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November 2018 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks back one hour
- Nov. 8 End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 9 No School-Staff Work Day
- Nov. 12 Report cards go home
- Nov. 21, 22, 23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Plastic Bag recycling begins now through April 11

Reminder to turn in your Reading Calendar

We are a NUT FREE School. **No** Homemade or Store Bought Baked Goods to be shared.



Principal's Corner

What an amazing turnout for parent/teacher conferences. As always, the FES staff appreciates the partnership between home and school. November marks the final month of fall, and our thoughts turn to the end of the quarter. There has been some amazing learning going on at FES this fall. If you haven't checked out the district FACEBOOK page, (at the bottom right corner of the home page on the district website) please take a minute to see the awesome things that are happening in the elementary building. Halloween is just around the corner. Just a reminder costumes and props need to be school appropriate.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents who donated food for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Staff really appreciated it.

School Attendance

If your student is going to be absent we ask that you please contact the Office at 788-7950 to let us know that he or she will not be present for class as soon as possible. When leaving a message, please indicate your child's name, homeroom teacher, and reason for the absence. You are able to leave a message at any time outside of our normal office hours 7:30 am-3:45 pm.

Wisconsin's school compulsory law requires that students miss no more than ten (10) days per school year. The Wisconsin state statute defines a day as all or part of the day. Part of a day includes students who are tardy. Once a student has missed ten or more days of school a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence. Students who visit the doctor due to an extended illness in advance of the ten days are also encouraged to send a doctor's note to the Main Office excusing the absence. Absences excused by a medical professional generally do not count toward a student's 10 day maximum.

Once a student misses 5 days, a letter will be sent home electronically informing you of the absences. A letter will again be sent home electronically when your child reaches 10 absences. After 10 days you will receive a phone call from Mrs. Schmeltzer and possibly a letter to set up a meeting. At this meeting, we will work together to create a plan to improve your child's attendance.

If you have questions regarding our attendance policy or if you would like to discuss a unique circumstance, please contact Mrs. Schmeltzer, Associate Principal.



Mrs. Thews' Third grade students learned how much sugar was in different drinks and in different breakfast cereals. They learned that there are 4 grams of sugar in a teaspoon. Then we counted out the amount of sugar in 9 different drinks and eight different cereals.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is underway and students have been voraciously reading! From just my books alone, that students may check out one at a time, they have already read a total of **108 books!** I am so proud of the students for how much work they have put in already and look forward to starting our practice questions at our meetings! Students are able to meet most Thursdays after school in my room, 212, until 4 pm where we will go over practice questions and I will be giving them ways to remember books and information, as well as little games they can play to help them remember titles and authors. I will be giving them a calendar with meeting dates for November and December at our first meeting on November 8, 2018. You are also welcome to come pick up your student in our room if you need to get them early, or if we have not made our way down to the lobby yet. Many times, students will be checking out books after the meeting, so it does take a bit for us to get down there. If you need anything: misplaced the book list, have any questions about a meeting, or are interested in getting the book list, please feel free to email me at **any time** at hkick@freedomschools.k12.wi.us. Happy fall reading! ~Mrs. Zick

Inclement Weather

Listen to the radio or TV stations listed in your Student/Parent Handbook, on page 7, 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.

Father/Daughter Dance – January 18, 2019

Please save the date on **Friday January 18, 2019** for the Fourth Annual Father/Daughter Dance at Freedom Elementary School from 6:00-7:30 pm. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

PAC officers attended the October staff meeting and gifted \$100 to each member to use for items in the classroom. Teachers that moved grades or are new to the district received \$200. This gift is made possible due to your support with our fundraisers.

We appreciate everyone that brought in items or helped with the potluck meals during conferences. The staff really appreciated it!

Thank you for supporting the Irish Spirit Wear sale. We can't wait to see everyone in their new Freedom gear!

The Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be November 2 thru November 16, delivery will be December 13. Flyers will be sent home with students.

We will be hosting a Family Fun Night at Funset Boulevard on November 8 from 4:00-close. Wristbands need to be purchased ahead of time and can only be used that night. Please send forms/payment by November 2. We hope your family can make it!

PAC is again sponsoring Plastic Bag Recycling now until April 11. Bins are located in front of the office.

The **next P.A.C. meeting is November 19 at 6:00 pm in the art room.** Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. Please come join us!

PAC has a website, www.freedompac.org. Please visit it to get more detailed notes on the meetings and PAC events at our school. If you sign up on the website, you will receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. You can also “Like” us on Facebook: [Freedom Elementary Parent Activity Committee \(P.A.C.\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Erin Lenhardt, P.A.C. President, at freedompac1@gmail.com



School Store
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
7:35-7:50 am
Lobby