



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

August/September 2023 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- August 30  
Open House  
3:30-5:30
- August 30  
Title I  
Informational  
Meeting Library  
4:00 and 5:00
- September 4  
No School
- September 5  
First Student  
Day
- September 6  
4K Mon/Wed  
First Day
- September 8  
4K Mon/Wed  
Has school
- September 22  
Early Dismissal  
Staff Inservice

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FREE School.**



## Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year.

On behalf of the staff, I want to extend a special Freedom WELCOME to all our new students across the grades and their families joining our learning community here at Freedom Elementary School. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff members; each individual offers something special for our students in the school.

Mrs. Katie Wichman-Grade 2  
Mrs. Megan Reif-Grade 3  
Mrs. Jenny Wisneski-Grade 5  
Mrs. Stephanie Zwiers-Grade 5

Mrs. Tara Olk-Learning Specialist  
Ms. Rylee Schmitt-Learning Specialist  
Mrs. Chelsa Smith-Learning Specialist

Our new support staff members are Mrs. Shawn Mueller-Paraprofessional and Ms. Kathy VerBoort-Paraprofessional.

Our grade level change is: Mrs. Sacia Williams to Grade 5.

We are excited for another great year at Freedom Elementary School.



## Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure

### Student Drop Off Starts at 7:35 am.

Please continue to utilize the car drop offline in the morning. Parents need to pull as far forward as possible before unloading. If possible, students should exit the vehicle from the passenger side. Students will enter through the main doors of the school. If you choose to park, please walk your child to the door. Thank you for your patience with the morning drop off. Remember students should not exit vehicles before **7:35 am**.

### Student Pick Up-

Please remember we DO NOT have a pickup line at the end of the day. You need to park **legally** in the parking lot or on the primary playground past the shed. Parents need to come to the pickup area to collect their child(ren). The playground parking will open at 2:50 pm for additional parking. Please plan accordingly.

## School Hours

The school day begins at **8:00 a.m.** for Freedom Elementary School. Students should be in class and ready to learn by 7:55 a.m. All children must be dismissed through the school office if leaving outside of our normal dismissal time. We ask parents to come into the office and ask the secretaries to call their child to the office. This is done for the safety of every child at Freedom Elementary School. Dismissal for students is at 3:05 p.m.



## **Open House Schedule August 30, 2023**

<b>3:30pm to 5:30pm</b>	<b>Classroom Visits</b> Meet your teacher Drop off your school supplies
<b>3:30pm to 5:30pm</b>	<b>Gymnasium- Information tables</b> Registration station if did not complete online Pay School Fees (Lobby) Purchase Assignment Notebook Gr. 2-5/Purchase Quick-Word Gr. 3 Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts FES PAC- (Parent Activity Committee)
<b>4:00pm and 5:00pm</b>	<b>Library with Mrs. Osowski, Associate Principal</b> Title I Informational Parent Meeting-optional with our District and FES Reading Specialists

## **Picture Day – District Photographer – Harmann Studios**

Freedom Elementary School’s Picture Day was held during District Registration on August 8.

All students will have their picture taken. Families do not have to purchase picture packets. Online ordering Information was emailed out.

Picture retake day will be on September 27.



## **Registration and Fees**

Registration was done on-line again this year. Please contact the elementary office if you haven’t completed it and need assistance. Please take care of any outstanding balances. Milk Break for 4K is \$25.00 and milk break for K-5 is \$50.00.



## **Related Arts Schedule**

The related arts schedule will be Monday - Friday. Related Arts classes include Art, Library, Music, Physical Education and Technology. Homeroom teachers will let you know which day has what related arts class for each child.

## **Lunch**

Lunches for students in 4K through grade 1 will cost \$2.55. Students in grades 2 through 5 the cost will be \$2.65. Reduced lunches cost \$0.40.

Breakfast prices are \$1.35. Reduced breakfast prices are \$.35. Breakfast is available before school until 8:00 am.

If your student brings a lunch from home and needs a milk, the family account will be charged \$0.35.

If you’re struggling to pay for meals, we encourage you to fill out an application for free and reduced-price lunch. These applications are posted in the foodservice tab on the district website.

## **NUTRITIOUS SNACKS & NUT/PEANUT FREE ZONE**

The School Health/Wellness Policy adopted by the Freedom Area School District is promoting healthy nutrition. Families are asked to send nutritious snacks. Please refer to the district website for many peanut/nut free options and school policy/guidelines. The district website is: [www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us).



**Please Note:** Freedom Elementary School is a nut/peanut free school. Do not send any homemade baked treats, only send fruit or packaged items that do not contain nuts/peanuts; see link for examples, <https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/school-nutrition.cfm>. Purchased goods or store bought may be baked in factories that use peanut products. **Any baked or purchased baked goods will have to be sent back home, please do not send/bring them to school.** This is due to many students who have severe allergies to nuts/peanuts. Thank you for your support with the wellness issue.

## **FES is a Schoolwide Title School**

**What does this mean?** It means that at FES we expect students to have high levels of achievement. We have professionally trained educators and paraprofessional staff along with resources to give additional support to those most in need. We regularly monitor student growth and create and implement plans to support student improvement.

### **TITLE I COMPACT**

Freedom Elementary School recognizes that student achievement is best promoted through a strong home and school partnership. A team approach is critical in guaranteeing academic success for all students. The school district's Title I program, in partnership with students, teachers, and principals, parents, and families, asks for your commitment to the goals outlined below.

- Please note this was signed when online registration was completed for your child.

#### **Student Goal:**

- I will attend school regularly and be on time.
- I will do my best in class and on my school work.
- I will ask for help when I don't understand something.
- I will come prepared each day (supplies, books, completed work).
- I will keep a positive attitude towards self, others, school and learning.
- I will discuss with my parents what I am learning about in school.
- I will read frequently at home.
- I will practice being a responsible digital citizen when using technology.

#### **Parent Goal:**

- I will ensure that my child attends school regularly and is on time.
- I will provide enough time and an environment at home that allows my child to complete school work and/or study at home.
- I will encourage my child to do his/her best work.
- I will be aware of my child's progress by attending conferences and requested meetings, monitoring homework, checking schoolwork and communicating with school staff.
- I will reinforce to my child the importance of respect for self and others when face to face with peers or when online.

#### **Teacher/School Goal:**

- I will be a positive role model.
- I will provide a positive learning environment that builds self-esteem and academic knowledge where students can be successful.
- I will maintain high expectations for myself and the students.
- I will communicate and work with families to support student learning.
- I will promote being a responsible digital citizen.
- I will show respect to parents, students and family situations.
- I will encourage good reading habits and study skills.

## Newsletters

Freedom Elementary School publishes a monthly newsletter that will be published only online. The newsletter may be read at [www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us) and click on Elementary School, Newsletters.

You will be notified by email when the newsletter is ready to view. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date. Paper copies are available in the office for those who wish to pick one up.

## Fox Cities Marathon-Kids Fun Run

For over 15 years Freedom Elementary School has participated in the Fox Cities Marathon – Kids Fun Run. Our school has won over \$9,000 for Physical Education equipment from having the most students participate.

Your student will be bringing home more information regarding the fun run during the first week of school. Simply go to the website and sign your child up. The run is Friday, September 15 at the Fox Cities Stadium. Your child can run the Mini-Dash at 5:45 pm, the ¼ mile race around the warning track at 6:30 pm, or the ½ mile race around the warning track two times at 7:00 pm.

Registration includes a medal and a t-shirt, plus a goodie bag. There are always many more activities to do before or after the race too, including refreshments, carnival games, and mascots to visit. It is a great night of family fun. Come join us!!

## School Store

Here is the link to the school store for Freedom Apparel . <https://fasdstore.itemorder.com/>

There will be sizes available to look at during Open House on August 30 from 3:30-5:30pm.



## Substitutes Needed

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:

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/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

The PAC has chosen a winner for the 5th grade t-shirt design! There were many great entries but Evy's tie dye idea was voted best! Her shirt design will be available in youth sizes in our Spirit Wear Sale. There will be more information to come on that Fundraiser. Thank you to all that entered!

Please see the attached flyer for more information about our PAC (Parent Activity Committee).

### FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BYLAWS AND POLICES

To access the district policies go to:

[www.neola.com/freedom-wi](http://www.neola.com/freedom-wi)

OR

[www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us)

and click on the district bylaws and policies link



# Happy Fall





# JOIN THE PAC!

Freedom Elementary Parent Activity (PAC) Committee is our school's PTA/PTO. The PAC meets eight times during the school year to plan activities, fundraise and support school needs. There is no attendance requirement to be involved with PAC—any parent/ grandparent/staff can be involved as little or as much as they'd like.

## IN THE PAST YEARS THE PAC HAS:

- Purchased flexible seating and other classroom needs
- Set up and provided staff meals for conferences and teacher appreciation week
- Provided reimbursements to each teacher to use for classroom items
- Coordinated student appreciation gifts and treats
- Hosted Family Fun Nights and School Dances for FES students
- Set up Teacher Wish Lists and Student Directory
- Sponsored activities such as Artist in Residence and Family Bake Off
- Coordinated School Fundraisers including Spirit Wear, Cookie Dough Fundraiser, etc.
- Donated money to the Guided Reading and PBS programs
- Sponsored the 5th Grade Promotion

## CURRENT PAC OFFICERS:

Co-Presidents: Mary Chapin  
Kris Lamers  
Vice-President: Sarah Kranski  
Treasurer: Missy Baneck

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 5:30 PM in the Teacher's Lounge at Freedom Elementary School. There is no meeting in December. Free childcare provided during meetings by Freedom High School's National Honor Society.

## SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

9/18; 10/16; 11/20; 1/15; 2/19; 3/18; 4/15; 5/20

Contact us at [freedompac1@gmail.com](mailto:freedompac1@gmail.com)

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# September 2023

## FREEDOM ELEMENTARY STUDENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			August 30 Open House 3:30-5:30		1	2 
	3 	4 Labor Day No School	5 First Student Day	6 4K Mon/Wed First Student Day	7	8 4K Mon/Wed Have class <i>Irish Pride Day</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>International Dot Day-Wear Dots</i>
16	17	18 PAC Meeting 5:30	19 Talk Like A Pirate Day	20	21 Gr. 4 (Northam, Verhagen, 1/2 Ment.) to Madison	22 Child Development Day 8:00-12:00 Early Release 12:15 Staff Inservice Irish Day-Wear Green and Gold
23	24	25	26	27 Picture Retake Day	28 Gr. 4 (Maronek, Jakl, 1/2 Menting) to Madison	29 <i>Read A Shirt Day</i>
30 						

# Freedom Elementary School Menu

## September 2023

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\*menu subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30</p>				<p>1</p> <p><b>No School</b></p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>No School</b></p>	<p>5 <b>Chicken Strips</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>6 <b>Hamburger</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>7 <b>Chicken Patty</b> W/Rice Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>8 <b>Hot Dog</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>
<p>11 <b>Diced Chicken &amp; Gravy</b> Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>12 <b>Sloppy Joe Melt</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>13 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>14 <b>Salisbury Steak</b> Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>15 <b>Mini Corn Dogs</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>
<p>18 <b>Popcorn Chicken</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>19 <b>Nacho Meat over Tostadas</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>20 <b>BBQ Rib Patty w/Mashed</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>21 <b>Chicken Tacos</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>22 <b>Bag Lunch</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>
<p>25 <b>Chicken Strips</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>26 <b>Hamburger</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>27 <b>Beef Taco</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>28 <b>Diced Chicken &amp; Gravy</b> Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p>29 <b>Spaghetti w/Meatballs</b> Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk</p>