

# East Aurora School District 131

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### **POPULAR AFRICAN-AMERICAN STORYTELLERS VISIT D131 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

*Gorham and Jones help to celebrate Black History Month*

(Aurora)- As a celebration of Black History Month, two popular storytellers and performers will visit East Aurora elementary schools to share songs, stories, and examples from the historical journey of African-Americans.

On **Tuesday, February 23**, storyteller **Linda Gorham** will visit Hermes Elementary School for two assemblies at **9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Linda Gorham is a storyteller who thinks outside the box to create new stories out of old, to refashion and twist familiar tales, and to create new ones based on her own experiences. For more than 20 years, whether she is performing for adults or children, her energy has been contagious and her stories memorable.

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On **Wednesday, February 24**, educator and performer, **Dr. Rise' Jones**, will visit Johnson Elementary School for a day of celebrating African-American heritage.

Jones will tell stories and sing songs from the Underground Railroad and Civil Rights eras during two school performances at **12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.** and during a free community performance at **6:00 p.m.** at Johnson School.

As a vocalist, Dr. Jones has performed all over the Chicago area at concerts, recitals, churches and civic ceremonies. She is the founder and director of Hamilton Wings,

which offers programs that target children who have limited access to arts and enrichment programs at school and at home.

More information about Linda Gorham can be found at [www.lindagorham.com](http://www.lindagorham.com) and Dr. Rise' Jones at [www.hamiltonwings.org](http://www.hamiltonwings.org).

Hermes Elementary School is located at 1000 Jungels Avenue in Aurora.

Johnson Elementary School is located at 1934 Liberty Street in Aurora.

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