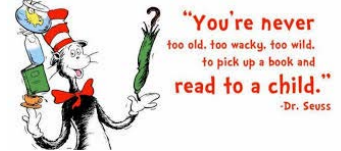




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March 2019 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- March 1  
4K & K Registration  
8:00-3:00
- March 10  
Daylight Savings  
Time begins-turn  
clocks ahead
- March 11-April 18  
Summer School  
online registration
- March 15  
4K Mon/Wed has  
class
- March 18-25  
Paper Recycling
- March 22  
4K Tue/Thurs has  
class
- March 28  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 29  
No School
- Plastic Bag Recycling  
Continues until  
April 11

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 those that participated in the Mother/Son's Sledding Event. We had a great turn out on a snowy evening.

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.

Dr. Seuss is celebrating his birthday in March, why not pick up and read a classic Dr. Seuss book. His first book, *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street* was published in 1937. Dr. Seuss whose real name was **Ted Geisel**, died in 1991. *Hooray For Diffendoofer Day!* (1998) was his last book which was written after Ted's death, based on his sketches and notes. He wrote and illustrated a total of 44 books. He does have other book titles, but these were done collaboratively with other authors or illustrators.



Mother/Son Sledding Event at Plamann Park.

## Wisconsin Forward Exam Grades 3-5

**What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?** Students will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam between March 18-May 3. 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 2019-2020

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

**Varicella (Chickenpox)** second dose phase  
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 2019, at Freedom Elementary School, for elementary and middle school students, in one session. The session will be five weeks: *June 17 through July 18, 2019*. There is no school on July 4. You will soon be receiving information regarding online registration for summer school 2019! 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 11 - April 18, 2019), Final day to pay course fees (Friday, April 26, 2019). 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. I would especially encourage you to consider any classes recommended for your child by their teacher(s) when registering. ~~Think Spring~~.....think summer!!!



## 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 tattoos, picture scenes 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 May 2 at Badger Sports Park. Look for more information to come.

Our Brain Bowl was held February 5 and 6. The kids did a great job answering the questions. Thank you to the volunteers that helped asking questions. Due to all the snow days we are still finishing up quizzing and tabulating results. We will have them ready for the April newsletter.

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

We earned \$471 from the December paper recycling drive. The next one is March 18 thru March 25.

We are working on getting seating for the outdoor classroom. Look for more information to come.

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 18 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



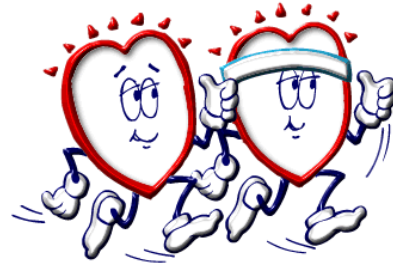
Congratulations to the Spelling Bee Winners. They represented Freedom Elementary at the regional spelling bee.



# Physical Education Program

Since September, our Physical Education classes have been talking about all of the benefits of exercise. Each week we review our list of benefits and add a new one. Parents, did you know exercise provides all of the following benefits to you and your body?

1. Exercise will improve your mood.
2. Exercise will increase your energy.
3. Exercise will decrease stress.
4. Exercise will make you a better reader.
5. Exercise will help you sleep better.
6. Exercise will decrease risk of some cancers.
7. Exercise will decrease risk of heart disease.
8. Exercise will improve brain health and memory.
9. Exercise will decrease risk of dementia.
10. Exercise will help control your weight.
11. Exercise will make you stronger.
12. Exercise will help you live longer.



Our list is not complete yet! Quiz your student and see how many of these benefits they remember!!

## 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*



## Gr. 3, 4, 5 "Jazzin' It Up!" Concert

Mark your calendars...Monday, March 11 all third, fourth and fifth graders will be performing in their Winter Concert. That evening, all performers need to dress up and look extra nice and be at the Freedom High School Field House between 5:30 and 5:50 p.m. Students must stay with their class for the entire concert. Also, during the afternoon of March 11, these students will be bussed up to the high school for a closed rehearsal to get used to the sound and set-up. Please refrain from making any appointments or early pick-ups on March 11. Come join us and help us celebrate our musical accomplishments as we proudly present, "Jazzin It Up!"



Ms. Schmidt's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class practice for their Winter Concert.



Ms. Hastie's 5<sup>th</sup> grade music class practices their choreography for the upcoming "Jazzin' It Up Winter Concert."