

FRMA families,

This school year, our district is promoting the theme, “In EA131 respect guides us. Our why drives us,” to further build respectful environments in our schools. On Thursday, October 31st, FRMA administrators and support staff conducted grade level meetings to address the use of slurs and offensive jokes that students may be exposed to on social media and in other environments.

For the purposes of our presentation, we defined the term ‘slur’ as an insulting, offensive or degrading remark directed towards someone based on a group they identify with. Presenters led students in a discussion of why the use of such terms, language and jokes was harmful to others and our school environment. In addition, we provided this guidance to students if they hear someone using slurs in their presence:

- Don’t laugh.
- Don’t encourage the speaker to repeat what was said.
- Don’t repeat or share the joke with others.
- Tell the person to stop.

In addition, we reminded students about our school’s [bullying incident reporting form](#) that can be used if someone feels they are or someone they know is being bullied in any way. We hope this presentation reinforces respectful behavior among our students and has provided them with guidance as to what to do if they encounter disrespectful treatment either in person or online.

Here are some announcements about upcoming events:

### **Parent University**

Join us for the 5th annual Parent University on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 8:00-12:15 p.m. at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane. This conference, dedicated to D131 parents/guardians, will cover a variety of topics from birth-college. There will be English and Spanish sessions! Childcare will be available for children ages 3-11, as well as breakfast and lunch will be provided! Visit this [link to complete the pre-registration form](#).

Here is the [flyer](#). If you have any questions or need help registering for this event, please contact Leslie Hernandez, Parent Liaison at: (630) 299-7177 or [lhernandez@d131.org](mailto:lhernandez@d131.org)

### **STEM Ignition**

The STEM Ignition Club has extended their registration for any FRMA student who is interested in joining. Students must register to join and can only register for their grade level at the school they currently attend. **Registration ends on 12/20/24.**

The class is free and meets once a week after school throughout the school year on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Students meet directly after school and a snack is provided. Students are required to be picked up at dismissal time of the program.

For more information please visit [this website](#) where you can find the registration for the class.

### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT**

District 131 has a leadership project for grades 6-8 students. The program includes engaging hands-on activities that promote leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills for community impact. It also offers individualized academic support, restorative practices for social-emotional learning, mentorship, and coaching for youth, and an academic incentive program called "Books For Bucks."

The registration date has been extended until the spaces are filled.

Register using the QR code in the [flyer](#).

### **Winter Coats**

If your child(ren) needs a winter jacket, please contact our Parent Liaison, Leslie Hernandez at: (630) 299-7177 or [lhernandez@d131.org](mailto:lhernandez@d131.org)

### **Upcoming Parent Group Meetings:**

- East Aurora Dad's will be meeting at Cowherd Middle School, 441 N. Farnsworth Ave., Aurora, 60505, on 11/7/24 from 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

The EA Dad's group focuses on strengthening families; the critical role of fathers. All D131 dads are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Luis Gonzalez at: (630) 299-7313 or [lgonzalez@d131.org](mailto:lgonzalez@d131.org)

- Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) will be meeting on 11/14/24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Belle Salle Banquets, 1920 E. New York St. Aurora. 60502

The Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) is a district-wide advisory group that meets in schools across the district, and advocates for excellence in all programs serving English Learners in District 131. BPAC strives to provide support and educational information to families of English Language Learners, and facilitate and foster relationships among schools, parents, and D131 staff. For more information about BPAC, please contact: Dr. Rita Guzman, Director of Language Acquisition at: [rguzman@d131.org](mailto:rguzman@d131.org) or visit [www.d131.org/bpac](http://www.d131.org/bpac)

- African American Parent Association (AAPA) will be meeting on 11/20/24 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Admin Center, 310 Seminary Ave., Aurora, 60505. Meeting will be in the Board Room- Enter through Door 4. For more information, contact Teasa Ezeh at: [tezeh07@gmail.com](mailto:tezeh07@gmail.com) or Melissa Diaz at: [mdiaz@d131.org](mailto:mdiaz@d131.org).

The AAPA bridges the connection between schools and families in the African American community and how best to expand academic and career resources for our students.

Have a great weekend!

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