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October 2016 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Paper Recycling
Sept. 19-Oct. 3
- Early Dismissal
Oct. 7 12:15 pm
Staff Inservice
- Fall Conferences
Oct. 18 & 19
4:00-7:15
- Book Fair in
Library
Oct. 18 & 19
4:00-7:15
- Conference
Break Oct. 21
- Masquerade
Band Assembly
October 31

We are a NUT
FREE School.



Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe we have been back in school for a month already. Students are getting back into their school routines. I understand that this also feels like getting your family back into a school routine too. We would like to thank the parents that have been walking their child to the front doors daily in the morning. It really is for the child(ren)'s safety!

Teachers are finishing up district reading and math assessments and state PALs in first and second grade with students. 4K and Kindergarten will be doing PALs state assessment in October. Please watch for more information from your child(ren)'s teacher. We have a few special days in October so take time to review the calendar. Also, the Freedom Middle School and High School Band will be performing their annual concert on October 31 for our students too. We will continue to send email information weekly as necessary. Please make sure your email is current in Skyward or call the office.

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Date Change

We will have our elementary parent/teacher conferences on **October 18 and 19**. We had an error in the district calendar. This is just a date change from the district calendar, but the times are the same.

Conference Scheduling

Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. The conference window will be open October 3-October 13.

Appointments

A reminder, if your child has an appointment or sees a doctor when they are ill, please ask the provider for a doctor's note to excuse your child from school. This note is very important in reporting accurate attendance.

Dismissal Time – 3:05 p.m.

Our students in Grades Kindergarten through Grade 5 are required to stay a full day at school. If you need to pick up your child early, please report to the school office. Our teachers are not allowed to dismiss a student to a parent; only the office staff may release them.

We prefer you send a note but if you need to call, please do so **before 2:00 p.m.** to pick up your child at the end of the day.

We have 700 students and many parents call with special requests which are very difficult to juggle at the end of the school day. Please **send a note** when there is a change for your child in transportation. Also, make arrangements outside of school for gatherings and birthdays.

Reminders

Classroom Visitors

If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please contact your child's classroom teacher in advance to set up a time. There are times of the day that are more conducive to having a visitor in the classroom. Contacting classroom teachers in advance helps to ensure that all students will have a comfortable learning environment. While parents coming to eat lunch with their child do not need preapproval, we do ask that all parents make prearrangements before coming to school to visit classrooms. Just a reminder we do not allow parents on our playgrounds. We appreciate your understanding as we all work together to educate each student and are mindful of student confidentiality.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Parents please do not pull out in the bus lanes before or after school when dropping off or picking up your child. If you are bringing your child to school, in your car, we are asking that you park your car and walk your child into school using the painted walk way. This will help stop the congestion on Highway E in front of the school. Busses cannot drop children off if there are so many cars blocking their way. Reminder: we do not have supervision until 7:35 a.m. Please do not drop off prior to 7:35 a.m. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy.

Inservice – Early Dismissal 12:15 p.m.

Students in Grades Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be dismissed on **Friday, October 7** at **12:15 p.m.** due to an afternoon Teacher/Staff Inservice.

Fundraising Reminders

Target-Take Charge of Education – Our school receives 1% of all purchases. When you open an account you receive 10% of an entire day of shopping at your favorite Target store. You can pick up an application form at any Target store or you can call 1-800-316-6142.

Box Tops for Education – Attach only NON-EXPIRED box tops to the sheet and return to your child's homeroom teacher. The monies go toward all-school assemblies and the classroom collecting the most BOX TOPS will receive a special reward! You can submit box tops that have been cut out in snack ziplock bags too.



Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Monday, October 31**. Please follow the guidelines for costume attire. Freedom Elementary School is nut/peanut free, so do not send items to school that contain nuts. All food items brought to school need to be wrapped in the original package.



COSTUME ATTIRE:

1. Students may come to school dressed in an appropriate costume.
2. Students may not wear masks on the bus or during class. However they can during the class party.
3. Props should not be any kind of a weapon.
4. Students need to be able to see and walk without tripping on their costumes.

Picture Re-take Day

If your child was absent during Picture day, in September, there will be a re-take day on **Wednesday, November 2**. Re-take pictures are only free if the photo company caused a flaw in the picture.



Food Service Department

On October 13, to help celebrate Farm to School Month and National School Lunch Week, Freedom Elementary School will be participating in the “Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch”. The school district will source apples directly from **Hofacker’s Hillside Orchard** to CRUNCH that day as well as serve in each of our cafeterias.



On October 13 all 730 students and staff will CRUNCH an apple from Hofacker’s at the same time!!

There are over 100 events planned with over 150,000 people throughout Wisconsin expected to CRUNCH on a locally grown apple that day!!!



**Title I Parent Meeting
Room 016B
2:15 pm and 5:30 pm
Monday, October 3, 2016**

Welcome to Student Council

Our Student Council is made up of students in grades 4 & 5 who represent all homerooms grades 4K-5. We have monthly meetings to plan school-wide activities and community outreach programs.

Examples of Student Council projects are: Food Pantry Collection, School Store, Community Fundraisers, Spirit Days, Memory Book and others.

The advisors for the 2016-2017 school year are: Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Marquardt Co-Coordinators, Mrs. Kurkiewicz, Ms. Arndt, Mrs. Van Rooy, Mrs. Braun, and Mrs. DeGroot.

Congratulations to the Student Council representatives elected recently. They are Abbie Cropsey, Ameila Delany, Cate Fisher, Hailey Gloudemans, Alicen Gonnering, Grace Graf, Laken Greiner, Breana Griesbach, Gabby Jackels, Kyla Knorr, Avery Lang, Lydia Merrick, Alexis Process, Kirsten Rose, Kirsten Runyon, Isabell Shields, Savannah Skenandore, Trentin Volovsek, Ben Wagner, and Eva Wall-Perkins. Officers elected in May: President – Lily Mannebach, Vice-President – Cassie Wait, Secretary – Derek Huse, Treasurer – Gracie Don Carlos.

**School Store (Open beginning October 10)
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Lobby**



Substitute Playground Supervisors

We are in need of Substitute Playground Supervisors for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in being on our Substitute Playground Supervisor list, please contact the office for more information.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Our first meeting of the year was held on Sept. 19. Thank you to all who attended and gave great input! See our website for full meeting notes.

PAC will be giving the students a treat on Oct. 5 and 6 for our Student Appreciation Day!

The first paper recycling drive is currently running through Oct. 3. We currently have about \$5,000 from the past few years of paper drives. We are still looking for nature themed ideas to put this money towards.

We will be setting up potluck staff conferences meals. This allows staff a chance to grab a quick bite to eat on those busy nights. If you signed up to volunteer you will be receiving an email.

PAC will be creating a voluntary student directory. You will be receiving information regarding how to add your student's information. If you choose to participate, please have information submitted by Oct. 14.

PAC officers will be attending the Oct. Staff meeting to serve sundaes and present \$100 gift vouchers to the staff to use for educational items in their classrooms.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Oct. 17 at 6:00 pm in Room 22 (Art Room). Free babysitting is provided by the Freedom High School National Honor Society. We would love to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at 920-851-3266 or aelenhardt@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook at: Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee) Follow us at our website: www.freedompac.org



Bullying Awareness: Unity Day--Wear Orange

Unity Day is quickly approaching and with the school-wide goal of ending bullying behavior, students are encouraged to **WEAR ORANGE** on **Wednesday, October 19**. Let's Make It Orange and Make It End!



Freedom Elementary School's Parent Activity Committee~ PAC, purchased a Gaga Pit for our 3-5 playground over the summer. Students are enjoying the new recess activity. Thank you to all the parents that supported our PAC fundraisers last year which allowed us to get the Gaga Pit along with many other items! Watch for other posts coming soon of students with PAC purchased items. Thank you PAC for all the support at Freedom Elementary School!