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March 2024



Hello and welcome to 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 1	12:30 dismissal; PM inservice
Wednesday, March 6	Solo Ensemble
Friday, March 8	MAPSS sponsoring St. Patrick's Day Dance, 3:30 - 5:00 pm cafeteria
Saturday, March 9	Solo Ensemble 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday, March 11	MAPSS Meeting 5:00 pm Library
Monday, March 18	Board meeting 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 21	Summer school registration opens
Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29	No school, Spring break

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Important Reminders:

- ★ 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. Lunch runs from 12:00 - 12:30. If your student will be leaving during the lunch time please call the school ahead of time so that your child can have a pass to leave.

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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 and where did the first six months of school go? Although fast, our 2023-24 school year is off to a great start. Thank you for your support and guidance thus far and as we move forward!

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

We will continue our focus on Academic and Career Planning at all grade levels. In these push-in lessons, we work with students to explore careers and the pathways to getting there.

March also continues our fifth to sixth grade transition. To do this, we work with the FES counselors to slowly introduce our fifth graders for their upcoming building change, so they can be productive members of the FMS student body.

We are also continuing work on rapport building with our students, but adding an emphasis on family communication and building relationships with families to support the students at FMS.

With this said, I encourage you to let me know if there are "things" going on at home which may impact your students' day at school. This could be as simple as sending me an email that says "HANDLE WITH CARE - STUDENT NAME." This will alert me that

will not be followed with questions. Just a communication of receipt and an email to your child's teachers to provide extra grace to your student. Teachers/staff have been trained to not follow up with questions to your child, but just to provide the extra grace and understanding.

Your communication could also be more detailed with pertinent information to support your child's day at Freedom Middle School. As always, this information is protected by counselor confidentiality ethics (voided by potential or current physical harm to parties involved) and legitimate educational interest law.

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!

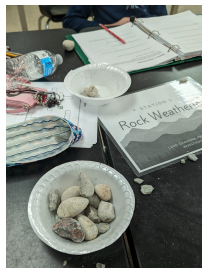
Thank you for your support of Freedom Middle School and its students and staff! Please let me know what I can do to help your student. I can be reached at (920) 788-7945 (x2288) or via email at jbins@freedomschools.k12.wi.us.
Water the Bamboo! -JB



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News from 6th Grade

6th graders have been investigating “How Does Water Shape Our Earth?” They expanded their knowledge on the water cycle and land-changing processes, such as weathering, erosion, and deposition. They will soon be applying this to their national park project.



In Social Studies we are learning about the history of the Hebrew people. Their struggle to maintain their religious identity while dealing with migrations, invasions, and subjugation by the Romans, was difficult for them to endure. We will examine how the history of the Hebrew people has an impact on their international relations today.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TO READ AT HOME. THE REQUIREMENT IS AT LEAST 2 HOURS PER WEEK. WE VISIT THE LIBRARY WEEKLY, SO THEY SHOULD ALL HAVE GOOD BOOKS ON HAND TO READ INDEPENDENTLY.

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News from 7th grade

Math

Students recently finished chapter 6 focusing on equations. This was a difficult chapter, and I believe the students will be excited to set aside negatives for a few chapters.

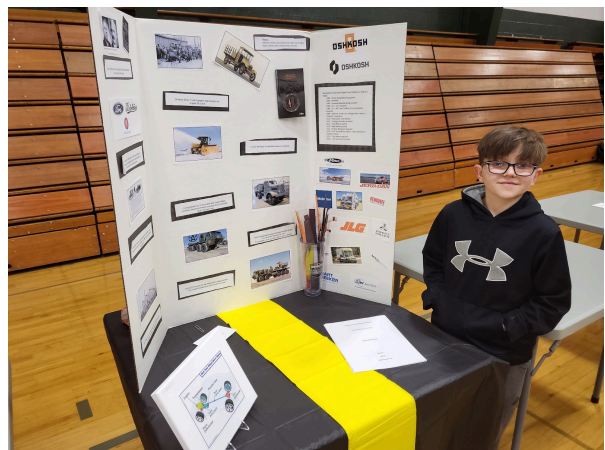
The next chapter we will begin is chapter 7. The focus of this chapter is geometric figures. Students will draw two- and three-dimensional figures. They will also solve problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures.

Below: Students work on a card sort for algebraic equations.



Social Studies

In 7th grade social studies, the students finished their NHD projects and an excellent evening of exhibits were put on display the 8th of February. We will now begin moving into the events leading up to the Revolutionary War.



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Science

Greetings from 7th Grade Science. As 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? and 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.

Bird of the month: Horned Lark. This time of year if you are going for a drive down a quiet road, you may notice a small bird sitting on the side eating grit. This bird may be a horned lark, one of our earliest migrants. If you get a close look at it, notice it’s small devil-like horns on each side of the head and black mask. Listen for it’s high pitched twinkling call

ELA

In ELA, the month of March brings work in our Collections textbook. Collections 6, entitled “Guided by a Cause,” introduces students to activism on levels big and small. We will be reading and analyzing a mix of fiction and non-fiction texts between the textbook and the close reader workbook.

We are nearing the end of our Greek Suffix unit. As mid-March approaches, students will review the suffixes and their meanings in class then take a test rather than do a project as we did the previous units.

The independent reading book project in March will look a bit different than it has in previous months. Due to spring break, the book project will not be due until Tuesday, April 2 (end of study hall). However, we know many students will want to have it wrapped up prior to spring break. Therefore, once students complete the reading of their book and the book project prep sheet, they can let their teacher know they are ready for the project. We will then release the project to them in Google Classroom to complete prior to the April 2 due date. If students have not requested the project by Friday, March 22, it will be released to them at that time.

As always, please feel free to email us with questions or concerns.

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News from 8th grade

Freedom Middle School held their annual History Day on February 8 and 9. The event allowed the students to showcase their projects for this year's National History Day contest. The students' projects were based on the theme "Turning Points in History". The students' projects were judged and the winners advanced to the regional contest that is being held on March 2 at UW-GB. The following students will be competing at the regional contest. Congratulations and good luck!!

Individual Exhibits

1. The Marshall Plan - Jayden Martzahl
2. Rosa Parks - Madison Behnke
3. John Deere - Robbert Biese
4. The Wright Brothers - Hayden Gulmire

Groups Exhibits

1. The Art of Surrealism - Kelsey Severson & Allison Eckes
2. Jackie Robinson - Mason Gerrits, Cal Fox & Jackson Linskens
3. Peshtigo Fire - Lexi Arcand & Olivia Schmidt
4. Elizabeth Cady Stanton - Chloe Wesling & Evelyn Gonnering

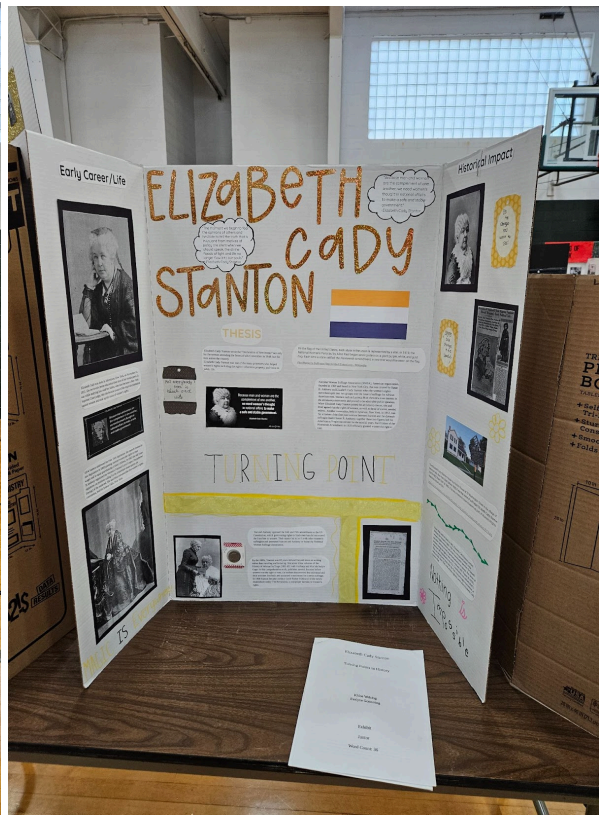
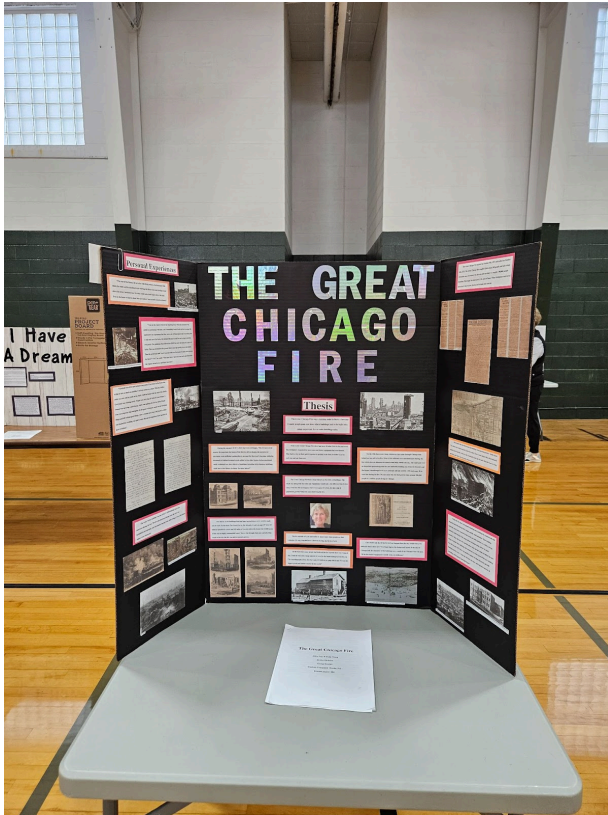
Research Paper

Charlie Mohr - Finn Fox

Website

Oppenheimer - Grayson Rudolf-Ness, Maxwell Schnaubelt & Nolan Flannery

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EnCore Classes

Exploratory Music:

With the days getting longer and the year getting shorter, exploratory music begins to tackle some of its final units. Students are just completing their “Music Around the World” unit and after presenting on that, we will move to a new sub-unit. After each class finishes up its main instrument, we will take a short break to discuss composition and how to compose our own music!

Band and Choir

Solo Ensemble is just 2 weeks away!! Please look to see how you can help to make this event amazing for all of our music students. There are many places and jobs available to volunteer your time on Saturday, March 9th in the morning. We are also asking for food donations to stock the concessions stand and the judges room. Please be on the lookout for an email with the sign-up links from Mrs. Wright and Ms. Delany in the coming days.

The music students are keeping busy before Solo Ensemble! We have some of the 6th grade band and choir students taking part in a lock-in concert on Friday, February 23. And on March 2, choir and 8th grade band students/along with high school band, will be performing at the Herd Game.

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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.
- 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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Summer School

Summer School will run Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 28, 2024 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Registration will begin on March 21 and end on April 12.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE will be updated soon! Please check out the following features when starting to register your child:

- 1. Printable summer school sports flyers- will be available on the summer school website in the near future.**
- 2. All course descriptions will be available for you to view.**

Reminders-The session will be three weeks: *June 10 through June 28, 2024.* Online Registrations Window (March 21 - April 12, 2024), final day to pay course fees is Friday, April 19, 2024.

If your child is signed up for a course when the registration window closes, you ARE responsible for those course fees even if your child does not attend summer school.

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Middle/High Lunch Menu

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Menu Subject to Change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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		1 Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
4 Chicken Patty w/Mashed OR BBQ Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	5 Nachos OR Pizza Pocket Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	6 Brunch for Lunch OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	7 Popcorn Chicken OR Pizza Burger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	8 Pizza Boat OR Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
11 Mini Corn Dogs OR Turkey Club Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	12 Chicken Fajitas OR Tacos Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	14 Orange Chicken OR Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	15 Grilled Cheese OR Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
18 Chicken Nuggets OR Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	19 Nacho's OR Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	20 Chicken Alfredo OR Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	21 Diced Chicken w/Mashed OR BBQ Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	22 Fish Sandwich OR Stuffed Crust Pizza Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School