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April 2017 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- April 3
Title I Parent Meeting 2:15 & 5:30
Room 16B
- April 3
Title VII Parent Meeting 1:45 & 5:00
Room 16B
- April 9-15
National Library Week
- April 14-18
No School
- April 17-21
National Tornado Week
- April 20
Tornado Drill
- April 13-29
National Volunteer Week
- Plastic Bag Recycling
Nov. 13-April 14

Continue to save
Box Tops for Education

We are a NUT FREE School.
No Homemade or Store Bought Baked Goods.



Principal's Corner

As I compose the April newsletter, the sun is actually shining! Wow, what a crazy winter. Just a reminder that as we move into April, there may still be days where our students need his/her coats and boots. Plus, they may even need his/her hats and mittens. Please watch the weather and continue to send them.

I would like to thank Mrs. Touchet and our 3-5 students for an amazing concert! There is a ton of work that goes into the preparation of a concert. Plus, the off site location adds a whole new list of challenges. We appreciate your support of music education!

Please note that on April 14-18, we do not have school for Easter break. In April, we continue with our state testing at the elementary school. Students in grades 3, 4, 5 will be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The testing window for the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be found below in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank all of our students for their hard work and great effort they devote to learning daily. We can't say "thank you" enough for sending us your wonderful children that give their best everyday in school.



National Library Week—Libraries Transform – April 9-15

National Library Week is a special week to celebrate and honor the many contributions of libraries and media specialists in your community. This year's theme is a continuation from last year of "Libraries Transform". Perhaps the library has helped you to discover new authors, different worlds through literature or online resources. Every day across the country, libraries are open to everyone enriching our lives in many different ways.

Wisconsin Forward Exam

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 20 to May 5. Please consider these dates when planning appointments or family commitments.

Students in grade 3 will test on March 28, 30 April 3 and 6.
Students in grade 4 will test on March 28, 30 April 3, 6, 11 and 12.
Students in grade 5 will test on March 28, 30 April 3 and 6.



Immunization Requirements 2016-2017



Varicella (Chickenpox) second dose phase
Grades Kindergarten through 12

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Grades Kindergarten through 12



Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Booster)
Entering Grade 6

There is an exception to the Tdap requirement: Students who received a dose of tetanus or diphtheria vaccine within **5 years** of entering a grade for which Tdap is required are not required to receive Tdap vaccine.



Tornado Awareness Week

Freedom Elementary School will be participating in the statewide tornado drill on **Thursday, April 20**. See the enclosed Tornado Safety at Home, Work or Play Information Sheet. The National Weather Service and the Wisconsin Emergency Management sponsor this weather event.

Summer School

The Freedom Area School District will be offering Summer School 2017 at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students. The session will be five weeks long beginning **June 13 through July 14**. There is no school on July 3 & 4. The deadline to register was extended to **April 7 at 8:00 a.m.** Fees need to be paid by April 13.



Hot Lunch Payment

All outstanding lunch balances need to be paid prior to the end of the school year. Any unpaid balances may be subject to collection with the school district's collection agency Transworld. Payments can be made online through eFunds for Schools, sent with your student or dropped off in the school office.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

At our March Meeting we discussed teacher requests/ideas on how to spend fundraiser money. We voted to put \$1000 towards playground items. We decided to purchase Ipads for the 2nd grade teachers. There was a popular request from many grades for flexible seating. We will start with Kindergarten, and put \$3000 towards this. We will be hosting a Native American program in May. Your support with the fundraisers is making a huge difference in the classrooms and for our school!

Our Brain Bowl results are in. We collected a profit of \$6793.10. Mrs. Culotta's class had the highest participation at 76%. Mrs. Thiel and Mr. Marquardt's classes had the highest amount donated. All three classes enjoyed pizza parties on March 17.

We hosted a Family Fun Night on March 23 at Funset Boulevard. We hope your family had a great time. It was a busy night! We sold 195 wristbands and raised \$780.

The Spring Popcorn/Snack fundraiser was a success! Pick up will be April 6 from 3-5 pm. Our profit was about \$4,700. Thank you for your support!

We will be coordinating treats during Teacher Appreciation Week. Look for an email sign up to come later this month. The teachers love and appreciate all of the goodies!

The last day to recycle plastic bags is **April 14**. We have collected almost a ton of plastic! We are currently in second place. Let's see if we can make this our year!

The **next PAC meeting is Monday, April 24, Room 22 (Art room), 6:00 p.m.** It is later than usual due to Spring Break. Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

Visit our website: www.freedompac.org. Like us on Facebook: [Freedom Elementary P.A.C. \(Parents Activity Committee\)](https://www.facebook.com/FreedomElementaryPAC)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at 851-3266 or aelenhardt@gmail.com.

Timber Rattler Information

REMINDER: Timber Rattler Game is Friday, May 19. Fang's Reading Club ticket order is due Tuesday, April 4.

Mrs. DeGroot is the Coordinator of this event. Ms. Wall, Mrs. Rennes and Mrs. Froehlich assisted in the organization of this event.



Freedom Elementary 5th graders will have an opportunity to work on the STEM Shuttle on April 12. The STEM Shuttle travels to schools throughout the Midwest from its launch pad in Mosinee, Wisconsin. Its mission; motivate children in the elementary and middle grades to learn. Hands-on learning is the key to the success of the program. The shuttle visit for Freedom is sponsored by Delta Dental.

Bellin Run – June 10, 2017



Freedom Elementary Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 are eligible to run in the Bellin Run for the “Kids for Running” program. Permission forms and online ordering information were sent home in March. The permission forms are due at this time. You may have your child pick up a packet in the main office.

The training will begin on **Tuesday, April 4** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

The coaches are Jill Balck and Courtney Dettman. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Jill Balck at Freedom Elementary School 788-7950 ext. 3223.

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!

FEA Crazy Color Scholarship Fund Run

FEA is sponsoring The FEA Crazy Color Fund Scholarship Run on May 20, 2017. This is a non-competitive run/walk open to all students, staff, family, and friends. Profits earned from this event will go towards the scholarship fund for Freedom graduates. Participants will be given a shirt, a packet of color, and a goodie bag the day of the race. There will be a DJ. Come celebrate community as you run, walk, laugh, and have some crazy fun at this event! A registration packet will be sent home soon!

