



Freedom Middle School

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March 2023



Hello and welcome to the seventh 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:

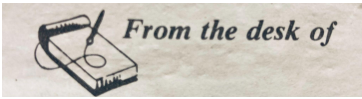
Friday, March 3	Early dismissal 12:30 pm
Wednesday, March 8	Solo Ensemble, select groups only
Saturday, March 11	Solo Ensemble, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, March 13	MAPSS Meeting 5:00 pm Library
Monday, March 20	Quarter 2 ends; Board meeting at 6:30pm
Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31	No school, Spring Break! Enjoy your time! ☀️

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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!

February was a great month at FMS, and we are excited about March! Here are some highlights:

- Our 7th Grade Team put on our annual "Mini-Courses" field trip with great success. Kudos to the kids and teachers for making it an awesome experience!
- The annual National History Day event had a great turnout. Special thanks to Mr. VanRossum and Mr. LeBrun for making it a meaningful and fun learning experience.

I often find myself reminding teachers and students that January and February can feel especially challenging. March brings new hope that spring is just around the corner. I am continually impressed with the Irish Pride I see in school every day. I urge everyone to take a deep breath and put their best effort forward to make our last few months special. Summer will be here before we know it!

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 sixth 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 hosted two guest speakers to promote our school counseling mission.

The first speaker was our Freedom Area School District School Resource Officer, Deputy Ledvina. In his presentation, Deputy Ledvina discussed the Department of Justice Program - Speak Up, Speak Out. The Speak Up, Speak Out Program is a confidential tip line where students can report concerning issues (bullying, violence, ect.) and a law enforcement or school administrator will follow up. It is a great tool for our students to be proactive in their school and community safety.

The second speaker was Mr. Mike McGowan. Mr. McGowan is a leadership speaker who works with hundreds of organizations (schools, professional sports, ect.) each year. In his time at Freedom Middle School, he discussed the tenets of leadership and how each group in our school represents a leadership value. It was a very eye opening discussion and I hope that our students will embrace Mr. McGowan's message to make Freedom Middle School a better place to learn and grow.

The middle school counseling department is working on a number of items in March to support our students and families.

The first school counseling focus is career development push in. After completion of their work in Xello, students will start to map their career and post secondary plans based on their skills, likes, etc. I encourage you to extend conversations about career and post secondary options at home.

March also gets us talking about the upcoming transitions to new schools or grade levels. Although we have three months of this school year remaining, it is important for us to start preparing now to prepare students for their next educational step.

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.

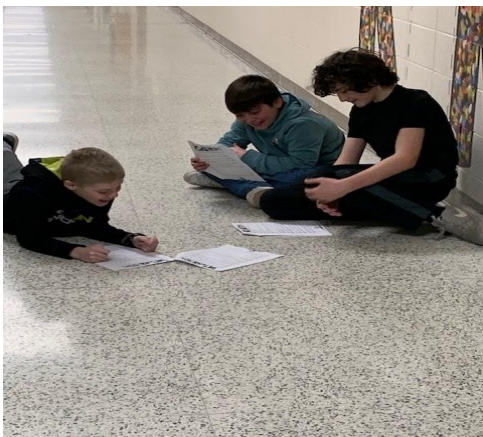
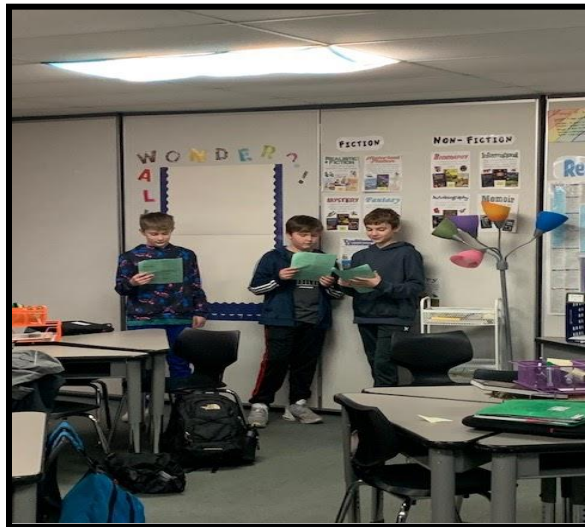
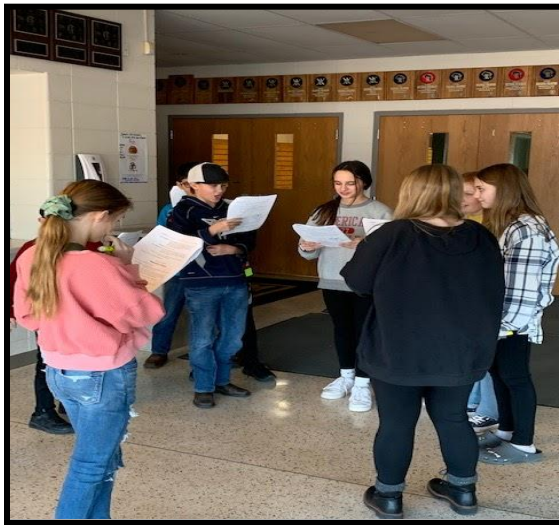
Water the Bamboo! -JB



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6th grade

Middle Schoolers have options during Irish Hour. In Sixth Grade, Readers' Theatre, Science Inquiry, Reading and Writing, Math, Shark Tank Build-A-Business, are just a few. Here are some photos of sixth graders performing their Readers Theatre.



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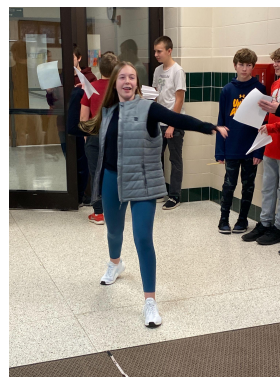
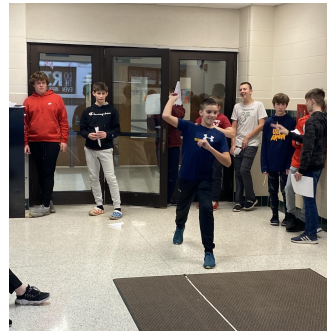
7th grade

In seventh grade ELA, students will be returning to the Collections textbook for a unit entitled “Guided by a Cause” in which they will learn about activism through close reading and citing evidence for a variety of non-fiction texts. This unit will culminate with a short research project. Patterns of Power work with punctuation will continue daily in class. Word Work will continue to be a focus every Tuesday. Students’ independent reading project is due on Friday, March 24 and includes a Slides presentation of character-perspective journals and a video of students reading said journals giving us an opportunity to hear all students read their own writing. A work day for this presentation will be provided on March 10 in addition to some available Irish Hour time throughout the month.

As the 3rd quarter started, we transitioned into the Earth Science unit of IQWST. The 7th grade curriculum focuses on weather and climate. The major question to try and answer throughout the unit is, “What makes the weather change?”. That question is broken down into the following two sub-questions: What causes a storm? Why is the weather different from place to place? As we make our way through the labs regarding weather and climate, we are also going to try and keep an eye on the local weather forecasts and relate them to class.

My name is Nathan Krizan, I am a college senior at St. Norbert College. I am student-teaching with Mr. Lebrun for the third quarter. For the quarter, I will be covering events leading up to the revolution, such as the Boston massacre and the Boston Tea Party. A main theme will be how these events created more tension between the colonists and the British and how that will lead to the revolution.

In math, we just finished up our chapter on equations and inequalities. We are now starting a new unit on geometry. Below: Pre-Algebra class finding the percent change of the two paper airplane flights.



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8th grade

In 8th grade science we have recently been focused on investigating how food provides our body with energy. We started the unit by investigating oxygen and carbon dioxide concentrations in the air we take in and what we breathe out. From there we began to investigate food and what specifically in food provides our bodies with that gives us energy. From what we discovered we've gone on to dig deep with proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. We've built 3-d models of molecules and done chemical testing to identify those molecules in foods. (Pictured below)



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EnCore classes

Exploratory Music:

This month in Exploratory Music our students are working on many fun projects. The 6th and 8th graders have started their keyboard unit, which has been a blast. The 7th graders are working on a composition unit where they have been writing their own music! Moreover, all three classes are discussing jazz music as part of Black History Month. We are having a fun time learning about music, and trying to keep the winter blues far away.

BAND & CHOIR:

It's Solo Ensemble time! Students will be performing solos and ensembles on either March 8th or March 11th. We are so proud of all their achievements!

Spanish: When learning a new language, students often have many mixed emotions. On one hand, they feel excited and eager to branch out into a new area. However, on the other hand, they can feel fearful, because they don't want to make a mistake or sound silly in front of their peers. Rest assured, these feelings are normal and in Spanish class students are never made to feel uncomfortable with mistakes. In fact, making mistakes is normal and we ALL make them. Yes, sometimes students need to get out of their comfort zone, but in the end they can be proud of themselves for trying and advancing in a completely different language.

Agriscience: As the spring ramps up, there are many opportunities to be more involved in FFA and the Ag Department. On March 23-24 the Freedom FFA will be attending the EDGE Conference for 7-8th grade students. EDGE is an introductory leadership conference to provide middle school students to get them excited about agriculture and continue their education journey within FFA. We will also be offering Middle School Enrichment times during Irish Hours so make sure your student's are keeping their eyes peeled for these sections open on Edficiency.

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From the health office:

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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FMS Run/Walk Club



The FMS Run/Walk Club will be starting up this month. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend practices after school. Students that are in other spring sports can also join! There will be a signup in March, with practices beginning shortly after. A parent meeting will be held prior to the season for paperwork to be filled out. Students will increase distance as we build endurance to run the Bellin 10K or 5K on June 10, 2023, in Green Bay. Others not able to participate in the Bellin are welcome to join, too.

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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Middle/High Lunch Menu

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Menu Subject to Change	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	A la Carte Prices Rice Krispy Bar \$1.25 Muffin \$1.00 Granola Bar \$0.75 Dbl Ch Oatmeal Bar \$0.75 MEGA Meal \$1.50 Water \$1.25 Snapple \$1.50	As a reminder, there must funds available in the family foodservice account in order to purchase A la Carte items.	1 Hamburger OR Corn Dog Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	2 Pizza OR Chicken sandwich Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	3 Bag Lunch Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk
6	Chicken Nuggets OR Pizza Burger Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	7 Tacos OR Mini Corn Dogs Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	8 Chicken Patty w/Mashed OR Pizza Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	9 Sloppy Joe OR Chicken Burrito Bowl Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	10 Hamburger OR Fish Sticks FF Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk
13	Diced Chicken over Mashed OR Pizza Boat Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	14 Nachos OR Italian Sub Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	15 Spaghetti & Meatballs OR Rib Sandwich Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	16 Chicken Tenders OR BBQ Pork Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	17 Baked Potato Bar OR Fish Sandwich Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk
20	Popcorn Chicken wRice OR Pizza Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	21 Chicken or Beef Tacos Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	22 Ham & Cheese OR Chicken Alfredo Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	23 Hamburger OR Corn Dog Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	24 Hot Dog OR Fish & Fries Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk
27	No School	28 Student Lunch \$3.00 Reduced Lunch \$0.40 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Extra Carton of Milk \$.30	29	30 The Foodservice Department welcomes your questions or comments. Please call 788-7950 ext. 3301	31
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