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May/June 2024 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- May 15
Family Fun Night
4:00-7:00
- May 27
No School
Memorial Day
- June 4
4K Tue/Thurs last
day
- June 5
4K Mon/Wed last
day
- June 6
Student last ½ day
12:15 Dismissal
- June 10-June 28
Summer School
Monday-Friday
- Aug. 13
District-wide
Registration and
Pictures at high
school
7:00 am-7:00 pm
- Aug. 29
Elem. Open House
3:30-5:30
- School Begins
Sept. 3, 2024

We are a **NUT FREE** School. **NO** Homemade or Store/Bakery Bought Goods (unless there is a "Made in a nut-free facility" sticker)



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is May already! Please help me in thanking our remarkable teaching staff during National Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10. We have magnificent educators that have made a positive influence on our students' lives in Freedom. If you would like to thank your current teacher(s) or any previous teacher(s) there are a few ideas in this newsletter. Participation is completely optional.

The energy that fills our halls and classrooms continues to build as we move toward the end of the school year. We will continue to be very busy in May with FastBridge testing, field trips, etc. Please look over the May/June calendar carefully.

Save the date: PAC will be offering a Family Fun Night again on May 15.

We would like to thank all of you for your involvement in the educational process and for being such great parents. Your involvement in the learning process for kids is appreciated here at Freedom Elementary.

School Office

The Freedom Elementary School office will be open *Monday through Thursday in June, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and 7:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday. In July and August, office hours will be Monday through Thursday, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.* Contact the school office, at 920-788-7950 or you may fax information to 920-788-7956.



Registration and Pictures 2024-2025

The FASD will continue with on-line registration beginning August 1. **Walk-in registration will be August 13 for Elementary Students from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.** You will be able to verify and sign your information digitally. Please bring your registration sheet along with you if you are paying in person August 13. You may also pay your fees on-line through e-funds.

PICTURES AT REGISTRATION:

Elementary students will have their fall pictures taken at registration from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.



Bus Routes 2024-2025

If your bus pick-up or drop-off site will change for the new school year, please let Lori or Judy in the office know to fill out a new bus form before the 2024-2025 school year begins in September.

Summer School

FASD Summer School 2024 will be held **Monday, June 10-June 28 Monday through Friday.** Both Girls and Boys Basketball and Speed and Strength Training do begin on Monday, June 10th. Most courses are being held at the elementary school, but please closely look over dates, times, and locations when it comes to sport courses/camps. The deadline to pay for summer school was April 19. If you have an outstanding balance you will be contacted shortly if you haven't been already. Please watch for future emails.



School Health Reminders



Any questions?
Please contact
Amie
Kazik, RN

1. Emergency plan paperwork for 2024-2025 school year will be mailed home at the end of May. Any child with asthma, allergies (not seasonal), diabetes, and/or seizure disorder **must** have a new plan completed at the start of school. If you do not receive a plan in the mail and your child should have one, please contact the health services team. Paperwork can also be found on the FASD District Health Services page. **Thank you for your cooperation with this!**
2. Any prescription medications must have a physician signature. Medications **must** be brought in by an adult in the original bottle. **Medications have to be picked up by the end of the school year.**



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



OFFICER POSITION OPEN

The PAC has an officer position open. If you are looking to get more involved with the school, please email freedompac1@gmail.com. Our last meeting for the school year is scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 5:30 PM in the FES Staff Lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.

FAMILY BAKE OFF

Thank you for participating in the Bake Off. It was a success! We loved seeing all of the family creations. The winners will be announced early May.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Wednesday, May 15 from 4 to 7 PM, the PAC will be hosting our Family Fun Night! Again this year, we will have food trucks, TJ the DJ, touch-a-trucks, face painting, inflatables, sidewalk chalk, and lots of fun! This is a FREE event sponsored by the Parent Activity Committee. Also, each FES student will be given a \$5 coupon to be used at Food Trucks. Families are responsible for any additional food purchases. We hope you all can attend!

FES STAFF APPRECIATION

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is May 6 to May 10 so let's celebrate our amazing FES Staff! The PAC will be doing things throughout the week to show gratitude to our staff. We do plan to cater in food from Kelsey's Kitchen on Tuesday but we still need your help bringing in items. Please click on the link to see what you can contribute! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-49265144-teacher>. Thank you to all students who turned in Shamrocks! We will be posting them in the lobby so everyone can see all the kind words! Lastly, if you need ideas on how to spoil our teachers, an email will be sent out of an updated Teacher Wish List.

LOTZZA MOTZZA FUNDRAISER

Stock up for the summer with Brew Pub Pizza! This will be our final fundraiser for the school year. Parents will be able to purchase Lotzza Motzza Pizza coupons for \$10, which will be redeemable ONLY at Sals Food. Order forms will be sent home with students and will be due back Friday, May 17 with payments. The PAC will disburse coupons the last week of school. This fundraiser is similar to our Uncle Mike's Kringle Fundraiser.

STAFF SHOUT OUTS

This is the last chance to give shout outs for the school year! There is no limit to amount you can send in. Please use the following link to send a Shout Out to a staff member that is doing an amazing job. We will hold a raffle quarterly for members that receive them. <https://forms.gle/XLuigAABYt8Drjmc7>

STOCK THE LOUNGE – ALL GRADES

Thank you to all parents who helped us stock the lounge this school year! The FES Staff really enjoyed all the snacks and drinks you provided!

For the month May, we are asking ALL grades to please consider dropping off snacks/drinks to help us stock the lounge for FES staff! Just a reminder that snacks need to be "nut free". We hope to get a mixture of healthy and sweet/salty treats. Ideas for drinks: flavor or carbonated water, Bubbl'r, soda, etc.

BUZZ'S PAC NIGHT

Did you know, on the 3rd Monday of each month is PAC night at Buzz's. 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.

NEXT MEETING

Our last meeting for the school year is scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 5:30 PM in the FES Staff Lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.

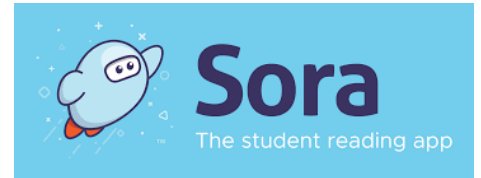
WE'RE SOCIAL!

"Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee)!

Timber Rattlers Reading Program

Students will be receiving vouchers if they completed the Timber Rattlers reading program. Families can then order their free tickets and any additional tickets. Please look for a form coming home with the voucher that will explain how to order tickets. The game is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 at 6:40pm. Students can pick up their grand slam prize when they attend the game, and use their free soda and hot dog voucher as well. We look forward to seeing you at the ballpark!

Keep Reading This Summer!



To help students keep reading over the summer, we do have an online option.

Sora is an ebook and audiobook subscription that you can access anywhere! There are 1,000's of books available digitally in Sora!

Students in grades 2-5 will use their google account under the Freedom Area School District. For grades K-1 they will choose Freedom Elementary K-1st grade and use their first name with an initial to login.

Students can also go to google and find Sora in the waffle or use the Sora app for Apple and Android.



The fourth and fifth grade students performed a talent show for the students and parents on April 25.



The Opera for the Young performed for our K-5 students.



The 4th grade students had a presenter from Oneida Nation. Each student was able to make their own "Corn Husk" doll.

Music Concerts



Green Bay Blizzard Visit



Summer Learning Tips to Go! Text Messaging Service (for parents)



Sign ups for Summer 2024 begin at the end of May.

Examples of tips and activities:

Alphabet city

On a walk together, look for the shapes of letters in the buildings all around you.

Mapmaker

After reading a favorite book, have your child draw a map of the book's setting.

Be a reading role model!

Make sure your kids see you reading and writing, whether it's reading the morning newspaper or making a shopping list.

Nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of things to find outside (such as an acorn, stone, or feather). Give your child the list and let the hunt begin!

Vocabulary bank

Introduce an interesting word each week, then share a kid-friendly definition and examples. Keep that word active at home!

Family stories

Ask your child to interview an older family member and share the stories at a family gathering.

Firework poetry

Write down descriptive words for fireworks. Can you create a poem using some of those words?

SOURCE: *Start with a Book*
Sign up for text alerts here – <https://www.startwithabook.org>

10 Ways Parents Can Fight Summer Reading Loss

1) Set a specific time for daily reading When you set aside a specific time each day for reading, it becomes part of the daily routine. When something is done routinely it makes it less likely to be forgotten. I love that for my own children reading at night is as routine as putting on their pajamas and brushing their teeth.

2) Let your children see you reading Literature-rich homes have a myriad of reading material around, from all sorts of books (picture, chapter, nonfiction, and fiction) to newspapers, magazines, and electronic reading materials, etc. Just last week as I was standing in the kitchen holding a book, my son Brady (age 4) said to my daughter Marykate (age 3), “Oh great, Mommy has another book she won’t stop reading so she can feed us.” I laughed because they were anxiously awaiting a snack, but what they were seeing instead was a true passion for reading that I hope will inspire them to be avid readers themselves. They were just going to have to wait!

3) Talk with your children about what they are reading Letting your children know that you are interested in what they are reading can be very motivating for them. Even if you are not familiar with the book, you can ask about the characters, the problem, or have your kids share something new they learned. At this point in his reading life, my son starts answering questions (without me asking) as soon as we close a book we have read together. While I am thrilled that he knows that thinking and talking about books is important, I also try to make sure that I keep reading fun and don’t turn it into a chore.

4) Have a reading area Make a special place in your home that is a reading nook. Have a variety of books and periodicals available there. You do not need to buy these reading materials. Instead, borrow them from your local library. At my home, we seem to have books in every room of the house, but I also have a cozy pillow or chair next to my children’s bookshelves in their playroom where they enjoy looking at books on their own.

5) Visit the library Go to your local library regularly throughout the summer. Not only can you check out reading material, but most local libraries also have many fun reading programs and activities to encourage summer reading. My kids love to go to our library—honestly, it’s mostly to do crafts—but we always get a stack of books while we are there, too.

6) Reading to your child Reading to your child is so important. It is a great way to model fluency and enjoy a good book together. I personally love to act out the books with my children. (Sometimes, I am not sure if they are laughing at me or with me!) Children can also read aloud to their siblings or to the whole family—even to a patient family pet.

7) Have writing supplies available Writing is an important part of the language arts. Additional practice with writing is beneficial to all children and manipulating the text they are reading helps them remember more of it. Keep the writing fun! Some ideas include writing a letter to your favorite character in a book, writing a “sequel” to a story you love, or drawing and writing a graphic novel version of a book. Younger kids could draw pictures or make collages of images that “go with” the books they are reading.

8) Get audio books or listen to books online Your local library should have a variety of audio books available for children and adults. It can also be a nice change of pace to listen to and watch stories online. Several actors, actresses, sports heroes, and musicians have participated in websites that post celebrities reading books out loud. My children just love to listen to books. Their favorite is Click, Clack, Moo, by Doreen Cronin, as read by Randy Travis.

9) Start a book club Get your child’s friends together and pick a book they are all interested in reading. Have them meet once or twice a week to discuss what they have read—you may want to help them set reading targets if they are reading a chapter book. For example, they could aim to read two or three chapters a week. If they choose a book from their summer reading list, the discussion may also help them with comprehension. My own children are too young to be part of a book club, but I can’t wait until they are old enough to have one of their own.

10) Carry books with you Having books with you at all times is a great way to pass the time when you have a few unexpected minutes. Keep a supply in the car or in a tote bag. I have books in the pockets of the seats in my car. This way, when we’re out on the road my kids can grab a book whenever they want.



Dear Parents:

The end of the year is approaching! We are going to countdown the last 26 days of school. Each day will be a different activity that represents the letter of the alphabet.

Wednesday, May 1	A: Aloha Day (Wear Hawaiian or Bright Colors)
Thursday, May 2	B: Bubble Gum (Provided by PAC)
Friday, May 3	C: Crazy Hair
Monday, May 6	D: Drop Everything and Read
Tuesday, May 7	E: Extra Movement Day (Do Extra Brain Breaks)
Wednesday, May 8	F: Funny Sock Day
Thursday, May 9	G: Game Day (Enjoy a Game at Recess!)
Friday, May 10	H: Hat Day
Monday, May 13	I: Ice Cream (Provided by PAC (funded by Tidy View)
Tuesday, May 14	J: Jeans and Jersey Day
Wednesday, May 15	K: Kindness Day (Be Nice to Others)
Thursday, May 16	L: Let Us Be Our Irish Best Day (Wear Freedom Irish)
Friday, May 17	M: Make Someone Smile
Monday, May 20	N: Name/Bring Your Favorite Book
Tuesday, May 21	O: Occupation Day
Wednesday, May 22	P: Pajama Day
Thursday, May 23	Q: Quick Feet Day (Get Up and Move!)
Friday, May 24	R: Rock Star Day (Dress Up Like a Rock Star)
Tuesday, May 28	S: Shades Day
Wednesday, May 29	T: T-shirt Day
Thursday May 30	U: USA Day
Friday, May 31	V: Very Fun Field Day (wear sunscreen)
Monday, June 3	W: Wear Favorite Color
Tuesday, June 4	X: Xtra Fun Day (Extra Time at Recess)
Wednesday, June 5	Y: You are Special Day (PAC will provide a treat)
Thursday, June 6	Z: Zoom Home for a Wonderful Summer!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 6-10

THANKS

For helping our children



MONDAY

BLOSSOM-

Bring or draw a flower for your teacher

TUESDAY

LETTER-

Write a Thank You Note for your teacher

WEDNESDAY

ONE SNACK-

Bring in a nut-free snack for your teacher

THURSDAY

OFFICE SUPPLY-

Bring in an office supply for your teacher

FRIDAY

MIXED FRUIT-

Bring in a piece of fruit for your teacher


May 2024

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Aloha Day-wear Hawaiian clothes	2 Bubble Gum Day	3 Crazy Hair Day	4
5	6 Drop Everything and Read	7 Extra Movement Day Do extra Brain Breaks	8 Funny Sock Day	9 Game Day-Enjoy a game at recess	10 Hat Day 4K Outreach to Tittletown	11
12	13 Ice Cream Provided by PAC Sponsored by Tidy View	14 Jeans and Jersey Day	15 Kindness Day-Be Nice to Others Family Fun Night 4:00-7:00	16 Let Us Be Our Irish Best-wear Freedom Irish Timber Rattler Game 6:40	17 Make Someone Smile Child Development Day 	18
19	20 Name/Bring Your Favorite Book	21 Occupation Day	22 Pajama Day 4K(Mon/Wed) New Zoo	23 Quick Feet Day (Get up and move) 4K(Tues/Thurs) New Zoo	24 Rock Star Day (Dress up like a Rock Star)	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28 Shades Day Gr. 4 to Atlas Science Center	29 T-shirt Day Gr. 3 to Bay Beach	30 USA Day Gr. 1 Bay Beach Gr. 5 Urban Air	31 Field Day Very Fun Field Day- wear sunscreen	

June 2024

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Wear Your Favorite Color	4 Xtra Fun-extra time at recess 4K (Tues/Thurs) Last Day KG to Children's Museum 2nd fieldtrip	5 You Are Special-PAC provide treat 4K(Mon/Wed) Last Day Gr. 5 Promotion 1:15	6 K-5 Last Student 1/2 day—Dismiss at 12:15 Zoom Home for a Wonderful Sumer	7 Last Staff 1/2 Day	8  Have an awesome Summer!
9	10 Summer School June 10-28	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Freedom Elementary School Menu

May 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chicken Tenders Potato Smiles Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Fruit Fluff	2 Oodles of Noodles Breadstick California Blend Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	3 Hot Dog/Chili Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
6 Beef Taco Spanish Rice Corn Pears Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	7 TASTE TEST APPROVED!! Orange Chicken w/Rice Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	8 Ravioli Breadstick Lettuce Salad & Corn Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Cookie	9 Hot Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Berry Fruit Cup Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	10 Chicken Nuggets Tator Tots Carrot Coins Mixed Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
13 Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Lettuce Salad Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	14 Sloppy Joe Tator Tots Baked Beans Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Taste Test Tuesday	15 Chicken Sandwich French Fries Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Birthday Cake	16 Mini Corn Dogs Jumbo Fries Green Beans Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	17 Pizza Dippers Lettuce Salad Fruit Cup Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
20 Nacho Meat w/Tostadas Rice Lettuce Salad Corn Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	21 TASTE TEST APPROVED!! Pulled or BBQ Rib Sandwich Tator Tots Carrot Coins Fruit Cup Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	22 Grilled Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Pudding	23 TASTE TEST APPROVED! Chicken Alfredo Breadstick California Blend Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	24 Fish Sticks French Fries Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
27 Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30 No School	28 Meatball Sub Jumbo Fries Corn Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	29 Popcorn Chicken Potato Smiles California Blend Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Dessert	30 Hamburger or Pizzaburger French Fries Baked Beans Pears Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	31 Grab & Go Lunch Carrots Apple Slices Bug Bites Choice of Milk Field Day!!

June 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 3 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	June 4 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	June 5 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	June 6 Grab & Go Lunch Apple Slices Carrots Bug Bites Choice of Milk	Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!