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October 2018 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Paper Recycling
Sept. 17-Oct. 1
- Fall Conferences
October 24 & 25
K-5 3:30-6:45pm
- Book Fair in Library
October 24 & 25
3:30-6:45pm
- No School
Conference Break
Oct. 26
- No School
Teacher Inservice
Oct. 29
- Masquerade Band
Assembly October 31
- Picture Retake Day
Nov. 1

Reminder to turn in
your Reading
Calendar

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 parents that drop off and/or pick up for their patience. It really is for the child(ren)'s safety!

4Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First, and Second grades 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 23 at 9:00 am. Conferences are October 24 & 25. They are 3:30-6:45 pm for 4Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 24** and **Thursday, October 25 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.

Reminder:

Parents need to send a note or call **before 2:00 p.m.** if there is a change to pick up for your children.

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.



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.

No School

Students do not have school on **Friday, October 26** for Conference Break and on **Monday, October 29** for Teacher/Staff Inservice.

Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Red Ribbon Week – Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free. Red Ribbon Week Celebration is October 16-19, 2018.

October 16 – “R E a D y for Red Ribbon Week” – Wear Red

October 17 – “My future is bright – Drug Free” – Wear College/Career clothes

October 18 – “Follow Your Dreams” – Pajama Day

October 19 – “Together FES can say NO to Drugs” - School spirit clothes



Physical Education News

In Physical Education we held the first ever Freedom Ninja Warrior contest. Students had to complete obstacles on both playgrounds and had a long run in between. Each student in second through fifth grade attempted the course one time. There was a boy and girl champion at each grade level. Winners are pictured: 2nd grade - Alexis Krull, Sebastian Davis, 3rd grade - Jovie Smith, Rex Lancaster, 4th grade - Gabby Hambel, Braden Process, and overall champions were: Selena Hansel and Nolan Phillips.



Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Wednesday, 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 **Thursday, November 1**. Re-takes are only free if the photo company caused a flaw in the picture.



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 2018-2019 school year are: Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Marquardt Co-Coordinators, Ms. Kurkiewicz, Mrs. Van Rooy, Mrs. Braun, and Mrs. Touchet.

The Student Council Officers for the school year are: Colby Van Hoof-President, Breana Dickrell-Vice-President, Ashlyn Wisneski-Secretary, Sophia Johnson-Treasurer.

School Store (Open beginning October 3)
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Cafeteria



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.



Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a reading competition in which teams of 3-4 students in fourth and fifth grades read 20 books and then test their knowledge of those books by answering 25 questions and comparing their correct answers with other teams at the end of January. The team that wins the Freedom Elementary School Battle will go on to compete with other Elementary Schools in the State competition a few weeks later in February on those same books. Students are expected to form their own teams and then sign up in with Mrs. Zick by the end of this month. You may check out one book at a time from Mrs. Zick after you have turned in your permission slip. If you would like to take part in this competition, see Mrs. Zick in Room 212 to get your permission slip and a book list. Please see her after you have formed your team so that you can put your team down on your slip.



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



Positive Dog Award

Mrs. Northam, Fourth Grade Teacher, received the Positive Dog Award from Ms. Hauser at the PBS Assembly in September. One staff member receives this award each month for displaying positive behaviors. Congratulations Mrs. Northam!



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Our first meeting of the year was held on September 17. Thank you to all who attended and gave great input! See our website for full meeting notes.

Our Spirit Wear Sale ends October 4. Items will be sent home with students unless noted. We are hoping to have those orders and ones too large to go home with students ready for pick up during conferences.

PAC will be giving the students a treat on October 3 and 4 for our Student Appreciation Day!

The first paper recycling drive is currently running through October 1. We are putting the previously saved and this year's funds towards our outdoor classroom project. While it is still a work in progress, we were able to have the classroom construction phase completed with the paper funds, monies from previous fundraisers and the generous donations from the Freedom Elementary Student Council, families and area companies. More information will be coming as we continue the process. Thank you for all of your support!

We will be setting up potluck meals at parent/teacher conferences on October 24 and 25. This allows staff a chance to grab a quick bite to eat on those busy nights. An email will be coming with a sign up attached.

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/SeIORIFdhdKmTVRF3> If you choose to participate, please have information submitted by October 5. If you previously filled out a form and would no longer like to be a part of it please email Freedompac1@gmail.com by October 5. Directories will be given to families that participated.

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 October 15 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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