West Aurora Schools
Aurora, Illinois
Photographic Remembrance 2016
At the request of the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley assembled this photographic remembrance of West Aurora School District 129. The sources for the photos were West Aurora High School EOS Yearbooks and School District 129 archives. Other photos were courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society, Aurora Beacon-News and Messenger Public Library of North Aurora.
Superintendents

1. W.W. Wilkie  
   (1861-1867)  
   (No photo of W.W. Wilkie exists)

2. Frank H. Hall  
   (1868-1875)
Superintendents

3. L.M. Hastings
   (1875-1879)

4. J.H. Freeman
   (1879-1886)
Superintendents

5. Charles Riley  
(1886-1887)

No photo of Charles Riley exists. These articles were published in the Aurora Daily Express in December 1886 and January 1887.

6. Frank H. Hall  
(1887-1890)
Superintendents

7. A.V. Greenman
   (1890-1909)

8. Carlton E. Douglass
   (1910-1913)
Superintendents

9. A.S. Kingsford
   (1913-1915)

10. S.K. McDowell
    (1915-1920)
Superintendents

11. H.T. McKinney
(1920-1923)

12. James H. Smith
(1923-1934)
Superintendents

13. Daniel B. Heller  
   (1934-1935)  

14. Carl E. Larson  
   (1935-1950)
Superintendents

15. Wayne E. McCleery  
   (1950-1953)

16. John Wredling (interim)  
   (1953-1954)
Superintendents

17. Harold G. Fearn  
   (1954-1972)  

18. Frank H. Brown  
   (1972-1979)
Superintendents

19. Gary D. Jewel  
   (1979-1993)

20. Sherry R. Eagle  
   (1993-2005)
Superintendents

21. James Rydland  
(2005-2014)  

22. Jeff Craig  
(2014-Present)
The following elementary and middle schools were named after individuals who served as teachers, administrators and/or superintendents of West Aurora School District 129. The exceptions are John P. Schneider Elementary School (Mr. Schneider was the founder of North Aurora), Thomas Jefferson Middle School and George Washington Middle School. The order of the listing of the schools reflects the dates in which they were named for the individuals.

Detailed biographical profiles of those for whom the schools were named are available on the websites of West Aurora School District 129 and the Community Foundation.
A.V. Greenman Elementary School
( Named for Superintendent A.V. Greenman)
Mary A. Todd School

(Named for Teacher & Principal Mary A. Todd)
J.H. Freeman Elementary School
(Named for Superintendent J.H. Freeman)
Nancy L. Hill Elementary School
(Named for Teacher & Principal Nancy L. Hill)
Wayne E. McCleery Elementary School

(Named for Superintendent Wayne E. McCleery)
Frank H. Hall Elementary School
(Named for Superintendent Frank H. Hall)
Grace M. Nicholson Elementary School
(Named for Teacher & Principal Grace M. Nicholson)
John P. Schneider Elementary School
(Named for Founder of North Aurora John P. Schneider)
Gertrude Scott Smith Elementary School
(Named for Teacher & Administrator Gertrude Scott Smith)
Lucia Goodwin Elementary School
(Named for Teacher Lucia Goodwin)
Hope D. Wall School

(Named for Special Education Pioneer Hope D. Wall)
Gary D. Jewel Middle School
(Named for Superintendent Gary D. Jewel)
Harold G. Fearn Elementary School
(Named for Superintendent Harold G. Fearn)
Robert L. Herget Middle School
(Named for Teacher & Administrator Robert L. Herget)
West Aurora High Schools
(Old Stone School)

The first high school classes for West Aurora students were offered in 1868 on the third floor of Old Stone School. This building was constructed in 1852 on a parcel of land surrounded by Oak, Spruce, Walnut and Pine Streets. It was destroyed by fire in 1884.
West Aurora High Schools
(Oak Street School)

Oak Street School replaced Old Stone School in 1885. It was located on the same site as Old Stone School and continued to offer classes for high school students and instruction for younger students.
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In 1906, a new school was built on Blackhawk and Galena. This was the first school constructed exclusively for high school students and was named West Aurora High School.
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In 1953, a new West Aurora High School was opened on Walnut Street (now New York Street). The former high school on Blackhawk and Galena became the West Aurora Junior High School.
Historic Photos

The following photos were not included in the Community Foundation’s 2016 historic video of the West Aurora Schools due to space constraints. These photos are included here to ensure their preservation for future generations. They span the years 1900 thru the 1950s.
West High Football Team 1900

W. A. H. S. Football Team 1900
West High Drama Club 1912
West High Class of 1917
TEACHERS FOR 1917-1918

S. K. McDowell, Superintendent
71 N. View St., Office 2988, Home 1644 Chicago Phone
Gertrude M. Kennedy, Office Assistant
189 Blackhawk St.  2704-J Chicago Phone

HIGH SCHOOL
2988 Chicago Phone—1275 Interstate Phone

A. A. Rea .........................................................Principal
79 Blackhawk St.  815-R Chicago Phone
Lucia Goodwin ..................................................Mathematics
204 Galena Blvd.  1293-J Chicago Phone
Gertrude Scott Smith .........................................Mathematics
110 Galena Blvd.  1272-M Chicago Phone
Grace Freeman ..................................................History
265 Fox St.  1060-R Chicago Phone
Herman Bogard, Jr. ............................................Physical Tr., Coach, History
162 Galena Blvd.  1414-R Chicago Phone
Lucy H. Johnson ...............................................Latin
253 Walnut St.  2052 Chicago Phone
West High Teachers 1917-1918

Alice A. Shepard .................................................. English
       65 S. View St.  1549-M Chicago Phone
Emilie Noack ....................................................... English
       273 Walnut St.  1511-M Chicago Phone
Vida A. Kerr ..................................................... English and Spanish
       14 S. May St.  969-R Chicago Phone
C. J. Baker ........................................................ Science
       81 N. May St.
Mary A. Haan ...................................................... Science and Mathematics
       344 Marion Ave.  1477-J Chicago Phone  425 Interstate Phone
J. R. Hadley ...................................................... Commercial
       279 Palace St.  1357-R Chicago Phone
Jane V. Deal ..................................................... Commercial
       267 Downer Place  2120 Chicago Phone
Friedrich T. Hotz ............................................... German
       217 Cedar St.
West High Teachers 1917-1918

George A. James .......................................................... Manual Training
49 S. Lincoln Ave.  881-W Chicago Phone

Homer G. Ingram ......................................................... Manual Training Asst.
244 Oak Ave.  2717-R Chicago Phone

W. A. Potter ................................................................. Music
291 Plum St.  1070-M Chicago Phone

Ella M. Shoemaker ....................................................... Domestic Science
54 Blackhawk St.  1511-J Chicago Phone

Dorothy Holmes Glover ............................................... Drawing
226 New York St.  289 Chicago Phone

Jessie L. Dunlap .......................................................... Physical Director
200 Penn Ave.  1268-M Chicago Phone
Oak Street School Teachers 1917-1918

OAK STREET SCHOOL
693 Chicago Phone—1279 Interstate Phone

Nancy L. Hill .................................................. Principal, Eighth Grade
15 Oak Ave. 1169-M Chicago Phone

Margaret Crimmins .......................................... Eighth Grade Asst.
508 N. Lake St. 1317-J Chicago Phone
(Afternoon)

Berenice Scoggin ........................................... Eighth Grade
267 Downer Place 2120 Chicago Phone

Lydia E. Cass ............................................... Seventh Grade
242 S. Fourth St. 2579-J Chicago Phone

Margaret Loftus ........................................... Seventh Grade
475 Fox St. 1326-R Chicago Phone

Alma Crain ................................................... Sixth Grade
15 Oak Ave.

Mary P. Adams ............................................. Fifth Grade
56 S. May St. 138 Chicago Phone
Oak Street School Teachers 1917-1918

Mary C. Cutter .................................................. Fifth Grade
Oswego Ill., 102 Main St.  38-W Chicago Phone
Lou B. Robison .................................................. Fourth Grade
105 Downer Place.  907-R Chicago Phone
Mary Driscoll .................................................. Third Grade
367 Garfield Ave.  3377-J Chicago Phone
Orise Newman .................................................. Second and Third Grades
Aurora, Ill., R. D. 2  1905-Y-4 Chicago Phone
Lottie L. Cobb .................................................. First and Second Grades
181 West Park Ave.  807-R Chicago Phone
*Mabel E. Hewson ............................................. First Grade
446 Simms St.  826-J Chicago Phone
Ora A. Nelson .................................................. First Grade
162 Galena Blvd.
*Granted a leave of absence.
ILLINOIS AVENUE SCHOOL
2238 Chicago Phone

Mary E. Prine .................................................. Principal, Eighth Grade
217 West Park Ave. 1103-J Chicago Phone

Margaret Crimmins ......................................... Eighth Grade Assistant
508 N. Lake St. 1317-J Chicago Phone
(Forenoon)

Mary K. Barr .................................................. Seventh Grade
135 N. VanBuren St., Batavia, Ill. 174 Interstate Phone

Clara M. H. Bohnstengel ................................. Sixth Grade
134 Clark St. 1000-M Chicago Phone

Jessie B. Chambers ......................................... Fifth Grade
204 High St.

Luella E. Bruggemann ..................................... Fourth Grade
141 Galena Blvd. 4190-R Chicago Phone

Vida Simmons ............................................... Third Grade
141 Galena Blvd. 4190-R Chicago Phone

A. Belle Colburn .......................................... Second Grade
225 Claim St. 1092-W Chicago Phone

Cleora Worth Murray .................................... First Grade
612 Main St. 2801-W Chicago Phone
SOUTH LAKE STREET SCHOOL
2237 Chicago Phone

Lena A. Vogt............................................. Principal, Eighth Grade
258 Cedar St.
Bertha M. Lawerence.......................... Seventh and Eighth Grades
(Assistant)
115 Downer Place  3016 Chicago Phone
Gertrude Covell........................................ Sixth Grade
447 Walnut St.  2827-W Chicago Phone
Anna Wiggin........................................... Fifth and Sixth Grades
200 Penn. Ave.  1268-M Chicago Phone
Elsie E. Ekeberg.................................. Fourth and Fifth Grades
199 West Park Ave.
Ruth W. Graves.......................... Third and Fourth Grades
115 Downer Place  3016 Chicago Phone
Nellie Bushnell.......................... Third Grade
322 Grand Ave.  2851-M Chicago Phone
Blanche M. Alverson........................... Second Grade
83 S. Highland Ave.  1349-J Chicago Phone
*Elizabeth Tevelin........................... First Grade
Dorothy L. Nash........................... First Grade
59 S. Chestnut St.  1611-R Chicago Phone
GREENMAN SCHOOL
378 Chicago Phone

Maud M. Moon ........................................ Principal and Eighth Grade
83 S. Highland Ave. 1349-J Chicago Phone

Osa L. Lent ........................................ Seventh Grade
59 S. Chestnut St. 1061-R Chicago Phone

Agnes Leigh ........................................ Sixth Grade
Aurora, Ill., R. D. Lyndales Farm, 1856-Y-4 Chicago Phone

Gladys Sanders ........................................ Fifth Grade
316 Woodlawn Ave. 2738-R Chicago Phone

Olive M. Randall .................................... Fourth Grade
222 Cedar St. 1014-W Chicago Phone

Anna L. Graves ...................................... Third Grade
360 Downer Place 2626 Chicago Phone

Mabel E. Thompson ................................ Second Grade
440 Galena Blvd. 2309 Chicago Phone

Mabelle E. Minard ................................... First Grade
187 Downer Place 4295 Chicago Phone
(Forenoon, S. Lake St. School—Afternoon, Illinois Ave. School.)
Edith Stevens, 272 Grand Ave.  2792-R Chicago Phone
Zella B. Arnold, 267 Downer Place  2120 Chicago Phone
(Forenoon, Oak St. School—Afternoon, Greenman School.)
Helen B. Lanigan, 165 Galena Blvd.  2632 Chicago Phone
Dhu Olive Harrison, 165 Galena Blvd.  2632 Chicago Phone