



EAST AURORA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2024 RECAP

2024 Grants

In 2024 the East Aurora Educational Foundation approved grants totaling over \$97,000 plus an additional \$40,000 matching gift.

Empowering Readers: A book vending machine for Parkdale

No soda or snacks here, just books! Students at Parkdale Elementary School will have the opportunity to earn free books from our book vending machine. As part of a school wide reading incentive program, students who achieve reading milestones will earn special tokens that they can use to purchase books from the machine and take home to their personal collections.

Sustainable Agriculture Phase 2

The East Aurora Sustainable Agriculture Phase 2 grant will build on the successes and infrastructure from the first grant to operate the Sustainable Agriculture Lab on the EAHS campus. The program will educate and empower our school and community to support environmentally and economically beneficial local food production that works within natural systems. The program aims to create lifelong advocates, consumers and producers of healthy, sustainable and local food.

Where Everybody Belongs (W.E.B.)

Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) is a transitional program that helps 5th grade students feel cared for, supported and connected as they enter middle school through the use of highly trained 8th grade leaders/mentors.

Playful Possibilities - A Playground for all Ages and Abilities

The brand-new Pre-K and Students with Disabilities Playground will be designed to foster inclusivity, fun, and growth for every child. This transformative space is where laughter and learning know no bounds. Our entire community will have the opportunity to experience the joy of an inclusive playground that caters to the diverse needs of the current Parkdale school population.

Low Impact Fitness Room – Additional Teaching Space

The proposed Low Impact Fitness Room will allow Physical Education classes a space to conduct yoga, dance, body weight training, and TRX Training. It will also provide a space for adapted PE to take place allowing the program to serve all students. Other uses for the space include rehabilitation for student-athletes, an extra room for sports teams to use for stretching, meeting, watching film and more.

2024 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

In April 2024 the East Aurora Educational Foundation inducted five outstanding EAHS Alumni into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. These individuals were nominated by family, friends and coworkers.



Al Sleeper '55 (Posthumously),
Kathryn Moffett '77, Bill Nye '63
Sue Brazill '65, Christine Estabrook '68

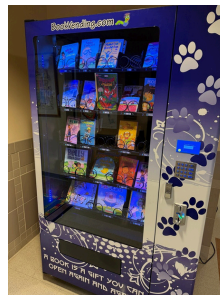
The East Aurora Educational Foundation is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Award. The award honors East Aurora Alumni who meet the following criteria: excellence in their fields, outstanding community service, and contributions to humanity. Scan the QR code at the bottom of the page for information on how to submit your nomination.

Mark Your Calendars

July 15-16, 2025
Give716

July 26, 2025
EA Sidewalk Sale

November 6, 2025
13th Annual Celebration Event
Mansion at Knox Farm



12th Annual Celebration Event

The East Aurora Educational Foundation's 12th Annual Celebration Event, held at The Bank of East Aurora on September 26th, was a special night dedicated to recognizing outstanding contributions to our community. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the James Ford Commitment to Education Award to Daniel Brunson.



Dan's connection to the East Aurora Union Free School District spans decades, since 1968, and his service has taken many forms: teacher, vice principal, program coordinator, consultant, school board member and president, and East Aurora Educational Foundation board member, to name a few. His commitment extends far beyond the school system, encompassing volunteer roles with many local organizations.


Dan's tireless dedication to both education and the wider community truly embodies the spirit of the James Ford Commitment to Education Award.

Do you know someone like Dan?

The East Aurora Educational Foundation is always accepting nominations. Information is available on our website (eastauroraef.org) or by scanning the QR code below.



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