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April 2023



Hello and welcome to the eighth 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:

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| Friday, April 7 | No School |
| Monday, April 10 | MAPSS Meeting 5:00 pm Library |
| Wednesday, April 12 | Pentemester 4 ends |
| Thursday, April 13 | Pentemester 5 begins |
| Monday, April 17 | Board Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Friday, April 21 | Early dismissal 12:30 pm; PM inservice |

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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!

March was another great month at FMS, and spring here (or at least that's what they tell us)! Here are some highlights:

- Our students and staff made a strong showing at solo and ensemble.
- National History Day students continued to the regional and state competition

Each year, our students in grades 6-8 take the Wisconsin Forward exam. This assessment is a valuable tool for our school as it provides a snapshot of our proficiency levels in math, English language arts, science, and social studies. Please encourage your child to do their best!

I am extremely proud of our staff and students for their academic work, and hope that you are too!

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 gmethod@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 months 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.

We will be doing some programming to promote this, as well as, working with teachers at all grade levels. If you or your child has questions or concerns about their upcoming transition, please let me know and we can

provide the tools needed to ease those fears.

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

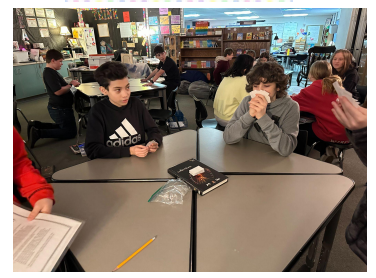
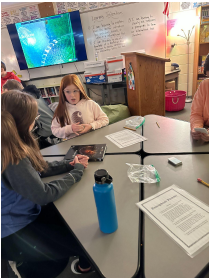
ELA

Round two of Book Clubs will begin soon! Students selected their top three choices from book sets. They were placed in groups based on their reading levels and interest in the book selected. They are in groups reading and discussing these awesome books together. All of their reading in their Book Clubs is done at school. Book Clubs will continue through the end of the year.

Fourth Quarter will bring grammar work with pronouns and more word study with Greek & Latin roots.

We are hoping that students can spend more time reading at home. They are required to read at least 20 minutes at home. Please contact us if your child is not bringing home a book to read. You can do so by email terickson@freedomschools.k12.wi.us skolakowski@freedomschools.k12.wi.us or by phone 788-7945. Please do all you can to ensure that your child reads at home. We understand completely how busy we all get with activities, but help your young reader understand the importance of reading. Thank you to those of you doing this! Ask your 6th grade reader if he or she is keeping track of books they are reading on their yellow Book Log.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support!



6th graders finished up their Earth Science unit with a National Park summative project. They created websites to inform others about how water shapes the landforms in the park they chose. Students nominated and voted to award the Most Informative and Most Creative websites in the 6th grade. Links to the winners' websites are inserted below. Check them out!

Most Informational

- [Evelyne Gonnering – Zion National Park](#)
- [Alexis Krull – Petrified Forest National Park](#)
- [Elijah Shepard – Badlands National Park](#)
- [Khloe Vandenberg – Petrified Forest National Park](#)
- [Lucas VanderLogt – Yosemite National Park](#)

Most Creative

- [Nolan Aerts – Mammoth Cave National Park](#)
- [Keith Bernetzke – Yosemite National Park](#)
- [Lucie Johnson – Zion National Park](#)
- [Nicholas Hofacker – Canyonlands National Park](#)
- [Iley Sprangers – Acadia National Park](#)
- [John Tebeau – Yosemite National Park](#)
- [Cesar Vigil – Wind Cave National Park](#)

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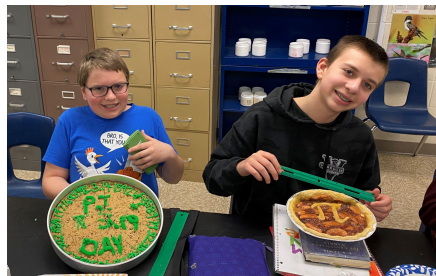
7th grade

In ELA, students will be working on an Argumentative Writing unit. This builds up from coming up for reasons/claims to support a single statement to writing two letters. The first is a letter entitled “Dear Parent...” We are hoping your student shares this with you! The second is a research-based letter regarding a four-day school week. Independent reading continues per usual with a project at the end of the month. Mrs. Juelich’s classes send our best wishes to student teacher Ms. Schoen as she moves on to Wrightstown Elementary School.

In science, students have finished up our weather unit and are now moving into biology for 4th quarter. The focus for this unit is going to be on defining what life is, looking at the hierarchy of life and then ending with the systems of the body.

In 7th grade social studies, the students will be saying goodbye to Mr. Krizan. He will be student teaching at Southwest High School in Green Bay. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him well. The students will be finishing up studying about the Revolutionary War. Later in April, we will be learning about the Louisiana Purchase.

Thank you from Mrs. Runyon in math to all the kids and their families that brought in food for Pi Day! It was a big success! We are excited to introduce Ms. Clement, a student teacher from St Norbert College, who will be joining our 7th grade math classes. She will be helping with the completion of our geometry chapter along with the last unit on statistics and probability.



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8th grade

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the National History Day Competition at UW-Green Bay on March 4.

Individual Exhibits (in no particular order)

1. Josie Drews - Lockhead SR-71
2. Jonah Rodewald - Radium Girls
3. Lila Peterson - Rosa Parks
4. Rylee Mockler - The Beatles

Groups Exhibits (in no particular order)

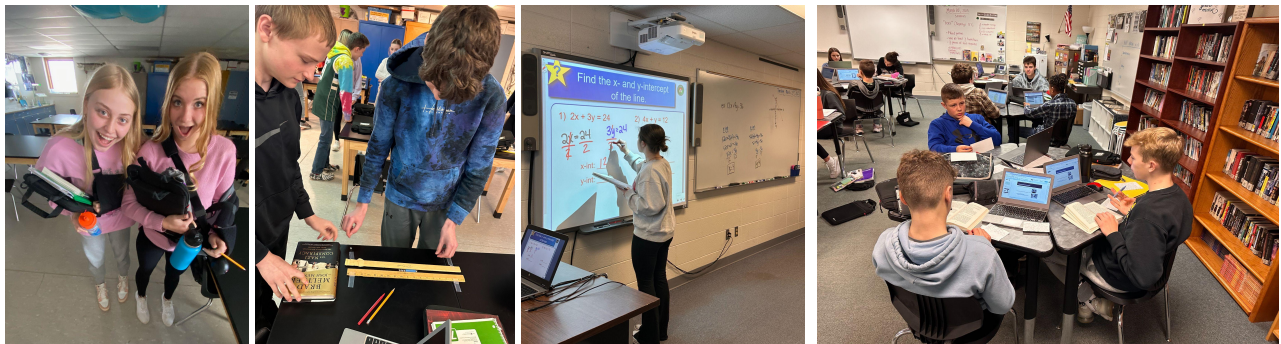
1. Kelsey Severson & Allison Eckes - MTV
2. Aiden Aerts, Hudson Lang, & Joe Gonnering - Space Race
3. Aubry Rennes, Macy Johnson & Roger Fritch - CoCo Chanel
4. Jovie Verkuilen, Ally Daul & Kayli Reader - Women's Rights

Research Paper

Ella Wagner - Marie Curie

Ella Wagner, Jovie Verkuilen, Ally Daul, Kayli Reader, Kelsey Severson, and Allison Eckes qualified for the state competition in Madison on April 22.

A day in the life of an eighth grade student...



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EnCore classes

Exploratory Music:

With spring nearing ever closer our exploratory classes are entering the final units of our year. Our 8th graders have been working on their keyboard unit and will soon shift to composition. The 7th graders are completing their composition unit next week with a performance of the music they have created together. It has been a fun adventure getting to hear the creativity these students have! Our 6th graders are also completing their keyboard unit and will shortly be moving into guitar. We have had several standout moments in the past few weeks with each class learning, growing, and having a little fun along the way.

Band and Choir

We have just finished up our Solo Ensemble festivals and the students did great! We had over 90 middle school band and choir students participate and all will receive awards for their efforts! They did an amazing job and we are so proud of them!

Coming soon: SPRING CONCERTS!! Mark your calendars!

7:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2023, band and choir students in grades 7-12 will perform at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts on the UWGB campus. Cost is \$10 and ticket order forms will be coming out soon!

7:00 PM on Monday, May 15, 2023, 6th grade band and choir students will be performing in the Freedom Field House. This is a free concert.

Can't wait to see you there!!!

Español: Hola! Interaction with each other through teamwork is a big part of Exploratory Spanish classes. Most days, students partner up with someone to practice their Spanish-Speaking Skills or Spanish Writing Skills. We do this through learning games, practice and drill activities, daily questions, interactive conversations, flashcards, songs, puzzles and competition. Partnered activities are a great way to get students involved in language learning in a fun, non-invasive way. Señora Zabel

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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

All



students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend practices for run/walk club after

school and can join anytime, even those in spring sports can also join when they do not have practices! Practices in April will be after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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

Menu Subject to Change

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 | 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 | |
| 3 Chicken Tenders OR Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 4 Beef OR Chicken Tacos Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 5 Brunch for Lunch OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 6 Pizza OR Popcorn Chicken & Fries Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 7 No School |
| 10 Chicken Sandwich OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 11 Nacho's OR Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 12 Spaghetti & Meatballs OR Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 13 Chicken Wrap OR Pizza Boat Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 14 Pasta Bake OR Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk |
| 17 Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Pizza Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 18 Beef OR Chicken Tacos Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 19 Popcorn Chicken OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 20 Fish Sandwich OR Chicken Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 21 Bag Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk |
| 24 Penne Pasta & Meatballs OR Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar | 25 Nachos OR Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 26 Pizza Pocket OR Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 27 Chicken Nuggets OR Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk | 28 Chicken Burrito Bowl OR Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk |