



EAST AURORA
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Dear East Aurora District 131 Friends and Families:

Today we celebrate the beginning of Black History Month 2023. East Aurora School District 131 joins our community and the nation in celebrating the history of African Americans and recognizing the many contributions of African Americans throughout our nation.

In celebration of Black History month, earlier today, the College Board released the framework for their newest Advanced Placement course *AP African American Studies*. This course will be an excellent opportunity for East High students who elect to sign up, to engage with African American history and culture in great depth and coherence beginning Fall 2023.

Our district is also excited to announce we will once again host our annual Black History Month Celebration on Tuesday, February 28th at East High at 6PM. We invite our families and community members to attend for what will be an evening of festive fellowship, and entertainment from our students as well as professional artists. Our program theme this year is *The African Diaspora; Celebrating Influence in Many Places*.

Throughout the month, we encourage families to take the opportunity to learn more about the experiences, culture, and contributions of African Americans who have shaped American history. Locally take an opportunity to support African American-owned businesses, cooking or enjoying African American foods, listening to music from African American artists, or even visiting online African American museums—as a few examples. Below, there are links to interesting facts and stories that are added resources for our staff and for parents to utilize at home.

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories>

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/black-history-month-lessons-resources>

On behalf of our Board of Education, and all of us at East Aurora School District 131 ... join us as we celebrate Black History Month!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Norrell
Superintendent of Schools



Reach your full potential!