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February 2023 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Feb. 15
4K-Grade 5
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-6:30
- Feb. 16
Early Dismissal
12:15
Staff Inservice
- Feb. 17
No School
Conference Break
- Feb. 20
No School
Staff Inservice
- Feb. 24
4K & new Kind.
Registration
- Feb. 24
Child Development
Day

Students may **ONLY** bring prepackaged items for birthday treats.

We are a **NUT FREE** School. **NO** Homemade or Store/Bakery Bought Goods



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that the second semester is in full swing. I have been so impressed by our incredible achievements our students have made throughout the first semester of school. Second quarter report cards are available in Skyward for parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Please continue to read with your child or continue to encourage your child to be reading at home every night.

Thank you to the parents that joined grade 3-5 at the Herd Game. 4K-2 enjoyed the magician and afternoon activities. These were new celebration opportunities created by our PBS Committee.

Please take a minute to review the information and the school calendar in this newsletter. Thank you for your continued effort and contributions to your child's education.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 from 3:30-6:30 pm. Conferences will be scheduled through the Skyward on-line Student Management Program. Each family will have to schedule their own conferences for each child through Skyward. If you have more than one child at Freedom Elementary School, each child will have to be scheduled separately. The Skyward scheduling window will be open February 7-14. Please watch for additional information.

Parents will receive information on how to obtain their Student Access account on Friday, February 3. If you do not have computer access, please call your child's teacher at 920-788-7950.

Parent Pick Up

Please park in approved parking spots or on the primary playground which opens at 2:50 pm. We have a few people parking in striped which are "No Parking" spaces. **Do not** park in the first two boxes next to the school.

Summer School

Summer School will run Tuesday, June 6 – Friday, June 30, 2023 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Registration will begin on March 23 and end on April 14.

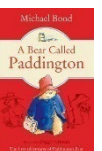
Artist in Residence

Jennifer Stevens will be the FES Artist In Residence in March. She will be sharing ancient Oneida legends and storytelling through her pottery. Students will learn how to use Oneida hand-building pottery methods to design, draw, stamp, and sculpt. Each will make a pinch pot during her residency.



One School, One Book March 2023

This year, Freedom Elementary will be reading the classic story, *A Bear called Paddington* by Michael Bond. The story is about a little bear from Peru who is lost. A sweet family finds him and brings him home. Now the adventures begin! Our wonderful PAC is once again purchasing a copy of the book for each family. We will have some books to purchase as well.



Fang's Reading Club

Fang's Reading Program is set to start this month! It will run for 8 weeks from February 13 - April 6. Every two weeks, a base will be due, and like last year, there will be no individual base prizes. There will be a grand slam prize for students pick up at the ballpark when they attend the All-School game on Thursday, May 18 at 6:40pm. Teachers will send information home at the beginning of February, and tickets can be purchased mid-April when the program has been completed. We hope you take part in this fun opportunity to grow your child's reading skills!

To help kick off our Timber Rattler Reading program, Fang will be here during lunch hours to greet/high five students by the cafeteria on **Friday, February 24**.

Thank you,
The Timber Rattlers Reading Committee



Art Fundraiser

Families may have their students' art work printed on a variety of products to help raise money for the Art Program. Information will be sent home in March.

Forward Exam

Each year, federal law requires that Wisconsin schools administer a test to measure student achievement. In Wisconsin, that test is the Forward Exam which is given each spring to students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. We will once again be required to assess students sometime between March 20 to April 28. Students will need to be present in a school to complete testing. Grade level specific dates will be shared prior to the testing window.

*If you prefer your child to not test this school year, please contact Mrs. Lipsey or Mrs. Osowski.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Thank you so much for continuing to send Shout Outs to show our amazing staff how much they are appreciated! The second quarter winners of the monthly raffle are... Mrs. Wilson (Kindergarten), Ms. Tietz (3rd Grade), Mr. Riesterer (3rd Grade), Mr. Maronek (4th Grade). You can submit a shout out for a teacher or FES staff member by clicking on this link - <https://forms.gle/xf9M36uLB6QJZ6x48>

The PAC will be providing food for our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 15. We have a sign up for deserts and drinks for staff on that night and throughout the rest of the year. Items need to be store bought. Please sign up with this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0448a5a92ba6fe3-conference>

FAMILY FUN!

The PAC will be hosting a Family Dance Beach Party School Dance on Friday, February 10TH at FES from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. A flyer and RSVP sheet went home with all students on January 23rd. We request all children and adults attending to RSVP to the dance, so we have enough snacks and refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE!

The PAC is also planning another fun night at Skate City! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. More details to come!

REMINDER:

Did you know, on the 3rd Monday of each month is PAC night at Buzz's. So on these nights, head to Buzz's with the family for a great meal and they will donate a portion of food sales to the PAC.

WE'RE SOCIAL!

"Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee) or subscribe to our posts on the web at freedompac.org.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20th at 5:30 PM in the staff lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.



Congratulations to Mrs. Bougie! She won the local and is now the State VFW Elementary Teacher of the Year.



Congratulations to Ms. Wall. She is our Positive Dog for December.

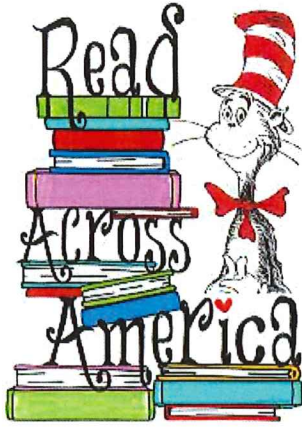


These are the Positive Pups for December.



These are the "best seats" in the house winners for the December Irish Best tickets.





Parents and Guardians,

The week of February 27th to March 3rd, Freedom Elementary School will celebrate Read Across America Week 2023. To share in and celebrate a love for reading, we will have the following dress up days:



Mismatched Monday (February 27th)

Wear your wackiest or mismatched clothes

Top Hat Tuesday (February 28th)

Wear your favorite hat



Fox in Socks Wednesday (March 1st)

Wear your silly socks

Oh the Places You'll Go- Travel Thursday (March 2nd)

Dress like a tourist or wear a shirt from a place you've visited



Sleep Sneetches Friday (March 3rd)

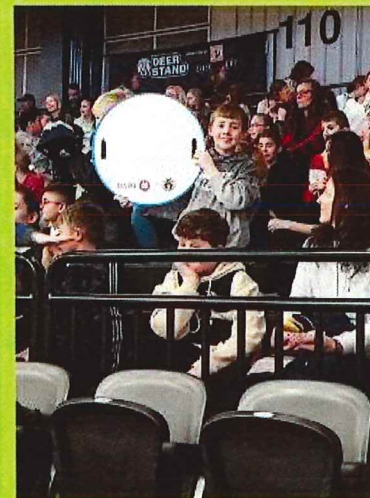
Wear pajamas or sweats to school

Top Reasons To Read Aloud

- ① **Vocabulary:** Reading aloud introduces children to wonderful new words!
- ② **English:** Reading aloud exposes children to more standard forms of English than everyday conversation does!
- ③ **Grammar:** Reading aloud exposes children to complex sentence structures and proper grammar.
- ④ **Style:** Reading aloud exposes children to various styles of written language.
- ⑤ **Sense of Story:** Reading aloud develops a “sense of story” in children.
- ⑦ **Writing:** Reading aloud motivates children to be writers of both informational and creative texts.
- ⑧ **Knowledge:** Reading aloud enhances education and general knowledge about the world.
- ⑨ **Reading:** Reading aloud is the most important thing parents can do to support literacy!
And... It makes the day more pleasurable!

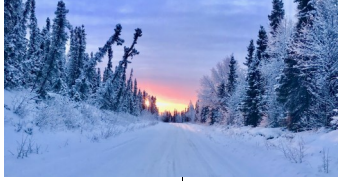





PBS CELEBRATION!
4k-2 enjoyed a magician and 3-5 went to the herd game!



February 2023

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	Gr. 5 Bubolz	3	Irish Pride Day KDG YMCA Presentation
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Gr. 1 Badger Sports Park (Kurkiewicz, Roberts, Franke)		Gr. 1 Badger Sports Park (Daul, Williams, Schmidt)	Jersey/Sports Day 4K Valentine Outreach School Dance 6:00-7:30	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Fang's Reading Club begins	Wear Valentine Colors 	Friday Makeup Day for Related Arts Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30	Early Dismissal 12:15	No School Conference Break	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	No School Staff Inservice	Monday Makeup Day for Related Arts			Fang's 1st Baseball due Mustaches for Max Day 4K & new KDG Registration 8:00-3:00 Child Develop. Day	
26	27	28				
Read Across America Week February 27 to March 3	Mismatched Monday	Top Hat Tuesday 1st Grade Concert 1:30 Gym				

Freedom Elementary School Menu

February 2023

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*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30		1 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	2 Chicken Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	3 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
6 Chicken Tacos Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	7 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	8 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	9 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	10 Brunch for Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
13 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	14 Sloppy Joe Melt Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	16 Bag Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">No School</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">No School</p>	21 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	22 Pizza Pasta Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	23 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	24 Fish Sticks Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
27 Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	28 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	29		