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December 2015 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Dec. 21 Kind. Holiday Program 1:00 pm Gym
- Dec. 21 & 22 4Kind. Program 2:00 pm Gym
- Plastic Bag Recycling Nov. 13-April 15
- Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Paper Recycling
- Dec. 23 Early Release 12:15 pm
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 No School
- Jan. 4, 2016 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. The recent cold weather is a swift reminder of those forgotten items, including jackets, gloves/mittens, and hats. It is time to find/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. Our PAC is offering a "Holiday Shop" this year again on December 4 from 3:30-6 and December 5 from 9-12. Please watch for more details to come home.

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. Please do not allow your child(ren) to be running around the building, lobbies, or behind the bleachers. Also, please do not let them walk in front of the scorer's table. But most importantly, enjoy the game as a family! Go Irish!

As always, we look forward to working with you throughout the school year as we continue to support your child's academic and behavioral learning.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just a note to thank all the Freedom Elementary School parents and guardians for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences this past month. It is this kind of support that allows our students to be successful.

Holiday Recess

Holiday Recess is scheduled for **December 24 to January 1**. The office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2016. You may contact the District Office at 788-7944 for any questions.



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!



Student Council Holiday Store

Student Council will open their holiday store on **December 14 through December 18 from 7:45-8:00 a.m.** Among the affordable items are plush animal bookmarks, sports bracelets, novelty pens and erasers and candy cane scented pens. The items cost between 50 cents and \$2.00. Come shop for family and friends!



Food Drive

Freedom Elementary Student Council will be collecting canned goods and household needs for the Food Pantry located in Freedom this December. We will be collecting the items **December 7-11**. 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
Grade 3:	Toothpaste, lotions, toilet paper & other toiletries		

NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE



Freedom Athletic Association Summer Sports

The Freedom Athletic Association will start accepting **2016 Summer Sports Registrations**. All children who live in the Freedom School District and are between the ages of 5 & 18 are eligible. Additional copies can be obtained at school offices, day cares and at www.freedomathletics.com. **Any registrations received from February 1-29, will have a \$40.00 late charge per person.** Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after February 29, 2016. If you are not sure if you want to participate, send in your registration and payment anyway. You can ask for a refund as long as leagues have not started. **Please fill out one form per child, per sport.** Please fill out the form completely and accurately, if you do not have a home phone, do not put your cell phone number on the home phone line. 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

The annual **AVON Fundraiser** made \$3,349.02. There were 113 families and 5 staff that participated. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser!

If you need any ideas for staff holiday gift giving, the **Teacher Wish Lists** are now online on our website www.freedompac.org. They will also be available at the Holiday Gift Shop or in the PAC mailbox.

The **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** was the highest grossing fundraiser to date! Sales were approximately \$32,500 with profit at about \$16,250 for our students! Pick-up date for cookie dough is **December 9 from 3:00 - 5:30 in the multipurpose room**. If your child sold 3 or 5 items and didn't receive their Minion key chain or stuffed animal, they can do so during the cookie dough distribution.

Paper Recycling Update. We made \$479 with our paper collection. The next paper recycling is scheduled for **December 21st through January 4th**.

Plastic Bag Recycling. PAC is again participating in the plastic bag recycling through Trex. Our school will receive an item made from recycled plastic for participating in this program. Your child should have received a reminder magnet and sheet. Place clean bags into the bins by the front office from now until April 15th.

Holiday Gift Shop. PAC will hold a Holiday Gift Shop for the students to purchase gifts for family and friends. This event will be held in the elementary cafeteria **December 4th from 3:30-6pm** and **December 5th from 9am until noon**. High school volunteers will help children choose their gifts and stay within their budget. There will be gift bags provided for each gift purchased. A few days before the sale, we will send home an envelope for parents to write who the student should buy for and how much they should spend on each person. The children should bring the envelope with them to the Shop.

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 18, 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 851-3266 or aelenhardt@gmail.com

