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April 2019 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- April 2 Report cards go home
- April 7-13 National Library Week and National Tornado Week
- April 11 Tornado Drill
- Plastic Bag Recycling continues until April 11
- April 14-20 National Volunteer Week
- April 19-22 No School
- April 29 Gr. 1 & 2 Spring Concert 6:00 HS Fieldhouse
- May 2 PAC Badger Sports Night

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**



We are a NUT FREE School.

Principal's Corner

We have enjoyed some warmth throughout March and less snow. 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.

Please note that on April 19 through the 23, 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 take the Forward Assessment at the beginning of the month. We will continue testing until the end of April. See specific testing dates for each grade level below.

Finally, I would like to recognize Mrs. Touchet and 3-5 grade students for a spectacular concert. There is a ton of work that goes into the preparation of a concert. We truly appreciate your support for music education.

Attention Parents: Pick up UPDATE



Parents that pick up students need to park **legally** in the parking lot. We have had cars everywhere lately including the pick up student areas by the building. There is no parking next to the school building.

On April 1, 2019, we will be opening the primary playground for overflow parking to see if we can alleviate the illegal parking for everyone's safety. The primary playground will open at 3:00 pm when the orange cones and rope are removed in the driveway. **Please do not drive over or around the closure rope as we have students outside for recess.** After parking on the playground, you need to walk to the front of the building to pick up your children. You **MUST** exit the playground the same way you entered. **DO NOT** try to drive around the building as we have buses parked on that side.

Our dismissal times are the same: 4K and Kindergarten students are released at 3:00 and 1-5 bell rings at 3:05.

Wisconsin Forward Exam

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 25 to May 3. Please consider our FES testing dates when planning appointments or family commitments.

Students in grade 3 will test on April 2, 3, 9, 11, 17
Students in grade 4 will test on April 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18
Students in grade 5 will test on April 4, 9, 10, 12, 16



Gr. 3, 4, 5
Forward
Exam in
April

National Library Week--April 7-13

Libraries = Strong Communities is this year's theme for National Library Week which celebrates the value of libraries and how they can strengthen communities and transform lives. Over the years, libraries have become a meeting place to share ideas and resources in a safe environment. The library is a place of discovery, whether it is through new authors or online resources. So, take some time this week to think about how libraries can lead you.



Immunization Requirements 2019-2020



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

Freedom Elementary School will be participating in the statewide tornado drill on **Thursday, April 11**. 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.



Important Notice: Summer School Courses Still Available

This is the final push before registration closes on April 18. There are a few excellent classes still open: Ukulele for Beginners, Sign Language, Woodcrafts, Mini Society Makers, Knot Just Beads, Bird Watching and Arts and Crafts are just a few examples. Some of the registration problems have been fixed. If you are still having problems, please call the elementary school office so we can help you get registered. The final day to pay course fees is Friday, April 26, 2019.



Hot Lunch Payment

All outstanding lunch balances need to be paid prior to the end of the school year. Any unpaid balances may be 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.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Thank you for helping us have another successful Brain Bowl bringing in \$7275. The class with the most participation was Ms. Kurkiewicz's and the class with the most money raised was Mrs. Thiel's. Both classes received pizza parties. The top 10 students that raised the most money received t-shirts.

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Family Fun Night on May 2 from 4:00-9:00 at Badger Sports Park. You do not need to buy anything beforehand, just show up! The 2 hour Utopia pass is \$10 plus tax, 3 hour Utopia pass is \$12 plus tax. You can call ahead for laser tag reservations at 920-830-6900. Please see flyer in the newsletter for information.

We will be coordinating 3 days of treats during Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10. Look for an email sign up to come later this month. The staff love and appreciate all of the goodies!

The last day to bring in plastic to recycle is **April 12 at 3:00pm**. Let's see if we can win another bench!

The **next PAC meeting is Monday, April 15, Room 22 (Art room), 6:00 p.m.** Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

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 aellenhardt@gmail.com.



D.I. Teams Going to State



The Freedom Elementary Destination Imagination teams qualified for the state competition. Congratulations!



Bellin Run – June 8, 2019

Freedom Elementary Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 are eligible to run in the Bellin Run for the “Running Club” 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 2** and will be held twice a week after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

The coaches are Jill Verhagen. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Jill Verhagen at Freedom Elementary School 788-7950 ext. 3223.

Thank you for supporting this health community activity!



Brain Bowl t-shirt winners



Battle of the Books winners

