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August/September 2022 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- August 30
Open House
3:30-5:30
- August 30
Picture Day
3:30-6:30
- August 30
Title I
Informational
Meeting Library
4:00 and 5:00
- September 1
First Student
Day
- September 2
4K Mon/Wed
First Day
- September 5
No School
- September 9
4K Mon/Wed
Has school
- September 23
Early Dismissal
Staff Inservice

Continue to save
or enroll in
**Box Tops for
Education**



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

Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year.

On behalf of the staff, I want to extend a special Freedom WELCOME to all our new students across the grades and their families joining our learning community here at Freedom Elementary School. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members; each individual offers something special for our students in the school.

Mrs. Sara Nagel-4Kindergarten
Mrs. Amy Wright-Music
Ms. Macaida Murphy-Learning Specialist
Mrs. Korri Kersten-Media Specialist/Interventionist
Mr. John Hammond-ES/MS/HS Media Specialist

Mrs. Kelly Schmidt-Grade 1
Mrs. Ashley Scheibe-Learning Specialist
Ms. Kylie Hayes-School Counselor
Mr. Tony Kazik-Physical Education
Ms. Allison Sherman-Literacy Coach/Interventionist

Our new support staff member is Mr. Steve Mueller-Head Maintenance.
Our grade level change is: Ms. Shannon Diedrick to Grade 5.

We are excited for another great year at Freedom Elementary School

Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure

Student Drop Off Starts at 7:35 am.

Please continue to utilize the car drop offline in the morning. Parents need to pull as far forward as possible before unloading. If possible, students should exit the vehicle from the passenger side. Students can enter through Door B if you unload along the school by the shed. If you unload along the sidewalk between the parking lots, students can enter through the front doors. If you choose to park, please walk your child to the door. Thank you for your continued patience with the morning drop off. Remember students can't enter school before **7:35 am.**

Student Pick Up-

Please remember we DO NOT have a pickup line at the end of the day. You need to park legally in the parking lot or on the primary playground past the shed. Parents need to come to the pickup area to collect their child(ren). The playground will open at 2:50 pm for additional parking. Please plan accordingly.

School Hours

The school day begins at **8:00 a.m.** for Freedom Elementary School. Students should be in class and ready to learn at 7:55 a.m. All children must be dismissed through the school office if leaving outside of our normal dismissal time. We ask parents to come into the office and ask the secretaries to call their child to the office. This is done for the safety of every child at Freedom Elementary School. Dismissal for students is at 3:05 p.m.



Open House Schedule August 30, 2022

- 3:30pm to 5:30pm** **Classroom Visits**
Meet your teacher
Drop off your school supplies
- 3:30pm to 5:30pm** **Gymnasium- Information tables**
Registration station if did not complete online
Pay School Fees/Purchase Assignment Notebook Gr. 2-5/Purchase Quick-Word Gr. 3
Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
FES PAC- (Parent Activity Committee)
- 3:30pm to 6:30pm** **Multipurpose Room- Pictures**
Complete order forms and have pictures taken
- 4:00pm and 5:00pm** **Library with Mrs. Osowski, Associate Principal**
Title I Informational Parent Meeting-optional
with our District and FES Reading Specialists

Picture Day – District Photographer – Network Photography

Freedom Elementary School’s Picture Day was held during District Registration on August 9 and at Open House on August 30 from 3:30-6:30pm.

All students will have their picture taken. Families do not have to purchase picture packets. Online ordering Information was emailed out, there will be a few paper order forms available at open house.



Registration and Fees

Registration was done on-line again this year. Please contact the elementary office if you haven’t completed it and need assistance. Please take care of any outstanding balances. Milk Break for 4K is \$22.00 and milk break for K-5 is \$44.00.



Related Arts Schedule

The related arts schedule will be Monday - Friday. Related Arts classes include Art, Library, Music, Physical Education and Technology. Homeroom teachers will let you know which day has what related arts class for each child.

Lunch

For the past two years, students could get school meals for free whether their parents filled out a meal application or not — unfortunately, that will not be the case this fall. Congress did not extend these waivers for the upcoming school year, so this new school year we will be back to regularly priced meals.

Lunches for students in 4K through grade 1 will cost \$2.55. Students in grades 2 through 5 the cost will be \$2.65. Reduced lunches cost \$0.40.

If your student brings a lunch from home and needs a milk, the family account will be charged \$0.30.

If you’re worried about paying for meals again, we encourage you to fill out an application for free and reduced-price lunch. These applications are posted in the foodservice tab on the district website.

NUTRITIOUS SNACKS & NUT/PEANUT FREE ZONE

The School Health/Wellness Policy adopted by the Freedom Area School District is promoting healthy nutrition. Families are asked to send nutritious snacks. Please refer to the district website for many peanut/nut free options and school policy/guidelines. The district website is: www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us.

Please Note: Freedom Elementary School is a nut/peanut free school. Do not send any homemade baked treats, only send fruit or packaged items that do not contain nuts/peanuts. Purchased goods or store bought may be baked in factories that use peanut products. Please read the container package for this information. **Any baked or purchased baked goods will have to be sent back home, please do not send/bring them to school.** This is due to many students who have severe allergies to nuts/peanuts. Thank you for your support with the wellness issue.



FES is a Schoolwide Title School

What does this mean? It means that at FES we expect students to have high levels of achievement. We have professionally trained educators and paraprofessional staff along with resources to give additional support to those most in need. We regularly monitor student growth and create and implement plans to support student improvement.

TITLE I COMPACT

Freedom Elementary School recognizes that student achievement is best promoted through a strong home and school partnership. A team approach is critical in guaranteeing academic success for all students. The school district's Title I program, in partnership with students, teachers, and principals, parents, and families, asks for your commitment to the goals outlined below.

- Please note this was signed when online registration was completed for your child.

Student Goal:

- I will attend school regularly and be on time.
- I will do my best in class and on my school work.
- I will ask for help when I don't understand something.
- I will come prepared each day (supplies, books, completed work).
- I will keep a positive attitude towards self, others, school and learning.
- I will discuss with my parents what I am learning about in school.
- I will read frequently at home.
- I will practice being a responsible digital citizen when using technology.

Parent Goal:

- I will ensure that my child attends school regularly and is on time.
- I will provide enough time and an environment at home that allows my child to complete school work and/or study at home.
- I will encourage my child to do his/her best work.
- I will be aware of my child's progress by attending conferences and requested meetings, monitoring homework, checking schoolwork and communicating with school staff.
- I will reinforce to my child the importance of respect for self and others when face to face with peers or when online.

Teacher/School Goal:

- I will be a positive role model.
- I will provide a positive learning environment that builds self-esteem and academic knowledge where students can be successful.
- I will maintain high expectations for myself and the students.
- I will communicate and work with families to support student learning.
- I will promote being a responsible digital citizen.
- I will show respect to parents, students and family situations.
- I will encourage good reading habits and study skills.

Newsletters

Freedom Elementary School publishes a monthly newsletter that will be published only online. The newsletter may be read at www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us and click on Elementary School, Newsletters.

You will be notified by email when the newsletter is ready to view. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date. Paper copies are available in the office for those who wish to pick one up.

Physical Education News

Physical Education (Gym Class) has changed over the years. Mrs. Thews' and Mr. Kazik's mission is to improve physical literacy through a variety of challenging and fun activities for your child.

What is physical literacy?

- 1.Character Development- Components of character development are: Respect, Sportsmanship, teamwork, and conflict resolution.
- 2.Physical Development- Components of physical development are: Technique/Skill building, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance.
- 3.Cognitive Development- Components of cognitive development are: Rules, strategy, scoring, and taking care of physical self.
- 4.Social Development- Components of social development are: Lowering stress/anxiety through social engagement, inclusion of others, a positive attitude, and effort.

It is our philosophy for kids to have fun while being physically active. We also believe that through games and activities we can help teach Freedom Elementary kids skills to be well-rounded individuals.

Welcome Back from the PAC (Parent Activity Committee)

PAC is Freedom Elementary School's parent group. We sponsor school-wide events to enrich student life at Freedom Elementary, raise money for our school and promote family fun! Some of our events include:

- Family Fun Activities
- Fundraisers for school and classroom needs
- Coordinating the Teacher Wish List
- Support and sponsor school day activities
- Continue to find ways to make FES great!!!
- Purchasing items for the school and classroom
- Student and Staff Appreciation Days
- Providing a Student Directory
- Sponsoring Artist-in-Residence and assemblies
- Give reimbursement grants to all teachers

PAC meets the third Monday of every month (no meeting in December) at 6:00 p.m to plan activities, pitch new ideas and address general questions about our school. There is no attendance requirement to be involved with PAC—any parent/grandparent can be involved as little or as much as they'd like. We welcome you to come to any meeting! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Mark your calendar for our first PAC meeting of the school year. You can also stay up-to-date with PAC by subscribing to the website www.freedompac.org or joining Freedom Elementary PAC on Facebook.

First PAC meeting: Monday, September 19th, 6:00 pm at Buzz's. Buzz's gives back a percentage of the food sales to PAC every 3rd Monday. Children are welcome to come- we meet in the back or side areas.



FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BYLAWS AND POLICES

To access the district policies go to:

www.neola.com/freedom-wi

OR

www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us



Happy Fall

SEPTEMBER 2022

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY STUDENT CALENDAR


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Aug. 30 Open House 3:30-5:30 Picture Day 3:30-6:30	1 First Student Day	2 4K Mon/Wed First Student Day	3
4	5 Labor Day No School	6	7	8	9 4K Mon/Wed Students have class Irish Pride Day	10
11	12	13 Bridging Brighter Smiles	14	15	16 Packer Day	17
18	19 PAC Meeting 6:00 Talk Like A Pirate Day	20	21	22	23 Early Release Staff Inservice	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Read a Shirt Day	

Freedom Elementary School Menu

September 2022

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*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30			1 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	2 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
5 No School	6 Chicken Strips Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	7 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	8 Chicken Patty W/Rice Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	9 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
12 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	13 Sloppy Joe Melt Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	15 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	16 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
19 Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	20 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	21 BBQ Rib Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	22 Chicken Enchilada Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	23 Bag Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
26 Chicken Strips Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	27 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	28 Beef Taco Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	29 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	30 Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk