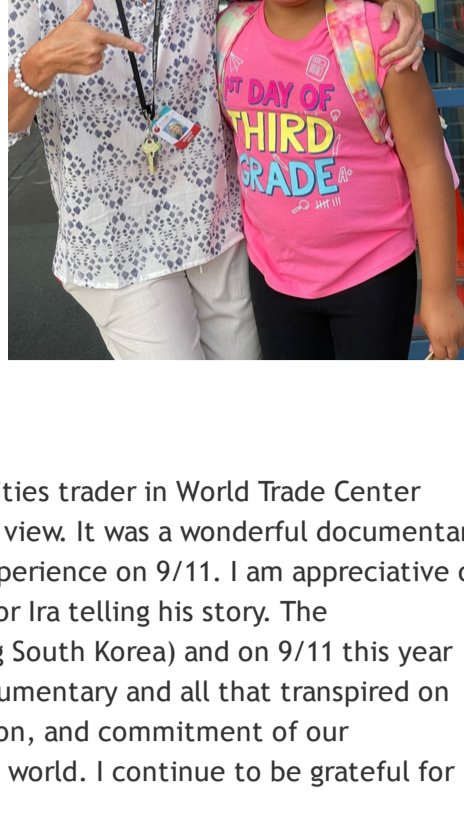


STAFF Weekly

A Message from Dr. Jenny Loeck

The first day of school feels like it was WEEKS ago, doesn't it? I truly enjoyed my time in the schools as students entered and were greeted by such caring, joyful staff members. I am proud of the authenticity with which our staff members engaged with our students so each and every child knew they were in a place where they belonged. I look forward to many more opportunities to watch our staff doing their best work with our students this year.



On Friday, I had the opportunity to attend a screening of the short documentary film, "Ira," in the John J. Thein Performing Arts Center at Roseville Area High School. Directed by RAHS grad Paul Jensen and produced by RAHS grad Soren Schoen, the documentary focuses on the life of Ira Sanders, a social studies teacher at RAHS. Jensen and Schoen offered the free screening to our high school students.

Ira Sanders grew up in Queens, NY and became a commodities trader in World Trade Center complex before the 9/11 terrorist attack reshaped his life view. It was a wonderful documentary that thoughtfully told Ira's story, including his personal experience on 9/11. I am appreciative of Paul and Soren for sharing this documentary with us and for Ira telling his story. The documentary has been shown all over the world (including South Korea) and on 9/11 this year was a part of a screening in Beverly Hills. Viewing this documentary and all that transpired on 9/11 brings into clear perspective the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our emergency response workers here at home and across the world. I continue to be grateful for their work.

In Roseville Area Schools, we always aim to do our best and are invested in continuous improvement. When we fall short or you have suggestions for ways we can do better, I encourage you to reach out to me or any trusted district leader.

Photos of the Week



It's Color Week at Little Canada Elementary!

Kindergartners at Little Canada Elementary are reviewing colors for the next two weeks. In addition to having the chance to wear the "color of the day," students take part in a number of fun activities to review their colors. Today was **ORANGE** day and students in Krysta Doughty's class went on a hunt for things that are orange in the classroom and also listened at Ms. Doughty read "Orange: Seeing Orange All Around Us" by Sarah L. Schuette.

DISTRICT NEWS!

You're Invited "Feeding Our Futures" Back Together Breakfast: Fall Fundraiser

October 3rd, 2022
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

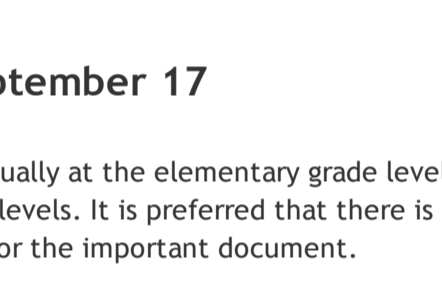


Event Location:
Roseville Area
High School Campus
1240 County Road B2 W,
Roseville, MN 55113

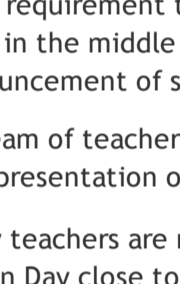
Special Guest Speakers

Gina Gamnis
AVID Center's Midwest Area Associate
Director, Central Region

Pragya Karmacharya
Roseville Area Schools Graduate



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



Or RSVP by visiting the below link:
rosevilleareaschoolsfoundation.org/events

If you have any information you would like to include in the *Staff Weekly*, please fill out this form and submit it. Ideas include a photo and caption from your school or program, a spotlight on a colleague, an upcoming event, a classroom activity, and so much more. The weekly deadline is Monday at 12 noon.

[Yes, I have a Staff Weekly story idea!](#)

Information for Staff Who Need to Renew Their License

Please read the two documents linked below. These documents will help you through the process of renewing your license. If your license is due in June 2023, please pay attention to the dates that the CEC (license renewal committee) is meeting that are listed on the Staff Memo document.

- [Dates for CEC Meetings 2022-2023 School Year](#)
- [License Renewal Worksheet for Teachers, Counselors, and Nurses](#)

--Contributed by Mary Schifsky

★17 SEPTEMBER★ CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day is Saturday, September 17

There is a federal requirement to teach this annually at the elementary grade levels and at least once in the middle and high school levels. It is preferred that there is a school-wide announcement of some sort to honor the important document.

Last summer, a team of teachers worked over the summer to include absented narratives in the presentation of Constitution Day.

- Elementary teachers are required to include at least one lesson about Constitution Day close to the actual date of Saturday, September 17, 2022.
- Secondary social studies teachers have plans for teaching the lessons as part of their curriculum alignment or during STAR at RAMS.

For resources, lesson plans, slides, and more information including the absented narratives of the contributions of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, please review this Constitution Day slide deck. It has an incredible amount of information, researched and developed by a team of RAS staff. Please thank contributors Beth L. Murphy, Cameron Radke, Dan Zielske, Lisa Fralish, Lorna Plana, Kelly Rogers, Lauretta Dawoto-Towns, Silvia Vasquez, Heather Rietz, and Amy Westland!

[Click here to view the Constitution Day slide deck](#)

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Challenging Stereotypes, Creating a More Inclusive Curriculum & Addressing Institutional Racism

Roseville Area Schools is committed to seeing each of our students, families, and staff members. This year, teams of teachers and the Office of Educational Equity will work to prepare resources, slide decks, and connections for staff members to use to recognize Heritage Months throughout the year.

The purpose of recognizing each Heritage Month is to honor the fullness of our community members by sharing the stories, celebrations, challenges, and successes of many of the cultures present in our community. This work will challenge stereotypes, create a more inclusive curriculum, and address institutional racism. We know there are more cultures and communities that we will feature in the future.

This year, we will all actively deepen our understanding of the cultures communities during these months:

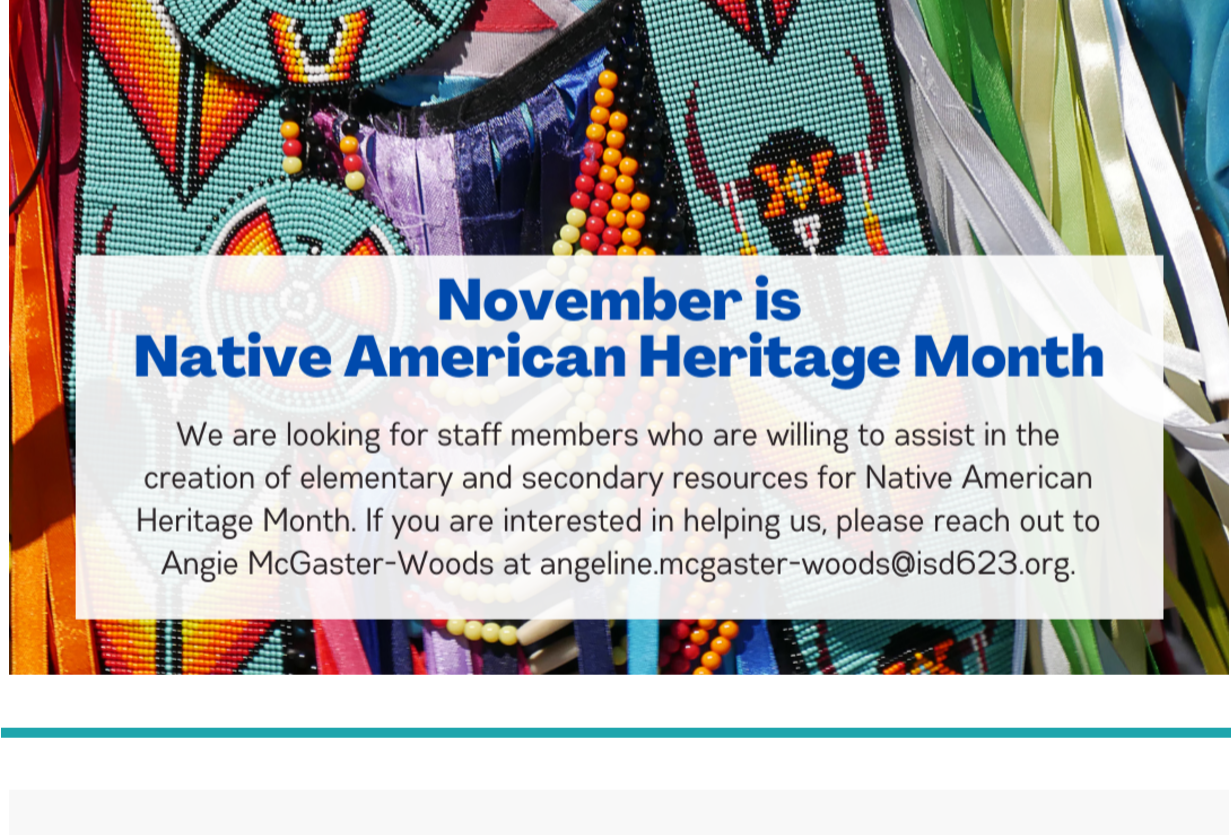
- September 15-October 15: National Latiné (Hispanic) Heritage Month
- November: National Native American Heritage Month
- February: Black History Month
- March: Women's History Month
- May: Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- June: LGBTQIA Pride Month

Following is the slide deck for Latiné Heritage month, which begins on Thursday, September 15. We ask that all staff review the information to expand your knowledge, and that all teachers present one short lesson weekly.

Finally, please join us in thanking the amazing, creative, dedicated team who contributed to this first month's work: Silvia Vasquez, Cecilia Martino, Erin Stellmach, Katerina Sturgis, Ginger Ayala, Carrie Arditto, Shawna Dees, and Melissa Gunelson.

Through this work, we educate, liberate, and celebrate.

[Click here to view the National Latiné Heritage Month slide deck](#)

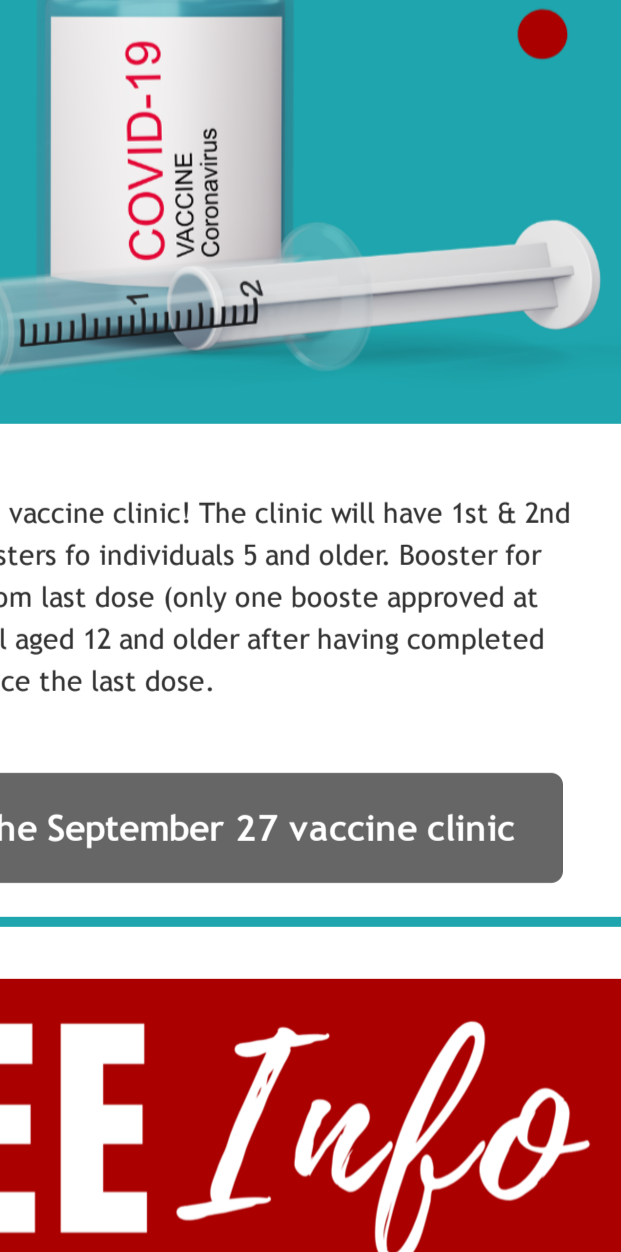


November is Native American Heritage Month

We are looking for staff members who are willing to assist in the creation of elementary and secondary resources for Native American Heritage Month. If you are interested in helping us, please reach out to Angie McGaster-Woods at angelina.mcgaster-woods@isd623.org.

COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Tuesday, September 27
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Anpétu Téca Education Center



Sign up today for the September 27 COVID vaccine clinic! The clinic will have 1st & 2nd doses of the COVID vaccine as well as boosters for individuals 5 and older. Booster for individuals aged 5-11 after FIVE months from last dose (only one booster approved at this time). Bivalent boosters for individual aged 12 and older after having completed the 1st and 2nd doses and two months since the last dose.

[CLICK HERE to register for the September 27 vaccine clinic](#)



OEE Info

News from the Office of Educational Equity

Guidance Focused on the Use of the N Word in Our Schools

The Office of Educational Equity would like to take this opportunity to clarify expectations around the use of the N-word in Roseville Area Schools. OEE created a guidance document focused specifically on the N-word, but it can serve as a template and guidance for dealing with any number of other challenging words and topics, or any pejorative language towards any members of our community. No matter the context, the N-word should never find its way into our spaces.

--Contributed by Delon Smith

[CLICK HERE to read, "Guidance Document - The N Word"](#)

Elementary Professional Development Days

On Monday, October 3, most district elementary teachers will be engaged in LETRS training from 8:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:15-3:15 p.m. Teachers not involved will engage in professional learning as well. Fifth grade teachers will work with Professor Darlene St. Clair of St. Cloud State University to learn about and include Absented Narratives of Native American communities in their curricula. Sixth grade teachers will review and prepare lessons to teach the new science standards and/or work with Professor St. Clair. (Teachers of split classrooms will work with building principals to have representation at both science and absented narratives.) Please reference [this table](#) for more information.

-- Contributed by Mary Bussman