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February 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Feb. 2
Brain Bowl
4K-Gr. 2
- Feb. 3
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4K-Mon/Wed
- Feb. 3
Conference
online directions
go home
- Feb. 24
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-8:00
- Feb. 25
Early Release
12:15 p.m.
- Feb. 26
No School
- Plastic Bag
Recycling
Nov. 13-April 15
- February is
Dental Health
Month

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 that the second semester is in full swing. I have been so impressed by our teaching staff and the incredible achievements our students have made throughout the first semester of school. Report cards are coming home January 27th or 28th to parents. Enclosed with your child's report card are the STAR reading and math scores from January. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Please continue to read with your child or continue to encourage your child to be reading at home every night.

Again, please send your child with appropriate winter attire for recess. Students need to wear boots and snowpants to leave the blacktop.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 24 from 3:30-8:00 pm. Conferences will be scheduled through the Skyward online Student Management Program. Families will no longer receive a paper copy of the scheduled conference times. Each family will have to schedule their own conferences through Skyward, for each child. If you have more than one child at Freedom Elementary School, each child will have to be scheduled separately. The Skyward scheduling window will be opened February 8-21.

Parents will receive information on how to obtain their Student Access account on Wednesday, February 3. If you do not have computer access, please call your child's teacher at 788-7950.

Summer School

The Freedom Area School District will be offering Summer School 2016 at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students. The session will be five weeks: **June 13 through July 14**. A Summer School Course Offering list will be available soon. **Registration fees will be due at the time of registration.** Registration begins on Monday, February 29, 2016.

Drop Off Reminder

Please remember to park your car and a parent needs to **walk** his/her child on the marked cross walk across to the front doors of the school every morning regardless of the time. This procedure is for the safety of our students!

Fang's Reading Club

Fang's Reading Club began on Monday, January 25. The dates to turn in each baseball are as follows:

1 st Baseball:	Friday, February 5	3 rd Baseball:	Friday, March 4
2 nd Baseball:	Friday, February 19	4 th Baseball:	Friday, March 18



Students should turn each baseball into their classroom teachers on the specified date. The Freedom Family Night at the Timber Rattlers Game is **Friday, May 20 at 6:35 p.m.** at the Timber Rattlers Stadium. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeGroot at 788-7950.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books school-wide competition will be held on February 2. Good luck to all of the competitors.

Mrs. Ryan, Battle of the Books Advisor

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found items will be on display on **February 5** for the Sock Hop and on **February 24** for Conferences. Anything not picked up will be donated after conferences.

Art Fundraiser

Families may have their students' art work printed on a variety of products to help raise money for the Art Program. Information will be sent home in March.

Substitute Playground Supervisors Needed

We are looking for substitute playground supervisors for our noon hour recess. If you are interested in being on the Substitute Playground Supervisor list, please contact the office for more information at 788-7950.

Brain Bowl

The Brain Bowl is held to raise monies to help fund classroom supplies. The Brain Bowl pledges are due on **Friday, January 29**. Students in 4Kindergarten (Tuesday/Thursday) through Grade 2 will be asked the questions on **February 2**. Students in 4Kindergarten (Monday/Wednesday) will be asked the questions on **February 3**. Pledge monies are due by **Friday, February 19**. We thank all families who participated in this fundraising event for Freedom Elementary School. Mrs. Kurkiewicz is the Brain Bowl Coordinator.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

The Brain Bowl Fundraiser will be held Tuesday, February 2 for 4K, T/Th - 2nd grade, (Wednesday, February 3 for 4K, M/W classes). We will be providing a pizza party for the class that has the highest percentage of participants and the class that raises the most funds. The top 10 fundraising students will receive a "Brain Bowl Challenge" t-shirt. Everyone that participates will receive a pencil.

The Sock Hop will be held on Friday, February 5 from 6:00-7:30. This is a completely FREE event. There will be concessions and a chance to win a raffle prize. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. Come join us for some family fun!

P.A.C. will be providing a meal for the teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 24. E-mails requesting food items will be sent out to the parents who have volunteered on the "Helping Hands" list.

We will be coordinating another Staff Book Fair for teachers/staff in February during the week of conferences. We will be taking "gently used/good condition" book donations for teachers to use in their classrooms. Watch for flyers with more info to come.

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).

The February meeting is set for Monday, February 15, Room 22 (Art room) 6:00. 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](tel:851-3266) or aelenhardt@gmail.com

