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December 2018 Newsletter

Important dates:

- Dec. 13
Cookie Dough pickup
3:00-5:30 Multipurpose
Room
- Dec. 17-Dec. 31
Paper Recycling
- Dec. 17 & 18
4Kind. Holiday Program
1:45 pm Gym
- Dec. 18
Kind. Holiday Program
Gym 12:15 pm
- Dec. 21
Early Release 12:15 pm
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1
No School
- Jan. 2, 2019
School Resumes
- Plastic Bag Recycling
Continues until April 11

Reminder to turn in your Reading Calendar

Continue to save
Box Tops for Education

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Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe this is our December newsletter. Please remember to take a few minutes to locate your child's winter gear including: jackets, gloves/mittens, and hats. You may want to locate or/buy snow pants and boots which are needed to address the outdoor elements over the next few months. Please take a moment to enjoy the energy and excitement that comes along with the hectic month of December. Please review the school calendar that is attached. We have several activities and special days listed throughout December.

Reminder from F.H.S.

The High School is asking us to remind parents that your child should be with you watching sporting events at any of the Freedom Schools and at area schools. Our students should be displaying their "Irish Best" at these events. It is appreciated if you can help remind them that they should not be running around the building, lobbies, behind the bleachers, or not to walk in front of the scorer's table. Also, remind them that we remove our hats and stand quietly for the playing/singing of the National Anthem. Freedom takes PRIDE in our students picking up after themselves no matter where they attend an event. But most importantly, enjoy the game/match as a family! **Go Irish!**

Cold Weather/Blackboard Connect 5 Call Out

Dress for the weather! Outside activity and fresh air are vital to the health of our children. Students will be going outside for all recess times. Students need to be reminded to wear the warm clothing parents send with them. For **School Cancellations** listen to the television or radio stations listed on **page 7** of the **Student Handbook**. Please do not call the school office, listen to your TV.

Blackboard Connect 5 Call Out will notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, attendance, and emergency situations. School cancellations will be listed on all local TV stations. Please make sure your information is current.



Reminder

The bus lanes are not parking spots, even after school hours. These are fire lanes and need to be kept open.

Congratulations to Freedom Elementary School's Girls on the Run program. On November 10th, they ran their Celebration 5K at Fox Valley Technical College. They all did an awesome job! With the help of the whole school and our FES Student Council, they were able to create 60 Birthday Boxes to take to the area food pantries so that many kids that would not necessarily get to have a birthday party now can. Thanks to our parents and staff for their support!!



Holiday Break

The Holiday Break for Freedom Elementary School is scheduled for **December 24 to January 1**. The office will be closed. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2. You may contact the District Office at 788-7944 for any questions.

School Medication Reminders:

1. Students cannot bring to school or take home **any** medications. Parents/ guardians must drop off and pick up medications.
2. A medication form (available online or in the office) must be filled out by the parent/ guardian and physician (if prescription) in order for the nurse to give the medication.
3. All medications must be brought in their original container. If it is a prescription the label must be on the medication.



Student Council Food Pantry Drive

Freedom Elementary Student Council will be collecting canned goods and household needs for the Freedom Food Pantry. This will take place from **December 10 - 14**. The food pantry is in need of the following items:

4K:	Cleaning supplies, canned meats or tuna	Grade 4:	Cereal, Kleenex, boxed noodle dinners
Kindergarten:	Laundry detergent, juice, cleaning supplies	Grade 5:	Cereal, paper towels, boxed noodle dinners
Grade 1:	Dish detergent, boxed noodle dinners, cereal	Staff:	Baby diapers, wet wipes, baby toiletries
Grade 2:	Soap, deodorant, toilet paper & other toiletries	All 4K-5:	Canned goods
Grade 3:	Toothpaste, lotions, toilet paper & other toiletries		NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE



Freedom Athletic Association Summer Sports

Registration for FAA summer sports (baseball, soccer & softball) will take place online this year. The registration website began taking registrations on November 1st, 2018. A late fee will be automatically added to any registration completed February 1st or later. No registrations will be taken after February 28th. If your son/daughter is planning to play on a tournament team for softball or baseball, please try to complete your registration earlier than the deadline (ideally by December 15). Many of the tournament teams will have optional workouts throughout the winter months and it is helpful to know who is interested in playing. Please direct any questions about registration to: freedom.athletic.association@gmail.com

Registration Link: <https://freedomathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/383897061>



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

The Artist in Residence mural that was created last April has been installed in the lobby. Thank you again to everyone that helped make the whole event such a great success. Please check out the beautiful artwork.

If you need any ideas for staff holiday gift giving, the Teacher Wish Lists are now online on our website at: <https://freedompac.org/teacher-wish-list/>. We are also creating a "Treasure Bin" for staff. You can bring in any trinkets or treasures for staff to use for incentives in their classrooms.

We hope your family had a great time at Funset Boulevard. We sold 110 wristbands.

Thank you for supporting the Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Look for updates in the January newsletter with information on totals and classes winning pizza parties. Pick-up date for cookie dough is Thursday **December 13 after the buses leave until 5:30** in the multipurpose room.

The next paper drive will be from December 17 – December 31. **Please note the date change.**

For more up-to-date information, visit our website at www.freedompac.org for meeting agendas and minutes. "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee).

We do not meet in December. Our January meeting is set for Monday, January 21, Room 22 (Art room), 6:00 p.m. Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at freedompac1@gmail.com

