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January 2025 Newsletter – **Happy New Year**

Important dates:

- Jan. 2
4K-5 Classes resume
- Jan. 17
2nd Quarter Ends
- Jan. 17
Child Development Day
- Jan. 20
No School
- Jan. 31
4K & new Kind.
Registration
8:00-3:00
Child Development Day

Interactive Lunch Menu

Link

<https://www.myschoolmen.us.com/organizations/2787>

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Principal's Corner

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you in great spirits as we welcome 2025. Our heartfelt wishes go out to all our families for a happy, healthy, and productive year ahead.



As we embrace the tradition of New Year's resolutions, we reaffirm our commitment to making Freedom Elementary School an exceptional environment for learning and growth. Research consistently highlights the importance of strong partnerships between home and school. Together, we can make 2025 a year of incredible accomplishments for our students.

This year, we invite our families to include the following resolutions to strengthen our collaboration:

1. **Make education a priority** by ensuring your child attends school regularly and is ready to learn.
2. **Dedicate 20 minutes daily** to support your child with homework, reading, enrichment activities, or physical exercise.

At Freedom Elementary, we are proud of the strong family partnerships we have built. These connections are essential to our children's success and leave a lasting impact on their educational journey.

Let's make 2025 a year of growth, achievement, and joy for our students and school community. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

4Kindergarten & Kindergarten

4Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 and Friday, February 28, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school lobby. Information letters will be sent home to all families with pre-school age children, for the 2025-26 school year, prior to this registration date. Students already enrolled in our 4Kindergarten program this year do not need to register for Kindergarten in the fall.

Report Cards

Report cards will be in Skyward on Friday, January 24 for parents to view after school. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.



Fang's Reading Club

Time is nearing for the start of Fang's Reading Club! It is an eight-week incentive reading program starting in February, for students in grades 4K-5, put on by the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Students who complete the reading program will receive a ticket voucher for the school family game night on Thursday, May 15 at 6:40pm, along with a hot dog and soda voucher. Other immediate family members are able to attend the game by purchasing a ticket. More information will be sent home with your child in early February, and ticket information will be available when we wrap up the reading program.

Happy Reading,
The Timber Rattlers Reading Committee



School Reminders...

*Parking Reminder

Handicap spots are for handicap parking only. Please remember to park correctly in the parking stalls. Please do not park in the staff parking lot to pick up your child/children before school and at the end of the day.

*School Closing

School closing information is located in your School Handbook, page 28. A call-out Alert will go out to all families. Listen to the television stations and radio stations for updated information. **Please do not call the school office.**

*Dress for the Weather

Dress for the weather! Students will be outside when the weather is zero or above with the wind chill. Students need to have coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, and snow pants. Just a reminder, students need boots and snowpants to play when it's wet or snowy. It is a good idea to label your child's clothing. We have many "lost and found" items in our containers by the cafeteria.

Clothes Donations Needed

We are in need of boy's pants (no jeans) sizes 4, 5, 6, 7/8 and girl's pants (no jeans) SIZES 4, 5, 6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16.

Please return any clothes your student borrows from school. Thank you!

Substitutes Needed

We are looking for Substitute Playground Supervisors and Substitute Aide positions. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Strategies for Fluency

Record students reading aloud on their own. If certain sound-letter combinations or words are causing problems, teachers will benefit from listening to the child read out loud.

Have them read the same thing several times. Each reading becomes easier and motivation goes up as students experience enhanced fluency thanks to repeat exposure to words and phrases.

Pre-teach vocabulary. Prime the words a student is going to see in a text and practice reading them in isolation or in phrases.

Make use of a variety of books and materials. Experiment with texts of different lengths starting with shorter material and gradually working up to longer pieces. *TOP TIP: Where fluency is concerned, emphasize the quality of the student's reading, not the quantity of pages or speed at which they read them.*

Try different font and text sizes. If there's a visual impairment that is causing some of the difficulty, reading larger text or text printed on color tinted paper can sometimes make things easier.

Create a stress free environment. When students are enjoying a book, anxiety and stress are reduced and fluency is enhanced.

Guide students to help them establish a steady pace. One of the hallmarks of fluent reading is establishing a consistent rhythm and pace that guides students through a text.

Source – excerpts www.readandspell.com

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

BRAIN BOWL

The PAC's Brain Bowl is happening for all Pre-K to Second Graders in 2025! Brain Bowl is a way for the kids to show their family and friends how smart they are and the things they've learned this school year. The Informational Sheet, Trivia Questions and Pledge Forms for this fundraiser were sent home by Friday, December 20th so students could study questions and ask for donations over Christmas Break!

Brain Bowl Dates to Remember:

- 12/20 to 1/21: Practice the questions with your student.
- 1/10: Donation sheets and donations are due back to school.
- 1/21: Students from Pre-K T/TH and Gr K-2 classes will be asked Brain Bowl questions
- 1/22: Students from Pre-K M/W classes will be asked Brain Bowl questions.
- 1/23: Make up testing for students absent on previous days

SPIRIT WEAR

The PAC's Spirit Wear Sale will be going on in January - New Year, New Gear! Thank you Kenny Rose Boutique for working with us again! Spirit Wear flyers will be going home the first week of January.

Thank you to all 5th Graders who participated in the T-Shirt Design Contest! All 20 entries were soo creative. The PAC voted independently and each selected the same winner. Congrats to Tessa V on winning the contest!

WINTER WONDERLAND SNOW BALL

Let's party in a Winter Wonderland! Join us at our Annual Dance on Friday, January 24 at FES from 5:30 to 7:00 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. Bundle up and wear sweaters, flannels, winter hats, warm socks and so on. It's going to be SNOW much fun!

A flyer will go home with all students the second week of January. We ask 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.

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 → <https://shorturl.at/MiCBE>

Second Quarter Shout Outs are due Friday, January 17th! All staff who receive a Shout Out will be placed into a drawing to win a prize!

STOCK THE LOUNGE – Second 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 of January, we are asking all Second 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, January 20 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)!



Freedom Elementary Food Drive

Freedom Elementary School sponsored a food drive benefiting the Freedom Food Pantry during the week of December 5. Students and staff were asked to donate canned goods and personal hygiene items. Elementary teachers, Mrs. Presteen and Mr. Awe helped to organize the event and the Student Council sorted and boxed the donations. We'd also like to thank Jayne VandeWettering and all of the volunteers at the Food Pantry for their help



Thank you from the Freedom Food Pantry

A huge shout out to all of you at Freedom Elementary School staff, students, and their families for running this awesome week-long food drive! You collected 504 lbs of food, household products and toiletries for the Freedom Food Pantry!

On behalf of all of us at the Freedom Food Pantry, we are deeply grateful for your efforts!



HAT & MITTEN DRIVE



There were over 192 hats and mittens donated this year. The Food Pantry is overjoyed with your generous donations and would like you to know that each and every one is truly appreciated.





DON'T FORGET

FASD Indian Parent Committee Meetings

Monday, January 27th, 2025 at 5:00
pm in the FHS Library

Monday, March 17th, 2025 at 5:00pm
at the FES Library

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

JANUARY 2025

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No School Winter Break	2 School resumes	3	4 
5	6 Bridging Brighter Smiles	7 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. meeting during lunch	8 Student Council meeting	9	10 <i>Irish Pride Day</i>	11
12 	13	14	15 Kindergarten YMCA Winter Animals Presentation	16	17 End of 2nd quarter Child Develop. Day <i>Read A Shirt Day</i>	18
19 	20 No School Staff Work Day PAC Meeting 5:30	21 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. meeting during lunch	22	23 PBS Incentive K-3 Gr. 4 & 5 Herd Game 10:00	24 <i>Blizzard Day</i> School Dance 5:30-7:00 Gym Report cards on line after school	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Irish Pride Day</i> Gr. 5 to PAC 4K & new KG Registration 8:00-3:00	

Full student meal is \$1.35. Reduced Meal is \$0.35

Freedom Elementary School January Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 No School	2 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar String Cheese & Juice	3 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
6 School Inservice - No School	7 Apple Cinnamon Muffin String Cheese & Juice	8 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	9 Mini French Toast String Cheese & Juice	10 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
13 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	14 Double Chocolate Muffin String Cheese & Juice	15 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	16 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar String Cheese & Juice	17 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
20 No School - Staff Work Day	21 Blueberry Muffin String Cheese & Juice	22 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	23 Mini French Toast String Cheese & Juice	24 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	28 Double Chocolate Muffin String Cheese & Juice	29 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Scooby Snacks & Fresh Fruit	30 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar String Cheese & Juice	31 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana

Enero de 2025


Escuela primaria Freedom
Menú de desayuno

		01 Vacaciones de invierno - No hay clases	02 Plato principal para el desayuno Mini tostadas francesas con canela y crujientes Fruta Naranja fresca Manzanas Gala	03 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Fruta Plátano fresco Naranja fresca
06 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Con Palitos de Graham de Scooby Doo Fruta Manzanas Gala Naranja fresca	07 Plato principal para el desayuno Muffin de manzana y canela Con O Desayuno redondo de avena con chips de chocolate Fruta Zumo de manzana Manzanas Gala	08 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Con Palitos de Graham de Scooby Doo Fruta Plátano fresco Naranja fresca	09 Plato principal para el desayuno Galletas de avena con chispas de chocolate y plátano Con Fruta Plátano fresco Manzanas Gala	10 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Fruta Manzanas Gala Plátano fresco
13 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Con Palitos de Graham de Scooby Doo Fruta Manzanas Gala Naranja fresca	14 Plato principal para el desayuno Muffin de chocolate Con O Desayuno redondo de avena con chips de chocolate Fruta Manzanas Gala Zumo de manzana	15 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Con Palitos de Graham de Scooby Doo Fruta Manzanas Gala Plátano fresco	16 Plato principal para el desayuno Mini tostadas francesas con canela y crujientes Con Fruta Naranja fresca Manzanas Gala	17 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Fruta Plátano fresco Naranja fresca
20 No hay clases - Día de trabajo del personal	21 Plato principal para el desayuno Muffin de chocolate Con O Desayuno redondo de avena con chips de chocolate Fruta Manzanas Gala Zumo de manzana	22 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Con Palitos de Graham de Scooby Doo Fruta Manzanas Gala Plátano fresco	23 Plato principal para el desayuno Mini tostadas francesas con canela y crujientes Con Fruta Naranja fresca Manzanas Gala	24 Plato principal para el desayuno Variedad de cereales Fruta Plátano fresco Naranja fresca
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Full student meal is \$2.55 for PK-1 & \$2.65 for 2-5 and a reduced price is \$0.40

Freedom Elementary School Lunch Menu - January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	No School	No School	(1) Pepperoni Pizza (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Beef Ravioli w/ Breadstick (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
(1) Chicken Nuggets (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Mini Corn Dogs & Sidekick (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Cheese Pizza (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Pancakes & Sausage Links (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Sloppy Joe Sandwich (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
(1) Rotini in Sauce w/ Meatballs & Breadstick (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Cheeseburger or Hamburger & Chocolate Brownie (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Waffles & Sausage Links (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Pepperoni Pizza (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	Tomato Soup & Turkey Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
No School - Staff Work Day	 (1) Buttered Noodles w/ Breadstick & Chocolate Chip Cookie (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Pizza Quesadilla Taste Test!!! Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Cheese Pizza (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Popcorn Chicken & Mashed Potatoes (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
(1) Beef Nachos with Cheese (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Pizza Quesadilla & Pudding (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Pepperoni Pizza (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables	(1) Breaded Chicken Tenders (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Enero de 2025

Escuela primaria Freedom
Menú del almuerzo

		01 Vacaciones de invierno - No hay clases	02 Plato principal del almuerzo Pizza de pepperoni O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Judías verdes Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Floretes de coliflor Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces	03 Plato principal del almuerzo Ravioles de carne de res Con O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Lechuga iceberg Frijoles homeados vegetarianos Pimientos dulces Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Floretes de coliflor Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino
06 Plato principal del almuerzo Nuggets de pollo O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Bolitas de papa Lechuga iceberg Pimientos dulces Guisantes Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino	07 Plato principal del almuerzo Mini perritos de maíz O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Frijoles homeados vegetarianos Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Rodajas de pepino Tomates cherry Pimientos dulces	08 Plato principal del almuerzo Pizza de queso O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Maíz en grano entero Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Pimientos dulces Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino	09 Plato principal del almuerzo Panqueques y salchichas O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Papas fritas onduladas Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino	10 Plato principal del almuerzo Sándwich Sloppy Joe O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Papas fritas onduladas Maíz en grano entero Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces
13 Plato principal del almuerzo Espaguetis y albóndigas Con O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Guisantes Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Lechuga iceberg Pimientos dulces	14 Plato principal del almuerzo Hamburguesa con queso en pan O Hamburguesa en pan O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Frijoles homeados vegetarianos Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Rodajas de pepino Tomates cherry Pimientos dulces	15 Plato principal del almuerzo Waffles caseros y salchichas O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Lechuga iceberg Pimientos dulces	16 Plato principal del almuerzo Pizza de pepperoni O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Floretes de brócoli al vapor Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino	17 Plato principal del almuerzo Sopa de tomate Y Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Maíz en grano entero Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces
20 No hay clases - Día de trabajo del personal	21 Plato principal del almuerzo Fideos con mantequilla Con O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Maíz en grano entero Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces	22 Plato principal del almuerzo Pizza de queso O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Bolitas de papa Judías verdes Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Pimientos dulces Frijoles homeados vegetarianos	23 Plato principal del almuerzo Palitos de tostada francesa Con Salchichas de cerdo O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Floretes de brócoli al vapor Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces	24 Plato principal del almuerzo Pollo con palomitas de maíz Con Puré de papas Y O Sándwich de jamón y queso Verduras Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces
27 Plato principal del almuerzo Nachos de carne y queso O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces Frijoles Refritos	28 Plato principal del almuerzo O Verduras Floretes de brócoli Tomates cherry	29 Plato principal del almuerzo Sándwich de salchicha, huevo y queso O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Bolitas de papa Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces	30 Plato principal del almuerzo Pizza de pepperoni O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Judías verdes Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de brócoli Floretes de coliflor Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Pimientos dulces	31 Plato principal del almuerzo Tiras de pollo O Sándwich de pavo y queso Verduras Hamburguesa de hash brown Lechuga iceberg Zanahorias bebé Floretes de coliflor Palitos de apio Tomates cherry Rodajas de pepino Pimientos dulces

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