



IRISH PRIDE PRESS

October 2026 Newsletter

View newsletters at www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us

Principal's Corner

Important dates:

- October 16
Child Development Day
- October 16
No School
Staff Inservice
- November 4
Parent/Teacher
Conferences 3:30-6:45
Book Fair in Library
- November 5
Parent/Teacher
Conferences 3:30-6:45
Book Fair in Library

Interactive Lunch Menu

Link

<https://www.myschoolmen.us.com/organizations/2787>

We are a **NUT FREE** School. **Only Baked Goods** purchased through our Dining Services will be allowed



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've officially wrapped up the first month of school! It has been wonderful to see our students settling into routines, building relationships, and engaging in learning. Thank you for your continued support as we begin another exciting school year together.

Halloween at FES 🎃

We are excited to celebrate Halloween again this year at FES! On **Friday, October 30**, students may come to school wearing their costumes.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **No Halloween masks** should be worn at school.
- **No clown costumes** are permitted.
- **No weapons or look-alike weapons** are permitted.
- Classroom parties may be held; however, **all snacks must be nut-free**.
- As a reminder, the only baked goods permitted at school must be [ordered through Dining Services](#).

Thank you for helping us keep Halloween fun, safe, and enjoyable for everyone!

Report Cards & Conferences

Report cards will continue to be issued by semester and will be available in **Skyward in January and May**. In addition, we will hold parent/teacher conferences near the end of the first and third quarters to provide families with updates on student progress.

If you are unable to attend the November conferences, please reach out directly to your child's teacher to make other arrangements. We believe that connecting at the end of the first quarter is an important way to build a strong foundation for the school year.

Spring conferences will continue to be held by appointment, either at the teacher's request or at a parent/guardian's request.

Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling

Conference Dates:

- **Wednesday, November 4:** 3:30–6:30 PM
- **Thursday, November 5:** 3:30–6:30 PM

Scheduling:

- **4K–Grade 3:** Conferences will be scheduled through **Skyward from October 21–28**.
- **Grades 4–5:** Conferences will be scheduled using a **SignUp link**. The link will be sent to families on **October 21** and will remain open through **October 28**.

Conference Length:

- **Grades 4K–3:** 15-minute conferences
- **Grades 4–5:** 10-minute conferences

Families only need to sign up for **one conference time**. In grades 4 & 5, there is only one spot per student.

Additional 4th Grade Option:

Additional 10-minute conference slots will be available on **Wednesday, November 4**, from 7:30–10:00 AM

Additional 5th Grade Option:

Additional 10-minute conference slots will be available on **Wednesday, November 4**, from 10:10 AM–2:00 PM

Additional 4K Time Slots:

Additional 15-minute conference slots will be available on **Wednesday, November 4**, from 2:15–3:00 PM.

Attendance Reminders



Regular attendance and promptness are essential requirements for success in school. Our Policy

Please call the Elementary School Office at 920-788-7950 by 8:00 a.m. if your child is absent. The school line is open 24 hours a day, to report absences.

- If your child is reported absent by the classroom teacher and you have not notified us that he/she is not coming to school, one of the school secretaries will be calling your home and/or work.
 - The purpose of this is:
 - To determine and verify absence.
 - For your child's safety---for example, if a child is expected to be at school and does not arrive for some reason, the parent would not be aware of this until it is time for the child to arrive home.
 - Because we are concerned for your child's well-being, health and safety.
 - Wisconsin Truancy Law requires a parent verification stating the exact reason for the absence in order for absences to be considered as excused. Habitual unexcused absences can lead to truancy.
- According to Wisconsin State Statute, a student who is excused in writing by his/her parent/guardian before an absence occurs will be excused from school, but a student may not be excused for more than ten (10) days in the school year.
- In order to not affect cumulative attendance, please provide a doctor's note whenever possible.
- An absence is defined as "part or all of a day" not in school during the designated hours of 8:00 am to 3:05 pm.
- Students are considered tardy when arriving after 8:00am. This does count as an absence.
- This is a reminder that if your child has an appointment or sees a doctor when they are ill, please ask the provider for a medical note to excuse your child from school. This note is very important in reporting accurate attendance. If you do not provide a medical note, it will be considered an absence within your 10-day limit.

Friendly Reminders:

- **School Fees:** If you haven't already taken care of school fees, they are now overdue. Please send payment to the FES office at your earliest convenience.

On behalf of the entire FES staff, thank you for your continued support as we move forward in the 2026–2027 school year. We truly appreciate our partnership with you and look forward to an exciting fall season with our students!



Freedom Area School District

The Freedom Area School District is also seeking individuals for substitute support staff positions throughout the District. We are looking for substitutes in the following positions in the district: Custodial, Classroom/Special Education Aides, Playground Supervisors, Kitchen Staff, and Secretarial.

If interested in subbing in any position, please fill out a district application from the Freedom Area School District website at:

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/APPLICATION1.pdf>

For more information or if you have any additional questions, please contact the District Office at 920-788-7944.

Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Red Ribbon Week – “Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free”. Red Ribbon Week Celebration is October 26-30, 2026.

October 26 – Kick off – Wear Red
October 27 – Dress like your Hero
October 28 – Wear your favorite color
October 29 – Wear pjs /comfy clothes
October 30 – Wear Halloween costume



Bullying Awareness: Unity Day – Wear Orange

UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion on Wednesday, October 21. Make it ORANGE and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities, make your color ORANGE on Unity Day. That’s the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large ORANGE message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

A Note from the Music Room

A note from Ms. Vanderloop:

Hello FES families! It has **been** a joyful and busy start to the year, but I can **tell already** that it’s going to be an awesome adventure! Here is a QR code to our music classroom website where you will find information about what your child is learning in music class as well as details regarding upcoming opportunities and performances.

This resource can be used all year round, so feel free to bookmark the page for the future. I am so grateful to get to work in such a close-knit and supportive community of families and I hope this tool will help us stay connected. You also can reach me through email : avanderloop@freedomschools.k12.wi.us.

Musically yours,

Ms. Anna Vanderloop

(920) 788-7950 ext.3315



Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Friday, October 30**. Please follow the guidelines for costume attire.

COSTUME ATTIRE:

1. Students should come to school dressed in an appropriate costume.
2. Students may not wear Halloween masks.
3. **Due to safety, no inflatable costumes during the school day – during the party only**
4. Props should not be any kind of a weapon.
5. Students need to be able to walk without tripping on their costumes.
6. No clown costumes





Nurse's Corner

All medicine needs to be brought to the health office by a parent/guardian. This includes prescription medication, inhalers, over-the-counter medicine, cough drops, etc. They need to come in the manufacturer's package and the package must list the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose in a legible format.

Prescription Medication: Health plan forms need to be completed by the prescribing provider and the parent/guardian allowing school personnel to give the medication. The medication needs to be in the original container from the pharmacy when it is brought to school. The label on the bottle should have the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's name, name of physician, medication name, and the dosage to be given. With any refill for the school, a newly updated medication bottle is required from the pharmacy. All medication in the bottle should match the description on the bottle.

Non-Prescription Medication: A medication consent form needs to be completed by a parent/guardian in order for school personnel to administer the medicine.

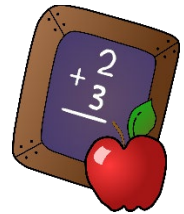
All medication forms, health plans, and the medication policy can be found on the Freedom School District Website at <https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/health-forms.cfm>

Please update the health office or the district nurse, Mrs. Winkler at kwinkler@freedomschools.k12.wi.us with any health updates, immunizations, concerns, or questions.

Please remember the health office when cleaning out your closets. We are in need of pants from sizes 3T to 14 in both girls and boys (no jeans) and socks (kids size 2 and up!) Thank you to the anonymous donor who donated sweat pants, socks and under garments. We greatly appreciate it!

Welcome New Math Tutor

We would like to welcome Ms. Kristy Kemper, our new Math Tutor. She will be starting in October assisting students at the elementary school.



Reading Tips for Families

Wondering how to help your child learn to read or get them more interested in reading? Our parents and experts have tips to help make reading enjoyable for the whole family.

- When reading together, ask open-ended questions to help kids connect with the story: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think the character made this decision? What would you do if this happened to you?
- Whether it's a picture book you're reading together or a beginner chapter book that your child is reading on their own, ask what they are thinking about or imagining as they read: What is happening so far? What is surprising you? Is that something you knew before?
- After finishing a book, explore what stood out to your child: What was your favorite part of the book? Why? What emotions did the story make you feel?
- For older children, try asking: Why do you think the author wrote the book? What would have you liked the author to change?

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/read>



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER

Our first fundraiser of the school year, Cherrydale Fundraiser (also known as the Cookie Dough Fundraiser) kicked off September 19! Our goal is to raise \$12,000 to help fund FES fun activities and requests for FES! All online orders and order forms will need to be turned in to school by October 1 and you will need to pick up your items on November 12. Thank you for your support in advance! Please find information on this fundraiser below:

- Go to www.ShopFund.com to register - make sure you use our Group Code: **KKRWG**

FREEDOM PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the FES Playground Fundraiser! As we wrap up this fundraiser, we are asking all who haven't gotten a chance to support it, to please consider making a donation! While we understand the playground is already built, the total cost of this project is \$170,000. Every community dollar raised will be matched up to \$85,000! Every donation, big or small, helps create a lasting legacy for future Irish.

- Donate today at freedomplayground.netlify.app

FREEDOM BADGER BASH

Join the FES PAC at Badger Sports Park on Thursday, October 15 for our Badger Bash! There is no school on Friday, so bring the whole family for an evening of fun! All Freedom families are invited! When you arrive at Badger Sports, let them know you're with the Freedom Elementary PAC Badger Bash. You can choose either a 2-Hour or 3-Hour Utopia Package which includes: 1-2 sessions of laser tag (7+), laser maze, inflatables (2-10), mini bowling and GREEN swiper games (non-ticket giving) PLUS outdoor activities depending on the weather. Cost: 2-hour unlimited passes: \$12+ tax OR 3-hour unlimited passes: \$15+ tax.

STOCK THE LOUNGE – 4K

For the month of October, we are asking families in 4K to please consider dropping off snacks/drinks to help us stock the lounge for FES staff! Each month we will be asking a different grade to help with this. Just a reminder that snacks need to be "nut free". We hope to get a mixture of healthy and sweet/salty treats. Ideas for drinks: water, flavor or carbonated water, Bubbl'r, soda, etc.

- Sign up here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-66213134-october>

GRATITUDE GRAMS

A Gratitude Gram is a simple card that anyone can complete to recognize and thank another student, teacher, staff member, volunteer, or friend. The goal is to encourage kindness, appreciation, and a positive school culture at FES.

If a student, teacher, staff member (or even a parent) would like to complete a Gratitude Gram, please stop at the Main Office, the Guidance Offices, or the Library to get one or 10! FYI this will replace our online Staff Shout Outs program.

We look forward to seeing all your grams!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

For Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 4 & 5, the PAC will be putting together a Sign Up Genius for families to donate items – please keep an eye out for it. Our FES staff are very grateful for the food on those long nights!

BUZZ'S PAC NIGHT

Did you know, on the 3rd Monday of each month is PAC night at Buzz's. On these nights, head to Buzz's with the family for a great meal and they will donate a portion of food sales to the PAC.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 5:30 PM in the FES Staff Lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.



Freedom Elementary School October Student Calendar 2026

2026

OCTOBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28 	29	30	1	2 KG to Fire Station Gr. 1 Cuff Farm <i>Irish Pride Day-wear Green</i>	3	4
5	6 Gr. 4 Heritage Hill	7	8	9 <i>Wear Pink</i>	10 	11
12	13 	14 4K Mulberry Farm Student Council meeting during lunch recess	15 4K Mulberry Farm Gr. 2 Lambeau Field <i>Packer Day-Wear Green & Gold</i>	16 No School - Staff Inservice Child Development Day	17	18
19	20	21 Gr. 3 Heckrodt Unity Day - wear Orange 	22 Gr. 3 Heckrodt	23	24	25
26 Red Ribbon Week October 26-30 Kick off-wear Red	27 Dress like your Hero	28 Wear your favorite color	29 Wear comfy clothes	30 HS/MS Masquerade Assembly Wear Halloween costume	31  <i>Halloween</i>	1
2	3	NOTES: 				

Freedom Elementary School October Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola or Granola Breakfast Round Apple Juice	2 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
5 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	6 Mini French Toast or Assorted Muffins Apple Juice	7 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	8 Strawberry Smoothie Apple Juice	9 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
12 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	13 Cream Cheese Bagels Apple Juice	14 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	15 Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola or Granola Breakfast Round Apple Juice	16 No School
19 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	20 Mini French Toast or Assorted Muffins Apple Juice	21 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	22 Strawberry Smoothie Apple Juice	23 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
26 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	27 Cream Cheese Bagels Apple Juice	28 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	29 Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola or Granola Breakfast Round Apple Juice	30 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit

Octubre

Escuela Primaria Freedom

Menú de desayuno de la escuela primaria Freedom

			Parfait de fresa con granola ¹	Variedad de cereales ²
Variedad de cereales ⁵	Mini bagels de fresa y queso crema ⁶	Variedad de cereales ⁷	Batido de fresa ⁸	Variedad de cereales ⁹
Variedad de cereales ¹²	Mini tostadas francesas de Cinnamon Toast Crunch Magdalenas de chocolate ¹³	Variedad de cereales ¹⁴	Parfait de fresa con granola ¹⁵	No hay clases - Capacitación del personal ¹⁶
Variedad de cereales ¹⁹	Mini bagels de fresa y queso crema ²⁰	Variedad de cereales ²¹	Batido de fresa ²²	Variedad de cereales ²³
Variedad de cereales ²⁶	Mini bagels de fresa y queso crema ²⁷	Variedad de cereales ²⁸	Parfait de fresa con granola ²⁹	Variedad de cereales ³⁰

De conformidad con la ley federal de derechos civiles y las normas y políticas de derechos civiles del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA), el USDA, sus agencias, oficinas y empleados, así como las instituciones que participan en los programas del USDA o los administran, tienen prohibido discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, religión, sexo, discapacidad, edad, estado civil, situación familiar o parental, ingresos provenientes de programas de asistencia pública, creencias políticas o represalias por actividades previas relacionadas con los derechos civiles, en cualquier programa o actividad realizada o financiada por el USDA (no todos los motivos se aplican a todos los programas). Los recursos y los plazos para presentar quejas varían según el programa o el incidente.

Las personas con discapacidad que requieran medios alternativos de comunicación para obtener información sobre el programa (por ejemplo, Braille, letra grande, audiocinta, lenguaje de señas americano, etc.) deben comunicarse con la agencia estatal o local que administra el programa o con el USDA a través del Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones al 711 (voz y TTY). Además, la información del programa puede estar disponible en otros idiomas además del inglés.

Para presentar una queja por discriminación en un programa, complete el Formulario de Queja por Discriminación en Programas del USDA, [AD-3027](#), disponible en línea en [Cómo presentar una queja por discriminación en un programa](#) y en cualquier oficina del USDA, o escriba una carta dirigida al USDA e incluya en ella toda la información solicitada en el formulario. Para solicitar una copia del formulario de queja, llame al [\(866\) 632-9992](#). Envíe su formulario o carta completa al USDA antes de:

Correo postal: Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos, Oficina del Subsecretario de Derechos Civiles, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410;
fax: [\(202\) 690-7442](#); o
Correo electrónico: program.intake@usda.gov.

El USDA es un proveedor, empleador y prestamista que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

Full student meal is \$2.75 and a reduced price is \$0.40

Freedom Elementary School Lunch Menu - October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			(1) Cheese Pizza	(1) Chicken Patty on a Bun
			(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich
			Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
5	6	7	8	9
(1) Chicken Alfredo w/ Garlic Bread	(1) Popcorn Chicken W/ Mashed Potatoes	(1) Pepperoni Pizza	(1) Pancakes & Sausage Patties	(1) Hamburger or Cheeseburger
(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
12	13	14	15	16
(1) Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Bites & Cheese	(1) Mini Corn Dogs	(1) Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich or Yogurt Parfait	(1) Pizza Dippers	(1) No School
(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	
Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables Sidekick Slushie	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	
19	20	21	22	23
(1) Beef & Cheese Nachos	(1) Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese	(1) Waffles & Sausage Patty	(1) Cheese Pizza	(1) Boneless Chicken Wings
(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
26	27	28	29	30
(1) Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Garlic Bread	(1) Orange Chicken w/ Rice & Egg Roll	(1) Pepperoni Pizza	(1) French Toast & Sausage Patty	(1) Chicken Tenders
(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich	(2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables Chocolate Chip Cookie	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

This Institution is an equal opportunity Employer

Octubre

Escuela Primaria Freedom

Menú del almuerzo de la escuela primaria Freedom

			Pizza de queso O Sándwich de jamón y queso	1	Sándwich de pollo empanizado O Sándwich de jamón y queso	2			
Pasta rotini Alfredo con pollo Estafa O Sándwich de pavo y queso	5	Pollo frito estilo palomitas Estafa Y O Sándwich de pavo y queso	6	Pizza de pepperoni O Sándwich de pavo y queso	7	Panqueques Y Hamburguesa de salchicha de cerdo O Sándwich de pavo y queso	8	Elección de Hamburguesa en panecillo Hamburguesa con queso en pan O Sándwich de pavo y queso	9
Nuggets de pollo Estafa Y O Sándwich de jamón y queso	12	Mini salchichas rebozadas O Sándwich de pavo y queso	13	Elección de Sándwich de salchicha, huevo y queso Parfait de fresa con granola O Sándwich de jamón y queso	14	Pizza Dunkers O Sándwich de jamón y queso	15	No hay clases - Capacitación del personal	16
Nachos de carne y queso O Sándwich de pavo y queso	19	Sopa de tomate Y Elección de Sándwich de queso a la plancha O Sándwich de pavo y queso	20	Gofres caseros Y Hamburguesa de salchicha de cerdo O Sándwich de pavo y queso	21	Pizza de queso O Sándwich de pavo y queso	22	Alitas deshuesadas O Sándwich de pavo y queso	23
Espaguetis con albóndigas Estafa O Sándwich de jamón y queso	26	Pollo a la naranja mandarina Estafa Y O Sándwich de jamón y queso	27	Pizza de pepperoni O Sándwich de jamón y queso	28	Palitos de tostada francesa Estafa Hamburguesa de salchicha de cerdo O Sándwich de jamón y queso	29	Tiras de pollo O Sándwich de jamón y queso	30