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October 2017 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Paper Recycling
Sept. 18-Oct. 2
- Fall Conferences
October 4 & 5
K-5 3:30-6:45pm
4K 8:00am-6:45pm
- Book Fair in Library
October 4 & 5
3:30-6:45pm
- Early Dismissal
Oct. 6 12:15pm
Staff Inservice
- Picture Retake Day
October 11
- Conference Break
Oct. 27
- 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!

First and Second grade will begin the 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.

Conference Scheduling and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. The conference window will be open until October 2 at 9:00 am. Conferences are October 4 & 5. They are 3:30-6:45 pm for Kindergarten through Grade 5 and 8:00 am – 6:45 pm for 4Kindergarten.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 4** and **Thursday, October 5 from 3:30 – 6:45 in the elementary library**. This event is held on the same nights as **Parent-Teacher Conferences**. Please come visit us and find some great books for your children! This fundraiser helps us to purchase more books, AV and library supplies. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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. If you do not provide a doctor's note, it will be considered an absence within your 10 day limit.

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. Please wait by the gym when you pick your child up at the end of the day. The doors open up at 3:00 pm.

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 over 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 6 at 12:15 p.m.** due to an afternoon Teacher/Staff Inservice.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week – Your **future** is Key – so stay drug free! Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27, 2017.

October 23 – Kick-off – Wear Red

October 24 –Future Day - Dress up as the occupation they would like to be when they grow up

October 25 – Unity Day – Wear Orange

October 26 – School Spirit – Wear Freedom Colors



Bullying Awareness: Unity Day--Wear Orange

UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion on Wednesday, October 25. Make it ORANGE and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color ORANGE on Unity Day. That's the day everyone can come together – in schools communities, and online – and send one large ORANGE message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Tuesday, 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.
5. No clown costumes

Picture Re-take Day

If your child was absent during Picture day, in September, there will be a re-take day on **Wednesday, October 11**. Re-take pictures are only free if the photo company caused a flaw in the picture.



**Title I Parent Meeting
Room 016B
2:15 pm and 6:00 pm
Monday, October 2, 2017**

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 and others.

The advisors for the 2017-2018 school year are: Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Marquardt Co-Coordinators, Ms. Kurkiewicz, Ms. Arndt, Mrs. Van Rooy, Mrs. Braun, and Mrs. Touchet.

The Student Council Officers for the school year are: Abbie Cropsey-President, Laken Greiner-Vice-President, Alicen Gonnering- Secretary, Kirsten Rose- Treasurer.

**School Store (Open beginning October 9)
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Cafeteria**

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books for the 2017-2018 school year is under way. This activity encourages reading enthusiasm but also gives students who love to read an activity that they can participate and flourish in with other students that enjoy reading.

Battle of the Books is a competition with teams of readers who try and answer the most questions correctly about the different books on the selected list. Any fourth or fifth grade student is eligible to participate. Students will be bringing a permission slip home.

The school battle competition will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.



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.



Freedom Area School District

The Freedom Area School District is also seeking individuals for substitute support staff positions throughout the District. We are looking for substitutes in the following positions in the district: Custodial, Classroom/Special Education Aides, Playground Supervisors, Kitchen Staff, and Secretarial.

If interested in subbing in any position, please fill out a district application from the Freedom Area School District website at:

<http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/APPLICATION1.pdf>

For more information or if you have any additional questions, please contact the District Office at 920-788-7944

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Our first meeting of the year was held on September 18. Thank you to all who attended and gave great input! See our website for full meeting notes.

We will be coordinating a Family Night at Funset Boulevard on October 26. The \$5.00 wristbands will give you unlimited use of bumper cars, playground, carousel, train and laser tag. Wristbands must be purchased prior to event. Look for a flyer and order form soon.

PAC will be giving the students a treat on October 4 and 5 for our Student Appreciation Day!

The first paper recycling drive is currently running through October 2. We currently have about \$7,200 from the past few years. We are beginning discussions on building a new outdoor classroom with the funds.

We will be setting up a potluck for staff meals for conferences on October 4 and 5. This allows staff a chance to grab a quick bite to eat on those busy nights. A huge thank you to everyone who signed up to help!

PAC will be creating a voluntary student directory. This is a great way to get information for playdates, party invitations, etc. Use the following link to submit information <https://goo.gl/forms/XtlHrf18gpgqnlAB3>. If you choose to participate, please have information submitted by October 5. A directory will be given to the families that participate.

PAC officers will be attending the October 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. 16 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

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