



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

December 2017 Newsletter

## Important dates:

- Dec. 14  
Cookie Dough pickup  
3:00-5:30 Multipurpose  
Room
- Dec. 18-Jan. 8  
Paper Recycling
- Dec. 20  
Kind. Holiday Program  
Gym 12:45 pm
- Dec. 20 & 21  
4Kind. Holiday Program  
1:45 pm Gym
- Dec. 22  
Early Release 12:15 pm
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1  
No School
- Jan. 2, 2018  
School Resumes
- Plastic Bag Recycling  
Continues until April 13

Continue to save  
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## Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe this is our December newsletter. Please remember to 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.

## Reminder from F.H.S.

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. Schmelzter read to the students for National Young Reader's Week.

## 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.

Ms. Hastie's R.T.I. class with Mrs. Touchet studied Australia. Along with learning about the geography of the country, they also sang several Australian folk songs. This unit culminated with each student creating and playing their own traditional didgeridoo musical instruments.



## Holiday Break

The Holiday Break for Freedom Elementary School is scheduled for **December 25 to January 1**. The office will be closed. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2. You may contact the District Office at 788-7944 for any questions.

## School Medication Reminders:

1. Students cannot bring to school or take home **any** medications. Parents/ guardians must drop off and pick up medications.
2. A medication form (available online or in the office) must be filled out by the parent/ guardian and physician (if prescription) in order for the nurse to give the medication.
3. All medications must be brought in their original container. If it is a prescription the label must be on the medication.



## Food and Sock Drive

Freedom Elementary Student Council will be collecting canned goods, household needs, socks, hats and mittens for the Freedom Food Pantry and local charities. This will take place from **December 11 - 15**. The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Breakfast foods: Cereal, pop tarts, cereal bars

Cleaning items: Dish detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies

Hygiene items: Soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste

Paper Products: Kleenex, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, other toiletries

Other needs: Jello, juice, canned fruit, Spaghettios, Ravioli, Ramen noodles, Manwich, tuna, canned meats

All 4K-5: Socks, hats and mittens

**NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE**



## Freedom Athletic Association Summer Sports

The Freedom Athletic Association will start accepting **2018 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](http://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, 2018. **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](http://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/>

Spirit Wear has been delivered. We look forward to seeing everyone showing off the new Irish gear. The sale profited about \$7000! Over 1,000 items were sold. We hope to have another sale next year.

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 Thursday **December 14 from 3:00 - 5:30** in the multipurpose room.

Paper Recycling Update: We collected \$658 of paper during our fall drive. There is currently \$7900 in the fund. The next paper drive will be from December 18 - January 8.

For more up to date information, visit our website at [www.freedompac.org](http://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 15, 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](mailto:freedompac1@gmail.com)

