



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

November 2015 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks back one hour
- Nov. 3 End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Nov. 4 Picture Retake Day 8:00 am
- Nov. 6 No School-Staff Work Day
- Nov. 10 Report cards go home
- Nov. 11 & 12 Conferences & Book Fair 3:45-6:45
- Nov. 15 Plastic Bag recycling begins
- Nov. 26, 27 Thanksgiving Holiday

We are a **NUT** FREE School.



## Principal's Corner

November marks the final month of fall, and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving Day. It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the gifts of family, friends, health, happiness, and peace. It reminds us to take time to recognize the goodness in our lives... no matter how small. I encourage each family to take a minute before the stressful month of December comes, to connect with your child(ren) and appreciate how special he/she/they really are to us! It is especially at this time of the year, we realize there is no greater gift, than the gift of a child!

## Drop Off Reminder

Please remember that 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!

## Conferences – November 11 & 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, November 11** and **Thursday, November 12 from 3:45-6:45 pm**. Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. The window will be open October 23-November 9.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, November 11** and **Thursday, November 12 from 3:45–6:45 pm in the elementary library**. This event is held on the same nights as **Parent-Teacher Conferences** at the elementary school. Please come visit us and find some great books for your children! This fundraiser helps us purchase more books, AV and library supplies. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## School Attendance

If your student is going to be absent we ask that you please contact the Office at 788-7950 to let us know that he or she will not be present for class as soon as possible. When leaving a message, please indicate your child's name, homeroom teacher, and reason for the absence. You are able to leave a message at any time outside of our normal office hours 7:30-3:45 pm.

Wisconsin's school compulsory law requires students miss no more than ten (10) days per school year. Once a student has missed ten or more days of school a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence. Students who visit the doctor due to an extended illness in advance of the ten days are also encouraged to send a doctor's note to the Main Office excusing the absence.

Absences excused by a medical professional generally do not count toward a student's ten day maximum. If you have questions regarding our attendance policy or a unique circumstance, please contact Mrs. Mussett, Associate Principal.

## Picture Re-take Day

If your child was absent during Picture day, on September 23 or September 24, there will be a re-take day on **Wednesday, November 4 in the morning**. Re-take pictures are only free if the photo company caused a flaw in the picture.



## Battle of the Books

There will be an informational meeting for students in grades 4 and 5 who are interesting in joining Battle of the Books the first week of November. Listen to announcements for more information.

## Lost and Found

Is your child the owner of some of the items in our LOST AND FOUND bin? These items will be displayed in the lobby during conferences on November 11 and 12.

## Inclement Weather

Listen to the radio or TV stations listed in your Student/Parent Handbook, on page 7, for school delays and school closings beginning at 6:30 a.m. The office has alternative plans for all families whether students ride the bus or are picked up by a parent. If your plan changes or you have new information, please contact the school office.

## School Store

Student Council runs the school store on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:40-7:55**. The school store is held in the cafeteria. Students may purchase mechanical pencils, pencil top erasers, highlighters, rocket erasers, pencil cases, etc. Items range in price from \$.05 to \$2.00.

## PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



PAC has a website, [www.freedompac.org](http://www.freedompac.org). Please visit it to get more detailed notes on the meetings and PAC events at our school. If you sign up on the website, you will receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. You can also "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary Parent Activity Committee (P.A.C.)

PAC will be sponsoring a **Cookie Dough Fundraiser October 26- November 11**. Flyers were sent home with students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be **November 11 & 12**. PAC will be providing meals for the teachers. If you signed up on the Helping Hands List to bring in a food item, you will be contacted via e-mail. If you did not sign up on the Helping Hands List and would like to bring in a food item, please contact the email below.

The **Avon fundraiser orders** can be picked up in the Story Room of the Library during the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser.

Teacher Wish List: PAC will have a table set up in the lobby during Parent/Teacher Conferences displaying the Teacher Wish Lists. These contain items that teachers would appreciate being donated to their classrooms, possibly as Christmas gifts. Please stop and take a look!

PAC will again be hosting a **Holiday Shop** for the students on **Friday, December 4, 3:30-6:00 pm and Saturday, December 5, 9:00 am-noon**. This is not a fundraiser but a fun and safe way for students to shop for gifts for family and friends with the help of volunteers. Look for a table displaying samples of gifts at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences and watch for more information to come.

PAC will again sponsor Plastic Bag Recycling beginning November 15. More information to come.

PAC meetings are the third Monday of every month at 6:00 pm in Room 22 (Art Room). The **next P.A.C. meeting is November 16**. Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Erin Lenhardt, P.A.C. President, at 920-851-3266 or [aelenhardt@gmail.com](mailto:aelenhardt@gmail.com).

Thank you to the Freedom Lions Club's donation of dictionaries to the students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

