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November 2024 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Nov. 1
Early Release
12:15-Staff Work
Day
- Nov. 3
Daylight Savings
Time ends-turn
clocks back one
hour
- Nov. 4
End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 11-15
Hat and Mitten
Drive
- Nov. 11
Cookie Dough
pickup 3:00-6:00
Multipurpose Rm
- Nov. 28, 29
Thanksgiving
Holiday

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

Dear FES Families,

As we approach November, we find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings in our lives, especially as we look forward to Thanksgiving. This season serves as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gifts of family, friends, health, and happiness. It's a time to pause and appreciate the goodness around us, no matter how small.

I encourage each family to take a moment this month to connect with their child(ren) and recognize how special they are to us. The love and joy they bring are truly the greatest gifts of all!

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our parents, for your continued partnership in your child's education. We had a fantastic turnout for our parent-teacher conferences in October, and your involvement makes a significant difference in our community.

A quick reminder: report cards are issued on a semester basis. We will notify you via email when they become available in January and May.

Additionally, a special thank you to the 4K parents who have generously donated snacks and drinks to our staff lounge in October. Another thank you to those families that donated food for dinner during parent/teacher conferences. Your kindness is deeply appreciated!

Wishing you all a wonderful month filled with gratitude and joy.

Friendly Reminders and Information

Morning Drop Off

*Please drop off after 7:35am. Doors do not open until then. There is no supervision until that time.

Drop Off Line Reminders

*Continue to move as far forward as you can.

*Please have patience and do not cut in front of vehicles.

School Start Time Reminder and Appointments

School begins at 8:00am. If students arrive after 8:00am they are considered tardy. Each tardy is equivalent to an absence. Please remember to call in your child's absence daily when they are sick. If your child goes to an appointment, it will be excused if you bring in a note.

School Fees

If you have not paid your school fees for this year, you can go on e-funds to pay these or you can bring them to the office. 4K is \$30.00 and Kindergarten through Grade 5 is \$35.00. The Technology Fee for grades K-5 is \$15.00. Milk Fee (optional for grades K-5). The cost is \$50.00 for the year. The cost for Early Childhood and Kindergarten milk break is \$25.00.

Items Needed:

We are looking for pants for boys and girls(joggers/sweats-no jeans) sizes 6, 7 & 8 and boys pants size 14-16 and boys shirts sizes 5T, 7-8, 14-16 and girls shirt sizes 4T, 5T, 7-8, 10-12, 14-16. We also need boy's underwear sizes 4-6, 6-7, 8, 14-16 at the elementary school. If you have any of these sizes you would like to donate, please send them to the elementary.

Freedom Elementary Hat and Mitten Drive

The week of November 11-15, Freedom Elementary School will be collecting hats and mittens to give to the Freedom Area Food Bank. Please make sure the hats and mittens are in new condition. We will have a drop box for the hats/mittens in the lobby of the elementary school. Thank you so much for your support in this project!



Inclement Weather

Listen to the radio or TV stations listed in your Student/Parent Handbook, on page 28, for school delays and school closings beginning at 6:30 a.m. The office has alternative plans for all families whether students ride the bus or are picked up by a parent. If your plan changes or you have new information, please contact the school office.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run held the Pumpkin Run on Tuesday, October 29 at Freedom Elementary School. The girls did a great job and the next running event will be on Saturday, November 16 with all of the Girls on the Run in Northeast Wisconsin. Congratulations girls!



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who brought in items to help make the Sandwich Bar at Parent-Teacher Conferences a success! All FES Staff were so very appreciative!

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Cherrydale Fundraiser sale – we met and exceeded our \$12,000 goal, raising over \$15,000! All Cherrydale Orders **NEED** to be picked up **MONDAY, November 11th** after school until 6 PM at FES in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you are unable to pick up, **PLEASE** make arrangements for someone else to pick up your items/orders. If you **DO NOT** pick up your food items, they will be donated to the Freedom Food Pantry.

We will need help sorting all items and then handing out items at pick up, so please let us know if you can volunteer. Below is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-52342610-cherrydale>

UNCLE MIKE'S KRINGLE FUNDRAISER

If didn't participate in the Cherrydale Fundraiser, now you have the opportunity to sell some kringle! Starting November 1st to November 15th, individuals will be able to purchase coupons for 1 Whole Kringle. If you haven't had Uncle Mike's kringle, you need to. They were awarded the BEST Kringle in North America! Order Forms will be sent home this week!

TOM'S DRIVE IN FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Stop at Tom's Drive In on Tuesday, November 5th from 4 to 8 PM before or after you vote for dinner or just a cold treat! REMINDER: whether you dine in or drive thru, you must let the cashier know before ordering that you would like to support Freedom Elementary! 20% of the profits from your order will be donated to the PAC.

SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE

The PAC's Spirit Wear Sale will be happening in January 2025 – New Year, New Gear! Thank you Kenny Rose Boutique for working with us again! 5th Grade T-Shirt Design Contest Forms will be going home soon and will be due Friday, November 22nd! All entries will be voted on and the winner's design will be recreated and be available for purchase. The winner will also receive a FREE t-shirt of their design!

STAFF SHOUT OUTS

Our Staff Shout Out program is starting up again for this school year and it's soo easy to participate! You can send a Shout Out to anyone working for FES - teachers, administrative staff, nurses, counselors and so on! To recognize a staff member that is doing an amazing job, please click on the link - <https://shorturl.at/MiCBE>

Shout Outs are due Monday, November 4th! You can submit as many Shout Outs as you want! For each shout out entry, staff members are put into a drawing to win some prize

STOCK THE LOUNGE – Kindergarten

Thank you to all 4K parents who helped us stock the lounge! The FES Staff really enjoyed all the snacks and drinks you provided! For the month November, we are asking all Kindergarten 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, November 18th 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)!





Parents with High Expectations Reading Fluency Matters



In order to be a good reader, your child must be able to do two things:

- 1) make sense of, or “decode,” the words on the page; and,
- 2) understand what the words mean when joined in a sentence.

Early reading instruction focuses on teaching a child how to read single words, but being good at reading single words is not the only skill your child needs. Once your child has become good at decoding and reading single words, he or she needs to learn to read easily, becoming an effective reader.

Good readers have moved beyond decoding single words well. They can understand what they are reading. This is the ultimate goal for reading.

- Good readers read quickly and accurately.
- They can read with expression.
- They tend to separate sentences into groups of words based on the meaning.
- They also tend to read many individual words automatically.

It is hard to understand what you are reading when you are not a good reader. Researchers believe that everyone has a limited ability to pay attention when learning a new task. So, if your child needs to use a lot of attention to decode or read single words, there is little left over to use for understanding what he or she has read. Once decoding or reading single words becomes automatic, attention can then be turned to meaning. Good readers can begin to enjoy the meaning of what they read. They can move beyond learning to read. Then can now read to learn.



Proyecto de Padres con Altas Expectativas

Reading Fluency Matters La fluidez en la lectura es importante

(Promising Practices: Helping Your Child Read and Understand - Spanish)

Para poder ser un buen lector, su hijo debe tener la habilidad de hacer dos cosas:

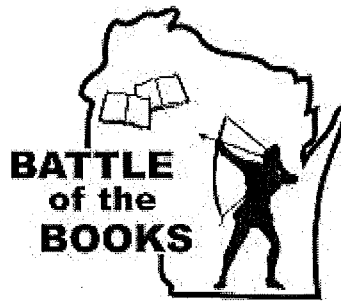
- 1) Hacer sentido o “descifrar” las palabras en una página y,
- 2) entender el significado de las palabras cuando están unidas en una frase

La instrucción de lectura temprana se enfoca en enseñar a un niño cómo leer palabras individuales. Pero ser bueno para leer palabras solas no es la única destreza que su niño necesita. Una vez que su hijo se ha hecho bueno para descifrar palabras solas, él o ella necesitan aprender a leer con facilidad, convirtiéndose en un lector eficaz.

Los buenos lectores han ido más allá de poder decodificar bien palabras individuales. Ellos pueden comprender lo que están leyendo y esto es la meta fundamental de poder leer.

- Los buenos lectores leen rápidamente y con precisión.
- Ellos pueden leer con expresión.
- Ellos tienden a separar las oraciones en grupos de palabras basadas en su significado.
- Ellos también tienden a leer muchas palabras individuales automáticamente.

Es difícil entender qué es lo que se está leyendo cuando no se es un lector con fluidez. Los investigadores creen que todo mundo tiene una habilidad limitada para prestar atención cuando se está aprendiendo una tarea nueva. Así que si su hijo necesita usar mucha atención para decodificar palabras individuales, le sobra muy poca atención para comprender lo que está leyendo. Una vez que la descodificación se ha hecho automática, la atención puede entonces enfocarse en la comprensión del significado. Los niños que leen con fluidez pueden empezar a disfrutar el significado de lo que leen. Ellos pueden pasar de aprender a leer a leer para aprender.



Battle of the Books (B.o.B.) Sign Up

Who: Open to readers in grades 4 and 5. Towards the end of January and beginning of February advisors will form a team of four students with one alternate based on comprehension of all 20 books. This team will then compete against other teams within the state.

What: The statewide Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books while remembering information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of:
Name the book in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the state in encouraging students to read.

How: Students will read 20 books, and then practice answering questions based on those books. We will provide books to loan out to students. By the end of January we will choose the top readers to form a team to compete in the state competition.

When: Students will meet during lunch Mrs. Presteen's room to practice questions with our first meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Permission slip: (please return bottom portion)

Meeting Dates

November 12, 26

December 3, 17

January 7, 21

February 4 *Final team selected February 18

The state battle will take place sometime in late February.

-----cut and return the bottom portion to Mr. Awe or Mrs. Presteen-----

Reader's Name _____

Grade & Homeroom _____

I understand that if my child loses or damages a book, it is my responsibility to pay for a replacement.

Parent Signature: _____

email address: _____ Phone #: _____

2025 WEMTA Battle of the Books
Elementary Division (grades 4-6)

Absolutely Nat by Maria Scrivan

The Big Cheese by Jory John

Big Tree by Brian Selznick

The Challenger Disaster: Tragedy in the Skies by Pranas T. Naujokaitis

City Spies by James Ponti

Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series by Traci Sorell

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year by Andrea Beaty

The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

Midnight at the Barclay Hotel by Fleur Bradley

The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate

Ostriches Eat Sausage: An Alphabet Book by Robin R. Kelley

Available from Amazon, through Titlewave and at <https://robinrkelly.com/>

Red, White and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

Roll With It by Jamie Sumner

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

A Very Cranky Book by Angela DiTerlizzi

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

From Ms. Vanderloop in the Music Room



Hello FES families!!

Here's a brief summary of what we've been learning about in the music room here at FES as well as a few sneak peeks at things we are looking forward to in November.

Code for Music Class Website

The concert times for our upcoming performances are now posted on the Music Class website. This website is also updated with pictures and recordings from the music room throughout the school year.. Scan the QR code below to access the information directly:

Winter Program

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting a Winter Program this year featuring our 4k, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade musicians! These concerts will take place at Freedom Elementary School on the following dates:

- Wednesday, December 11th:
 - 1st grade at 10 am
 - Kindergarten at 12 pm
 - 4k (M/W) at 1:30 pm
- Thursday, December 12th:
 - 2nd grade at 10 am
 - 4k (T/Th) at 1:30 pm

Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert featuring our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade musicians will take place on March 18th at 6 pm in the fieldhouse at Freedom High School.

- **Families of 5th grade students:** Please keep an eye out for an informational flyer/permission slip for FES Irish Best Singers This is a **new opportunity available only to 5th grade students**. This group is voluntary and will perform as an outreach ensemble to share music in our community several times throughout the school year.
- **Families of 4th grade students:** Keep an eye out for **Recorder order forms coming home soon! Our unit will begin right after Thanksgiving Break and money for recorders will be due November 15th**
- **Families of 3rd grade students:** Look for examples of their "Treble Staff Mneumonic Device" assignment on the website and their imagination and humor will be sure to make you smile. **Keep an eye out for a handout titled "What is Music Share Day?" coming home soon! 3rd grade students will have their first opportunity to contribute to this activity during music class the week before Thanksgiving Break.**
- **Families of 2nd grade students:** Each class has created their own spooky compositions using the meter of the waltz 6/8 and playing our Orff instruments. They collaborated to make an illustrated book of their compositions and the class recordings will be posted on the music room website.

NOVEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER STUDENT CALENDAR 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Red Ribbon Week Oct. 28-Nov. 1	1 Chill and enjoy the show- <i>Pajama Day</i> NO EC Classes Child Develop. Day Early Release 12:15	2
3 Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks back one hour 	4 End of 1st quarter	5 Tom's Drive-In Sponsored by PAC	6	7	8 <i>Camo Day</i>	9
10 Hat & Mitten Drive November 11-15	11 <i>Red, White, Blue Day</i> PAC Fall Fundraiser pickup Multipurpose Room 3:00-6:00 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. during lunch	13 Student Council Meeting during lunch recess	14	15	16 Girls on the Run 
17	18 PAC Meeting 5:30 Staff Lounge	19	20	21	22 <i>Orange Day</i>	23
24 	25	26 Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. during lunch	27 PBS Assembly	28 Thanksgiving Break 	29 Thanksgiving Break 	30

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

Freedom Elementary School Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
4 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	5 Double Chocolate Muffin Apple Juice	6 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	7 Mini French Toast Orange	8 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
11 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	12 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Apple Juice	13 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	14 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Orange	15 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
18 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	19 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice	20 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	21 Mini French Toast Orange	22 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
25 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	26 Double Chocolate Muffin Apple Juice	27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	28 No School	29 No School

La comida completa para estudiantes cuesta \$1,35. La comida reducida es de \$0.35

Menú de desayuno de la escuela primaria Freedom

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes
				1 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Banana
4 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	5 Muffin De Doble Chocolate Zummo de manzana	6 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	7 Mini tostadas francesas Naranja	8 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Banana
11 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	12 Muffin de manzana y canela Zummo de manzana	13 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	14 Barra de avena con chispas de chocolate y plátano Naranja	15 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Banana
18 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	19 Muffin de arándanos Zummo de manzana	20 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	21 Mini tostadas francesas Naranja	22 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Banana
25 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	26 Muffin De Doble Chocolate Zummo de manzana	27 Tostada Crujiente De Canela/Hojaldres De Cacao/Cereal Trix Manzana	28 No hay escuela	29 No hay escuela

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 - November


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Half Day - Turkey or Cheese Sandwich with Potato Chips Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
4 Cheeseburger or Hamburger (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Green Peas	5 Macaroni & Cheese & Pumpkin Cake (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Baked Beans	6 French Toast & Sausage Patty (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Tator Tots & Seasoned Corn	7 Pepperoni Pizza (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Broccoli	8 Tomato Soup & Pizza Dunkers (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich French Fries & Seasoned Carrots
11 Breaded Chicken Sandwich (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedges & Cauliflower	12 Mini Corn Dogs & Chocolate Pudding (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Corn	13 Pancakes & Sausage Patty (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tator Tots & Green Beans	14 Cheese Pizza (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Broccoli	15 Spaghetti & Meatballs with Breadstick (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich French Fries & Seasoned Carrots
18 Chicken Nuggets & Whole Grain Pretzel (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich French Fries & Baked Beans	 19 Ravioli w/ Breadstick & Cookie (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Orange Chicken Taste Test Potato Wedges & Corn	20 Waffles & Sausage Patty (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Warm Apples	21 Pepperoni Pizza (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Green Beans	22 Turkey Hot Dog (2) Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
25 Popcorn Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Seasoned Corn	26 Orange Chicken w/ Rice & Fortune Cookie (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Broccoli & Frozen Sidekick	27 Pancake on a Stick (2) Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tator Tots	28 No School - Happy Thanksgiving	29 No School

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, two (2) vegetable side dishes, one (1) fruit side dish, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include skim white, 1% white and non-fat chocolate. Menu subject to change. Please contact Logan Wilson, Director of Dining Services 920- 284-5570

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Menú de almuerzo de la escuela primaria Freedom - noviembre

Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes
				1 Medio Día - Sándwich de Pavo o Queso con Patatas Fritas Frutas y verduras variadas
4 Hamburguesa o hamburguesa con queso (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Guisantes verdes sazonados	5 macarrones con queso (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Frijoles Horneados	6 Empanada De Tostadas Francesas Y Salchicha (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Tator Tots y maíz sazonado	7 Pizza de peperoni (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Brócoli sazonado	8 Sopa De Tomate Y Queso Asado (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Papas fritas y zanahorias sazonadas
11 Sándwich De Pollo Empanizado (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Gajos de patata y coliflor	12 Pizza Dunkers y pudín de chocolate (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Maíz Sazonado	13 Tortitas y hamburguesa de salchicha (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Tator Tots y judías verdes	14 pizza de queso (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Brócoli sazonado	15 Espaguetis y albóndigas con palito de pan (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Papas fritas y zanahorias sazonadas
18 Nuggets de pollo y pretzel integral (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Papas fritas y frijoles horneados	 19 Raviolis con palitos de pan y pastel de calabaza (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Prueba de sabor de pollo a la naranja Gajos de papa y maíz	20 Empanada de gofres y salchichas (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Manzanas calientes	21 Pizza de peperoni (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Judías verdes sazonadas	22 Perro Caliente De Pavo (2) Sándwich de pavo y queso Frutas y verduras variadas
25 Pollo con palomitas de maíz con puré de papas y salsa (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Maíz Sazonado	26 Pollo a la Naranja con Arroz y Galleta de la Fortuna (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Brócoli y compañero congelado	27 Panqueque en un palo (2) Sándwich de Jamón y Queso Tator Tots	28 No hay escuela - Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias	29 No hay escuela

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