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May/June 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- May 20
Timber Rattler
Game 6:35 pm
- May 23-June 13
Paper Recycling
- May 30
No School
- June 2
Last student ½ day
- June 13-July 14
Summer School
- School Begins
Sept. 1, 2016

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**

**Turn in all
Campbell Soup
Labels by June 2**
(This program is
discontinuing this
year.)

We are a NUT FREE
School.
No Homemade or
Store Bought Baked
Goods.



Principal's Corner

Where has the school year gone? It is incredible how fast this school year has flown by. It is amazing to see the great gain our students have made this year. We appreciate our home-school partnerships. We could not do what we do without your support!

Please help me in thanking our remarkable teaching staff during National Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6. 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 continue to be very busy with STAR, finishing Forward Assessment, PALs, getting our final individual guided reading levels, field trips, etc. Please look over the May/June calendar carefully.

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 very welcomed and appreciated here at Freedom Elementary.

No School

Memorial Day is on **Monday, May 30**. There is no school on this date. School resumes on Tuesday, May 31.

School Office

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

On-Line Registration

The Freedom Area School District will continue with on-line school registration. You will be able to verify and sign information digitally and pay your fees on-line with e-Funds.



The students worked on the silk mural with Artist in Residence, Sandy Melroy.

Immunization Requirements 2015-2016

Varicella (Chickenpox) second dose phase
Grades Kindergarten through 12

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Grades Kindergarten through 12

Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Booster)
Entering Grade 6

There is an exception to the Tdap requirement: Students who received a dose of tetanus or diphtheria vaccine within **5 years** of entering a grade for which Tdap is required are not required to receive Tdap vaccine.



Summer School

We are once again offering many exciting summer school classes for your child that focus on enrichment and academic support. Summer School keeps the learning process active and helps students enhance their study skills over the summer months. The session will be five weeks long beginning **June 13 through July 14**. There is no school on July 4. **Registration runs through May 6**. Please try to have your child registered for FASD Summer School by Friday, May 6, 2016. Parents may register at either the elementary or the middle school sites. Each child needs a form. A listing of Summer School classes is enclosed with this newsletter. **Payment is due at the time of registration and fees are non-refundable**. Please check the listing in this newsletter to see which classes have filled.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Artist in Residence occurred the week of April 4-8. Sandy Melroy helped the children make individual silk projects and create a mural on silk for the school. The children had so much fun with this project and learned how silk was made. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped prep the items before and during the week in the classroom to assure it went smoothly. We could not have done it without you! The mural will be finished in May and will be displayed in the main staircase. We hope you enjoy the beautiful, creative artwork the kids created.

Family Fun Night was held on 8th with a Minute to Win It game night. This was a completely **free** event sponsored by PAC. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this event so successful, we really appreciate it! We collected \$61 for the Freedom Food Pantry.

PAC honored Mrs. Krzyzak, Mrs. Vosters, and Mrs. Froehlich in our school office for Administrative Professionals Day on April 27. They are extremely helpful to PAC throughout the school year!

PAC will coordinate treats during **Staff Appreciation Week, May 2-6**. Dippin' Day on Monday, Muffin Mornin' on Thursday and Desserts on Friday.

The **Spring Student Appreciation Day** is **May 20**. PAC will be providing popsicles to all the students after their walk for Juvenile Diabetes.

Thank you to all those who donated paper items during the **Paper Recycling** in March. The next paper drive will be **May 23- June 13**.

Thank you for donating your plastic for the **Trex Recycling Challenge**. Our school came in 3rd place collecting 1341.6 pounds. We will be receiving a planter made out of recycled plastic. Good job!

Fifth Grade Celebration is on Tuesday May 31st Watch for more information to be sent home.

For more information, visit our website at www.freedompac.org and sign in for updates. "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee).

Our last meeting for the school year is on Tuesday, May 10, Room 22 (Art room) at 6:00 p.m. Come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt, at aelenhardt@gmail.com or 851-3266.



Family Fun Night, April 8



SPRING IS HERE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please think of us as you are doing your spring cleaning and having rummage sales. We are in need of **small** boys and girls pants (preferably no jeans) and undergarments. If you can help us out, please drop them off in the Elementary School office. Thank you!



Any questions?
Please contact
Emily Wendt,
RN, or Lori
Vandenberg,
LPN

School Health Reminders

1. Strep infection is running its course in Freedom. Sore throat is not the only symptom. Please see the email sent out on March 21, 2016 for other signs and symptoms.
2. If your child vomits at school or has episodes of diarrhea, you will be contacted to pick them up and they need to stay home for 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
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4. If your child is running a 100.0 degree temperature or greater, you will be contacted to pick them up. The fever must have subsided for 24 hours, medication free before they can come back to school.
5. If your child has a medication that is kept at school, the medication must be picked up no later than June 17, 2016. All medication, prescription and/or over the counter will be disposed of after this date. The medication must be picked up by an adult, NO medication will be sent home with students.
6. Emergency plan paperwork for 2016-2017 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.

LET'S KEEP ALL KIDS and STAFF HEALTHY!

Hot Lunch Payment

All outstanding lunch balances need to be paid prior to the end of the school year. Any unpaid balances may subject to collection with the school district's collection agency Transworld. Payments can be made online through eFunds for Schools, sent with your student or dropped off in the school office.

Bus Routes 2016-2017

If your bus pick-up or drop-off site will change for the new school year, please stop in the office and fill out a new bus form before the 2016-2017 school year begins in September.

Lost and Found Items

Lost and Found Items need to be picked up **by June 2**. They will be donated to a charity after this date.

Guardian Kids Fun Run

Mark your calendars!

The Guardian Kids Fun Run that Freedom Elementary School participates in will be held on **Friday, September 16, 2016** at the Fox Cities Stadium!

More information will be coming home in the fall.



2016 FES Fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes May 16-20

Once again Freedom Elementary School will be working to raise money for our local chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Student Council will be sponsoring fund raising activities the week of May 16-20. Students will be able to purchase coupons each day to participate in our events; sneakers will go on sale for the walk beginning Wednesday, May 18.

Our week of events is as follows:

Monday ~ Mustache Monday

Tuesday ~ Caps for a Cure

Wednesday ~ Winning Wednesday

Thursday ~ Thinking Thursday

*Homework coupons will be on sale all week.

A more detailed listing of costs will be sent prior to our activities starting. We're looking forward to another successful year.

Please mark your calendars for the "FES Walk for the Cure" on Friday May 20th!

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Arndt.



Bellin Run – June 11, 2016



Freedom Elementary Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 are eligible to run in the Bellin Run for the "Kids for Running" program. Permission forms and online ordering information were sent home in March. The permission forms are due at this time. You may have your child pick up a packet in the main office.

The training will begin on **Tuesday, April 5** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

The coaches are Andrea Micke, Terri Hastie, Jill Balck and Jill Mussett. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Jill Mussett, Associate Principal at 788-7950 ext. 3101 or at jmussett@freedomschools.k12.wi.us.

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!

Reading News

Freedom Elementary School is celebrating the last days of school with an ABC Countdown. Information about this event was emailed to families. If you have any questions, please contact me at the elementary school.

Mrs. Anderson
Reading Specialist



Alice in Dairyland speaks to the 4th grade students.