

# 623 TODAY

A newsletter about  
Roseville Area Schools  
FALL 2022

## Community Invited to State of the District Event

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**Roseville Area High School**  
1240 County Road B2 West in  
Roseville

**5:30-7 p.m.:** Strategic Planning  
Listening Session

**7-7:30 p.m.:** State of the District  
Presentation

Families, students, community members, and staff are invited to join Superintendent Jenny Loeck and members of the school board at a State of the District event. The district will be seeking feedback on the second round of the strategic planning process before doing a brief presentation on the current state of Roseville Area Schools. A light dinner will be served. To support our planning efforts, please use the QR code to

register for the  
event OR call  
651-635-1605.



**623 WALK/RUN**  
**SATURDAY, NOV 12, 2022**

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**Register Today!**



*On September 6 and 7, Roseville Area Schools staff welcomed students back to school. Students starting in new schools learned their way around the hallways and classrooms while returning students settled in to familiar routines. It's wonderful to be back! (To view more photos from the first days of school, visit pages 2-3.)*

## A Joyful Return to School

As a former teacher and principal, I have not lost my love for being in the classroom. This is where it all happens in Roseville Area Schools – where our incredible teachers and staff members support our students on their educational journey. Now that fall is here and the temperatures have cooled, our classrooms are joyful. Students and teachers are so happy to be together innovating, learning, and excelling.

However, I must balance my enthusiasm with a dose of reality of what our school staff members are facing. Schools are not immune from the staff shortages plaguing so many industries. Of greatest need right now are substitute teachers and paraprofessionals. These important roles support our students and teachers in our classrooms and in their absence our teachers and other staff members are doubling and tripling up on their workday duties. It's not sustainable. If you know of someone who would be a wonderful addition to our schools – or maybe it's YOU! – please reach out to our Human Resources department at [hr@isd623.org](mailto:hr@isd623.org) or check out current openings at <https://www.applitrack.com/isd623/onlineapp/>.

Every day I am so proud and thankful that I chose Roseville Area Schools as a place to work, live, and raise my family. I am so glad you are here too!

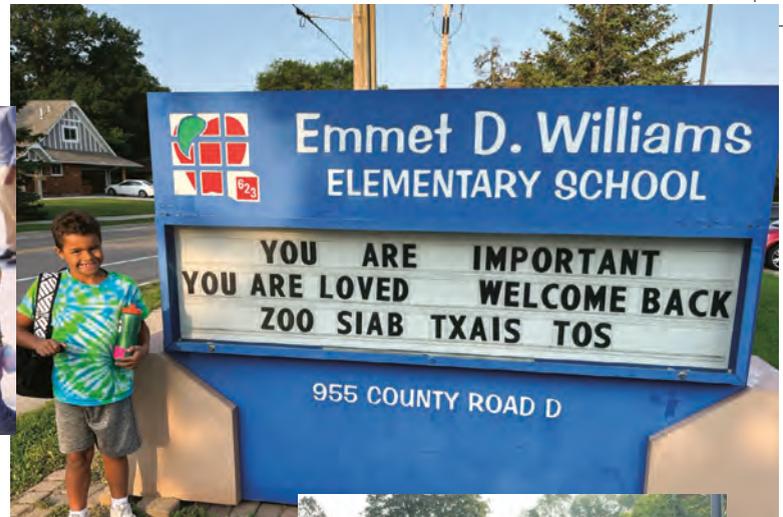
Dr. Jenny Loeck  
Superintendent

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# Back to



# School





## RAHS Students Named National Merit Commended Scholars

Congratulations to Roseville Area High School seniors Kieran Musser (left) and Edward Tidball (center) for being named Commended Scholars in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students are pictured with RAHS Principal Chris Hester. Commended Students placed in the top 50,000 of the approximately 1.5 million students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship

Qualifying Test. Both are currently in the process of applying to colleges for fall 2023. Congratulations, Kieran and Edward!

## Falcon Heights Students Create Animation-Inspired School-wide Artwork

Falcon Heights Elementary students participated in a school-wide art project in which 500 pieces of artwork were put together to showcase the school's "Small World." According to Teri Eiswald, the Falcon Heights art teacher, the project was inspired by Disney artist Mary Blair who was one of the first female major concept artists in the 1950's. "Students got to see all of the planning and sketching that goes into creating art for animation," explains Eiswald. "Each student created one work of art that was then put together into a 'It's a Small World' inspired castle! So fun!"



## Central Park Students Hone Bike Riding Skills While Learning about Safety

Central Park Elementary partners with the MN Bike Alliance, an organization that supports safe walking and biking education. Through the partnership and some staff training opportunities, the school has access to 30-35 bikes and helmets as well as a curriculum that teaches parts of the bikes, biking laws, and specifics of riding in groups. This fall, Central Park had the bike fleet for the second week of school so students had a chance to try them out. According to Anders Johnson, a Central Park 5th/6th grade teacher who leads the biking effort, the school will get the bikes back in the spring to do more advanced riding and then go on a riding field trip to a nearby park.



## Brimhall Principal + Packer Fan = Pie in the Face

At Brimhall Elementary's first school-wide morning meeting of the year, Principal Ryan Vernosh (super Packer fan) was pined in the face by 5th grade teacher Job Nyangacha (super Vikings fan) since the Vikings beat the Packers and the two had a friendly bet on the game's outcome! It was a fun day of celebration for a group of staff members who went above

and beyond AND BEYOND to turn lemons into lemonade to transform Brimhall from a summer construction zone into a wonderful place filled with joyful students!



# Schools

## Emmet D. Williams Students, Staff Create Good Human Rock Garden

Students and staff at Emmet D. Williams Elementary met in mixed-age groups to celebrate the start of the school year and learn together. They reflected on the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman and made commitments (by signing their names on rocks) to be their very best at school, in the community, and in the world. The Good Human Rock Garden will travel throughout the school during the school year! #EDWrocks



## Edgerton 1st Graders Practice Reading Strategies

Edgerton Eagles are readers! Students in 1st grade are practicing one of the many “learning to read” strategies. Each day the students have opportunities to partner read, listen to their teacher read, and read to themselves. “We value developing a

love of reading and learning!” exclaims Principal Maura Weyandt.



## Little Canada Kindergarteners Enjoy Color Week Activities

In September, kindergarten students at Little Canada Elementary School enjoyed fun activities focused on reviewing their colors.

In addition to having the chance to wear the “color of the day,” students took part in a number of fun activities to review their colors. These photos are from ORANGE Day when students in Krysta Doughty’s class went on a hunt for things that are orange in the classroom and also listened as Ms. Doughty read *Orange: Seeing Orange All Around Us* by Sarah L. Schuette.



## FAHS Guest Speaker Discusses Trades and Manufacturing Careers

One way for Fairview Alternative High School students to explore trades and manufacturing careers, find training programs with scholarships, and land a job is to explore Trades Hub. In addition to exploring careers, students can connect with employers who may need them now or in the future. In September, some interested students learned about a new product from the producers of Trades Hub called Align, a company-candidate matching app they can use on their phones.



## RAMS Butterfly Project Honors Latiné Heritage Month

In honor of Latiné Heritage Month, students at Roseville Area Middle School will be participating in a butterfly project during their advisory time. After watching a lesson about the project, students will fold butterflies and then add the names of people who mean something to them. “The legend in Mexico is that when the monarch butterflies arrive they represent the dead souls of our loved ones, which is why we are bringing our loved ones into our space,” explains Silvia Vasquez, a social studies teacher at RAMS. “We will then hang up our butterflies in the RAMS foyer, which will then allow all of our loved ones into the RAMS learning space.”



## Parkview 1st Graders to Build Timeline Throughout School Year

First grade students at Parkview Center School are building a timeline as a way to connect social studies with other content areas including math and science as well as important vocabulary development for language arts/reading/writing. “The timeline will be a place where we can place events that we learn about throughout the year and help the students get a visual representation of how they fit into our country’s history,” says Jenny Eckman, a first grade teacher. “We wanted to help make the abstract concept of time more concrete.” According to Eckman, the students will be taking a field



trip to the Gibbs Farm historical site, which will provide some authentic experiences with life over 100 years ago. “We hope that the timeline will be something students remember and participate in adding to as the year goes on,” Eckman explains.



## Harambee Hosts First Family Night of the School Year

With school underway, it was time for Harambee families to gather and have some fun! In early October, the school hosted a family night where attendees enjoyed some pizza,



learned about the building plans for the year, learned about and made their own “thinking maps” (a thinking & learning strategy used by all Harambee teachers), and read the book *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal.

## THANK YOU to Our Community!

Roseville Area Schools is so appreciative of the kindness and generosity of our community members in donating school supplies for our students. With amazing support from Do Good Roseville and Kathy Ramundt as well as Little Canada Elementary parent and dynamo Dawn Blankenship we were able to provide hundreds of backpacks and thousands of crayons, notebooks, pencils, erasers, glue, rulers, and more for our schools to distribute to students. A special thank you to Hawkins Inc., RosePointe Senior Living, Maguire Agency, Edward Jones, Abbott Laboratories, Jennifer Engler, Little Canada Canadian Days, Grant Chagil-Mason, Corpus Christi Church, Saint Rose of Lima, Karen Milton, and dozens of anonymous donors. **THANK YOU!**



# Schools

## RAHS AVID Students Visit National College Fair

In early October, AVID 11th and 12th grade students from Roseville Area High School visited the National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center.



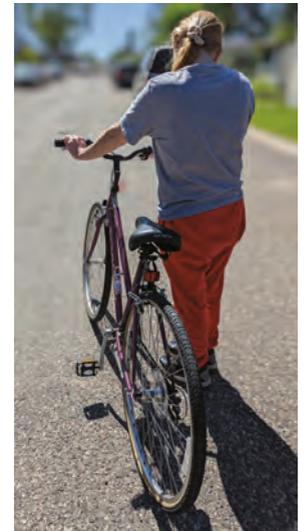
“Exploring post-secondary options is an important part of the AVID elective class,” explains Anne Barnes, the AVID secondary district director. “The 150 RAHS students who attended were excited to have this opportunity to speak to local, national, and international representatives from colleges and universities.”



## FAHS Partners with MN ReCyclery to Provide Student Bikes

Over the past three years, Fairview Alternative High School has worked closely with the MN ReCyclery in White Bear Lake to distribute more than 25 free bikes to FAHS students. The MN ReCyclery receives bike donations from the community and refurbishes them to a safe, rideable condition.

“We have heard from students that the bikes are a great way to increase independence, allow an alternative way to get to work or school that saves gas, and stay healthy,” says Amanda Loge, a social worker with FAHS. “One student shared, ‘When I just need to clear my head, I get on my bike and take a ride!’”



*Parker, a 2nd grader at Little Canada Elementary, is a true leader! According to Dr. José Becerra-Cardenas, the principal of Little Canada Elementary, Parker has volunteered to help keep the lunchroom clean and teaches other students how to separate food, recycle, and clean up waste at the end of lunch. Way to go, Parker!*



## EDW Fall Play Date Includes New Mandala “Reveal”

Emmet D. Williams Elementary celebrated a fall “play date” with an ice cream truck, book fair, and the reveal of the school’s newly installed mandala. More than 600 people attended this annual event on a beautiful late September evening. The mandala showcases important themes from the school community including the EDW pencils, star, good humans, Roseville apple, and the EDW bobcat!



## Author Matthew de la Peña Connects with Central Park Students

Central Park Elementary students and staff enjoyed a visit by author Matthew de la Peña. During his visit, de la Peña read his book *Milo Imagines the World*, which talks about a boy on his way to visit his mom who is incarcerated. De la Peña stressed many times that he was a very average person from

an immigrant background who grew up to go to college, become an author, and travel to schools to speak to students. “He resonated so much with our students and it was amazing to have him at Central Park,” says Principal Becky Suttan. “We’re so grateful to the Red Balloon Foundation and Red Balloon owner Holly Weinkauf for providing the grant to allow us to bring him here.”



## Emmet D. Williams Highlighted for Special Education Collaboration

Emmet D. Williams Elementary continues to host a district-wide special education program for students primarily with Autism Spectrum Disorder. There are seven classrooms and about 50 students in addition to 20+ staff members who support the program. EDW was recently highlighted for their collaboration with Northeast Metro 916. The team consulted with the intermediate district to create proactive best practice strategies for meeting the needs of students with ASD. To view their work, check out this video.



## RAHS Celebrates Homecoming with Spirit Days, Dance & More!

Roseville Area High School celebrated Homecoming with a week of fun activities. Spirit Days included Class Color Day, Bob Day (students and staff dressed like a famous Bob), Get Up and Go Day (pajamas), Bikers or Surfers Day, and Raider Pride Day. Students and staff enjoyed a movie morning, a pep fest, and the Homecoming Dance. Check out these photos for a quick snapshot of the fun!





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## FAHS Students, Staff Enjoy Homecoming BINGO

It has become an annual Homecoming event at FAHS to play BINGO! This year, students and staff were all excited to be together to laugh and have fun to close the Homecoming week. The BINGO caller, Megan Martin, was a natural at the microphone as she gave cute phrases to make the students laugh. One student's response to her calling B4 was "B4 I get Bingo!" The comment had everyone laughing!



## Falcon Way Parade Welcomes Kindergartners, Celebrates the New School Year

In early October, students and staff at Falcon Heights Elementary celebrated the new school year at an all-school assembly featuring the Falcon Way Parade. During the parade, kindergartners were escorted to the assembly by the 6th graders to the cheers of the whole school.

Classes shared their class name and cheer then paraded around the playground. Attendees also enjoyed music played by band students led by band teacher Daniel Gaisford.



## Parkview Students Plan Events & Activities to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which ran from September 15-October 15, Adam Tancabel, Parkview Center's school social worker, sought student volunteers to join a Hispanic Heritage Month Committee. According to Tancabel, 42 students from

grades 6-8 joined the committee, which started meeting in early September to brainstorm ideas for observing and celebrating the month. Out of their meetings emerged ideas such as creating a Hispanic music playlist to welcome students each morning, selecting books from Hispanic authors to read to K-5 students, and creating a skit to share about Hispanic culture. "My hope is that the students in our building learn to recognize cultural differences and to celebrate them," explains Tancabel, "as well as to recognize the contributions each culture has made in our communities and our nation by learning more about people of Hispanic descent."



*All Edgerton classes start their day with a morning meeting. "We prioritize relationships and building community," explains Principal Maura Weyandt. The photo on the left captures a class creating their secret class handshake. The photo on the right is of an Edgerton class taking their circle outdoors to enjoy a beautiful day.*



# Communi



## Register Today for the November 12 Walk/Run!

It's time for the 36th annual 623 Walk/Run! Join us for a 6.23 kilometer journey around Roseville on Saturday, November 12, 2022. The 623 Walk/Run is not a timed race – walkers, runners, strollers, and families are welcome. Bring your friends, children, neighbors, and coworkers!

Get outdoors and enjoy the fall weather while prioritizing health and physical activity. All pre-registered participants receive a FREE t-shirt. This year, you can also purchase an exclusive Raider hat.

The 623 Walk/Run is a fundraiser for youth scholarships. These scholarships ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate in enrichment classes and swimming lessons, regardless of financial need. Come support the cause!

Want to volunteer at this event? Volunteers receive a free t-shirt too!

To register for the event or to sign up as a volunteer, call 651-604-3770, visit [isd623.ce.eleyo.com](http://isd623.ce.eleyo.com) or scan this QR code.



## District Announces Reopening of Anpétu Téča Education Center Pool



Meet our new aquatics manager, Hailee Gordon! She has been planning new opportunities at our pool in Anpétu Téča Education Center! Be on the lookout for our upcoming classes and activities. Opportunities will be highlighted at [isd623.ce.eleyo.com](http://isd623.ce.eleyo.com), on our

Facebook page at [facebook.com/communityed](https://facebook.com/communityed), and on our Instagram [@roseville\\_communityed](https://instagram.com/roseville_communityed).

We are also now hiring lifeguards and swim instructors! Lifeguards start at \$15/hour and must be at least 15 years old. Water safety instructors start at \$16/hour and must be at least 16 years old. Scheduling is flexible. Serve the community in these fun and active roles! Visit [isd623.org/careers](http://isd623.org/careers) or call Hailee at 651-604-3763 to apply today.



## Try New Classes & Activities This Winter

Check out our upcoming classes and activities for adults! Here are some examples of what we are offering during November and December:

- ✦ Macramé Plant Shelf
- ✦ Zumba, Pilates, HIIT, and Yoga
- ✦ Photo Organization - Print & Digital
- ✦ How to Be an Airbnb Owner
- ✦ How to Retire From an Attorney's Perspective
- ✦ Copycat Cinnabon Cinnamon Rolls & Hot Cocoa Bombs
- ✦ Tonic Sol-Fa Holiday Concert



Register today! To view these opportunities and others, visit [isd623.ce.eleyo.com](http://isd623.ce.eleyo.com). You can also register by calling 651-604-3770.

# Community Ed

## Roseville Area Senior Program Offers Opportunities & Resources



✦ **Senior Lounge:** Hot coffee and tea, books, games, puzzles, a computer, and other resources! Come socialize with others, play card games, and more. Located in Room C123 at Anpétu Téča Education Center - 1910 County Rd. B W.

✦ **Groups and Activities:** Foot care clinic, partner bridge, drop-in bridge, hand & foot, stitch & chat, men's shed, men's discussion group, caregiver support group, and more.

✦ **Meals on Wheels:** We deliver meals to adults in need in our community. If you've been finding it more difficult to get to the grocery store or cook meals, this could be a great resource for you. This resource is especially helpful for older adults or adults with disabilities as the meal delivery also serves as a wellness check.

✦ **Free and Affordable Classes:** Art, technology, finance, fitness, cooking, music, personal interest, Defensive Driving, and more.

✦ **Craft and Gift Shoppe:** Come shop hand-crafted gift items, ceramics, wood crafts, jewelry, pottery, and more. Open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You can also join them for their Holiday Bazaar on October 27 and 28 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and October 29 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Located at 1910 County Rd. B W. in Roseville.

To learn more, call 651-604-3537 or email [rasp@isd623.org](mailto:rasp@isd623.org).



## Host Your Child's Party at Anpétu Téča

Host your child's next birthday party at Anpétu Téča Education Center – 1910 County Rd. B W. in Roseville. Take the stress out of planning, cleaning, and preparing for the party. Your party will have access to the gymnasium and a community room for gifts and cake. You can rent basketballs, dodgeballs, soccer balls, hula hoops, and jump ropes!

To get started and check availability, call 651-604-3770.

## Check Out Upcoming Winter Youth Enrichment Classes

Is your child interested in STEM, art, languages, sports, field trips, games, cooking, coding, or theater? We offer opportunities in all these areas – and more! Check out what Youth Enrichment classes are being offered at your child's school. Classes for January and February will go live later this fall. Scholarships are available. Call 651-604-3770 or visit [isd623.ce.eleyo.com](http://isd623.ce.eleyo.com) to see all class options.



## Continue Your Education at No Cost

Join us for classes at the Adult Learning Center! Students join the Adult Learning Center for a variety of reasons: to earn or finish a diploma, learn English, prepare for the trades, improve career skills, or even to make friends and find a community. We are also now offering a sewing class and a citizenship class.

We offer all of these opportunities at NO COST. You can register at any time. Contact us at 651-604-3553 or email [alc-info@isd623.org](mailto:alc-info@isd623.org).



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# Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, November 10  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Anpétu Téča Education Center  
 (1910 County Road B in Roseville)

**Join Us!**



Enjoy a “super snack” from our Nutrition Services Department!



Climb aboard a real school bus!

Dance to the Teddy Bear Band (and bring your favorite teddy bear as a dance partner)!



Be a star in our Raider photo booth!

Get your very own Class of 2036 t-shirt!

If you have a child who will enter kindergarten in September 2023, please join us for a fun evening of information and entertainment. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet school staff, learn about our elementary schools and district programs, ask questions, and get your child excited about kindergarten!



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