



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

April 2018 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- April 4 Report cards go home
- April 9-13 National Library Week and National Tornado Week
- April 12 Tornado Drill
- Plastic Bag Recycling continues to April 13
- April 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- April 26 PAC Badger Sports Night
- April 30 Gr. 1 & 2 Spring Concert 6:00 HS Fieldhouse

Continue to save **Box Tops for Education**



We are a NUT FREE School.

## Principal's Corner

As I compose the April newsletter, the sun is actually shining! Just a reminder that as we move into April, there may still be days where our students need his/her coat and boots. Plus, they may even need 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!

In April, we start 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.



## Attention Parents: DROP OFF CHANGE

We have a few changes to help with security and safety. Parents will **not** be allowed to walk children to classes if they arrive to school at or after 8:00 am. This will start on April 2, 2018.

This is in preparation for next year when all students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the lobby. These changes are to help with building security and for the safety of all students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Wisconsin Forward Exam

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 26 to May 4. Please consider these dates when planning appointments or family commitments.

Students in grade 3 will test on April 3, 5, 10 and 12  
Students in grade 4 will test on April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19  
Students in grade 5 will test on April 3, 4, 10 and 12



Gr. 3, 4, 5  
Forward  
Exam in  
April

## National Library Week--April 9-13

*Libraries Lead* is this year's theme for National Library Week. Over the years, libraries have become a meeting place where people can meet and share ideas in a safe environment. The library is a place of discovery, whether it is through new authors or online resources. So, take some time this week to think about how libraries can lead you.

# Immunization Requirements 2018-2019



**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 12**. 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.



## Artist in Residence

Freedom Elementary School will have Trista Holz, glass artist the week of April 9-13, April 23-26 and May 4 working with Kindergarten through Fifth grade students creating glass pendants or magnets in the art room. They will be learning all about glass with the artist. Students will also help create a glass mural the second week that will be displayed in the lobby. This Artist in Residence is sponsored by PAC (Parent Activity Committee). We thank them for bringing this awesome opportunity to our school.

## Summer School

Summer school is an opportunity to continue the educational process and keep your child connected to learning over the summer months. The Freedom Area School District will be offering Summer School 2018, at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students, in one session. The session will be five weeks: *June 11 through July 19, 2018*. There is no school the week of July 4. You can mark your calendars with the following dates: Online Registration Window (March 13 - April 13). The final day to pay course fees is Friday, April 20, 2018. We are excited to offer this registration process that will utilize the convenience of modern technology.



## 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

We are hosting an Artist in Residence for two weeks! Trisha Holz, a glass artist, will work with students to create their choice of a fused glass frit bead pendant or magnet during the 1<sup>st</sup> week. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week the students will help create several large fused glass panels that will be used to make a mural which will hang in the school.

We will be having a Family Fun Night on April 26 from 4:00-9:00 at Badger Sports Park. You do not need to buy anything beforehand, just show up! The 2 hour Utopia pass is \$10 plus tax, 3 hour Utopia pass is \$12 plus tax. You can call ahead for laser tag reservations at 920-830-6900. Please see flyer in the newsletter for information.

We will be coordinating 3 days of treats during Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11. Look for an email sign up to come later this month. The staff love and appreciate all of the goodies!

The last day to bring in plastic to recycle is **April 13**. We are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Let's see if we can win another bench!

The **next PAC meeting is Monday, April 16, Room 22 (Art room), 6:00 p.m.** Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at 851-3266 or [aellenhardt@gmail.com](mailto:aellenhardt@gmail.com).



# Mission: Healthy Kids Screen Time Challenge

Welcome to the Mission: Healthy Kids Spring 2018 Wisconsin Healthy Schools Challenge: Healthy Minds. Mission: Healthy Kids, a partnership of Kohl's Cares and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, is excited to offer this opportunity for all Wisconsin schools to participate from April 9-13.

For one week, ask your child/children to take the Screen Time Challenge. Instruct them to record the amount of time spent each day – outside of school – on screens.

This simple activity helps encourage students to become more aware of the time spent on computers and other devices. Find out how many hours a day they are spending on screens, when it's healthier for their minds and bodies to spend that time being active, interacting with family and friends and focusing on mindfulness.

The Screen Time Challenge will be sent home in April. Please help us with this challenge.



## Learning the History of our National Anthem



Mrs. Touchet's 5<sup>th</sup> grade RTI students are performing a play reenacting Francis Scott Key writing the words to our National Anthem during the War of 1812.



The Freedom Elementary Destination Imagination team took first place at the regional competition and qualified for the state competition. Congratulations!

## Bellin Run – June 9, 2018

2018 BELLIN RUN

Freedom Elementary Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 are eligible to run in the Bellin Run for the "Running Club" 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 3** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

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

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!

## Thank You from the Freedom Food Pantry

Thank you to the Freedom families for your time and effort in collecting items for our food pantry. You have filled our toiletry area. This is wonderful! You have collected nearly 570 lbs of items. You've really made an enormous positive difference!

