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# AASA Learning 2025 Network Happenings for the Week of August 22, 2023

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AASA Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series

Mark your calendars to attend Learning 2025 Professional Learning Series on the first Thursday of each month from 4-5 pm EST/1-2 pm PST.

On September 7, our national thought leader will be Dr. Jean-Claude Brizard, CEO of Digital Promise and our Lighthouse Demonstration System Showcase will be brought by Dr. Michelle Miller of South Fayette Township School District. The session will be moderated by AASA's Dr. Ann Levett and the Interactive Discussion will be led by Dr. Chris Gaines at EducationPlus.



**Your district Learning 2025 team members are invited to attend this learning opportunity!**

Register Now

**5 Tips to Support Student's Mental Health as the School Year Begins**  
**EducationWeek, August 16, 2023**

**ICYMI:** AASA's Learning 2025 Kick Off on August 14, planned by the AASA's Mental Health cohort, featured inspiring presentations!

Special guests Goldie Hawn, Dawn Apodaca, Gregg Behr, Dan Bridges, Anne Brown, Gladys Cruz, Paul Imhoff, Jennifer Reed, Tony Sanders, and Dave Schuler joined moderator Ann Levett to delve into the topic of Mental Health.

Here is the link to the recording:

Recording

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**Another ICYMI:** AASA provided a three-part webinar series on *Generative AI* in May and June. We are also pleased to share a fantastic new toolkit entitled,

Bringing AI to Schools: Tips for Educators, which is provided in collaboration with ISTE, ASCE, NAESP and NASSP: <https://qrcodes.pro/7anUhS>

Here are the links to the three webinars on de-mystifying AI in schools:

View All Recordings

**AASA Lighthouse System Application**

Interested in applying to be designated as a AASA Lighthouse Demonstration System?

Leaders are invited to apply for AASA Learning 2025 Lighthouse System designation. A Reflection Guide is provided to share the rubric and lead consideration of progress toward redesign components. Reflection Guide and Application are also posted in AASA Learning 2025 Canvas course.

Applications are due **October 3** with AASA Lighthouse Demonstration System designations announced **November 1**.

**Learning 2025 System Reflection Guide**

LIGHTHOUSE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

**RESOURCES**

**AASA Leadership Network Services**

As a benefit of participation in the AASA Learning 2025 Network, **each Demonstration System** can choose **one** of AASA's cohorts to join (value of \$2000/\$2500). Below is a link for each cohort's webpage to help you learn about them and choose one. Once you submit your form, we will register the superintendent or listed designee, and he or she will start receiving information from that cohort's program lead.

2023-24 AASA Learning 2025 Network Cohort Choice

## AASA LEARNING 2025 PARTNERS



**Spark**  
**WONDER**  
this school year. In your classroom,  
in your home,  
wherever kids learn.

Teachers and parents,  
Join Gregg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski,  
co-authors of the acclaimed book,  
*When You Wonder, You're Learning:  
Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons  
for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids,*  
on Tuesday, August 29, 8-9pm Eastern, via Zoom,  
And be inspired by some simple things you can do  
to kick-start JOY, CURIOSITY, and WONDER  
for the kids you love.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
<https://bit.ly/SparkWonder>

**Tuesday, August 29, 8pm: Spark WONDER!**

It's almost that time again: the start of a new school year. What would it take, you might wonder, to make *this* one the best school year yet?

As usual, we can look to Mister Rogers for guidance. "Did you know?" he used to sing. "Did you know when you wonder, you're learning?"

Today, science is proving him right. We now know that when we're in a state of wonder, our brains are primed for learning. In fact, when it comes to children's success in school, curiosity may be just as important as intelligence.

So, how might we spark *more* curiosity, more wonder, and more joy in the school year to come?

Join this **free**, virtual event on **Tuesday, August 29, 8pm Eastern/5pm Pacific** to learn simple ideas for sparking wonder and joy this school year — wherever you and your kids learn. The curiosity kicks off at 8pm eastern. [Register here!](https://bit.ly/SparkWonder)

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**Beacons of Hope - Remake Learning**

A cohort of 34 public school districts, the Western Pennsylvania Learning 2025 Alliance, advances student-centered, equity-focused, future-driven school systems that prepare every learner for tomorrow. Co-led by Pittsburgh-area superintendents and AASA, the School Superintendents Association, the Alliance convenes for workshops and professional development facilitated by world-class experts. With support from The Grable Foundation, these 34 districts are reimagining education and showing the world what school could be.





Thank you to our partners who help make this work possible:



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## Battelle for Kids

Every Portrait of a Graduate is unique, reflecting the shared vision of the community

Looking for ideas, inspiration, and examples of Portrait of a Graduate journeys?

[Find blogs, podcasts, and videos on our website](#)

[Watch YouTube videos on our School District Stories Playlist](#)

We are honored to have assisted hundreds of school systems in engaging their education system and the broader community—educators, students, elected officials, community members, and families—to build a unifying, collective vision for their students. We would be honored to support you as well. Let's connect at [info@bfkspn.org](mailto:info@bfkspn.org).



### CONTACTS

Do you have feedback you'd like to share with our AASA Learning 2025 team about how we can support you and your team?

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### Our Mission/Our Commitment

*The LEARNING 2025 leadership team and mentors/consultants engage communities, staff, and boards in discussions about strategies to address existing and perceived barriers to district transformation. Many of the challenges we face are not problems that have an obvious or quick answer; rather, they are challenges, conundrums, and polarities that need to be navigated. We are committed to involving all stakeholders in identifying, managing, and breaking those barriers so that leaders can focus on the whole system.*



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