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January 2023 Newsletter – **Happy New Year**

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Important dates:

- Jan. 2
4K-5 Classes resume
- Jan. 13
2nd Quarter Ends
- Jan. 16
No School
Records Day
- Jan. 20
4K M/W have class
- Jan. 27
4K & new Kind.
Registration
8:00-3:00
Child Development Day

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



Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! We want to wish all of our families a happy, healthy, and productive 2023. This is also the time of year when many of us make our New Year's resolutions. In 2023, we will continue to make Freedom Elementary School an outstanding educational environment for learning. Research shows that we need a strong partnership between home and school. Thus, we are asking parents to try to make the following part of their New Year's resolution:

1. to make education a priority by ensuring your child attends.
2. to spend at least 20 minutes per day helping your child(ren) with homework, reading, doing an enrichment activity or physical activity.

We encourage you to continue to be involved in any way you can. The relationship between families and school is vital to our children. It will make a lasting difference. FES has a strong family partnership.



PBS Recognition Day

The end of the first semester is approaching and we are ready to celebrate! For our positive behavior choices, we will have a recognition day on Wednesday, January 18.

Grades kindergarten through second grade will enjoy a magician and activities in the afternoon. Third through fifth grades will be attending a Wisconsin Herd game in Oshkosh at 11:30am.

It should be a fun-filled day for all celebrating being our Irish Best.

4Kindergarten & Kindergarten

4Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2023 and Friday, February 24, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school lobby. Information letters will be sent home to all families with pre-school age children, for the 2023-24 school year, prior to this registration date. Students already enrolled in our 4Kindergarten program this year do not need to register for Kindergarten in the fall.

Report Cards

Report cards will be in Skyward on Thursday, January 26 for parents to view after 4:00 pm. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



Fang's Reading Club

Time is nearing for the start of Fang's Reading Club! It is an eight-week incentive reading program starting in February, for students in grades 4K-5, put on by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Students who complete the reading program will receive a ticket voucher for the school family game night on Thursday, May 18 at 6:40pm, along with a hot dog and soda voucher. Other immediate family members are able to attend the game by purchasing a ticket. More information will be sent home with your child in early February, and ticket information will be available when we wrap up the reading program.

Happy Reading,
Miss Wall



School Reminders...

*Parking Reminder

Handicap spots are for handicap parking only. Please remember to park correctly in the parking stalls. Please do not park in the staff parking lot to pick up your child/children before school and at the end of the day.

*School Closing

School closing information is located in your School Handbook, page 6. A call-out Alert will go out to all families. Listen to the television stations and radio stations for updated information. **Please do not call the school office.**

*Dress for the Weather

Dress for the weather! Students will be outside when the weather is zero or above with the wind chill. Students need to have coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and snow pants. Just a reminder, students need boots and snowpants to play when it's wet or snowy. It is a good idea to label your child's clothing. We have many "lost and found" items in our containers by the cafeteria.

Bike Winner



Samantha was the bike winner from the Seymour coloring contest.

Clothes Donations Needed

We are in need of girl's underwear (size 5, 6, 7).
Thank you.

Substitutes Needed

We are looking for Substitute Playground Supervisors and Substitute Aide positions.
Please contact the office if you are interested.

Bussing

*Bus Routes

Students must ride their own bus. There can be no extra riders on the buses.

*Bus Safety

Parents help us remind students to watch for cars when they get off the bus after school or at night, especially if they have to cross the road. This is for the safety of all children.

To be our Irish Best on the Bus:

- R – Report unsafe behavior
- I – In seat – hands, feet and objects to self
- D – Demonstrate safe and respectful choices
- E – Exit bus safely



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

REMINDER: Buzz's donates a portion of food sales on the 3rd Monday of each month to THE PAC. Enjoy a great meal and support PAC!

SAVE THE DATE! We will be having our School Dance Friday, February 10 at FES from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Please see the attached flyer with more details!

STAFF SHOUT OUTS: Here is the link for this year's shout outs: <https://forms.gle/xf9M36uLB6QJZ6x48>

TEACHER APPRECIATION: The staff are loving the Shout Outs they are receiving so keep them coming! There is no limit. Click on the link to send a teacher or FES staff member a shout out!

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: We did not hold a meeting in December, our next meeting is set for Monday, January 16 at 5:30 PM in the staff lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.



Freedom Elementary Food Drive

Freedom Elementary School sponsored a food drive benefiting the Freedom Food Pantry during the week of December 5. Students and staff were asked to donate canned goods and personal hygiene items. Thank you for your generosity with the new hat and mitten drive. Families at the food bank were able to take three items each. Elementary teachers, Ms. Kurkiewicz and Mrs. Braun helped to organize the event and their students sorted and boxed the donations.

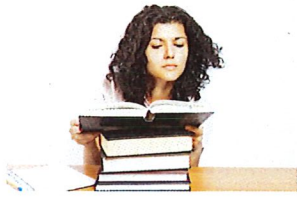
FES would like to thank the families and staff for their generosity, which made this event so successful. We appreciate everyone's help, especially Mr. Mueller, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Thews, and Mrs. Krzyzak for their extra efforts. We'd also like to thank Jayne VandeWettering and the school administration for their help and support in this community project.



Thank You From the Freedom Food Pantry

A huge shout out to all of you at Freedom Elementary School staff, students, and their families for running this awesome week long food drive! You collected nearly 655lbs of food, household products and toiletries for the Freedom Food Pantry!

On behalf of all of us at the Freedom Food Pantry, we are deeply grateful for your efforts!



Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers.

Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on children's literacy and learning.



- Invite a child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

Reading well is at the heart of all learning. Help make a difference for a child.

Source: U.S. Department of Education



Freedom Elementary hosts

FAMILY DANCE BEACH PARTY

Friday, February 10, 2023
6:00-7:30 PM
Freedom Elementary Gym

Get out of the cold weather and spend some time at
the beach with your friends.

It's a free night out for your whole family!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments will be provided to all kids.

Music by TJ the DJ

DRESS CODE: Beach Casual • School Appropriate • No Swim Suits

Event Sponsored By Freedom Elementary PAC

JANUARY 2023

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 School resumes	3 Bridging Brighter Smiles Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. Meeting 3:15-4:15	4	5	6 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	7
8	9	10	11 	12	13 End of 2nd Quarter <i>Blizzard Day</i>	14
15	16 No School Records Day PAC Meeting 5:30 Staff Lounge	17 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. Meeting 3:15-4:15	18 K-2 Magician Assembly Gr. 3-5 Wisconsin Herd Game	19	20 4K Mon/Wed students have class <i>Favorite Color Day</i>	21
22	23	24 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. Meeting 3:15-4:15	25	26 Report Cards online after 4:00	27 4K & new KDG Registration 8:00-3:00 4K Bowling Outreach 1:30-3:30 <i>Read-A-Shirt Day</i>	28
29	30	31				

Freedom Elementary School Menu

January 2023

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*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
2 Chicken Tacos Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	3 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	4 Sloppy Joe Melt Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	5 Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	6 Penne Pasta w/Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
9 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	10 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	11 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	13 Brunch for Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
16 No School	17 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Pizza Pasta Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	19 Chicken Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	20 Italian Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
23 Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	24 Beef Taco Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	25 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	26 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	27 Sloppy Joe Melt Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
30 Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	31 BBQ Rib Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30	