

Aux Sable Elementary School

“Thursday News”

December 20, 2007

Kindergarten Christmas Program Set for Tonight December 20th

Our Kindergarten students will perform for family and friends tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Aux Sable Elementary School.

Fifteen-Minute Reading Activities

Make 15 minutes go a long way. Try these quick reading activities with your younger children.

- **Better than TV.** Swap evening TV for a good action story or tale of adventure.
- **Look and listen.** Too tired to read aloud? Listen to a book on tape and turn the book's pages with your children. You'll still be reading with them!
- **Labels, labels, labels.** Label things in your children's room as they learn to name them. Have fun while they learn that written words are connected to everyday things.

PTO News

The Aux Sable Elementary School PTO would like everyone to know that Market Day orders which are not completed online can be turned in at the School Office or mailed to the address on the back of the order form. Orders must be turned in prior to December 21st for processing purposes.

Upcoming Events

Thursday December 20th: Kindergarten Christmas Program at Aux Sable Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday December 21st Winter Break begins at the end of the day. Students dismissed at 1:25 p.m.

Monday January 7th Classes resume at all Minooka District 201 Buildings

Tuesday January 8th There is a Referendum Committee Meeting at Minooka Intermediate School at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday January 15th There is a Referendum Committee Meeting at Minooka Elementary School at 6:00 p.m.

Friday January 18th Teacher Institute – No Student Attendance

Monday January 21st No Student Attendance – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday January 22nd Aux Sable Elementary School's Second Grade Music Program at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday January 29th Aux Sable Elementary School's Fine Arts Festival at 6:00 p.m.

Have a great Holiday Season! –

Mr. Martin

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Minooka Schools Will Seek Taxpayer Approval to Build, Equip, and Renovate Schools at a Cost of \$54.87 Million: Referendum Will Not Raise Tax Rate!

How is it possible to sell \$54.87 million in bonds and not raise the tax rate?

The district currently has nearly \$40 million in bond debt. The way the bond debt was originally scheduled to be paid was in equal amounts over a twenty year period of time. Because the district's equalized assessed value (EAV) has increased dramatically over the last couple of years, we are able to make greater debt payments without raising the tax rate. By making greater bond payments we save taxpayer dollars, because we are paying off our debt sooner (and interest payments are less). The new \$54.87 million in building bonds will be added to our existing debt. We will pay off all of our debt as quickly as possible (without raising the tax rate higher than \$2.9643).

According to our plan all of our existing debt and the new \$54.87 million in new building bond debt will be paid in fourteen (14) years or less.

Any parent or community member interested in learning more about or helping with the referendum can by attending the next meeting at Minooka Intermediate School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.