



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

March 2018 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- Feb. 26-March 2  
Read Across  
America
- March 2  
4K & K Registration  
8:00-3:00
- March 9  
Art Fundraiser  
orders go home
- March 11  
Daylight Savings  
Time begins-turn  
clocks ahead
- March 13-April 13  
Summer School  
online registration
- March 19-April 2  
Paper Recycling
- March 20  
Art Fundraiser  
orders due
- March 27  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 28-30  
No School
- Plastic Bag Recycling  
Continues until  
April 13

Continue to save  
**Box Tops for  
Education**

We are a NUT FREE  
School.



## Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed two-thirds of the school year this upcoming month. Thank you to all the parents that participated in Parent/Teacher conferences at the end of February. This is a very important part of our home/school partnership.

If you have a student in grades 3-5, please read the Wisconsin Forward Exam section in this newsletter. This 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 children get ill. Please watch for more specific testing information for parents of students in grades 3, 4, 5.

In light of recent events, FES will announce our March fire drill and our safety drill prior to doing them. We do not want to scare our students, but we need to continue to practice our drills. You are welcome to discuss these upcoming drills with your child as you deem necessary. We will be doing them after March 5, 2018. Thank you for your support.

## Dr. Seuss Fun Week and Freedom Food Pantry

Freedom Elementary School will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Fun Week, February 26– March 2. This is a week dedicated to encouraging literacy and to honor the children's author, Dr. Seuss. Please celebrate with us by participating in the dress-up days and reading activities. During this week students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable items for the Freedom Food Pantry. A drawing for posters will take place for students who bring in pantry items.

### Dr. Seuss Fun Week

Monday, February 26 Wear a Seuss Hat  
Tuesday, February 27 Wear a Vacation Shirt  
Wednesday, February 28 Wear Festive Socks  
Thursday, March 1 Wear Green  
Friday, March 2 Wear your favorite  
Seuss Character

*Ms. Zabel*  
*Library Media*

### Freedom Food Pantry

4Kindergarten—Toothpaste/Deodorant  
Kindergarten—Deodorant/Toothpaste  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Body Wash/Soap, Deodorant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade—Body Wash/Soap, Deodorant  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—Shampoo/Conditioner  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade—Paper Towels/Napkins/toilet paper  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade—Paper Towels/Napkins/toilet paper



## Wisconsin Forward Exam Grades 3-5

**What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?** Students will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 19-May 4. 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

# Immunization Requirements 2018-2019

**Varicella** (Chickenpox) second dose phase  
Grades Kindergarten through 12

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**  
Grades Kindergarten through 12

**Tdap** (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Booster)  
Entering Grade 6

There is an exception to the Tdap requirement: Students who received a dose of tetanus or diphtheria vaccine within **5 years** of entering a grade for which Tdap is required are not required to receive Tdap vaccine.

## 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 2018, at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students, in one session. The session will be five weeks: *June 11 through July 19, 2018*. There is no school the week of July 4. You will soon be receiving information regarding online registration for summer school 2018! I will be working with the administrative team, summer school staff and the technology coordinators in our district to improve and enhance the online registration process. You can mark your calendars with the following dates: Online Registrations Window (March 13 - April 13, 2018), Final day to pay course fees (Friday, April 20, 2018). We are excited to offer this registration process that will utilize the convenience of modern technology. A listing of Summer School classes is enclosed with this newsletter.



## Mother and Son Rockstar Dance



Freedom Elementary will hold its annual "Mother and Son" Dance on Friday, March 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the elementary gym. You may pre-order the following: A picture opportunity will be available for \$10.00 each and will be photographed by Lifetouch. There is a flyer attached in this newsletter.

## PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

On February 2 we held a Glow Dance. The kids seemed to have an awesome time! Along with dancing, we had face painting and snacks. Thank you to all the parent and high school student volunteers. We hope your family had fun. The next PAC sponsored family fun night will be April 26 at Badger Sports Park. Look for more information to come.

Our Brain Bowl was held Feb. 7 and 8. The kids did a great job answering the questions. Thank you to the volunteers that helped ask questions. Approximately \$6000 was pledged! The pizza party winners are Mrs. Culotta's class with most participation at 65% and Ms. Kurkiewicz's class with most raised with \$597.50. PAC offers teachers \$100 to be used for items in the classroom. This money will go towards these items.

We set up a taco night potluck for the teachers during conferences. Thank you for bringing in items to help make it a success!

We earned \$542 from the December paper recycling drive. The next one is March 19- April 2. We are currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place for plastic recycling! Let's keep saving and get another bench.

Visit our website at [www.freedompac.org](http://www.freedompac.org) for meeting agendas and minutes. "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee).

The next meeting: **March 19 at 6:00 pm, in Room 22 (Art room), at 6:00 pm.** 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 [aelenhardt@gmail.com](mailto:aelenhardt@gmail.com) or call 851-3266.



## Spelling Bee Winners



Congratulations to the Spelling Bee Winners. They represented Freedom Elementary at the regional spelling bee.



# YMCA Physical Education Program

Attention all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents!! For the ten weeks of March and April all third grade students will be participating in the YMCA Live Well 5218 program during Physical Education. Live Well 5218 is a 10 week educational campaign to bring awareness to the daily guidelines for nutrition and physical activity. The goals of the program are to raise awareness and create behavior change in the following areas: 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity and 8 glasses of water. It also aims to engage the entire family in supporting healthier environments and healthy behaviors. Part of the program will take place at school and part of the program will be done at home with parent help. Please watch for YMCA 5218 papers each week. We appreciate any support you can give us by engaging in the program with your child.

## Read Aloud Tips

Reading aloud, for 15 or 20 minutes a day, is very important because it builds your child's desire to read. Whether your child is already reading or hasn't yet begun, it is a great time to start reading aloud regularly. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of your reading aloud time together.

**\*Encourage Participation:** Take turns saying the lines in a dramatic or silly voice. Stop occasionally and ask if your child can predict what will happen next.

**\*Get Comfortable:** Offer your child soft mats or pillows to sit on.

**\*Remove Distractions:** Make your reading spot as quiet as possible so your child can focus on the story. Consider turning off the television to avoid interruptions.

If you have any questions on literacy, please contact me at the elementary school.

*Happy Reading, Mrs. Anderson, Reading Specialist*



## Battle of the Books

The results have been tallied for the Battle of the Books Competition from Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

The winners were:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place was Girl Power  
2<sup>nd</sup> place was TAGZ  
1<sup>st</sup> place was DABR

Congratulations to ALL groups for all of their hard work!



Congratulations to the Battle of the Book Winners. They competed in the state competition from Freedom Elementary School.

## Gr. 3, 4, 5 Concert: "A Disney Celebration"

On Monday, March 12, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will present their concert titled, "Making Magical Music...A Disney Celebration." It will begin at 6:00 pm in the Freedom High School Fieldhouse and performers should meet at the fieldhouse by 5:30 pm. The fifth grade Disney speakers (pictured in photo) will be taking us on a journey through some of Walt Disney's most beloved movies. Be sure to stay for the entire show so you can experience our show –stopping all grade finale!



### **Fifth Grade Disney Speakers**

These fifth graders are practicing speaking parts to help introduce each Disney song in our concert on Monday, March 12 at 6:00 pm at the High school fieldhouse. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing some of their favorites. The evening will end with a fun all-grade finale.