



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



1.6.2025



# African American Student Achievement Initiative



# WHAT IS AASAI?

*“The African American Student Achievement Initiative is a Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) initiative focused on making teaching and learning more inclusive and impactful. It's dedicated to supporting the academic, social, and emotional needs of our African American and Black students, as well as the families and communities that uplift them, while fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and included. The success of this initiative is deeply rooted in the active involvement of parents, who play a crucial role in nurturing and advocating for their children's education and well-being. Parental engagement ensures that the voices of our families are heard, making AASAI a truly collaborative effort that benefits the entire community.”*



## Why the AASAI Matters: Advocating for Black Student Achievement

The African American Student Achievement Initiative (AASAI) is focused on addressing disparities that have historically and persistently impacted Black students in terms of academic achievement, access to resources, and overall well-being within the educational system. This initiative, and the grants supporting it, aim to provide targeted resources to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect this group of students.

By providing this support, we are working toward an equitable environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background. Equity differs from equality, in that it acknowledges the unique challenges faced by specific groups and strives to address these in ways that are tailored to their needs.

We value every student and strive to ensure all groups have access to the resources they need to thrive.



# 1/6/2025



SCAN  
FOR  
PHOTOS!

1. Introductions
2. Photos from Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.
3. Calendar of Events
4. Trimester 1 AASAI Award Ceremony, 1/31
  - Planning and Preparation (Family outreach, event set up, event clean up volunteers, etc., review invite & certificate)
5. Black Excellence Guest Speakers, 2/24 & 2/25
6. Black Excellence Student Expo, 3/6 (\$1000 budget, pending grant approval)





**TRIMESTER 1**

## AFRICAN AMERICAN & BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

Dear Harder Family,

We are thrilled to share that your student has been nominated for a Trimester 1 Student Achievement Award! This recognition highlights their outstanding accomplishments and dedication during the first trimester of the 2024-25 school year.

To celebrate, we will be hosting a Student Achievement Award Ceremony, where award certificates will be presented to all nominees:

**Date: January 31st, 2025**

**Time: 6:15-7:15 pm**

**Location: Harder Elementary Multi-Purpose Room**

We kindly ask that you confirm your attendance, including the number of guests in your party, by emailing Miss Corinn at [cm405@husd.us](mailto:cm405@husd.us) no later than Friday, January 24th.

We look forward to celebrating your student's success with you!



TRIMESTER 1

# CERTIFICATE

*of Achievement*

On January 31st, 2025, this certificate is proudly presented to:

*Student Name*

for her outstanding achievement in improving her math skills during  
Trimester 1 of 2024-25 at Harder Elementary School.

*Signature*

**DR. CYNTHIA ORTIZ**  
Principal



**HARDER AASAI**  
Commitee



## 2024-25 HARDER AASAI MEETINGS & EVENTS

### **DPLT AASAI Meeting**

1/16/25, 6:00pm at HUB

### **Coffee with the Principal**

1/21, 8:30am in Room K100

### **Family Movie Night**

1/23, 5:30pm

### **Families United Conference**

1/25/25, 9am-3pm at MLK Jr. Middle School

### **Trimester 1 AASAI Awards**

1/31/25, 6:15-7:15pm

### **Harder AASAI Meeting**

Monday, 2/10/25

### **Black Excellence Guest Speakers**

Monday, 2/24/25 & Tuesday, 2/25/25

### **Black Excellence Student Expo Night**

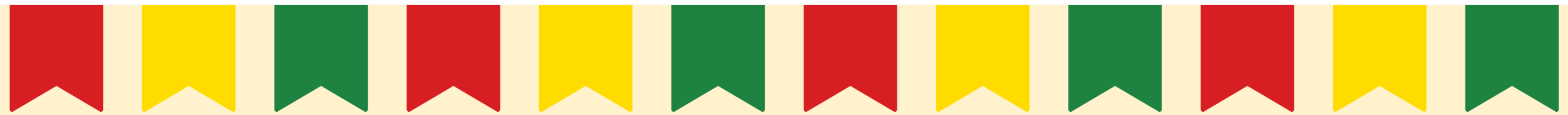
Thursday, 3/6/25, 6:00-7:00pm

### **Family Arts and Performance Night**

April, 2025

### **Juneteenth Family Celebration Night**

May, 2025



Harder is looking for a parent representative to fill an open position in our School Site Council Team!

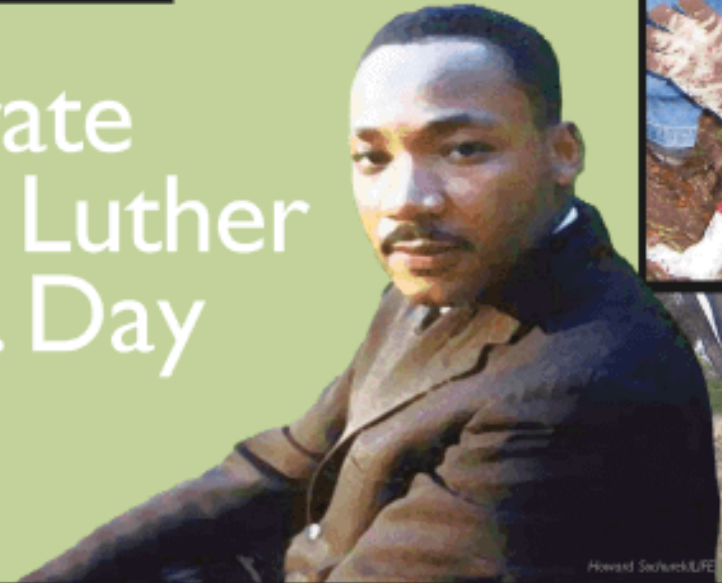
The elected members represent parents, students, community members, and school staff in school governance. The School Site Council (SSC) is responsible for the development of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and overall school site budget including any categorical funds. The SSC is expected to:

- Review and analyze student data.
- Solicit community input and develop a needs assessment.
- Assist the principal in developing the SPSA and school site budget.
- Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the SPSA on an ongoing basis.
- Approve the SPSA and school site budget before it is submitted to the District for final review and approval
- This is a commitment for two-years and we meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:15 in person.

If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please email Dr. Ortiz, Principal @ **[cortiz@husd.k12.ca.us](mailto:cortiz@husd.k12.ca.us)**



# Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Monday, January 20, 2025 • 9 am to Noon  
Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline

Join your community to clean the shoreline  
and restore habitat!

Scan the QR code to register online and  
volunteer at one of three locations at the  
Martin Luther King Jr Shoreline:

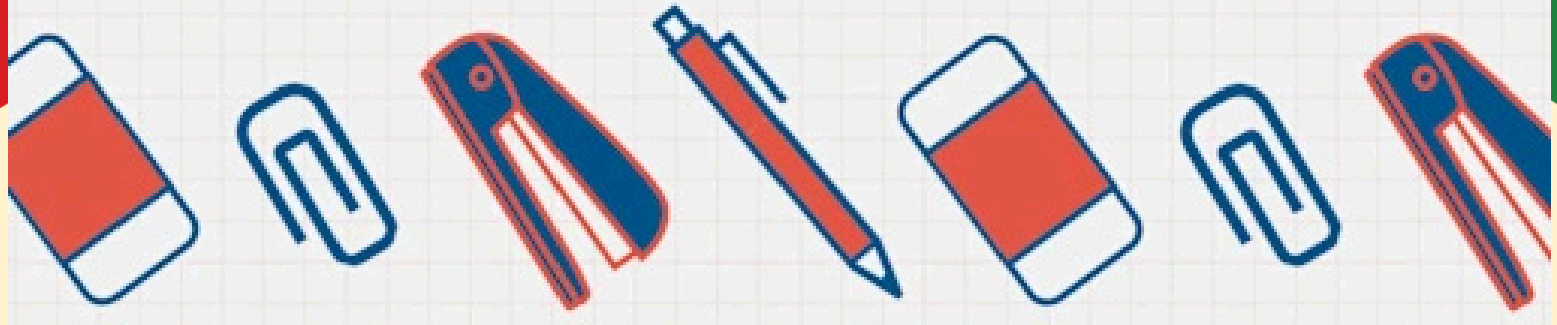
- Memorial Grove-  
*Registration Required*
- Oakport Staging Area
- Tidewater Boating Center



Information: [volunteers@ebparks.org](mailto:volunteers@ebparks.org) or [ebparks.org/MLK-day-service](http://ebparks.org/MLK-day-service)  
Volunteer Services [volunteers@ebparks.org](mailto:volunteers@ebparks.org) (510)544-2229



Click [HERE](#).



# 2ND CHANCE @ COLLEGE

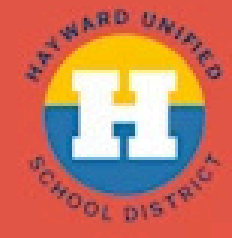
JOIN OUR SPRING 2025 COHORT!

**ECD 50:**  
**Early Childhood Principles and Practices**  
 Overview of the roles of early childhood educators, building strong relationships, following professional standards, and using play to support children's learning and development.

If you're a **parent or guardian** of an HUSD student and are interested in earning your college degree, this program is perfect for you!



These dual enrollment courses are offered through Chabot College and will be held at the Parent Resource Center HUB, located at 24823 Soto Road in Hayward.



**HYBRID:**  
 Thursdays at the HUB,  
 5:30 - 7 PM  
 1/23/25 - 5/22/25

Childcare will be provided for children in **grades TK-6.**

*This class is offered in English only.*

- College Application Process
- Financial Aid Resources
- Education & Career Planning

**REGISTER HERE**

For questions, please email Farial Nazari at [fj343ehusd.us](mailto:fj343ehusd.us)

