

Abingdon School District Newsletter

Dr. Tami Roskamp, Superintendent

Check out the district's website at www.abingdon.k12.il.us

January 2010

Mission Statement

To assure our students achieve academic and social education to ensure life-long learners.

FEASIBILITY STUDY RESULTS TO BE RELEASED

The Boards of Education of the Abingdon, Avon, and Bushnell-Prairie City School Districts will host a joint meeting to release results of the reorganization feasibility study. The feasibility study was conducted by Dr. William Phillips, Dr. Scott Day, and Dr. Leonard Bogle, professors from University of Illinois, Springfield. The study took several months to complete. This study began as a result of these school districts exploring new ways to offer high quality curriculum programs for the students in their communities in a fiscally responsible manner. The joint meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the Avon High School Gym. The public is invited.

A feasibility study is a tool used by school districts to investigate the advantages and/or disadvantages of reorganization options. The study contains recommendations for reorganization options for the districts involved in the study. For more information about feasibility studies, check out this link at Illinois State Board of Education:

http://www.isbe.state.il.us/SFMS/html/feas_procedures.htm

We offer our elementary building for use to our citizens to walk before school from 6:30-7:30 am. Information about walking inside can be obtained by calling Hedding Grade School at 462-2363. Senior citizen sports passes are available in the board office for anyone over the age of 60 free of charge for home games.

On January 4, a Teacher's Institute was held. Hedding Grade School Teachers participated in a workshop called Conscience Discipline led by Dr. Magie Stuart. The Middle and High school teachers took part in a Love and Logic workshop presented by Kelvin Gott. Follow up sessions will be hosted during the remainder of the school year.

Abingdon Board of Education
Members are:

Jim Bloomberg, President
Roger Schrodt, Vice President
Bonnie Froelich, Secretary
Ray Archer
Dennis Decrane
Jeff Emerick
Sherry Lomax

Attention Parents

Parent-Teacher Conferences

will be hosted for the second semester
on February 10 and 11.

Teachers are available on

February 10 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM

February 11 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Be sure and mark these dates on your
calendar.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are a great opportunity for parents to check on how their student is doing. Research indicates that the effects of parental involvement has shown a consistent, positive relationship between parents' engagement in their children's education and student outcomes. Studies have also shown that parental involvement is associated with student outcomes such as lower dropout and truancy rates.

Abingdon CUSD utilizes a student management software package called **SkyWard**. This allows students and parents access to their student (s) academic progress anytime of the day. This web-based software provides another way for parents to communicate and work with their student's teachers.

Skylert is a real-time notification system which will offer our district a more effective means of communication with parent, students and employees. Skylert is capable of sending out thousands of messages within minutes to employees, parents, and students. We can use three simple broadcasting systems when communicating: phone, email, and/or text messaging. Besides emergency notifications, we be using it to for attendance calls, low lunch balance notices, and early dismissal reminders.

Parents have the option to update their notification methods through the Skylert link within their personal Skyward Family Access login located on our website, <http://www.abingdon.k12.il.us>. This will allow parents the ability to add additional phone numbers, email addresses, and also indicate which number they would like to receive text messages. Login information can be obtained by calling the school office.

There are prescheduled messages entered into the system throughout the school year to remind employees, parents, and students of early dismissals, holidays, and other special events. The system is also used to send out "emergency" messages such as no school or early dismissals due to weather. When a message is broadcast, the system makes 3 attempts to reach a person or answering service.



The following Community Activities are posted at each school and flyers are available in the MS/HS office and on a table by the Hedding Grade School Office. -Check out Community link on district website.

- AMS Prayer Breakfast – Every Tuesday Morning – 7:00 to 8:00 AM - AMS/AHS Gym & Room 24
- Faithweavers – Abingdon Christian Church – 409 S. Main St. – Second Wed 5:30 – 7:30 – Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12
- The Abingdon United Methodist Church Youth Group called Crave—Beginning September 20 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.—401 N. Washington Street.
- 4-H-sponsored by Univ. of IL Extension-Clubs are: Bracken Busy Bees meeting 1st Monday at Abingdon Banking Ctr, Southwestern meeting 3rd Sunday, & Rusty Spurs Horse Club meeting 2nd Sunday at Knox AgriCenter, Galesburg.
- Cub Scouts Lock In-Jan 8, Pine Wood Derby-March 6. For more info. Joyce Durkin 462-2970.
- AHS Cheer Clinic--Grades PreK-2 and Grades 3-6--January 30--Abingdon HS--Registration forms due by January 20 to Lori Landon.
- Knox College Hitting League--Fleming Fieldhouse--Knox College--January 10, 17, 24 & 31; February 14,21 & 28; March 7--Grades 1-8--contact person is Jami Isaacson @ 341-7456 or 335-4062.
- Bridal & Prom Expo--Hosted by Garden Gate Florist & Greenhouse--Sunday, March 28, 2010--1-4 pm--Abingdon HS Gym--Fashion Show @ 3 pm.