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October 2019 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Plastic Recycling
Now through April 17
- Picture Retake Day
Oct. 9
- Fall Conferences
October 17 & 22
K-5 3:30-6:45pm
- Book Fair in Library
October 17 & 22
3:30-6:45pm
- No School
Teacher Inservice
Oct. 24
- No School
Conference Break
Oct. 25
- Masquerade Band
Assembly October 31

Reminder to turn in
your Reading
Calendar



Principal's Corner

The first month of school has flown by this year. Students are getting back into the school routine.

We would like to welcome Ms. Shannon Diedrick, first-grade teacher, to the office as our Interim Associate Principal until November 7, 2019. She will be covering for Mrs. Schmeltzer while she is out on maternity leave. Mrs. Lerum will be subbing in first grade for Ms. Diedrick. Also, starting in October at FES will be new staff member Gus, School Therapy Dog. As you know he will be working with Mrs. VanderHeiden, School counselor (formally Ms. Hauser). If you haven't returned the permission form, please do so as soon as possible.

We have a few special days in October so take time to review the calendar. The week of October 14, student council will be hosting a penny war to raise money for the Richard Kranz family that suffered a significant fire at their home. The Kranz family has four young children in which three currently attend Freedom Elementary School. We thank our student council for organizing this drive. 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 email information home weekly. Please make sure your email is current. If you need to update it, call the elementary office at 920-788-7950.

Conference Scheduling and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. The conference window will be open beginning October 9 until October 16 at 9:00 am. Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 17 & 22. They are 3:30-6:45 pm for 4Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the **Scholastic Book Fair** which will be held in the library on **Thursday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 22 from 3:30-6:45. (Parent-Teacher Conferences are also held during this time.)** Our Book Fair gives you the opportunity to buy quality books and products at affordable prices. What better way to get your children excited about reading! Also, watch for the book fair flyer which will go home with your child. This flyer offers a preview on great book deals and bestsellers the book fair offers.

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 **Thursday, October 24** for Teacher/Staff Inservice and on **Friday, October 25** for Conference Break.

Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Red Ribbon Week – “Send a Message. Stay Drug Free”. Red Ribbon Week Celebration is October 28-November 1, 2019.

October 28 – Kick off – Wear Red

October 29 – Take a stand for a Drug Free land – Wear red/white/blue

October 30 – I'm Too Bright for Drugs – Wear bright/neon colors

October 31 – Scare Drugs Away – wear Halloween costume

November 1 – Team up against Drugs – Wear Freedom Colors or favorite sports attire



Bullying Awareness: Unity Day – Wear Orange

UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion on Wednesday, October 23. 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.

Student Council Penny Wars

Student Council will be having Penny Wars October 14-18 to support a local family who recently had a fire and lost their home. Please bring your pennies to school and put them in the coordinating buckets before school on these days.

Lost Key

There may be someone who lost a key at our Open House in August. If you lost a key, please call the office to identify it at 920-788-7950.

Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Thursday, 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 August, there will be a re-take day on **Wednesday, October 9**. 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 2019-2020 school year are: Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Marquardt Co-Coordinators, Ms. Kurkiewicz, Mrs. Braun, and Mrs. Touchet.

The Student Council Officers for the school year are: Addam B.-President, Brooklyn G.-Vice-President, Gracie B. and Calli M.-Secretary, Valeria A. and Mia R.-Treasurer.

School Store (Open beginning in October)
Tuesday and Friday
7:45 - 8:00 a.m.



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 – You may now scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase and fill in the scan date and earnings from the receipt or 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. Braun, Second Grade Teacher, received the Positive Dog Award at the PBS Assembly in September. One staff member receives this award each month for displaying positive behaviors. Congratulations Mrs. Braun!



PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

Get your Freedom Spirit Wear! Our Spirit Wear Sale ends Oct. 15. Items will be sent home with students unless noted on the order form or the order is too large. We are looking for volunteers to help sort orders and items when they come in. Please contact freedompac1@gmail.com if able to help.

We will be setting up potluck meals at parent/teacher conferences this month. 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. We will also need volunteers to help the library set up the book fair on Oct. 14/15. Please contact freedompac1@gmail.com if able to help.

PAC will be giving the students a treat on Oct. 15 and 16 for our Student Appreciation Day!

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://forms.gle/GvhB7ATRMxNFaxYM6>. If you choose to participate, please have information submitted by Oct. 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 Oct. 7. Directories will be given to families that participated.

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.

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Badger Sports Night on November 7. Please see flyer.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Oct. 21 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 email freedompac1@gmail.com

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