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December 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Dec. 19 & 20
4Kind. Holiday
Program 1:45 pm Gym
- Dec. 20
Kind. Holiday Program
Gym 12:30 pm
- Plastic Bag Recycling
Nov. 15-April 15
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Paper
Recycling
- Dec. 23 Early
Release 12:15 pm
- Dec. 26-Jan. 1 No
School
- Jan. 2, 2017
School Resumes

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**

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



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe this is our December newsletter. While we have enjoyed some unseasonal weather, please take a few minutes to locate your child's winter gear including: jackets, gloves/mittens, and hats. You may want to locate or/buy snow pants and boots which are needed to address the outdoor elements over the next few months. Please take a moment to enjoy the energy and excitement that comes along with the hectic month of December. Please review the school calendar that is attached. We have several activities and special days listed throughout December.

The High School is asking us to remind parents that your child should be with you watching sporting events at any of the Freedom Schools and at area schools. Our students should be displaying their "Irish Best" at these events. It is appreciated if you can help remind them that they should not be running around the building, lobbies, behind the bleachers, or not to walk in front of the scorer's table. Also, remind them that we remove our hats and stand quietly for the playing/singing of the National Anthem. Freedom takes PRIDE in our students picking up after themselves no matter where they attend an event. But most importantly, enjoy the game/match as a family! **Go Irish!**



Mrs. Lipsey and Mrs. Mussett read to the students for National Young Reader's Week.



The Freedom Fire Department held a contest to encourage parents to talk to their child(ren) about fire safety. Addam and Robbert Biese won the contest and got a ride to school on the fire truck on November 18.

Cold Weather/Blackboard Connect 5 Call Out

Dress for the weather! Outside activity and fresh air are vital to the health of our children. Students will be going outside for all recess times. Students need to be reminded to wear the warm clothing parents send with them. For **School Cancellations** listen to the television or radio stations listed on **page 7** of the **Student Handbook**. Please do not call the school office, listen to your TV.

Blackboard Connect 5 Call Out will notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, attendance, and emergency situations. School cancellations will be listed on all local TV stations. Please make sure your information is current.

Congratulations to the Girls on the Run. They competed in a 5K in November. Congratulations to all of the girls who competed!



Holiday Break

The Holiday Break for Freedom Elementary School is scheduled for **December 26 to January 1**. The office will be closed. School resumes on Monday, January 2. You may contact the District Office at 788-7944 for any questions.

Salvation Army Kettle

There will be a Salvation Army kettle located inside Freedom Foods from November 14 to December 24. The hours are 3:00-8:00 pm. If you are interested in signing up to ring the bells, contact Jane Murphy at 687-6189.

Food and Sock Drive

Freedom Elementary Student Council will be collecting canned goods, household needs and socks for the Food Pantry located in Freedom and local charities this December. We will be collecting the items **December 12-16**. Students should bring the items to the lobby. We are asking for donations as follows:

4K:	Cleaning supplies, canned meats or tuna	Grade 4:	Cereal, Kleenex, boxed noodle dinners
Kind:	Laundry detergent, juice, cleaning supplies	Grade 5:	Cereal, paper towels, boxed noodle dinners
Grade 1:	Dish detergent, boxed noodle dinners, cereal	Staff:	Baby diapers, wet wipes, baby toiletries
Grade 2:	Soap, deodorant, toilet paper & other toiletries	All 4K-Gr. 5:	Canned goods and socks
Grade 3:	Toothpaste, lotions, toilet paper & other toiletries		

NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE



Freedom Athletic Association Summer Sports

The Freedom Athletic Association will start accepting **2017 Summer Sports Registrations**. All children who live or attend school in the Freedom School District are eligible to participate. Age requirements are on the form. Additional copies can be obtained at school offices, day cares and at www.freedomathletics.com. **Any registrations received from February 1-28 will have a \$40.00 late charge per person.** Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after February 28, 2017. **Please fill out one form per child, per sport.** Please fill out the form completely and accurately. All forms need to be mailed in. If you have any questions, please send them via the website at www.freedomathletics.com.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

If you need any ideas for staff holiday gift giving, the **Teacher Wish Lists** are now online on our website at: <https://freedompac.org/teacher-wish-list/>.

Thank you for your support with the Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Look for updates in the January newsletter with information on totals and classes winning pizza parties. **Pick-up date for cookie dough is Wednesday December 7 from 3:00 - 5:30 in the multipurpose room.**

Paper Recycling Update. We made about \$400 with our fall paper collection. The next paper recycling is scheduled for **December 19 through January 2**.

Plastic Bag Recycling. PAC is again participating in the plastic bag recycling through Trex. The school that collects the most will receive a bench made out of recycled plastic. Place clean bags into the bins by the front office until April 15.

For more up to date information, visit our website at www.freedompac.org for meeting agendas and minutes. "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee).

We do not meet in December. Our January meeting is set for **Monday, January 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!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at freedompac1@gmail.com.

