



IRISH PRIDE PRESS

March 2023 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- March 3
Early Dismissal
12:15
Staff Inservice
- March 12
Daylight Savings
Time begins-turn
clocks ahead
- March 12
Deadline to order
a yearbook
- March 13
Art Fundraiser orders
due
- March 20
End of 3rd Quarter
- March 21
Gr. 4, 5 Concert
HS Fieldhouse
- March 23
Summer School
registration begins
- March 27-31
Spring Break
No School

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**

We are a **NUT
FREE** School. **NO**
Homemade or
Store/Bakery
Bought Goods



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that we are near completing two-thirds of the school year this upcoming month. Dr. Seuss is celebrating his birthday in March, why not pick up and read *Horton Hatches the Egg*. It's a Dr. Seuss classic about the courage of an amazing elephant that follows through because "...an elephant's faithful one hundred percent!" We hope you participate in One School, One Book throughout March. It should be another great experience. We will be reading *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond.

If you have a child in grades 3, 4, or 5, please read the Wisconsin Forward Exam section in this newsletter. Our testing window is March 20- April 28. Please know that we will be sending specific grade level dates and times home soon. The Forward Exam is our state assessment, so we hope to have all our students in attendance during the testing window. Please do what you can to avoid appointments and vacations during this time. As always, we understand when children get ill.

We have a few short weeks until the end of the third quarter. We have an amazing staff. My hats off to all of them! Our students and staff are also very fortunate to have incredible parental support at home as well. We appreciate this partnership with our parents. Thank you for your continued support.

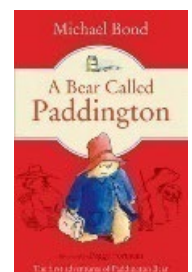
Wisconsin Forward Exam Grades 3-5

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam? Students will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 20-April 28. This assessment will be used to gauge how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. The Forward Exam is given at:

- *Grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
- *Grades 4 and 8 in Science and,
- *Grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies

March is Reading Month at Freedom Elementary!

To celebrate, we are reading *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond. We will also have a reading month calendar for each student. As students complete the activities or read the chapters in the book, they can cross off those days. At the end of the month, students who have completed at least 12 activities, should bring their signed calendar back to school to earn a reading month prize! Each week an email will be sent to read along with the staff.





Summer School

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE will be **updated soon!** Please check out the following features when starting to register your child:

1. Printable summer school sports flyers- will be available on the summer school website in the near future
2. All course descriptions will be available for you to view.

Reminders-The session will be four weeks: *June 6 through June 30, 2023*. Online Registrations Window (March 23 - April 14, 2023), final day to pay course fees is **Friday, April 21, 2023**.

If your child is signed up for a course when the registration window closes, you **ARE** responsible for those course fees even if your child does not attend summer school.

There will be no summer school classes on June 5, but there will be sport courses running that day.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



We will be holding another Bake Off to celebrate reading. Create any baked good as a family and submit a photo. Information will be coming home soon!

Thank you so much for continuing to send Shout Outs to show our amazing staff how much they are appreciated! The second quarter winners of the monthly raffle are... Mrs. Wilson (Kindergarten), Ms. Tietz (3rd Grade), Mr. Riesterer (3rd Grade), Mr. Maronek (4th Grade). You can submit a shout out for a teacher or FES staff member by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/xf9M36uLB6QJZ6x48>

FAMILY FUN!

The PAC is also planning another fun night at Skate City! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 16th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Check our Social Media for more details.

REMINDER:

Did you know, on the 3rd Monday of each month is PAC night at Buzz's. So on these nights, head to Buzz's with the family for a great meal and they will donate a portion of food sales to the PAC.

COMING UP:

PAC has sponsored Jennifer Stevens, Native American pottery artist, to work with student K-5 from March 6-10. Volunteers will be contacted very soon, if not already. We look forward to have Jennifer with us at FES.
MORE Artist in Residence:

We will be collecting newspaper for the upcoming Artist in Residence in May. Please bring newspaper to the Elementary school lobby and place in the box labeled "newspaper". More information to come on this.

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).

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20 at 5:30 PM in the staff lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.

Fang's Reading Program

Fang's Reading Program is off to a great start! It will run for 8 weeks starting February 13th, ending April 6th. Every two weeks, a base will be due, and like last year, there will be no individual base prizes, rather a grand slam prize that students pick up at the ballpark when they attend the family night game on May 18, 2023. Information was sent home in February, and tickets can be purchased at the end of April when the program has been completed. We hope you take part in this fun opportunity to grow your child's reading skills!

Base due dates:

1st base: February 24th

2nd base: March 10th

3rd base: March 24th

Home Run: April 6th (No School April 7th)

Thank you,
The T Ratts Reading Committee



Elementary Yearbook

The final deadline to order your yearbook is March 12, 2023. You will not be able to order a yearbook after this date. The link will be closed. Yearbooks may only be ordered online at networkphotography.com.

The cost for the yearbook is \$18.00 each.

Art Fundraiser Orders

The Art Fundraiser Orders are Due on March 13, 2023. Please turn your orders in to your homeroom teacher.



Benefits of READING 20 Minutes a Day



Minutes Add Up

20 Minutes A Day
5 Days A Week
1,000 Minutes a Year
1,800,000 Words a Year



90th Percentile

Students who read 20 minutes a day average scoring in the 90th Percentile on Standardized Tests



Overall Academic Success

Many other subjects rely on reading skills. Improves literacy skills. Helps students be open to new ideas which makes math concepts easier to comprehend.



Reading is Brain Exercise

Complex Brain Activities
Exercises visual cortex as eyes track words.
Exercises cognitive function. Integrating new information grows knowledge.
White Matter in the brain increases with reading.



Reduces Stress

Just 6 minutes of reading can have a calming effect.



Improves Memory

Every new memory forges new synapses or brain pathways of memory.
Makes connections.
Improves focus and concentration.



Improves Relationships

Reading fiction helps create more empathy and compassion.
Spending time with family reading, even if reading independently.



Improves Self Confidence

Improves vocabulary to make you more well-spoken and easier to express yourself.
Provides you with knowledge on a variety of subjects.
Improves writing skills.



Reading Makes CENTS

For every year students read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week, life time earning potential goes up considerably.

March Reading Challenge:

Cross off activities as you complete them. Complete at least 10 activities, hand in to your teacher and you will earn a reading month prize!

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

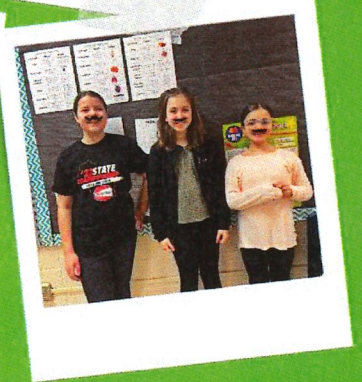
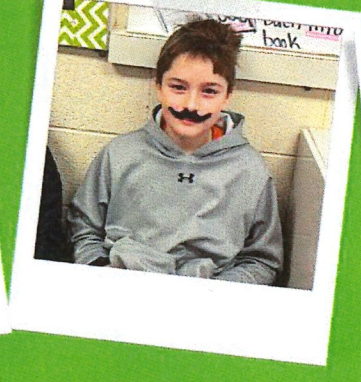
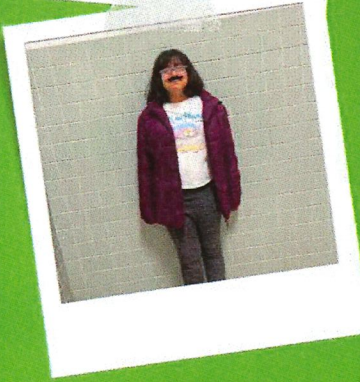
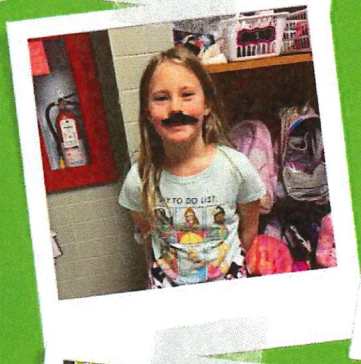
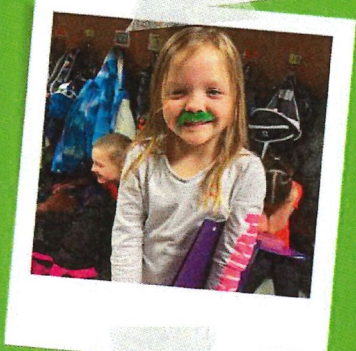
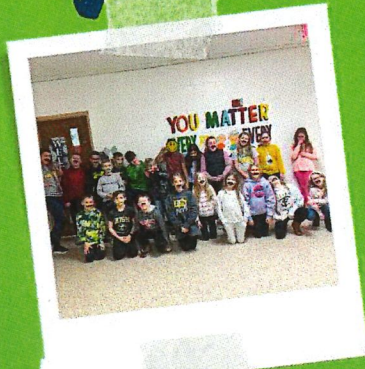
One School One Book: A Bear Called Paddington

Chapter 1 Week of 2/27- 3/3	Chapter 2 Week of 2/27- 3/3	Chapter 3 Week of 3/6- 3/10	Chapter 4 Week of 3/6- 3/10
Chapter 5 Week of 3/13- 3/17	Chapter 6 Week of 3/13- 3/17	Chapter 7 Week of 3/20-3/24	Chapter 8 Week of 3/20-3/24

FES Suitcase of Reading

Read with a family member	Read a magazine	Read to a stuffed animal	Read with a flashlight	Family game night
Read a book online- use Epic or Sora	Read and make a recipe	Read a non-fiction book	Read a comic or graphic novel	Read to your pet and send Mrs. Osowski a picture

Mustaches



for Max

March 2023

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Read Across America Week February 27-March 3 	1 Fox in Socks-wear silly socks Grade 2 Building for Kids	2 Oh the Places You Will Go-wear tourist shirt or from a place you visited	3 Early Dismissal 12:15pm Sleep Sneetches Friday- wear pjs or sweats	4
5	6 Artist in Residence March 6-10	7	8	9	10 Wear Baseball attire Fang's 2nd baseball due 4K Bowling Outreach 1:30pm	11
12 Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks ahead one hour 	13 Art Fundraiser Orders due	14	15	16 PAC Family Fun Night Skate City 5:30pm	17 Irish Pride Day Wear Green  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20 End of 3rd Quarter	21 Gr. 4 & 5 Concert HS Fieldhouse	22 4K Building for Kids	23 4K Building for Kids	24 Dress Like Paddington Bear Fang's 3rd baseball due	25
26	27 No School Spring Break	28 No School Spring Break	29 No School Spring Break	30 No School Spring Break	31 No School Spring Break	

Freedom Elementary School Menu

March 2023

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*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30	1 Hop on Pop Corn Chicken Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	2 1 Fish 2 Fish Red Fish Blue Fish Sticks Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk Dr. Seuss' Birthday	3 Bag Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
6 Brunch for Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	7 Chicken Patty W/Rice Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	8 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	9 Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	10 Fish Sticks Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
13 BBQ Rib Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	14 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	16 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	17 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
20 Beef Taco Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	21 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	22 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	23 Diced Chicken w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	24 Pizza Pasta Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School