](#)

PTO Meeting - December 18

Interested in learning more about Harambee? Want to meet other families? Join our next PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Meeting, Monday, December 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Principal

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Griebel and other staff will be sharing information about Harambee's discipline policy and school-wide behavior plan. We will also be planning our Winter Family Festival!

School Closing Due to Bad Weather

In case of inclement weather or any other emergency, official school closing will be announced on AM radio station WCCO-830. The following television stations will carry information about emergency school closing: KSTP, KARE 11, WCCO, and Fox 9. Our school will be referred to in the following way "Roseville Area Schools, District 623". Emergency closing information due to inclement weather will also be posted on the school district website at www.isd623.org by 6:00 AM. The District attempts to keep schools open if possible in order to minimize family schedule conflicts and to provide as much educational opportunity for students.

Dressing for Cold Weather

Here's some good advice from our friends at Joe's Sporting Goods. Don't forget to layer up when the temperature drops.



News in Review

Notes from the Health Office

Our goal is to help keep your child safe and healthy at school. Please review the following information and contact either of us if you have any questions at 651-379-2504.

Immunizations: Minnesota immunization law requires that all students are up-to-date with their

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required immunizations. If you are not sure if your student's immunizations are up to date, or you need information about obtaining a legal exemption, please contact the health office.

Medications at School: Occasionally, students need medication during the school day. The District 623 procedure for administering medications at school is as follows:

1. Medication prescribed for more than 2 weeks must have a permission form signed by a health care provider or dentist, and the parent/guardian.
2. Medication prescribed for less than two weeks, requires permission from the parent/guardian only.
3. Over-the-counter medication should have a permission form signed by the parent/guardian.
4. All medication should be in the original containers labeled with the following:
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Medication name
 - c. Strength of medication
 - d. Time of day to take medication
 - e. Health care provider's name

If your child will need medication at school, please complete a medication permission form and bring the completed form with the medication in the appropriately labeled container to the health office. Permission forms are available in the health office or at:

<https://www.isd623.org/sites/isd623.org/files/SSHSDispenseMeds.pdf>

When to keep your child home from school: Please follow these guidelines when deciding whether or not to keep your student home from school:

- If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal. (Without fever-reducing medication.)
- If your child has vomited or has diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- If your child has any rash that may be disease related or the cause is unknown, check you're your child's health care provider before sending the student to school.
- If your child is ill, please call the office daily to report illness.

REMEMBER: Good hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent spread of disease. Encourage your child to practice good hand washing, and remember to set the example by washing thoroughly and frequently yourself!

Mary Jo Feely, School Nurse and Mai Yang, Health Assistant

Kindergarten for 2018-2019

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

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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.

Tips for Promoting Articulation Skills at Home

Submitted by Mina Syrika, Speech/Language Clinician

Parents of children whose speech is difficult to understand are often interested in ideas for promoting or enhancing their child's speech sound skills at home. The following are some ideas for stimulating speech sound development during everyday activities at home:

- Be a good speech model for your child by using clear articulation and a slower rate of speech, particularly when your child speaks too fast.
- Conversationally repeat your child's errors correctly. For example, if your child says, "I see the wed twuck", you can repeat their utterance correctly by saying, "Yes, I see the red truck, too".
- Be face to face with your child as you speak so your child can hear and see your speech productions more easily.
- Gain your child's attention before speaking.
- If you cannot understand your child's full utterance, repeat back to them the part that was intelligible. This way, your child can attempt to fill in the misunderstood word and also realize that most of their message was successful.
- Minimize background noise and distractions when speaking with your child.
- Remind your child to use his/her target sounds correctly when speaking.
- Set aside a few minutes every day for using "good speech habits" (e.g. in the car or at dinner time).
- Praise your child each time he/she is able to say his/her target sound.
- Record your child on your phone and have your child listen to and evaluate his/her own speech. Can he/she hear the error?
- Play games like "Simon Says", and have your child imitate the sounds you make, or "I Spy" to target your child's sounds.

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- Print out free worksheets of sounds (e.g. from mommyspeechtherapy.com), laminate the cards and play games like “Memory” or “Go Fish” to practice speech at home.
- Have your child make a list of 5-10 words that have his/her target sound and practice them for 5 minutes every day.
- Read simple, repetitive books that contain your child’s sounds and bring your child’s target sound to his/her attention (e.g. The word “Fish” has your “sh” sound in it!). While reading, pause to allow your child to fill in the word that targets his/her sound.

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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:

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