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May/June 2023



Hello and welcome to the ninth edition of the “*In the Middle*” monthly newsletter. Enjoy reading about all of the great things happening here at Freedom Middle School!

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Important Dates:

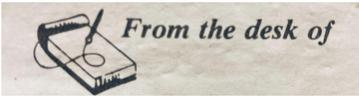
Monday, May 8	MAPSS Meeting 5:00 pm Library; 7-12 grade band and choir to the Weidner Center. 7:00 PM concert.
Friday, May 12	Goody Triathlon
Monday, May 15	Board Meeting 6:30 pm; 6th grade band/choir concert 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 24	8th grade to the Brewer Game
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day; no school
Tuesday, May 30	8th grade Recognition 6:30 pm fieldhouse
Wednesday, May 31	All grade levels to Bay Beach
Thursday, June 1	Student last day; 12:30 dismissal/ Staff work day PM
Friday, June 2	Staff work day AM

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Important Reminders:

- ★ Masking is optional when riding the bus.
- ★ Masking is optional while in school.
- ★ School starting time is 8:00am. Ending time is 3:21pm. Students should be in their 1st hour class no later than 7:55am.
- ★ Turn in all appointment notes to the office. This will help in regards to the 5 and 10 allowable absences from the state.
- ★ Early release time is 12:30.

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Dr. Methner

Hello FMS Parents and Guardians!

It's hard to believe that the 2022-23 school year is drawing to a close. It's been a great year with many fun learning moments across our content areas.

In this year's 8th grade promotion, I plan to share a message of gratitude. I am very thankful to work with a dedicated staff, kind students, and an actively contributing group of parents/guardians. Thank you for making this such a special school year!

Looking forward to next year, our staff is already planning for their curriculum, and I am proud that we will once again be offering a number of great Pentemester exploratory offerings to our students in 23-24. We are grateful to the high school elective teachers who are offering new Family and Consumer Science, Agriculture, Business Education, and Engineering courses!

As always, I encourage parents and guardians to reach out to me or to teachers with any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us, or by phone at 920-788-7945 ext. 2309.

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Counselor's Corner - Mr. Jason Bins

Greetings Freedom Middle School Stakeholders! As we enter our final month of school, I am continually impressed with the students of Freedom Middle School and the support systems around them. We truly have a great school system and I am proud to be part of it.

Over the last month, our counseling department has turned the focus to transitions and wrapping up our 2022-23 school year on a positive note.

Transitioning to a new grade or new school can be scary and challenging to students. Our counseling department is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible.

One of our transition tools was to bring in Mr. Mike McGowan to talk about transitions and relationships. Mike is in hundreds of schools each year and is able to share a perspective outside of the

Freedom Community to our students. In his presentations, we find the commonalities within schools and are provided with the tools to be successful in our school setting.

As I often tell students, my entire role at FMS is to support the social/emotional wellbeing of the students of FMS. Please let me know how I can support your students as they continue their path into adulthood through Freedom Middle School!

Thank you for your support of Freedom Middle School and its students and staff!

Please let me know what I can do to help your student. I can be reached at (920) 788-7945 (x2288) or via email at jbins@freedomschools.k12.wi.us. Water the Bamboo! -JB



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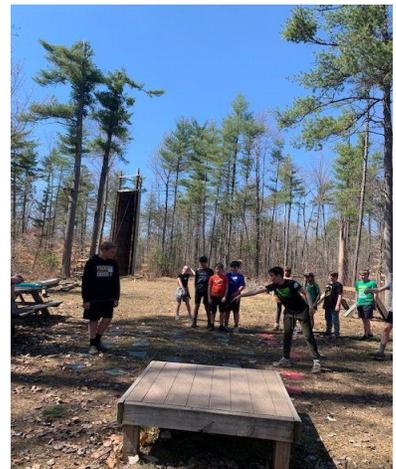
Student Council has organized an ABC countdown to the final day of school. Students can take part in the fun!

April 26	A - Art adventure in Irish Hour
April 27	B - Bake Sale - \$1 items
April 28	C - Crazy hair day
May 1	D - Doubles day (Twinning)
May 2	E - Electronic day (Pay \$1 to use a device at study hall)
May 3	F - Four square at study hall
May 4	G - Game day at study hall (wear jersey/game attire and play games)
May 5	H - Hello, weekend! (Ice pops @ Irish Hour)
May 8	I - I don't have homework!
May 9	J - Jammie day
May 10	K - Kickball at study hall
May 11	Luck of the Irish (Green and Gold/Irish gear & random give-a-ways)
May 12	M - Music Makes Us Happy (music between classes)
May 15	N - Neon
May 16	O - Occupation day
May 17	P - Phone day, no pay at study hall
May 18	Q - Question day (Trivia at Irish Hour)
May 19	R - Racing day (dress up, racing-themed assembly at the end of the day)
May 22	S - Summer day (dress up)
May 23	T - Thank you day (Write an email or card of thanks to at least 3 people at study hall)
May 24	U - Unexpected surprises day (unexpected nice gestures, random acts of kindness)
May 25	V - Vacation day (Dress like a tourist)
May 26	W - Watch a Movie day (end of day)
May 30	X - eXtra long recess
May 31	Y - Yearbooks and Yahtzee
Jun 1	Z- Zip up your backpacks and zoom into summer!

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6th grade

Our Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya trip was a success. Students took part in team initiatives, predator and prey, and animal tracking activities. We couldn't have had better weather.



Social Studies: We finished studying Ancient Greece and all the historical influence it has had throughout history. We began with the Minoans and Mycenaean cultures which brought us the Minotaur, Labyrinth, and the Trojan

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War. We also studied the Greek city-states of Athens and Sparta. Those two city-states couldn't be more different from each other. In spite of their differences, they had to unite in a common war with Persia. After that, we studied how the Greeks provided us with great art, architecture, plays, science, mathematics, philosophy, the Olympic Games and much more. The students brought Greek projects into school to share what they learned about Ancient Greece with their classmates. We then turned our focus to the accomplishments of Ancient Rome and its lasting impact on history.

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7th grade

To end the year in ELA, seventh graders will be working in book clubs. All books relate to civil rights and equality as did our work with our class novel in the second quarter.

Students have class time to read, complete a number of assignments, and prepare for discussions though some time outside of class may be needed for completion. Discussions will be done with small groups; students will be graded both on participation in discussions as well as a preparation sheet. There will not be an independent reading book project in May due to book club work. An open-notes final exam will be given near the end of the year after some preparation days in class.

Fourth quarter in science class will focus on biology. We will start out taking a look at cells and work our way up to several body systems such as skeletal and digestive.

In 7th grade social studies, students will be learning about the Louisiana Purchase and then preparing a trip to go and explore it. The students will wrap up the year learning about the War of 1812.

In 7th grade math, we will be completing the geometry unit and then moving on to statistics and probability. This is typically an enjoyable unit to end the year on.

The seventh grade staff wishes the class of 2028 the best of luck as they continue with the academic journey through FASD.

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8th grade

To close out the year, eighth grade will have a class trip to a Brewer game on Wednesday, May 24. We will depart school on the 24th at 8:30 am. We will stop for lunch in Germantown. Then, we'll head to the stadium to watch the Brewers take on the Houston Astros at 12:10. We estimate that we will get back to school sometime around 5:30-6:00.



On Tuesday, May 30, eighth grade recognition will be held at 6:30 in the fieldhouse. More details will be coming. We look forward to seeing you and spending time celebrating the accomplishments of the eighth grade class.

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EnCore classes

Exploratory Music

As our year begins to wind down (and the snow melts away!) our music exploration is reaching its final units. The 6th grade has finished their piano unit and have moved on to guitar. The 7th grade has completed its composition unit and the 7th grade choir is going to perform our class composition for us! The 7th graders have also moved to guitar to end the year. The 8th grade has just started composition, but have already created some great pieces of music. To end the year, all of the grades will be talking about music and how it exists in their lives. Expect to see a listening log coming home at some point in the month of May!

Spanish: In May, Cinco de Mayo (May 5) is celebrated by many Hispanic Americans as a day to celebrate their culture and heritage. Music, dancing and food are a huge part of the festivities. Special types of music such as Mariachi and Folkloric dancing are customary along with a variety of delicious foods. This important date is celebrated because the Mexican Army won the Battle of Puebla from the French Army on May 5, 1862. In Exploratory Spanish, we learn all about this important event through snippets of history, cultural stories, music and craft.

-Señora Zabel

Agriscience:

This year has been full of lots of firsts in the agriscience department and FFA within FMS. For example, this year saw the first middle school students to become involved FFA members and even had a quiz bowl team make it to the sectional finals round! We look forward to the continued growth of agriculture at FMS. Thank you all for being a part of the new and exciting opportunities for your students to be a part of agriculture this year!

Upcoming events and opportunities to be involved:

-On May 4th, we will be at the Culver's of Grand Chute for our annual Scoops of Thanks event where all money raised from the sale of Culver's custard will benefit the Freedom FFA Chapter.

-On June 11th, we will be helping with the Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm at Vande Hei Dairy in Seymour, WI. We will be helping with the kids area and will need volunteers to help. Talk to Mr. Timm or Mrs. Heezen to sign up!

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Band and Choir:

It's so hard to believe that it's Spring Concert time! The 7th and 8th grade bands and choirs will be performing their Spring Concert at the Weidner Center on Monday, May 8th, at 7:00 PM. The 6th grade band and choir students will be performing their Spring Concert in the Field House on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 PM. Look for more info to come. The students are doing amazing and we couldn't be prouder of them! We are so excited to share our songs with you!

Thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to making music again in the fall:)

FMS Run/Walk Club

FMS students can participate in the 5k or 10k Bellin Run on June 10, 2023, in Green Bay. Please register prior to May 1st - www.bellinrun.com. The code for FMS is 1850 to receive the discounted price of \$20. If you have any questions, contact Christina Reitzner (creitzner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us) or John VanRossum (jvanrossum@freedomschools.k12.wi.us)

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From the health office:

Reminder for 23/24 school year- if a student has a medical plan/doctor note, a new one is required every year with a signature parent/guardian

Reminders for the school year-

- **If vomiting/diarrhea- your student must be 24 hours vomiting/diarrhea free prior to returning to school/co-curriculars**
- **Fever of 100.4 or greater, your student will be sent home. Your student must be 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reduction medications prior to returning to school.**
- **All medication must be brought to school/picked up from school by a parent/guardian**
- **Bring in your emergency medication forms and medications. If a medication is kept on person, a physician must indicate that in the letter/form.**
- **If there is a change in your student's health condition/diagnosis, physical restrictions, please let the nurse know. Phone is 920-788-7944 or Email is akazik@freedomschools.k12.wi.us**

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Middle/High Lunch Menu

Student Lunch \$3.00
 Reduced Lunch \$0.40
 Adult Lunch \$4.35
 Extra Carton of Milk \$.30

The Foodservice Department
 welcomes your questions or
 comments. Please call
 788-7950 ext. 3301

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May 2023

Menu Subject to Change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chicken Strips OR Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	2 Nachos OR Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	3 Pizza OR Popcorn Chicken & Fries Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	4 Brunch for Lunch OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	5 Chicken Patty w/ Mashed OR Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
8 Salisbury Steak OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	9 Chicken OR Beef Tacos Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	10 Spaghetti & Meatballs OR Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	11 Diced Chicken w/Mashed OR Pizza Boat Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
15 Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Pizza Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	16 Nacho's OR Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	17 Popcorn Chicken OR Italian Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	18 Corn Dog OR Beef Enchilada Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	19 Fish Sticks OR Chicken Patty w/Mash Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
22 Chicken Strips OR Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	23 Beef OR Fish Tacos Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	24 Popcorn Chicken w/FF OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	25 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	26 Pizza Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
29 No School	30 Cooks Choice Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	31 Cooks Choice Vegetable Fruit Milk	June 1 Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Milk	A positive foodservice balance is required to participate A la Carte Items Rice Krispy Bar \$1.25 Muffin/Granola Bar \$0.75 Dbl Ch Oatmeal Bar \$0.75 MEGA Meal \$1.50 Water \$1.25 Snapple \$1.75

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FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024

CALENDAR

Aug-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29 <small>Staff Inservice</small>	30 <small>Staff Inservice</small>	31 <small>Staff Work Day</small>	

Sep-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4 <small>No School - Labor Day</small>	5 <small>First Student Day</small>	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
15	16	17	18	19

Oct-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20	21	22	23	24
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
28	29	30	31	

Nov-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3 <small>Staff Inservice</small>
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	
40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54
55	56	57	58	59

Dec-23				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
61	62	63	64	65
66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75

Jan-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		
76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85
86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95

Feb-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	
96	97	98	99	100
101	102	103	104	105
106	107	108	109	110
111	112	113	114	115

Mar-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 <small>Staff Inservice</small>
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
116	117	118	119	120
121	122	123	124	125
126	127	128	129	130

Apr-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			
131	132	133	134	135
136	137	138	139	140
141	142	143	144	145
146	147	148	149	150
151	152	153	154	155

May-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
156	157	158	159	160
161	162	163	164	165
166	167	168	169	170
171	172	173	174	175

Jun-24				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
176	177	178	179	180

Aug 29	Staff Inservice
Aug 30	Staff Inservice
Aug 31	Staff Work Day
Sept 4	No School - Labor Day
Sept 5	First Student Day
Sept 22	Early Release - PM Inservice
Oct 26	Early Release - PM Inservice
Oct 27	No School - Conference Break
Nov 3	Early Release - PM Inservice
Nov 6	End of First Quarter
Nov 23-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 11	No School - Staff Inservice
Dec 25-Jan 1	No School - Winter Break
Jan 19	End of Second Quarter
Jan 22	No School - Break
Jan 23	No School - Staff Work Day
Feb 15	Early Release - PM Inservice
Feb 16	No School - Conference Break
Feb 19	No School - Staff Inservice
Mar 1	Early Release - PM Inservice
Mar 25-Apr 1	No School - Spring Break
April 5	End of Third Quarter
April 19	Early Release - PM Inservice
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
June 6	Last Student Day - Early Release
June 7	Staff Work Day - All

Parent Teacher Conference Dates will be set by each Building
(9.5 Hours Required for the year)

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2023-2024 Freedom Middle School Student Supply List

6th Grade

Plug-in headphones or ear buds
Calculator (TI30XIIS)
1 one-inch binder for ELA
1 one-inch binder for Science
6 folders*
6 spiral notebooks*
Tab dividers for Science binder
**Name only on materials. No Subjects.
This will be done at school.
Try to match the color of each notebook
to the same color folder.*
3 packs of #2 pencils
6 red pens
1 box of 24 colored pencils
1 set of markers
3 glue sticks
3 different colors of Highlighters
1 black Sharpie
Pencil case
Scissors
**3 packages of loose leaf paper
**1 large box of Kleenex
***These items will be given to your Core
1 teacher.*
Be prepared to cover Social Studies book.
Phy. Ed.
Athletic shoes
T-shirt
Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
Hygiene
Art Supplies
*9x12 sketch books – not newsprint
paper/Pencils
Big pink eraser
***found at Target, Walgreens & Walmart**
Choir Supplies
2 boxes of Kleenex
6 sharpened pencils
Yellow 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploring Music
2 No. 2 Pencils
1 box Kleenex
Spanish
Folder and notebook
4 No. 2 Pencils
Skinny markers
Colored pencils
Glue
Scissors
Health
Folder and notebook

7th Grade

Plug-in headphones or ear buds
1 Pack of 3x3 post it notes
3 Packs of 10 – 12 pencils
Blue or black pens - pack
Red pens – 2 packs
Black sharpie
6 single subject notebooks
1 1-inch binder for Language
1 set of 6-8 binder dividers with tabs for
Language
7 heavy duty folders
Colored pencils
Colored markers
Calculator (TI30XIIS)
Pencil case
3 different colors of Highlighters
White out Pens only (optional)
1 Durable zipper binder (**no accordion
binders**) OPTIONAL
Enclosed pencil sharpener (optional)
** Hand sanitizer (8 – 12oz)
****Kleenex – 1 large box**
**** Item will be collected and handed into
Core 1 teacher**
Phy. Ed.
Athletic shoes
T-shirt
Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
Hygiene
Art Supplies
*9x12 sketch books – not
newsprint paper
Pencils
Big pink eraser
***found at Target, Walgreens & Walmart**
Choir Supplies
2 boxes of Kleenex
6 sharpened pencils
Green 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploring Music
2 No. 2 Pencils
1 box Kleenex
Spanish
Folder and notebook
4 No. 2 Pencils
Skinny markers
Colored pencils
Glue
Scissors
1 box Kleenex
Health
Folder and notebook

8th Grade

Plug-in headphones
#2 pencils
Blue or black pens
Red pens
Glue sticks (3 pack)
Loose-leaf paper
Ruler
3-Single Subject Notebooks
4 Folders
2-three subject notebooks (Social Studies
and ELA)
Markers
Calculator (TI30XIIS)
Colored pencils
4 Highlighters (3 colors)
3 fold display board (approx 30x40) – *not
needed until January*
3X3 Post It Notes (for ELA)
****Dry erase markers**
****2 large boxes Kleenex**
**** Items will be collected and handed
into Core 1 teacher**
Phy. Ed.
Athletic shoes
T-shirt
Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
Hygiene
Art Supplies
*9x12 sketch books – not newsprint
paper/Pencils
Big pink eraser
***found at Target, Walgreens & Walmart**
Choir Supplies
2 boxes of Kleenex
6 sharpened pencils
White 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploring Music
Hand sanitizer
2 No. 2 Pencils
Spanish
Folder
Notebook
4 No. 2 Pencils
Skinny markers
Colored pencils
Glue
Scissors
Health
Folder and notebook