

Aux Sable Elementary School

“Thursday News”

November 1, 2007

Students of the Month Upcoming

Aux Sable Elementary School will begin to recognize its Students of the Month based on the 6 Pillars of Character Counts. Students' names will be submitted for recognition at the end of each month and those chosen as Students of the Month will be recognized at the Monthly meeting of the Board of Education.

How Parents Can Help With Writing

Because the most efficient and powerful language learning we experience, learning to speak as babies, occurs at home and with complete naturalness, home should also be a place where writing is encouraged. What can parents do to help their children learn to be proficient writers?

- Make literacy regular and predictable at home
- Designate a special area for writing
- Have children write letters to friends and relatives
- Model writing for their children
- Take an interest in their children's writing
- Celebrate their children's writing from school and at home
- Focus on the meaning of their children's writing
- Ask their children's teachers questions about writing done at school

Community Members Recommend that Minooka CCSD 201 Build Two New Schools to House “Exploding” Enrollments

The Comprehensive Planning Committee, a group of 59 Minooka Elementary District 201 community members, made a recommendation to the Board of Education to build and equip two new schools and renovate and improve two existing schools to house the district's growing enrollments. The committee recommended that the Board place a question on the February 5, 2008 ballot, after studying the district's past enrollments and projections, financial history and projections, and current facilities over the past few months. The total cost of the construction and renovation is estimated to be \$54,865,315. The good news for taxpayers in the Minooka Elementary School District 201 community is that the referendum will not increase the district's total tax rate. Minooka School District 201 recently agreed to refinance its existing debt and has set the total tax rate for the district at \$2.9643 for the next several years (the total tax rate for the district in 2005). Passing the referendum will not raise the tax rate above the \$2.9643 tax rate.

Historical November Facts

- Daniel Boone, American frontiersman, born November 2, 1734.
- Will Rogers, American humorist, born November 4, 1879.

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- John Philip Sousa, American bandmaster, born November 6, 1854. 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
November 22, 2007 – No School
Thanksgiving
- The United States Marine Corps was established, November 10, 1775. November 23, 2007 – No School
Thanksgiving Break
- Armistice signed ending World War I, November 11, 1918. Have a great week.
- Veterans Day first celebrated in United States, November 11, 1954. **Mr. Martin**
- Congress first met in Washington, D.C., November 17, 1800.
- Abraham Lincoln delivered Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863.
- U.S. President John F. Kennedy assassinated, November 22, 1963.
- First national Thanksgiving Day in United States proclaimed by President George Washington, November 26, 1789.

Upcoming Events

November 2nd – End of First Quarter
November 13th – Report Card Day
November 16th – Early Release
11:35 a.m. (Staff Development)
November 19th – Early Release
1:35 p.m.
November 19th – Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
November 20th – Early Release
1:35 p.m.
November 20th – Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
November 21st – No Student Attendance
Parent/Teacher Conferences