

**Aux Sable Elementary School**  
“Thursday News”  
September 4, 2008

**Dr. Palaniuk’s Coffee Klatch**

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Dr. Stephen Palaniuk will hold his first Curriculum Coffee Klatch in the cafeteria at Aux Sable Elementary School. Parents are invited to attend to learn more about our new testing program as well as our initiatives for Reading, Response to Intervention, and Writing. Questions regarding the event may be directed to Dr. Palaniuk at [spalaniuk@min201.org](mailto:spalaniuk@min201.org)

**School Improvement at Aux Sable Elementary School**

If children are generously rewarded for their early attempts to communicate in writing, they will quickly discover that the skill of writing is worth their while and as a result, will be approached with energy and enthusiasm. In 2002, Carol Avery stated three assumptions about primary level writers. They are:

1. They can write
2. They want to write
3. They possess the knowledge, interests, and experiences to write

Writing is a complex journey, but with support and constant practice, the mountain that writing can be seen as will become one that is easily climbed. At Aux Sable Elementary School, your students will be writing with increasing frequency throughout the school year. Each day includes a minimum of thirty minutes for writing instruction.

**Universal Screening at Aux Sable Elementary School**

Universal screening of students in grades one through five will begin on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Aux Sable. In addition to the increased focus for schools on setting and meeting high standards of student performance, NCLB emphasizes the importance of evidenced-based interventions. For us to be able to implement appropriate learning interventions, students must be screened to determine any and all particular educational needs to be addressed.

After children have been screened, results will be analyzed for the purpose of forming intervention groups to receive additional learning support.

To ensure proper supervision of students, they are not to arrive before 8:25 a.m., as is stated in the Handbook.

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**PTO News**

The Aux Sable Elementary School PTO will hold its first meeting of the School Year on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All parents are welcomed to attend.

**Import Information Regarding Student Lunch Balances**

Every Friday morning, we will run a lunch report to check lunch balances. If your child has a negative balance of \$10.00 or more, a notice will come home advising you that the card will be pulled Monday morning. No hot lunch or cold milk will be given until the balance is paid in full. It will be your responsibility to check your child's backpack for the notice. The handbook states that no child will be allowed to carry a negative balance. If you have not signed up for a Teacherease, please do so, as this is where you can also check your child's lunch balance.

If your child does not bring a cold lunch or lunch money the following Monday, he/she will not be allowed to take hot lunch.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please request a form for Free and reduced lunch, which can be picked up in any of the Minooka School Offices. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

**Grundy County Regional Job Fair**

The 2008 Grundy County Regional Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Grundy County Center located at 1715 North Division Street in Morris. Further information can be accessed at [www.grundyworkforce.com](http://www.grundyworkforce.com)

**Flyers are in the Office**

Routinely, outside organizations deliver flyers to the various District 201 schools. Flyers that have been approved are available in the respective offices.

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