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February 2017 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Jan. 31
Brain Bowl
4K-Gr. 2
- Feb. 1
Brain Bowl
4K-Mon/Wed
- Feb. 1
Conference
online directions
go home
- Feb. 22
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-8:00
- Feb. 23
Early Release
12:15 p.m.
- Feb. 24
No School
- Plastic Bag
Recycling
Nov. 13-April 15
- February is
Dental Health
Month

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**

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



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. Reports cards came home on January 25th to parents. 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.

Thank you for your continued effort and contributions to your child's education. Just a reminder to send your child(ren) with their winter attire for recess. Students need to wear boots and snowpants to leave the blacktop.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 from 3:30-8:00 pm. Conferences will be scheduled through the Skyward online Student Management Program. Families will no longer receive a paper copy of the scheduled conference times. Each family will have to schedule their own conferences through Skyward, for each child. If you have more than one child at Freedom Elementary School, each child will have to be scheduled separately. The Skyward scheduling window will be opened February 7-20.

Parents will receive information on how to obtain their Student Access account on Wednesday, February 1. If you do not have computer access, please call your child's teacher at 788-7950.

Summer School

Summer school in the Freedom School District is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about options for your child. Summer school is an opportunity to continue the educational process and keep your child connected to learning over the summer months. The Freedom Area School District will be offering Summer School 2017, at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students, in one session. The session will be five weeks: *June 12 through July 13, 2017*. There is no school on July 3 & 4. You will soon be receiving information regarding something new in Freedom; Online registration for summer school 2017! I have been working with the administrative team, summer school staff and the technology coordinators in our district to build and launch this new and exciting registration process. You can mark your calendars with the following dates: Online Registrations Window (March 14-March 31, 2017), Final day to pay course fees (April 13, 2017). We are excited to offer this new registration process that will utilize the convenience of modern technology.

Drop Off Reminder

Please remember to park your car and a parent needs to **walk** his/her child on the marked cross walk across to the front doors of the school every morning regardless of the time. This procedure is for the safety of our students!

Fang's Reading Club

Fang's Reading Club began on Monday, January 23. The dates to turn in each baseball are as follows:

1 st Baseball:	Friday, February 10	3 rd Baseball:	Friday, March 10
2 nd Baseball:	Friday, February 23	4 th Baseball:	Friday, March 23



Students should turn each baseball into their classroom teachers on the specified date. The Freedom Family Night at the Timber Rattlers Game is **Friday, May 19 at 6:35 p.m.** at the Timber Rattlers Stadium. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. DeGroot at 788-7950.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books school-wide competition will be held on **February 7**. Good luck to all of the competitors.

Mrs. Zick, Battle of the Books Advisor

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found items will be on display on **February 3** for the Sock Hop. Anything not picked up will be donated after conferences.

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 in March.

Substitute Playground Supervisors Needed

We are looking for substitute playground supervisors for our noon hour recess. If you are interested in being on the Substitute Playground Supervisor list, please contact the office for more information at 788-7950.

Brain Bowl

The Brain Bowl is held to raise monies to help fund classroom supplies. The Brain Bowl pledges are due on **Friday, January 27**. Students in 4Kindergarten (Tuesday/Thursday) through Grade 2 will be asked the questions on **January 31**. Students in 4Kindergarten (Monday/Wednesday) will be asked the questions on **February 1**. Pledge monies are due by **Friday, February 17**. We thank all families who participated in this fundraising event for Freedom Elementary School. Mrs. Kurkiewicz is the Brain Bowl Coordinator.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

The Brain Bowl Fundraiser will be held Tuesday, January 31 for 4K, T/Th - 2nd grade, (Wednesday, February 1 for 4K, M/W classes). We will be providing a pizza party for the class that has the highest percentage of participants and the class that raises the most funds. The top 10 fundraising students will receive a "Brain Bowl Challenge" t-shirt. Everyone that participates will receive a pencil.

The Sock Hop will be held on Friday, February 3 from 6:00-7:30. This is a completely FREE event. There will be concessions and a chance to win a raffle prize. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. Come join us for some family fun!

P.A.C. will be providing a meal for the teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 22. We will be sending a sign up email for the items needed. Thank you in advance for your help! The staff really appreciates it during their busy night.

Currently we have collected 667 pounds of plastic! Thank you for supporting this drive and helping the environment. Clean, plastic bags can be dropped off outside of the office in the bins. The school that collects the most plastic will receive a bench.

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).

The February meeting is set for Monday, February 20, Room 22 (Art room) 6:00. 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 [851-3266](tel:851-3266) or aelenhardt@gmail.com

