



# Aurora Public Schools

## Iowa Students Honor Memory of Alyssa

The memory of 9-year-old Alyssa was honored recently at Iowa Elementary School, when her family donated hundreds of books to APS students. Ten days after being diagnosed with Acute Lymphoma Leukemia, Alyssa passed away from complications brought on by the treatment of her disease.

Alyssa's family formed the "Alyssa Cares Foundation" to honor her love of reading. "We wanted something positive out of this. Reading gave her life," said Alyssa's father, Joe Hemmelgarn.

*"It's really nice that they came to do this because they wanted to make Alyssa's dreams come true. Reading is awesome!"*

*- Joshua, Iowa student*



Alyssa



*"We are so grateful to Alyssa's family for this tremendous opportunity. These are books that our students will always treasure. Our students know that these are more than just books, they are Alyssa's legacy."*

*- LuAnn Tallman, Iowa Principal*

*"Students who had never looked very excited about any book nearly danced for sheer happiness at walking out of a classroom with their very first "forever" book from Alyssa's family. A huge thank you goes to Alyssa's family and friends. Their actions are truly making a difference for our kids every day."*

*- Joan Campbell, Iowa Elementary Librarian*

## Crossroads to Celebrate Grand Opening

Thanks to bond dollars approved by district voters in 2002, APS recently opened the Crossroads center. Crossroads houses the Intercept Center and Transition programs, which provide specialized services to nearly 200 APS students.

Please join us for the Crossroads Open House:

**Wednesday, Sept. 24 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**Crossroads**  
**16905 E. 2nd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011**

The celebration will include building tours and refreshments. To learn more about bond projects, visit [www.aps.k12.co.us/bond](http://www.aps.k12.co.us/bond).

## Community Invited to Celebrate Aurora LIGHTS Partnership

Please join us to celebrate the Aurora Public Schools/Anschutz Medical Campus partnership that includes the Aurora LIGHTS project. Thanks to a \$3.9 million grant, this partnership will shine the light on health sciences and provide tremendous opportunities for APS students.

**Wednesday, September 24, 2008 • 10:00 a.m.**  
**Anschutz Medical Campus**  
**13120 E. 19th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80045**

The event will be held in the area between Education 1 North and Education 2 buildings.

To learn more, visit [www.apscms.net/enews/2008/09/15/lights](http://www.apscms.net/enews/2008/09/15/lights).