



IRISH PRIDE PRESS

November 2023 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Nov. 2
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-6:45
Book Fair During
Conferences
- Nov. 3
Early Release
12:15-Staff Work
Day
- Nov. 5
Daylight Savings
Time ends-turn
clocks back one
hour
- Nov. 6
End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 7
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-6:45
Book Fair During
Conferences
- Nov. 13-17
Hat and Mitten
Drive
- Nov. 16
Cookie Dough
pickup 3:00-6:00
Multipurpose Rm
- Nov. 22, 23, 24
Thanksgiving
Holiday

We are a **NUT
FREE** School.
**NO Homemade
or Store/Bakery
Bought Goods**



Principal's Corner

November marks the final month of fall, and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving Day. It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate the gifts of family, friends, health, happiness, and peace. It reminds us to take time to recognize the goodness in our lives... no matter how small. I encourage each family to take a minute before the stressful month of December comes, to connect with your child(ren) and appreciate how special he/she/they really are to us! It is especially this time of year that we realize there is no greater gift, than the gift of a child!

We would also like to thank our parents for the partnership in their child's education. We have our parent/teacher conferences on November 2 or 7. Just a reminder, report cards are by semester. We will send an email to let you know when they are available in January and May. The FES staff would like to thank the 4K parents that have donated snacks and drinks to stock the shelves! The generosity is greatly appreciated!

Friendly Reminders and Information

School Start Time Reminder and Appointments

School begins at 8:00 am. If students arrive after 8:00 am 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 4Kindergarten milk break is \$25.00.

Items Needed:

We are looking for pants for boys (joggers/sweats) sizes 6, 7 & 8 and boy's underwear sizes 4, 8, 10 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 13-17, 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!



Taste Test Tuesday

The foodservice department is excited to announce "Taste Test Tuesday"

Periodically (on a Tuesday) we will have students sample something new that we may put on the menu.

During lunch we will provide a small portion of an entrée we may not have had on the menu to try if they like. We will then ask the kids whether they liked it, "happy face" ☺ or not so much, "frowny face" ☹. This will help us determine if the item would be put on the menu.

The item this month will be on Tuesday, November 14. The kids will be trying BBQ Pulled Pork.

Inclement Weather

Listen to the radio or TV stations listed in your Student/Parent Handbook, on page 6, 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.

Winter School Store

The school store is back open with winter apparel and it will be delivered before Christmas. Store will be open until November 5 with delivery of items by the middle of December. Please click on the link to order. <https://fasdstore.itemorder.com/>

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run held the Pumpkin Run on Thursday, October 19 at Freedom Elementary School. The girls did a great job and the next running event will be on Saturday, November 11 with all of the Girls on the Run in Northeast Wisconsin. Congratulations girls!



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will be catering in food from Buzz's for Parent/Teacher conferences on November 2nd but need your help bringing in items on both November 2nd and November 7th. Please click on the link below and see if you can help with a few items or to set up. Our FES staff are very grateful for the food on those long nights! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-45513335-conferences>

UNCLE MIKE'S KRINGLE FUNDRAISER

If you haven't had Uncle Mike's Kringle, you need to. They were awarded the BEST Kringle in North America! Uncle Mike's Food Emporium recently opened in Appleton and the PAC is partnering up with them to sell some kringle! We will have a coupon presale at Parent/Teacher Conferences – coupons for 1 Whole Kringle will be \$22.50. The PAC will have a table located in the lobby.

SPIRIT WEAR

Thank you for everyone who purchased items for our Spirit Wear! Pick up will be at Parent/Teacher Conferences on both November 2nd and November 7th. The PAC will have a table located in the lobby. If you are unable to pick up your spirit wear at conferences, we will send them home with your child on November 8th. We are holding a **FLASH Spirit Wear Sale November 13th to November 17th** - these items will be ready by Christmas! Stay tuned for more information!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting the Cookie Dough Fundraiser sale – we met and exceeded our \$12,000 goal, raising over \$13,000! We will have more information on totals and winning classes soon. Pick up will be November 16th after school until 6 PM. 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/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-45520460-cookie>

TOM'S FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Thank you to all who stopped at Tom's Drive-In for our Fundraising Night! We love our Freedom Community!

SHOUT OUTS

Thank you for sending in Shout Outs! The staff loves to hear the positive comments. There is no limit to the 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. Shout Outs are due November 6th! <https://forms.gle/XLuigAABYt8Drjmc7>

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 of 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', diet or regular 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 20th 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)!



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

Who: Open to readers in grades 4 and 5. Students can form teams of up to four readers per team. If a student is unable to form a team, we can assign him/her to a team.

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 every other Tuesday during lunch/recess from 12 to 1 in Mrs. Presteen's room to practice questions with our first meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Permission slip: (please return bottom portion)

Meeting Dates (Updated)

November 7, 21

December 5, 19

January 9, 23

The state battle will take place sometime in late January.

Parent Signature: _____/email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Reader's Name _____

Grade & Homeroom _____

Return to school by 11/3



Freedom Elementary School Night

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Freedom Elementary School for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! Freedom students and families will be invited to participate in exclusive experiences provided by the Herd!

- 5 Students /Staff Randomly Selected to be Co-Captain of the Night
- Jockey High Five Tunnel
- Post-Game Group Photo + Free Throws

FOR TICKET INFORMATION:

SCAN THE QR CODE!

OR VISIT:

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GAME:

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH

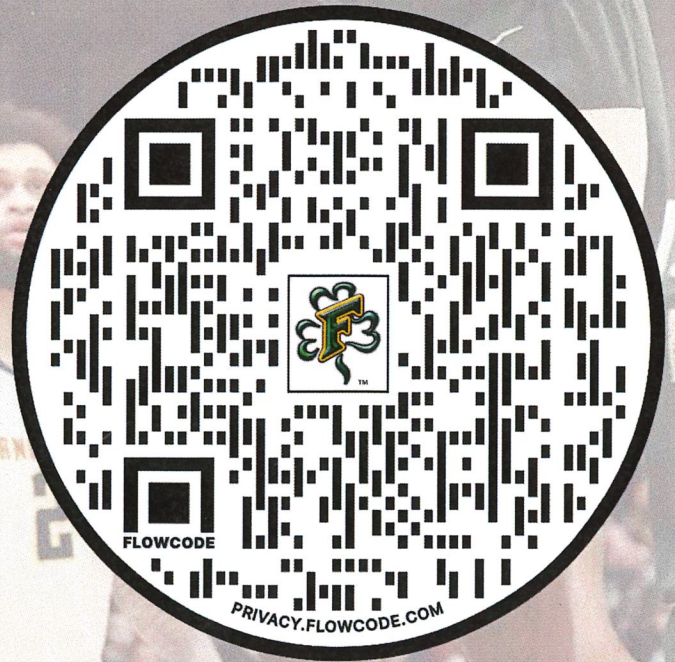
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**LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP
FOR TICKETS TODAY!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT READING AT HOME

TEACHTHOUGHT

GATHER THE PIECES

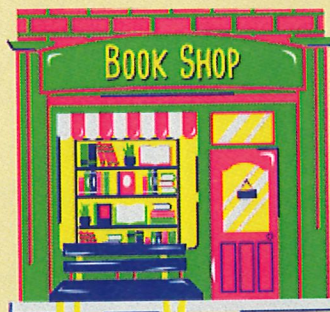
Access to a wide range of books

Reading-friendly physical spaces to read

Mental space to read (e.g., 'boredom')

Time to read (access, opportunity, schedule, reduced alternatives, etc.)

Consider reading apps for increased access to certain reading forms, authors, etc.



START WITH THE CHILD

Their interests (as a person)

Their preferences (reading forms and genres)

Their reading strengths and areas for growth

Their own unique identity as a reader (that may be different than what you had in mind)

GROW A CULTURE

Let them 'catch you' reading (books)

Read out loud to them (and if they want to, let them read out loud to you)

Consider 'DEAR' times (Drop Everything And Read)


The 'Why' of reading: connecting what you read to what you think about and how you live

Focus on the big idea: growing children who read because they want to



November 2023

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 P/T Conferences 3:30-6:45 Book Fair during conferences	3 Child Development Day Early Dismissal 12:15 Fall Color Day 4K-1 Red, 2-Orange 3-Red, 4-Yellow 5-wear Green	4
5 Daylight Savings Time ends-Turn clocks back One hour 	6 End of 1st Quarter	7 P/T Conferences 3:30-6:45 Book Fair during Conferences Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. during lunch	8	9	10 Gr. 3 to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve <i>Red, White, Blue Day</i>	11 
12	13 Hat & Mitten Drive November 13-17	14	15	16 Kindergarten to PAC Cookie Dough Pickup in Multipurpose Room 3:00-6:00	17 Gr. 3 to Heckrodt Wetland Reserve <i>Camo/Orange Day</i>	18
19	20 Wade Fernandez Assembly	21 PBS Assembly Gr. 4 & 5 B.O.B. during lunch	22 No School Thanksgiving Break	23 No School Thanksgiving Break 	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27	28	29	30		

