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February 2024 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Feb. 15
Early Dismissal 12:15
Staff Inservice
No 4K class
- Feb. 16
No School
Conference Break
- Feb. 19
No School
Staff Inservice
- Feb. 21
Grade 1 concert
1:30 Gym
- Feb. 23
4K & **new** Kind.
Registration
- Feb. 23
4K Mon/Wed has
class
- Feb. 29
4K-Grade 5
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-6:30

Students may **ONLY** bring prepackaged items for birthday treats.

We are a **NUT FREE** School. **NO** Homemade or Store/Bakery Bought Goods (unless there is a "Made in a nut-free facility" sticker)



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that the second semester is in full swing. I have been so impressed by our incredible achievements our students have made throughout the first semester of school. Student report cards are available in Skyward for parents to view. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Please continue to read with your child or continue to encourage your child to be reading at home every night.

Please take a minute to review the information and the school calendar in this newsletter. Thank you for your continued effort and contributions to your child's education.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 29 from 3:30-6:30pm. These conferences are by teacher invitation first and then are open to anyone else that would like a conference. These are 10 minute conferences that will be scheduled through the Skyward on-line Student Management Program for grades 4K-5. Fifth grade students will need to sign up with their homeroom teacher. Each family will have to schedule their own conferences, if they would like one, for each child through Skyward. If you have more than one child at Freedom Elementary School, each child will have to be scheduled separately. The Skyward scheduling windows will be open February 21-28. Please watch for a teacher invitation or the reminder email notifying you when the window opens for everyone.

Parent Pick Up

Please park in approved parking spots or on the primary playground which opens at 2:50pm. We have a few people parking in striped areas which are "No Parking" spaces and handicap spaces. Please do not park in any handicap space without the appropriate handicap sticker. **Do not** park in the first two boxes next to the school.



Snow fun!

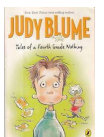


Summer School

Summer School will run Monday, June 10 – Friday, June 28, 2024 Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 12:00pm. Registration will begin on March 21 and end on April 12.

School-wide One School, One Book March 2024

This year, Freedom Elementary will be reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. The story focuses on Peter, a nine year old boy and his relationship with his younger brother, Fudge. Each FES family will receive a book to read along with us during the month of March. We will send weekly updates with read alouds from FES staff members as we read through the book.



Fang's Reading Club

Fang's Reading Program has begun! It will run for 8 weeks from January 29-March 22. Every two weeks, a base will be due, and like last year, there will be no individual base prizes, rather a grand slam prize that students pick up at the ballpark when they attend the All-School game on Thursday, May 1 at 6:40pm. Teachers have sent home information in January, and tickets can be purchased mid-April when the program has been completed. New in 2024: 20% of tickets purchased online with the school link will be donated back to FES! We hope you take part in this fun opportunity to grow your child's reading skills!

To help kick off our Timber Rattler Reading program, Fang will be here during lunch hours to greet/high five students by the cafeteria on **Wednesday, February 14**.

The Timber Rattlers Reading Committee



Art Fundraiser

Families may have their students' art work printed on a variety of products to help raise money for the Art Program. Information will be sent home the end of March or early April.

Forward Exam

Each year, federal law requires that Wisconsin schools administer a test to measure student achievement. In Wisconsin, that test is the Forward Exam which is given each spring to students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. We will once again be required to assess students sometime between March 18 to April 26. Students will need to be present in school to complete testing. Grade level specific dates will be shared prior to the testing window.

*If you prefer your child to not test this school year, please contact Mrs. Lipsey or Mrs. Osowski.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



BLITZ & GLITZ SUPER BALL

Huddle up and join us at our Annual Dance on **Friday, February 9** at FES from 6:00 to 7:30 PM! It's a FREE night for your whole family (all children must be accompanied by an adult.) Snacks will be provided to all kids. Dress up or sport your favorite team. A flyer went home with all students mid-January. We request all children and adults attending to RSVP to the dance, so we have enough snacks and refreshments. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email the PAC at freedompac1@gmail.com.

BRAIN BOWL

The PAC brought back Brain Bowl! Brain Bowl is a way for the kids to show their family and friends how smart they are and things they've learned this year and help the PAC raise money too for FES! This is for Kindergarten to Second Graders. Information on this fundraiser was sent home at the end of January.

SAVE THE DATE!

The PAC is planning another fun night at Skate City! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 14** from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

The PAC scheduled another Tom's Drive-In Fundraising Night on **Tuesday, April 9** from 4 to 8 PM. Just a reminder, 20% of the profits from your order will be donated back to the PAC!

SHOUT OUTS

Thank you for sending in Shout Outs! The staff loves to hear the positive comments. There is no limit to amount you can send in. Please use the following link to send a Shout Out to a staff member that is doing an amazing job. We will hold a raffle quarterly for members that receive them. <https://forms.gle/XLuigAABYt8Drjmc7>

STOCK THE LOUNGE – Third Grade

Thank you to all parents who helped us stock the lounge the past couple months! The FES Staff really enjoyed all the snacks and drinks you provided! For the month February, we are asking all third grade parents 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: flavor or carbonated water, Bubbl'r, soda, etc.

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, February 19** at 5:30 PM in the FES Staff Lounge. Babysitting will be provided by National Honor Students.

WE'RE SOCIAL!

"Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee)!

4 Model reading fluently by practicing reading aloud with your child

These activities are typically appropriate for children in kindergarten and first grade.

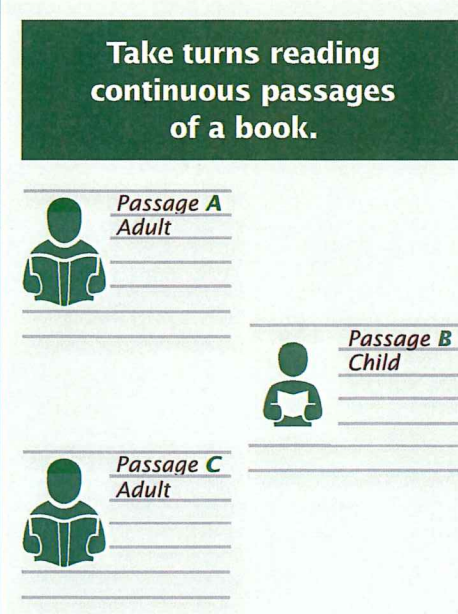
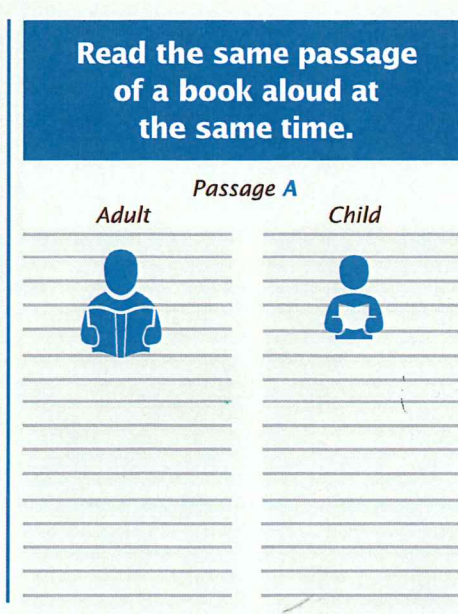
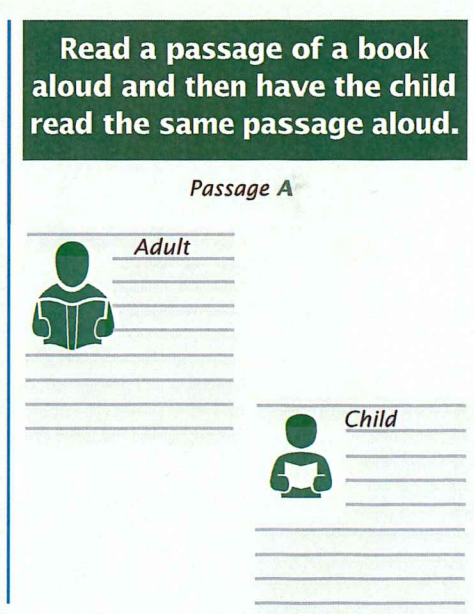
*Having children read aloud daily, both with and without feedback, helps them develop the skills of reading **accuracy**, **fluency**, and **comprehension**. The boxes below show several approaches to use when reading aloud together.*

When reading aloud with children:

- Model and provide feedback on proper tone, pausing, and which words to emphasize.
- Set a slow, steady pace, slowing down for words that are challenging. Gradually increase the pace, moving on to more difficult books. Remind the child that reading fluently does not necessarily mean reading quickly.
- Use familiar books. Make sure that the book is appropriate to the child's reading ability. If the book is too difficult, children can develop poor reading habits.

Accuracy is the ability to read text aloud accurately, but without regard to rate.

Fluency is the ability to read a passage of text aloud accurately, at an appropriate rate, and with expression.

Take turns reading continuous passages of a book.	Read the same passage of a book aloud at the same time.	Read a passage of a book aloud and then have the child read the same passage aloud.
 <p>Passage A Adult</p> <p>Passage B Child</p> <p>Passage C Adult</p>	 <p>Passage A</p> <p>Adult</p> <p>Child</p>	 <p>Passage A</p> <p>Adult</p> <p>Child</p>






What skills will this practice help build?

Reading books daily, both with and without feedback, can begin as soon as children can identify a few words. It requires children to identify words quickly, combine ideas in the book with their background knowledge, ask themselves questions about their understanding, and apply strategies to help comprehension and fix misunderstandings. Then, children can connect with a variety of books of different levels and wide-ranging content.

National School Counselor Week - February 5th - 9th 2024



Spirit Week Lineup :

<p>M</p>	<p>I like to move it ~ Reel 2 Real We are breaking a sweat here at FES! We like to MOVE IT! Kick your Monday off right by movin it in some comfy shoes and cool socks! School Counselors are always on the move too!!!</p>	
<p>T</p>	<p>True Colors ~ Cyndi Lauper Show your true colors today! Wear your favorite color and Be yourself! A fun coloring page will be provided for all students to enjoy!</p>	
<p>W</p>	<p>We can work it out! ~ The Beatles We CAN work it out, TOGETHER! Wear an inspirational shirt to promote friendship and fun! School Counselors help us work out our problems together!</p>	
<p>T</p>	<p>Take It Easy ~ The eagles Sometimes we feel overwhelmed and stressed! Let the school Counselors help you relax and learn calming strategies. Take it easy and wear sweats or comfy clothes.</p>	
<p>F</p>	<p>Living for the weekend ~ School of Rock Do something this weekend to recharge and have fun! Wear your favorite Freedom Clothes or colors.</p>	



DON'T FORGET

FASD Indian Parent Committee Meetings




Monday, January 15th, 2024 at 5:45pm
in the FHS library

Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 5:30pm
at the Oneida Museum

Any questions please contact Dana Osowski (920)788-7950

February 2024

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Gr. 5 to Middle School	2	3
4 School Counselor's Week Feb. 5-9	5 Wear comfy shoes and cool socks!	6 Wear your favorite color and Be yourself	7 Wear an inspirational shirt to promote friendship and fun!	8 Take it easy and wear sweats or comfy clothes	9 Irish Pride Day Gr. 1 to PAC Fang's 1st baseball due 4K Outreach-Val. Make/Take Blitz & Glitz Super Ball Dance 6:00-7:30 Gym	10 
11	12	13	14 Wear Valentine Colors Fang visits at lunch 4K-2 Brain Bowl donations due <i>happy Valentine's day</i>	15 Early Dismissal 12:15 No 4K classes Child Development Day PBS Assembly	16 No School Conference Break	17
18	19 No School Staff Inservice	20 4K(T/Th) and K-2 Brain Bowl	21 4K(M/W) Brain Bowl Gr. 1 Concert 1:30 Gym	22 Gr. 3-5 Activity night with Boardlandia 5:00-7:00pm	23 4K Mon/Wed has class Fake Mustache Day Fang's 2nd Baseball due 4K and New Kindergarten Registration 8:00-3:00	24
25	26	27	28	29 Kindergarten to PAC Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30		

Freedom Elementary School Menu

February 2024

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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 Chicken Patty w/Mashed Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	2 Brunch for Lunch French Toast Sticks & Sausage Corn Banana Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
5 Mini Corn Dogs w/Tots Mac & Cheese Baked Beans Carrot Coins Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	6 Popcorn Chicken French Fries Steamed Broccoli Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	7 Take Me Out to the Ball Game Hot Dog w/ Nachos & Cheese Corn Fruit Cup Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Dessert	8 Beef Taco or Buritto Rice & Pinto Beans Lettuce Salad Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	9 Pizza Dippers Lettuce Salad Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
12 BBQ Rib Patty or Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Pears Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	13 Sloppy Joe Potato Smiles Baked Beans Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	14 Grilled Cheese Tator Tots Green Beans Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Birthday Cake	15 Grab & Go Lunch Fresh Veggies Apple Slices Sun Chips Choice of Milk	16 No School
19 No School	20 Chicken Fajita w/Rice Peas & Carrots Lettuce Salad Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Taste Test Tuesday	21 Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Lettuce Salad Fruit Fluff Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Cookie	22 Pulled Pork or Mac & Cheese Potato Smiles Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	23 Cheese Pizza French Fries California Blend Peaches Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
26 Chicken Nuggets w/ Tots Carrot Coins Fruit Cup Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	27 Hamburger /Cheeseburger JUMBO Fries Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	28 Chicken Tenders / Fries California Blend Pears Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk Brownie	29 Orange Chicken with Rice or Asian Noodles Corn Pineapple Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	