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November 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Nov. 2 Picture Retake Day 8:00 am
- Nov. 4 End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks back one hour
- Nov. 7 No School-Staff Work Day
- Nov. 9 Report cards go home
- Nov. 15 Plastic Bag recycling begins
- Nov. 23, 24, 25 Thanksgiving Holiday

We are a **NUT** FREE School. 

Principal's Corner

What an amazing turnout for parent/teacher conferences. As always, the FES staff appreciates the partnership between home and school. November marks the final month of fall, and our thoughts turn to the end of the quarter. There has been some amazing learning going on at FES this fall. If you haven't checked out the district FACEBOOK page, (at the bottom right corner of the home page on the district website) please take a minute to see the awesome things that are happening in the elementary building. Halloween is just around the corner. We have some AMAZING "Super Heroes" at FES. It should be a fun day. Just a reminder that we are not allowing any clown costumes for Halloween this year. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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!

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 am-3:45 pm.

Wisconsin's school compulsory law requires students miss no more than ten (10) days per school year. The Wisconsin state statute defines a day as part of all of the day. 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.

National Young Readers Week-November 7-11, 2016

Since 1989, National Young Readers Week has been an annual event held during the second week of November to raise awareness around the importance of reading. The event was co-founded by [Pizza Hut](#) and [the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress](#). They are continuing their tradition of challenging principals across the country to become shining examples for literacy by choosing one day to read their heart out all day long, during National Young Readers Week. Mrs. Lipsey and Mrs. Mussett have risen to the challenge this year. You should be on the lookout during that week of November 7-11 for them to be reading their hearts out in the lobby!

Picture Re-take Day

If your child was absent during Picture day, in September, there will be a re-take day on **Wednesday, November 2 in the morning.**



Battle of the Books

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

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.

Father/Daughter Dance – January 13, 2017

Please save the date on **Friday January 13, 2017** for the Second Annual Father/Daughter Dance at Freedom Elementary School. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

PAC has a website, 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: [Freedom Elementary Parent Activity Committee \(P.A.C.\)](#)

PAC officers attended the October staff meeting and gifted \$100 to each staff member to use for items in the classroom. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers which help make this possible.

The **Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be Nov. 4 thru Nov. 18, delivery will be Dec. 7.** After paying for PAC sponsored activities, we will use the funds to pay for technology items and flexible seating in the classrooms. Flyers will be sent home with the students.

There will be a teacher wish list available online at our website (freedompac.org) for holiday gift ideas. Look for more information to come!

PAC will again sponsor Plastic Bag Recycling beginning November 15. Information will be sent home soon.

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 21.** 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.



Freedom Elementary School participated in the Great Apple Crunch day on October 13.