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March 2024 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- March 1
Early Dismissal
12:15
Staff Inservice
- March 10
Daylight Savings
Time begins-turn
clocks ahead
- March 15
Deadline to order
a yearbook
- March 19
Gr. 2, 3 Concert
6:00 HS Fieldhouse
- March 20
Gr. 4, 5 Concert
6:00 HS Fieldhouse
- March 21
Summer School
registration begins
- March 25-April 1
Spring Break
No School

Continue to save
**Box Tops for
Education**

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 we are near completing two-thirds of the school year this month. Dr. Seuss is celebrating his birthday in March too. We invite you to pick up and read, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* This classic book is loved by the generations. It talks to the reader about what life is, what they can expect as they get older and how to experience it with joy and kindness regardless of the challenges. This was the last book Dr. Seuss published in his lifetime.



March also brings our Annual One School, One Book throughout March. It should be another great reading experience. We will be reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume. Join us in our month of celebrating reading!

If you have a child in grades 3, 4, or 5, please read the Wisconsin Forward Exam section in this newsletter. Our testing window is March 18- April 26. Please know that we will be sending specific grade level dates and times home soon. The Forward Exam is our state assessment, so we hope to have all our students in attendance during the testing window. Please do what you can to avoid appointments and vacations during this time. As always, we understand when children get ill.

We have a few short weeks until the end of the third quarter. We have an amazing staff. My hat goes off to all of them! Our students and staff are also very fortunate to have incredible parental support at home as well. We appreciate this partnership with our parents. Thank you for your continued support.

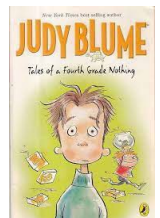
Wisconsin Forward Exam Grades 3-5

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam? Students will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 18-April 26. This assessment will be used to gauge how well students are mastering the Wisconsin State Standards. The Forward Exam is given at:

- *Grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
- *Grades 4 and 8 in Science and,
- *Grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies

March is Reading Month at Freedom Elementary!

To celebrate, we are reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume school-wide. Each week an email will be sent to read along with the staff. We will also have a reading month calendar for each student. As students complete the activities or read the chapters in the book, they can cross off those days. At the end of the month, students who have completed at least 12 activities, should bring their signed calendar back to school to earn a reading month prize!





Summer School

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE will be **updated soon!** Please check out the following features when starting to register your child:

1. Printable summer school sports flyers- will be available on the summer school website in the near future
2. All course descriptions will be available for you to view.

Reminders-The session will be three weeks: *June 10 through June 28, 2024*. Online Registrations Window (March 21 - April 12, 2024), final day to pay course fees is **Friday, April 19, 2024**.

If your child is signed up for a course when the registration window closes, you **ARE** responsible for those course fees even if your child does not attend summer school.



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The PAC will be catering in food from Erbets & Gerbert's for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 29 but need your help bringing in items for this long night. Please click on the link and see if you can help with a few items! <https://shorturl.at/bELQ3>

BRAIN BOWL

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the PAC's Brain Bowl! We raised almost \$3,000 for this fundraiser! Also, THANK YOU to all students who participated in this fun learning event! The PAC will be providing a special prize to the class with the highest percentage of participants. The class winners will be announced once testing is completed.

SAVE THE DATE!

The PAC will be holding another Bake Off to celebrate reading. Pick a theme based on a favorite book, create any baked good as a family and submit a photo. More details to come!

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>

Congrats to our 2nd Quarter Winners!

Mrs. Bichler – 2nd Grade
Mrs. Coenen – Special Education
Mrs. Hansel – Cook

Mr. Kazik – Physical Education
Mrs. Lipsey – Principal
Mrs. Thews – Physical Education

STOCK THE LOUNGE – Fourth Grade

Thank you to all parents who helped us stock the lounge this school year! The FES Staff really enjoyed all the snacks and drinks you provided!

For the month March, we are asking all fourth 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: soda, flavor or carbonated water, Bubbl'r', 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, March 18 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)!



Fang's Reading Program

Fang's Reading Program is off to a great start! It will run for 8 weeks starting January 29, ending 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 family night game on May 16, 2024. Information was sent home in January. New in 2024: 20% of tickets sold through our online school link will be donated back to our school. We hope you take part in this fun opportunity to grow your child's reading skills!

Base due dates:

1st base: February 9

2nd base: February 23

3rd base: March 8

Home Run: March 22

Thank you,
The T Ratts Reading Committee



Elementary Yearbook

It is time to purchase your yearbook! Please visit the link to order. LINK: harmann.com/ordering. School Specific Code: **FREESYB**. Best pricing for books is available until March 15th. After March 15th prices will increase and no upgrades will be available. The deadline to order your yearbook is March 15, 2024. The cost for the yearbook is \$15.00 each. If you are in need of alternative ordering options, please contact Harmann Studios Customer Care Team at 1-800-236-8910.

From the Foodservice Department

Over the past few months we have been having "Taste Test Tuesday". These days give the students an opportunity to try a new menu item that they may see on a future menu. These have been received quite nicely and the students are excited to try them. So look for these items on future menus.

VFW Teacher of the Year-District Level

Mr. Awe is a fifth-grade teacher at Freedom Elementary School. He is a veteran teacher who has taught here for the past 22 years. Mr. Awe was presented the Teacher of the Year at the district level.



2024 Excellence in Education Shining Star Award



Congratulations to Mr. Paul Maronek for the 2024 Excellence in Education Shining Star Award.

Congratulations to all our Freedom Elementary Teachers for their nomination for **2024 Excellence in Education Shining Star Award.**

- DeAnna Anderson-Reading Specialist
- Andrea Anderson-Kindergarten
- Jenny Daul-First Grade
- Tony Kazik-Physical Education
- Korri Kersten-Library Media Specialist
- Kimberly Kortens-Reading Interventionist
- Penny Kurkiewicz-First Grade
- Tim McManus-Second Grade
- Sarah Northam-Fourth Grade

- Tara Olk-Curriculum Coordinator & Interventionist
- Todd Riesterer-Third Grade
- Amanda Susek- Kindergarten
- Kelly Thews-Physical Education
- Nikki VanderHeiden- School Counselor
- Crystal Wall-Kindergarten
- Amanda Williams-First Grade
- Jennifer Wilson-Kindergarten

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

20 Minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are 6 ways to build a better reader during the elementary school years:

1. Create reading rituals and read every day.
2. Snuggle up close with a book before bed.
3. Talk about pictures and ask questions while reading.
4. Share all different kinds of books (stories, nonfiction, poetry).
5. Read favorite books again and again.
6. Read with expression.

'Good readers are made on the laps of parents.'



Freedom Elementary Food Drive

In honor of Read Across America Week, the Freedom Elementary School Library is putting together a Food Drive to support our local Food Pantry. Students can bring their items to the Elementary School Library in the mornings throughout Read Across America Week, March 4, 2024- March 8, 2024. Items donated will give the student an entry into a drawing for some prizes!

Prizes include books, cups, posters, etc.

Freedom Food Pantry is in need of the following:

Food items

- Canned fruit
- White vinegar
- Vegetable oil
- BBQ sauce
- Boxed cereal
- Ketchup
- Salad dressing
- Chunky soup
- Tomato paste
- Chocolate chips

Freedom Food Pantry has an abundance of canned vegetables and macaroni-and-cheese.

Anything is accepted and will get used. Freedom Food Pantry is also able to purchase items, so they do accept cash donations. Many of the items can be found at the Dollar Tree!

Thank you so much for your donations to our local food pantry!

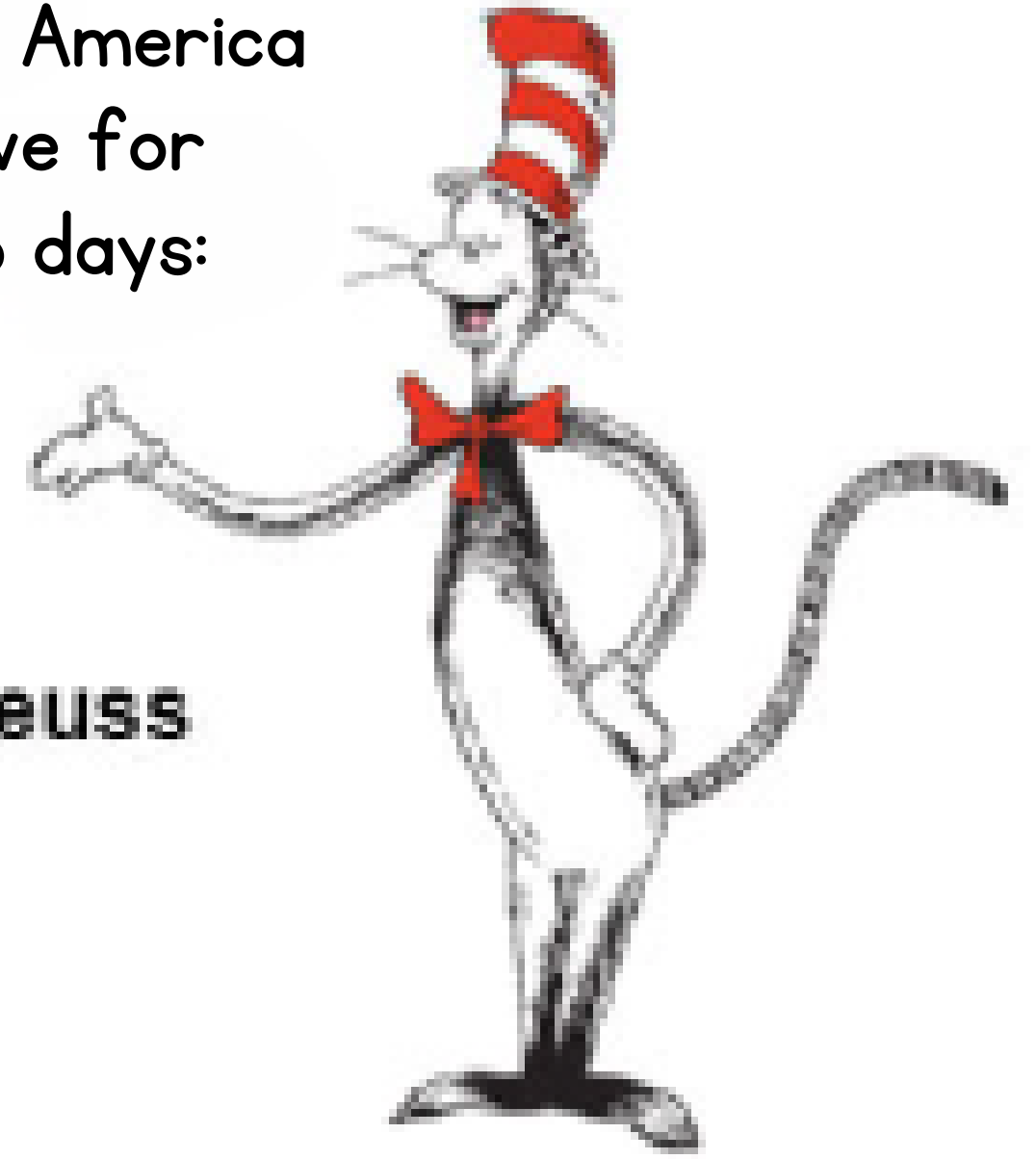
-FES Library Staff

Celebrate Read Across America Week

The week of March 4th to March 8th, Freedom Elementary School will celebrate Read Across America Week 2024. To share in and celebrate a love for reading, we will have the following dress up days:

Monday

"The Cat in the Hat"
Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character!



Tuesday

"Fox in Socks"
Wear crazy socks!!



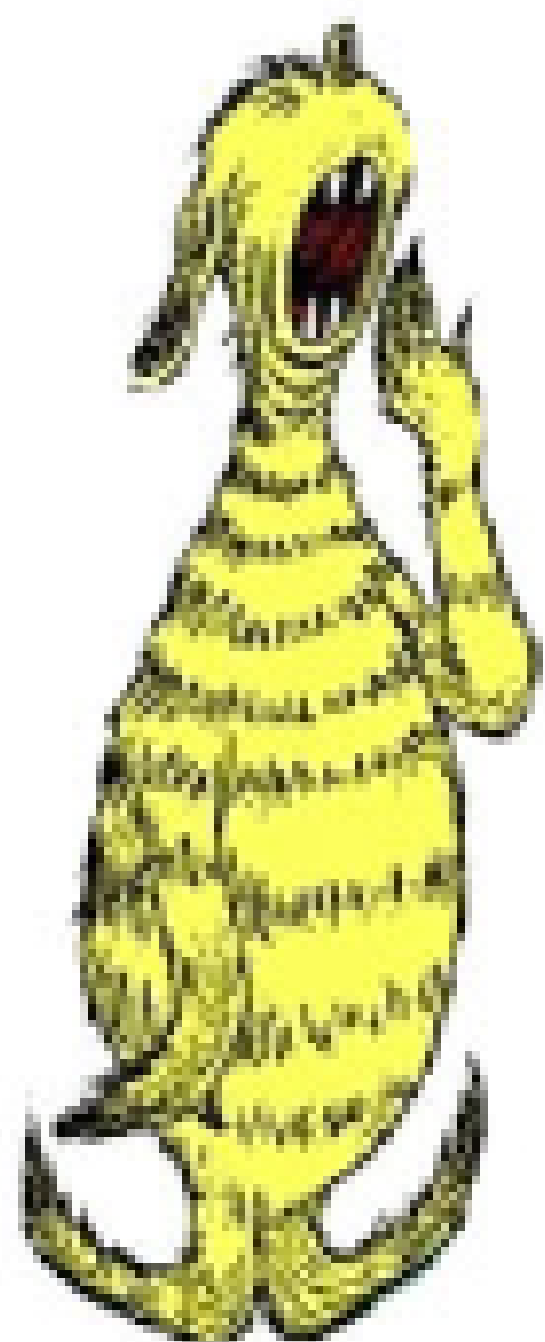
Wednesday

"If I Ran the Zoo"
Wear animal prints!!!



Thursday

"Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!"
Wear your favorite college/university shirt OR souvenir t-shirt!!!!



Friday

"The Sleep Book"
Wear pajamas to school!!!!!!

TIMEOUT FOR READING

LITERACY EVENT AT LAMBEAU FIELD

SAT. 3/2 • 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

ENTER: AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE OR MILLER LITE GATE



Take time out of your morning to read at Lambeau Field! Check out different literacy activity stations with Howe Community Resource Center. **FREE** book + bookmark for kids ages 0 - 5th Grade while supplies last.

ENTERTAINMENT STAGE SCHEDULE

- 9:30 A.M.** Children's Book Reading
- 10:30 A.M.** Cuento de niños en Español
Children's Book Reading in Spanish
- 11 A.M.** Jolie Canoli Kids Show
- 12 P.M.** Children's Book Reading by a Packers Celebrity

Reading areas available during the event. Bring a book or read your free book.

GREEN BAY PACKERS
GIVEBACK 

For more information, contact the Green Bay Packers
Community Outreach Department at **920-569-7500**.



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



MARCH Reading Month calendar





Student Name and Homeroom teacher _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
Schoolwide One School, One Book		Parent Signature			<i>Read Chapter 1</i>	Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Read a Dr. Seuss Book
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Read with a flashlight	<i>Read Chapter 2</i>	<i>Read Chapter 3</i>	<i>Read a non- fiction book</i>	<i>Read Chapter 4</i>	Read a book online - use Epic or Sora	Read a recipe and make it!
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Partner read with a family member	<i>Read Chapter 5</i>	Reread your favorite book	<i>Read Chapter 6</i>	<i>Read Chapter 7</i>	Create a short story or poem	Family board game night
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Read a book about leprechauns, rainbows or Ireland	<i>Read Chapter 8</i>	<i>Read Chapter 9</i>	Read to your pet	<i>Read the final chapter #10!</i>	Read a comic or graphic novel	Play a word game
24 and 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Read to a stuffed animal	<i>Read the street signs</i>	<i>Read a book outside</i>	Watch a story online or listen to an audiobook	Do a word search or crossword puzzle	Read a magazine	Return your completed sheet to your teacher 

Check off daily activities that you complete. If you complete 12 days of reading activities, get a parent signature and turn in your calendar to your teacher for a reading month prize!

March 2024

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Early Release 12:15pm 4K Screening 8:00-12:00	2
3 Read Across America Week March 4-8 	4 "The Cat in the Hat" Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss Character Bridging Brighter Smiles	5 "Fox in Socks" Wear Crazy Socks Gr. 2 Building for Kids	6 "If I Ran the Zoo" Wear Animal Prints	7 "Oh the Places You can Think" Wear favorite college/university shirt or souvenir t-shirt	8 "The Sleep Book" Wear pajamas to school Fang's 3rd baseball due	9
10 Daylight Savings Time begins—turn clocks ahead one hour 	11	12	13	14 PAC Family Fun Night Skate City 5:30-7:30pm	15 Irish Pride Day Wear Green Deadline to order a yearbook	16
17 	18 Forward Exam Testing Window March 18-April 26	19 Gr. 2 & 3 Concert 6:00 HS Fieldhouse 	20 4K Building for Kids Gr. 3 Weidner Center Gr. 4 & 5 Concert 6:00 HS Fieldhouse	21 4K Building for Kids Summer School Registration begins	22 Fang's final baseball due	23
24	25 No School Spring Break	26 No School Spring Break	27 No School Spring Break	28 No School Spring Break	29 No School Spring Break	30
31 