



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

April 2022 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- April 3-9  
National Library Week
- April 4-8  
National Tornado Week
- April 4-8  
Penny Wars
- April 7  
Tornado Drill Practice
- April 14  
Summer School registration ends
- April 15, 18 and 19  
No School  
Spring Break
- April 22  
Tue/Thurs 4K has class
- April 25  
Grade 1 & 2  
Concert HS  
Fieldhouse

Continue to save  
**Box Tops for  
Education**

We are a NUT FREE  
School.



## Principal's Corner

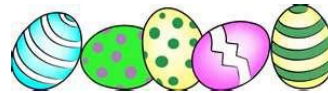
We have enjoyed some warm days towards the end of March. However, as a reminder as we move into April, there will still be days where our students may still need his/her coats, hats, boots, and mittens. Please continue to send them.

We have a few fun activities for students and families in April. During the first week of April, FES will have a Penny War. Next, there is a FES Family night at Green Bay Blizzard Football game on April 9 at 6:05 pm. These two events will raise money for the Kevin Kilstofte Memorial Scholarship Fund for Seniors attending FHS.

We will continue with state testing at the elementary school. Students in grades 3 and 4 will be taking the Forward Assessment. Fifth grade should be completed with testing and only have a few days for makeup testing in April.

Please note that on April 15 through the 19, we do not have school for Easter break.

Looking ahead at FES, we are hoping to host a typical FES Field Day for students in grades K-5. Along with a more typical fifth grade promotion at FES. More information will be coming on both of these events in the May newsletter.



## Congratulations, Mrs. Thews!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Thews! She was recognized at the Wisconsin Herd game for Golden Apple Teacher Appreciation Night on March 25. This was Herd's Third Annual event to honor the "AMAZING" educators in the Fox Valley. We are proud to have Mrs. Thews represent Freedom Elementary School.



## National Library Week--April 3-9

The theme for National Library Week 2022, "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action—an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries.

# Immunization Requirements 2022-2023



**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** two doses  
Grades Kindergarten through 12

**Varicella (Chickenpox)** second dose phase  
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.

## Tornado Awareness Week

The statewide tornado drill is on **Thursday, April 7**. See the enclosed Tornado and Tornado Safety Checklist. The National Weather Service and the Wisconsin Emergency Management sponsor this weather event.



## Summer School Registration ends April 14, 2022

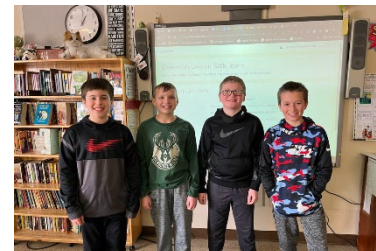
Summer school registration opened on March 22 and it closes at 8:00am on Thursday, April 14. Final payments for courses must be made by Thursday, April 21.

All course booklets can be found on our district website. Please note, your child will be required to attend the course(s) they sign up for. Students won't be allowed to switch courses once summer school is in session.

## Battle of the Books



Freedom Elementary School is excited to share that we had 24 participants in this year's Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a statewide reading competition where students read 20 books of various genres. Battle of the Books (BOB) was open to all students in 4th and 5th grade at Freedom Elementary. This rigorous reading program required students to delve deeply into their books, see connections, and retain a wealth of information. During the final competition, students answered questions pertaining to all 20 of the books they read. The top four finalists competed in the statewide competition on February 24. While this group of four didn't place this year, we are proud of their efforts.



## Clothes donations needed

We are in need of girls size 8-10 and 10-12 pants and sweatpants and boys size 6, 10, 12 sweatpants. We do not need jeans, tops or sweatshirts. Thank you.

## PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



Save the date! May 18 from 4-7 PAC will be hosting a Family Fun Night! We are making plans for food trucks, balloon twisting, DJ, fire truck, face painting, tattoos, inflatable obstacle courses, pie throwing, side walk chalk, and lots of fun! Look for upcoming info on opportunities to help, come to the April meeting or contact us if you know of a business who would want to be a sponsor for this fun night. We all want our kids to have a great night so help us make it happen!

Thank you for sending in your Bake Off creations. They were so creative. We hope this was a fun bonding experience for your family. We will post the winners and a slideshow of the participants on our Facebook page.

Students will receive a Frisbee this month from PAC. We love our students and appreciate all the hard work they do. They are amazing. #IrishBest! Later this month students will receive a shamrock to fill for staff members they think "rock". Have your child decorate, cut out and send back by April 25. You can send in as many as you want. This will be part of the Teacher/Staff appreciation week in early May. More information on this week to come.

Thank you for continuing to send in Shout Outs. The staff love the positive words. You can send them in using the following link: <https://forms.gle/LZRg4DomUVdm86PB7>. The staff winners of gift cards in February were Mrs. Northam, Mrs. Voissem, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Barajas and Mr. Sharon

Visit our website at [www.freedompac.org](http://www.freedompac.org) for meeting agendas and minutes. "Like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Freedom-Elementary-Parent-Activity-Committee-PAC-137066709700223/>

The April PAC meeting has been moved to Monday, **April 11 at 6:00 PM** due to having no school. We would love to have your join us and share your ideas!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at [freedompac1@gmail.com](mailto:freedompac1@gmail.com)



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.

Tuesday, April 26	A: Aloha Day (Wear Hawaiian or Bright Colors)
Wednesday, April 27	B: Bubble Gum (Provided by PAC)
Thursday, April 28	C: Crazy Hat Day
Friday, April 29	D: Do Your Irish Best Day
Monday, May 2	E: Extra Movement Day (Do Extra Brain Breaks)
Tuesday, May 3	F: Funny Sock Day
Wednesday, May 4	G: Game Day (Enjoy a Game at Recess!)
Thursday, May 5	H: Hilarious Hair Day
Monday, May 9	I: Ice Cream (Provided by PAC)
Tuesday, May 10	J: Jeans and Jersey Day
Wednesday, May 11	K: Kindness Day (Be Nice to Others)
Thursday, May 12	L: Let Us Be Our Irish Best Day (Wear Freedom Irish)
Friday, May 13	M: Make Someone Smile
Monday, May 16	N: Name/Bring Your Favorite Book
Tuesday, May 17	O: Outstanding Reading Day (Extra Read to Self Time)
Wednesday, May 18	P: Party at the Family Fun Night
Thursday, May 19	Q: Quick Feet Day (Get Up and Move!)
Friday, May 20	R: Rock Star Day (Dress Up Like a Rock Star)
Monday, May 23	S: Shades Day
Tuesday, May 24	T: Terrific Teacher (Wear Your Teacher's favorite color)
Wednesday, May 25	U: Uplifting Day (Give a compliment)
Thursday, May 26	V: Victory Day (Wear Green and Gold)
Friday, May 27	W: Wear your Sunscreen - Field Day
Tuesday, May 31	X: Xtra Fun Day (Extra Time at Recess)
Wednesday, June 1	Y: You are Special Day (Wear Your Favorite Color)
Thursday, June 2	Z: Zoom Home for a Wonderful Summer!

# WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?

Student A reads 20 minutes each day

\*3600 minutes in a school year

\*1,800,000 words

\*Scores in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on state tests.



Student B reads 5 minutes each day

\*900 minutes in a school year

\*282,000 words

\*Scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on state tests.



Student C reads 1 minute each day

\*180 minutes in a school year

\*8,000 words

\*Scores in the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on state tests.



If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**It all adds up. Want to be a better reader? Simply Read.**

# TORNADO SAFETY



**Tornado Watch** - Tornadoes are possible in the area you live in. Listen to the radio or watch the television for updates. Be prepared to move to safety.

**Tornado Warning** - A tornado has either been spotted by Doppler radar or one is on the ground. You should find shelter immediately!



## During a Tornado -

- Go to a basement
- If there is no basement, go to a room in the center of the building, on the lowest floor, with no windows. (A bathroom or closet if possible.)
- Get under the sturdiest piece of furniture if you can.
- If you are in a mobile home, GET OUT! (There is little protection there.)
- Do NOT try to outrun a tornado in a car. It is safer to get out of it and leave it to seek shelter.
- If you are outside, go to a low lying area, like a ditch, and lie down flat.
- Do NOT go near fallen power lines or damaged areas from the tornado.



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# Be Red Cross Ready

## Tornado Safety Checklist

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm down to the ground. Tornado intensities are classified on the Fujita Scale with ratings between F0 (weakest) to F5 (strongest). They are capable of completely destroying well-made structures, uprooting trees and hurling objects through the air like deadly missiles. Although severe tornadoes are more common in the Plains States, tornadoes have been reported in every state.

### Know the Difference

#### Tornado Watch

Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans, and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives!

#### Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Tornado warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property. Go immediately underground to a basement, storm cellar or an interior room (closet, hallway or bathroom).

### What should I do to prepare for a tornado?



- During any storm, listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.
- Know your community's warning system. Communities have different ways of warning residents about tornados, with many having sirens intended for outdoor warning purposes.
- Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Practice periodic tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching.
- Consider having your safe room reinforced. Plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection can be found on the FEMA Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/rms/rmsp453.shtm>.
- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees.
- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Watch for tornado danger signs:
  - Dark, often greenish clouds—a phenomenon caused by hail
  - Wall cloud—an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm
  - Cloud of debris
  - Large hail
  - Funnel cloud—a visible rotating extension of the cloud base
  - Roaring noise

### What should I do if a tornado is threatening?



- The safest place to be is an underground shelter, basement or safe room.
- If no underground shelter or safe room is available, a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
  - Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes or other severe winds.
  - Do not seek shelter in a hallway or bathroom of a mobile home.
  - If you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, abandon your mobile home immediately.
  - Go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately, using your seat belt if driving.
  - Do not wait until you see the tornado.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter:
  - Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
  - If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
    - Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible.
    - If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.
  - Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances.

### What do I do after a tornado?



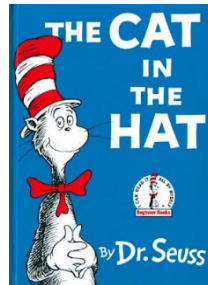
- Continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updated information and instructions.
- If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when examining your walls, doors, staircases and windows for damage.
- Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately.
- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- Use battery-powered flashlights when examining buildings—do NOT use candles.
- If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out of the building quickly and call the gas company or fire department.
- Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
- Keep all of your animals under your direct control.
- Clean up spilled medications, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids that could become a fire hazard.
- Check for injuries. If you are trained, provide first aid to persons in need until emergency responders arrive.

### Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community experiences a tornado, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org) to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.



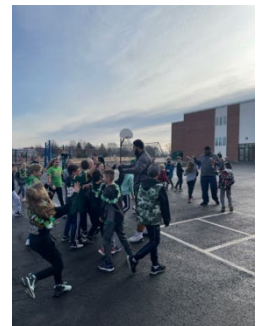
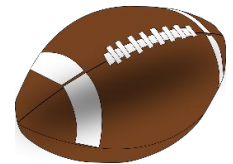
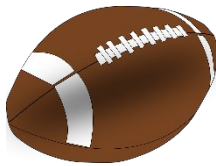
# Dr. Seuss Week



## First and Fifth Grade Book Buddies






## Green Bay Blizzard



# APRIL 2022

## FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4K Student Screener Gr. 1 to Freedom Fire Station  Read A Shirt Day	2
3 National Library Week April 3-9	4 National Tornado Week April 4-8  Penny Wars April 4-8	5	6	7 Tornado Drill	8 Fang 3rd Baseball due  Irish Pride Day	9 Green Bay Blizzard Game 6:05pm
10	11	12 	13	14 Summer School registration ends 8:00am	15 No School Spring Break	16
17 	18 No School Spring Break	19 No School Spring Break	20 Gr. 4 to Madison (Northam, Verhagen, 1/2 of Menting)	21 Gr. 3 Weidner Center  Gr. 1 Barlow Planetarium	22 <b>4K Tue/Thurs class</b>  Fang Final Baseball due  Earth Day-Wear Blue and Green	23
24 ABC Countdown to Summer April 26-June 2	25 Gr. 1 & 2 Concert HS Fieldhouse 6:00 pm	26 Aloha Day Wear Hawaiian or Bright Colors	27 Bubble Gum Day (Provided by PAC)	28 Crazy Hat Day	29 Do Your Irish Best Day  Irish Pride Day	30 




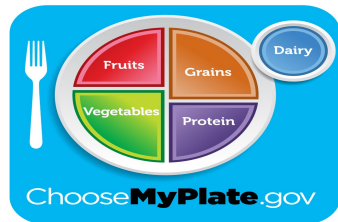
# Freedom Elementary School Menu

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opportunity provider.

\*menu subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p><b>Student Lunch K4-1</b>    <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Student Lunch Gr 2-5</b>    <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Adult Lunch</b>    <b>\$4.35</b></p> <p><b>Milk</b>    <b>\$0.30</b></p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Fish Sticks</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Taco</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Hot Dog</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Beef Nachos</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Pizza Pasta</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Strips</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Tacos</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Popcorn Chicken</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Sloppy Joe</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>No School</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>No School</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>No School</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Mini Corn Dogs</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Patty w/Mashed</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Popcorn Chicken</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Beef Nachos</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Brunch for Lunch</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Sub Sandwich</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Chicken Strips</b> Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk</p>