

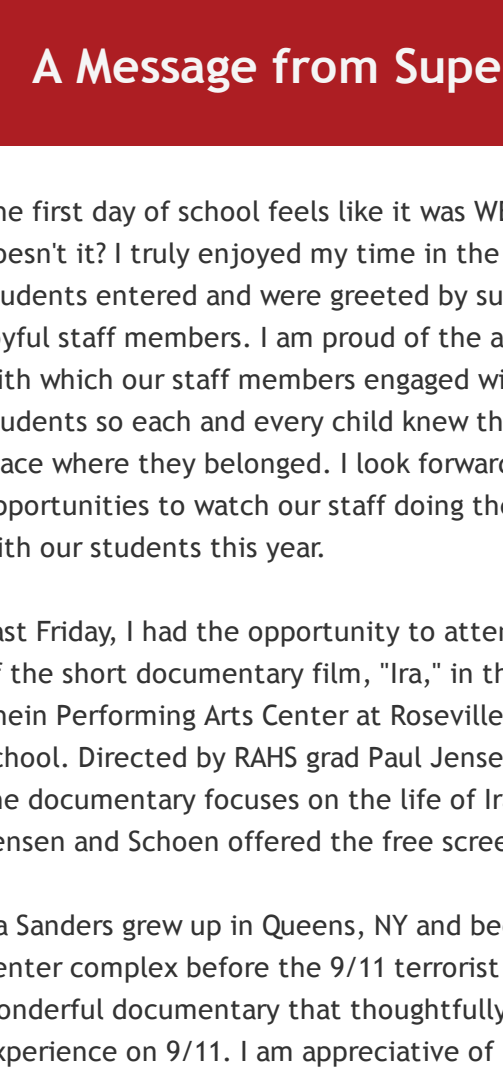
Welcome!

You are a "lucky" recipient of *The Raider Reader*, the district's revamped family newsletter. (If you don't want this in your Inbox, you can scroll to the bottom and unsubscribe.) *The Raider Reader* will be distributed every two weeks (on Wednesday) when students are in school. It will provide some "need to know" information as well as upcoming events, fun school news, staff profiles, points of pride, and so much more.

Do you have a story you would like to see included in the Raider Reader? If so, please click below to fill out a brief form and tell us more!

CLICK HERE to contribute your Raider Reader ideas

Photos of the Week



A Hometown Hero

Richard, a student at Little Canada Elementary School, was honored at last night's board meeting for "care and heroism in service of his community." Richard is pictured here with his mom, Little Canada Elementary School Health Assistant Kathy Casey, and his brother.

According to Casey, Richard saved a woman's life in his apartment building. The student recognized that a neighbor was experiencing a health emergency and very calmly sought help without any prompting from an adult. According to the emergency response team, the neighbor required CPR and would have died without Richard's help. Thank you, Richard, for heroically

helping a neighbor in need!

A Message from Superintendent 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.



Last 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.

DISTRICT NEWS!

JOIN US AS WE HONOR  
**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15

Roseville Area Schools is committed to seeing each of our students, families, and staff members. This year, teams of staff members are preparing resources that can be used by schools and programs 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.

We invite you to join us in honoring Latiné Heritage month, which is September 15-October 15. We will be celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

In Roseville Area Schools, we observe Hispanic Heritage Month to educate, liberate, and celebrate the rich cultures in our community.

District Safety & Security Update

In Roseville, we know that each student who walks into our schools is somebody's somebody. It's our job to keep our schools as safe as possible. That is why in Roseville Area Schools we have the District Safety and Security Team. The purpose of the District Safety and Security Team is to create safe and secure schools, ensure alignment across our schools, and support site-based school safety.

In addition to the District Safety and Security Team, there are also Emergency Response Teams at each school. School Emergency Response Teams meet on a regular basis. Building-level teams are responsible for developing and revising building emergency plans and procedures, training staff, conducting required drills, and responding to incidents. Each school's Emergency Response Team is made up of staff in a range of roles, who also have specific duties for lockdowns, evacuations, and other safety procedures. Some areas of focus for School Emergency Response Teams include but are not limited to:

- Safety drills
- Responding to crisis situations
- Guidance from the District Crisis and Consultation Support Team
- Emergency scenarios
- Risk or threat assessments
- Reunification plans

In addition to the school Emergency Response Team, we also have the following security measures in place:

- Secured entryways
- Sign in/sign out procedures
- Background checks
- School resource officers at RAMS and RAHS
- District support teams

Beyond protecting our students from tragedies, we also take a broader view of student safety. Roseville Area Schools are places where students are welcomed, encouraged, accepted, and celebrated for their differences; where bullying and harassment have no place; and where students have access to high-quality, nutritious school meals and safe rides to and from school and school-sponsored events. Finally, our schools are places where outstanding teachers and staff seek to make positive and meaningful connections with students as individuals and to work with you, our families, to determine how our schools can best serve your children. With that in mind, we encourage you to speak with your child and encourage them to report to their principal anything that makes them feel unsafe or concerns them.

Keeping students and staff safe is of utmost importance. The work of the District Safety Security Team and school Emergency Response Teams will continue for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in being on the District Safety and Security Team, please contact Assistant Superintendent Melissa Sonnek at [Melissa.Sonnek@isd623.org](mailto:Melissa.Sonnek@isd623.org).

COVID-19: A 2022-2023 School Year Update

If students or staff experience symptoms, they should do an antigen (home) test. Schools will provide home test kits upon request via the health office once students are in school

If positive, students and staff should stay home for five days. Once symptoms have improved and the individual is fever free for 24 hours, they may return to school while wearing a well-fitting mask for five days. If this individual is unable to mask, they will stay home for days 6-10 since testing positive.

Starting September 16, we will be posting positive cases (students plus staff) by school on the district's Health Services webpage under COVID-19 Information. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the health professional in your child's school or program.

Student Services

**Special Education Advisory Council**

**SEAC Mission Statement:**  
The purpose of Roseville Area Schools SEAC is to advocate for justice and work collaboratively to provide input to the district regarding special education policies, practices, and issues related to the education of each child."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT BERNAE VERA KRUSE**

651-635-1608  
[bernae.verakruse@isd623.org](mailto:bernae.verakruse@isd623.org)

INTERPRETERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Location:** RAHS Media Center  
**Time:** 6pm to 8pm  
**Dates for the 22/23 SY:**  
September 28th  
October 26th  
November 16th  
January 25th  
February 22nd  
March 29th  
April 26th  
May 24th

**FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**

**APPLY STARTING AUGUST 1ST**

**Free Meals for ALL Students Ended...Apply for Benefits TODAY!**

Families who may qualify for free/reduced-price meals should fill out an application for benefits. Other school fees may be waived for qualifying families and the district relies on this data for additional funding.

How to apply:

- Online: <https://family.titank12.com>
- Paper copies are available at all school buildings and at the District Center

**News from Our Community Partners**

**Nominate a K-12 Student for an Uplift Grant**

As a part of the Festival for Change in 2022, several Roseville Area Faith Communities and Do Good Roseville are creating Uplift Grants to address the inequities faced by BIPOC students. The Uplift Grant for Youth will be given to a BIPOC student based on a story about a student that is persevering through challenges, where receiving even a small amount of funds could, potentially, make a difference in the trajectory of their lives. A story, as told by school staff, a community member, or a parent is the key to the grant.

**Who is eligible for nomination?**

Any K-12 BIPOC student who attends Roseville Area Schools or who live in Roseville. BIPOC identification will be based on the school identification.

**What can a grant be used for?**

There are no restrictions on how the grant may be used. Some possibilities are college and career readiness, sports fees, or community projects. Finally, our uses are limited only by the student's imagination!

**How will the grant request be made?**

A student must be nominated by someone. It could be a school staff, faith community member, community member, a family member, or a combination.

**For more information and to nominate a student, CLICK HERE**

**YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP!**

**Please join us by donating to the Uplift Grants. The more money we raise, the more kids we can help.**

<https://dogoodroseville.com/uplift-grants/>

**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 individuals 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**

**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 Commons  
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

**Roseville Area SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

Scan the QR Code to RSVP

Or RSVP by visiting the below link:  
[rosevilleareaschoolsfoundation.org/events](https://rosevilleareaschoolsfoundation.org/events)