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May/June 2017 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- May 1
Gr. 1 & 2 Concert
HS Fieldhouse 6:00
- May 5
Early Release 12:15
- May 11
Gr. 5 Play 6:00 Gym
- May 19
Timber Rattler
Game 6:35 pm
- May 22-June 9
Paper Recycling
- May 29
No School
- May 30
4K Tues/Thurs last
student day
- May 31
4K Mon/Wed. last
student day
- June 1
Last student ½ day
for K-5 students
- June 12-July 13
Summer School
- School Begins
Sept. 5, 2017

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**



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 1-5. 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, 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 29**. There is no school on this date. School resumes on Tuesday, May 30.

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.

“Cole’s Cancer Crusade”

Cole’s Cancer Crusade will take place on July 29 at 8:30 a.m. at Appleton East High School. There will be a large 20 station obstacle course for students (K-6) to run, climb, and slide through. There will be music and a silent auction. To register go to: racesonline.com/events/cole-s-cancer-crusade.

The cost is \$10.00 (tax deductible) and if you register your child by May 31, you will receive a t-shirt. There are flyers available in the elementary school office

All of the proceeds raised will go to the Snowdrop Foundation (www.snowdropwi.org) who helps The Wisconsin Children’s Hospital.

Immunization Requirements 2016-2017

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

The Freedom Area School District Summer School 2017 is at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students. The session will be five weeks long beginning **June 12 through July 13**. There is no school on July 3 & 4.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



On May 12 PAC is sponsoring the presentation **Strong Medicine: A Native Journey in Song, Dance and Story** by Ted Skenandore. The children will learn about Native American people and customs through traditional stories, song and dance.

At our April Meeting we decided to purchase Ipad's for the Kindergarten teachers. We are putting \$3000 towards flexible seating in first grade classrooms. At our May meeting we will continue to discuss ways to spend funds raised this year. We are so fortunate to have families support our fundraisers!

Mrs. DeGroot's M/W and Mr. Menting's classes received pizza parties for having the most sales during the Spring Fundraiser. A huge thank you to all who supported it!

PAC honored Mrs. Krzyzak, Mrs. Vosters, and Mrs. Froehlich in our school office for **Administrative Professionals Day** on Wednesday, April 26. They are extremely helpful to PAC and the school throughout the year!

PAC will coordinate treats during **Staff Appreciation Week, May 1-5**. Dippin' Day on Monday, Muffin Mornin' on Thursday and Desserts on Friday.

The **Spring Student Appreciation Day** is **May 19**. PAC will be providing popsicles to all the students after their walk for Juvenile Diabetes.

We profited \$497 during the **Paper Recycling** in March. The next paper drive will be **May 22- June 9**. Thank you for donating your plastic for the **Trex Recycling Challenge**. Our school came in 2nd place collecting 2,800 pounds. We will be receiving a picture frame made out of recycled plastic to display a certificate. Good job!

Fifth Grade Promotion is on Tuesday May 31. 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 Monday May 22, 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.



Grade 1 and 2 students practice for their music concert. They will perform at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 1 at the high school field house.



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 (no jeans) and undergarments. If you can help us out, please drop them off in the Elementary School office. Thank you!

School Health Reminders



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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. If your child has a medication that is kept at school, the medication must be picked up no later than June 16, 2017. 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.
4. Emergency plan paperwork for 2017-2018 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 2017-2018

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 2017-2018 school year begins in September.

Lost and Found Items

Lost and Found Items need to be picked up **by June 1.** They will be donated to a charity after this date.

Destination Imagination (DI) for 2017-18

Destination Imagination (DI) is open to any student in grades Kindergarten – Fifth grade. You may have up to seven members per team. See the sheet explaining Destination Imagination in this newsletter.

Erin Glynn is the advisor. Her email is: eglynn@freedomschools.k12.wi.us with any questions. Her telephone number is 788-7945 ext. 277. There will be a parent meeting in September with more information.

Guardian Kids Fun Run

Mark your calendars!

The Guardian Kids Fun Run that Freedom Elementary School participates in will be held on **Friday, September 22, 2017** at the Fox Cities Stadium!

More information will be coming home in the fall.



2017 FES Fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes May 15-19

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 15-19. Students will be able to make donations each day to participate in a variety of events. **Sneakers will go on sale for the walk beginning Wednesday, May 17.**

Our week of events is as follows:

Monday ~ Mix & Match Monday

Tuesday ~ Turn the Lights Out on Juvenile Diabetes Tuesday

Wednesday ~ Winning Wednesday

Thursday ~ Thinking Thursday



A more detailed listing of costs, and what each day's special event entails, will be sent home with students 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 19th!

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Arndt.

Bellin Run – June 10, 2017



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 began on **Tuesday, April 4** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

The coaches are Jill Balck and Courtney Dettman. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Jill Balck at Freedom Elementary School 788-7950 ext. 3223.

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!

Grade 5 Play – The Jungle Book

Come for a fun evening watching our 5th grade students on Thursday, May 11, 2017! The fifth grade students will be performing the play, "The Jungle Book". The play is at 6:00 pm in the elementary gym.

