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April 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- April 4-8
Artist in Residence
- April 5
Gr. 5 Play 6:00 Gym
- April 8
Family Fun Night
- April 10-16
National Library and Volunteer Week
- April 11-15
National Tornado Week
- April 14
Tornado Drill
- April 22
Early Release 12:15
- Plastic Bag Recycling
Nov. 13-April 14
- May 6
Mother/Son evening
More info. coming out soon

Continue to save
Box Tops for Education

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



Principal's Corner

As I compose the April newsletter, it is raining outside. Wow, what a crazy winter. We have enjoyed some warmth throughout March. Just a reminder that as we move into April, there may still be days where our students need to wear coats and boots. Plus, they may even need to wear hats and mittens. Please watch the weather and continue to send them.

I would like to thank Mrs. Touchet again for an amazing concert for our 3-5 students! There is a ton of work that goes into the preparation of a concert. Plus, the new location added a whole new list of challenges. Thankfully, it really went well and the feedback has been extremely positive.

Please note that on March 25- 30, we do not have school for Easter break. April also begins our state testing at the elementary school. Students in grades 3, 4, 5 will be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam starting in April. The testing window for the Wisconsin Forward Exam can be found in the newsletter. Plus, we have also sent home a pamphlet with each grade level's specific testing dates for each 3, 4, and 5 grades.

I will not be sending out any placement forms regarding next year. However, if your child would be more successful separated from another student, please let me know in writing by April 8. We will do our best to consider your request.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank all of our students for their hard work and great effort they devote to learning daily. I can't say "thanks" enough for sending us your wonderful children that give it their best everyday in school.



National Library Week—Libraries Transform – April 10-16

National Library Week is a special week to celebrate and honor the many contributions of libraries and media specialists in your community. Every day across the country, libraries are open to everyone and enrich our lives in many different ways.

This year's theme is "Libraries Transform". Perhaps the library has helped you to discover new authors, different worlds through literature or online resources. So, take some time this week, to think about the unlimited possibilities a library has to offer!

Wisconsin Forward Exam

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between April 14-29. Please consider these dates when planning appointments or family commitments.

Students in grade 3 will test on April 11, 14, 19, 21 and 26.

Students in grade 4 will test on April 11, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28.

Students in grade 5 will test on April 11, 14, 19, 20 and 21.

Make up testing will be April 21, 28 and 29.



Immunization Requirements 2015-2016

Varicella (Chickenpox) second dose phase
Grades Kindergarten through 12

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
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.



Summer School

The Freedom Area School District will be offering Summer School 2016 at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students. The session will be five weeks long beginning **June 13 through July 14**. There is no school on July 4. Registration runs through May 6. A listing of Summer School classes is enclosed with this newsletter.

A Summer School course offering is available at any of the school offices or on the school website. Parents may register at either the elementary or the middle school sites. Each child needs a registration form. **Payment is due at the time of registration and fees are non-refundable. Please check the listing in this newsletter to see which classes have filled.**

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



We are sponsoring an **Artist in Residence April 4-8**. **Sandy Melroy** will be educating the art classes about silk painting. She will also be working with the students to create a project to take home and a mural created on silk for the school.

We will be hosting a **FREE Family Fun Night** on Friday, **April 8** from **6:00-7:30 pm**. We will be having Minute to Win it games. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come join the fun!

The classrooms of Mrs. Thiel, Ms. Fox, and Mrs. DeGroot (T/TH) enjoyed pizza parties for having the highest participants and percentage of money donated in the **Brain Bowl**.

The last day to recycle plastic bags is **April 14**. We have collected 806.6 pounds to date.

Thank you to everyone who donated new/gently used books to the **Staff Book Fair**. We hope the teachers will get great use out of the books in their classroom libraries.

The **next PAC meeting is Monday, April 18, Room 22 (Art room), 6:00 p.m.** Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us! Reminder that the May meeting will be **May 2** due to a concert on the 16.

Visit our website: www.freedompac.org. Like us on Facebook: [Freedom Elementary P.A.C. \(Parents Activity Committee\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at 851-3266 or aelenhardt@gmail.com.



Tornado Awareness Week

Freedom Elementary School will be participating in the statewide tornado drill on **Thursday, April 14**. See the enclosed Tornado Safety at Home, Work or Play Information Sheet. The National Weather Service and the Wisconsin Emergency Management sponsor this weather event.



Hot Lunch Payment

All outstanding lunch balances need to be paid prior to the end of the school year. Any unpaid balances may subject to collection with the school district's collection agency Transworld. Payments can be made online through eFunds for Schools. sent with your student or dropped off in the school office.

Mother/Son Evening May 6, 2016

Freedom Elementary will hold its first Mother/Son evening on Friday, May 6, 2016 in the elementary gym.

More information will be coming home soon. So moms, please mark your calendars for May 6 for an enjoyable evening with your sons!

Camp Nan A Bo Sho

There are Summer Camp opportunities at Camp Nan A Bo Sho in Lakewood, WI. We have a limited number of brochures if you would like to stop in the elementary office and pick one up.

For detailed information please visit their website: www.ycampnanabosho.org. You may also contact them at 920-733-9622 or campnanabosho@ymcafoxcities.org.



Timber Rattler Information

REMINDER: Timber Rattler Game is Friday, May 20. Fang's Reading Club ticket order is due Wednesday, April 6.

Mrs. DeGroot is the Coordinator of this event. Ms. Wall, Mrs. Rennes and Mrs. Froehlich assisted in the organization of this event.



Art Room News

We have Sandy Melroy, Artist in Residence here April 4-8. The students will be making silk suncatchers and a silk mural. Along with students participating in silk painting, Mrs. Melroy will offer two after school **silk painted scarves workshops** for adults (or students over age 13 if accompanied by an adult) **on April 5 and April 7** from **4:00-6:00 pm** in the Art Room. All supplies will be provided to paint an 11 x 60 inch silk scarf. No experience needed. A great Spring treat for yourself or as a gift. Cost is **\$20.00/person**. Places are limited. If you are interested in signing up for this class, please contact Erin Lenhardt at 851-3266 or aelenhardt@gmail.com to sign up for this fun project.

Thank you to everyone for their support of the Art Fundraiser. Families raised almost \$3,000.00 for the Art Room and 4Kindergarten Art! I am looking forward to participating in the Original Works Art fundraiser again next year!

Ms. Rudolph, Art Teacher



Bellin Run – June 11, 2016

Freedom Elementary Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 are eligible to run in the Bellin Run for the “Kids for Running” program. Permission forms and online ordering information were sent home in March. The permission forms are due at this time. You may have your child pick up a packet in the main office.

The training will begin on **Tuesday, April 5** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

The coaches are Andrea Micke, Terri Hastie, Jill Balck and Jill Mussett. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Jill Mussett, Associate Principal at 788-7950 ext. 3101 or at jmussett@freedomschools.k12.wi.us.

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!



FEA Crazy Color Scholarship Fund Run

FEA is sponsoring The FEA Crazy Color Fund Scholarship Run on May 21, 2016. This is a non-competitive run/walk open to all students, staff, family, and friends. Profits earned from this event will go towards the scholarship fund for Freedom graduates. Participants will be given a shirt, a packet of color, and a goodie bag the day of the race. There will be a DJ and a concession stand on race day as well. Come celebrate community as you run, walk, laugh, and have some crazy fun at this event! A registration packet will be sent home soon!

Appleton Girls Hockey Club

The Appleton Girls Hockey Club is open to all girls in grades K-5 who are interested in learning to play Hockey! The cost is \$50.00 per skater plus \$10.00 for equipment rental. The dates are in April and May.

The registration form is available in the office. Please pick one up if you are interested. If you have any questions, contact Doug Meyer at aahagirlshockey@new.rr.com.



Pig To Pig Walk – April 30, 2016

Walk four miles through scenic Kaukauna!

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Walk/Run Begins at 8:30 am at Larry’s Piggly Wiggly in Kaukauna

Donation \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per family



If you are interested in participating in the Pig to Pig walk, please pick up a registration form in the elementary office.

