

# African American Parent Meeting

May 6, 2021



***EAST AURORA***

*SCHOOL DISTRICT 131*

**Welcome:**

**Dr. Jennifer Norrell**  
Superintendent of Schools



**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

# Strategic Plan

## MISSION

**Our purpose** is to educate and empower all students to reach their full potential.

## VISION

**Our future** graduates will be confident and productive global citizens committed to improving their community.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES



### EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment.



### OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Utilize systems and resources that promote operational excellence, efficiency, and fiscal accountability.



### COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Engage in continuous improvements through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership.



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.



## **EAST AURORA**

*SCHOOL DISTRICT 131*

AAPA Monthly Meeting  
Virtual via Google Meets  
Thursday, May 6, 2021  
6:30 pm

- I. Welcome
  - a. Dr. Norrell
- II. Group Norms
- III. Introductions/ Activity
- IV. Summer Reading Program through Aurora Public Library
  - a. Presenter: Carolina Gutierrez- School Services Coordinator
- V. Talented Tenth Social Services
  - a. Presenter: Natalie Bonner- Founder and President
- VI. Announcements & Resources
  - a. Presenters: Teasa Ezeh and Cierra Rhodes
    - i. African American "Virtual" Parent Café
    - ii. City of Aurora STEAM Academy
    - iii. Jumpstarts Prenatal to age Three Program
    - iv. EASD 131 Summer Enrichment Programs
    - v. P-EBT: Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer
- VII. Concluding Remarks
  - a. Questions

# Group Norms

## **Respect:**

Be respectful of each other's opinions

## **Open Communication:**

We must create a safe meeting environment where  
all feel comfortable enough to share their opinions

Table/parking lot for future discussion

## **Open Mindedness:**

We must keep an open mind, maintaining a safe and  
supportive environment that encourages growth  
and development

## **Responsibility:**

Be there ready to begin on time, be prepared, and be  
accountable

Please maintain Mic on mute when not speaking

Maintain a healthy humor, celebrate and laugh  
together



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## Introductions/Activity:

Break Out rooms (5 minutes):

1. Share your name
2. Child/children's names and ages
3. Where your kids attend school





# “Summer Reading Adventure” Program through Aurora Public Library:

By Carolina Gutierrez- School  
Services Coordinator

- Registration opens June 1,  
2021



# Talented Tenth Social Services:

By Natalie Bonner- Founder  
and President

Location:

122 W. DOWNER PLACE, SUITE 101  
AURORA, IL 60506  
|(312) 945-6202





# Talented Tenth Social Services:

- Announcements and Events



TALENTED TENTH SOCIAL SERVICES

## COMMUNITY CHECK-IN

**Every Tuesday, join us LIVE at 7:30PM with Toreyung Cobbs, Clinical Therapist, as we discuss mental health issues that plague our communities and methods to live a healthier lifestyle.**

FACEBOOK LIVE

[WWW.FACEBOOK/TALENTEDTENTHSS](https://www.facebook.com/talentedtenthss)



Talented Tenth Social Services, Inc.

# NEW HOURS!



**SHOP WITH US:**

**122 W. DOWNER PLACE  
AURORA, IL 60506**

**TUESDAY 10 AM-1 PM  
FRIDAY 4PM-6:30PM**

For everyone's safety, a limited number of customers will be accommodated per day.

### REMINDERS:

- Temperature check will be done
- Please wear a mask at all times. No mask, no entry.
- Sanitation stations will be set up

Our premises are sanitized regularly and staff wears protective gear to ensure safety.

For questions, email [talentedtenthss@gmail.com](mailto:talentedtenthss@gmail.com)

**YOU CAN'T BE POWERFUL UNTIL YOU HAVE HOPE!**

# Virtual Parent Cafe:

- Monday Evenings 6pm-7pm
- 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, and 5/31
- Limited space available so register in advance for this meeting:
- Direct Zoom link [here!](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567)



**MONDAY EVENINGS 6PM-7:30PM**  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

**AFRICAN AMERICAN**

## **PARENT CAFE**

Let's talk about it!

Parenting is not always easy, especially during these unpredictable times. Come engage in a great round-table virtual conversation with other parents facing the challenges of the current climate, daily struggles, and achievements around raising children and holding meaningful conversation.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>



HOW DO I TALK TO  
MY KIDS ABOUT....

MENTAL  
HEALTH  
WELLNESS  
&  
RACIAL  
TRAUMA

COVID  
VACCINATION  
& RETURNING  
TO SCHOOL

PTSD: LIFE  
AFTER THE  
GUILTY  
VERDICT

WHEN THEY  
SEE US: BLACK  
GIRL MAGIC &  
BLACK BOY  
JOY!

Gift cards given to the first  
25 participants

Andrea Johnson-Williams  
Facilitator

Sponsored by  
Kane County System of Care





## Events/Workshops:

SUMMER SESSIONS  
BEGIN JUNE -AUGUST

- Application Opens:  
May 24, 2021

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*Aurora STEAM  
Academy*



The graphic features the 'Aurora STEAM Academy' logo at the top left, with 'Aurora' in blue, 'STEAM' in colorful stylized letters (S: yellow/orange with a black dot, T: green circuit board, E: pink with a white line, A: blue with a yellow pencil, M: red with a white ruler), and 'Academy' in blue. Below the logo is a dark blue banner with white text: 'An interactive experience for Aurora students in 1st - 6th grades'. To the right of the banner are two smiling children: a boy in a blue shirt holding a small robot with a yellow wheel, and a girl in a blue shirt holding a tablet displaying the 'The City of Aurora, IL' seal and the 'TinkRworks' logo. On the left side of the graphic, below the banner, are three bullet points: '► CREATIVITY' (green), '► CRITICAL-THINKING' (pink), and '► PROBLEM-SOLVING' (red). The background is a light blue geometric pattern.

**AURORA  
STEAM  
ACADEMY**

An interactive experience for Aurora students in 1st - 6th grades

- CREATIVITY
- CRITICAL-THINKING
- PROBLEM-SOLVING

The City of Aurora, IL  
INCORPORATED FEB. 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837

**TinkRworks**

## Resources and Announcements:

- Jumpstart Program
  - Remote/Virtual Services
  - Our services are FREE to all qualifying East Aurora families!

For more information click [here](https://ecc.d131.org/jumpstart/)!

### ***Prenatal to Age Three Program***



- PHONE/VIRTUAL VISITS
- VIRTUAL FAMILY EVENTS
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- TRANSITION INTO PRE-K

**630.299.7493**

***<https://ecc.d131.org/jumpstart/>***

***FREE***



# Resources/Announcements:

- SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
- P-EBT : PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER
- Download the EA Parent App to receive news and district updates.
  - Resources on Social Emotional Learning



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EASD 131 parents are invited to enroll their child in summer school. Remote and hybrid options are available, and meals will be provided. Also available is the optional 21<sup>st</sup> Century program for students after lunch during the summer, with continued tutoring and activities! Visit [www.d131.org/summer-programs](http://www.d131.org/summer-programs) to register.

## SUMMER SCHOOL HOURS & 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PROGRAM

- ✓ Pre-K: 8:15-10:45 a.m.
- ✓ Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:30-11:30 a.m. | 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program: 12-3 p.m.
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program: 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- ✓ 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Session 1: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. | Session 2: 12-4 p.m.

## GREAT NEWS! GET YOUR P-EBT CARD BENEFITS

Be sure we have your current mailing address on file at your child's school. This will allow you to receive benefits from the P-EBT program offered by the Illinois State Board of Education and Department of Human Services. P-EBT provides food assistance to families with students who would have otherwise received free or reduced lunch while attending school, but are not receiving these meals in school due to COVID-19 restrictions. These benefits are available through the summer! Details at [www.d131.org/summer-programs](http://www.d131.org/summer-programs).

More information and registration at:

[www.d131.org/summer-programs](http://www.d131.org/summer-programs)

Questions? Contact your child's school principal.





For more  
information and  
future updates  
please click [HERE!](#)



Until Next Fall  
Everyone!

GET UP AND  
DANCE!

