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August/September 2024 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- August 29
Open House
3:30-5:30
- August 29
Title I Informational
Meeting Library
4:00 and 5:00
- September 2
No School
- September 3
First Student Day
- September 4
4K Mon/Wed
First Day
- September 6
4K Mon/Wed
Has school
- September 27
Early Dismissal
Staff Inservice

Continue to save or
enroll in
**Box Tops for
Education**

We are a **NUT
FREE** School. **NO**
Homemade or
Store/Bakery
Bought Goods
(unless there is a
"Made in a nut-
free facility"
sticker)



Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2024-25 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. Sarah Johnson-Grade 1

Mrs. Amanda Johnson -Reading Interventionist/Literacy Coach

Ms. Tina St. Charles – Reading Tutor

Ms. Nicole Van Handel-Learning Specialist

Mr. Logan Wilson – Food Service Director

Our new support staff members are Mrs. Cassey Vandermissen-Paraprofessional

We have two support staff changes: Mrs. Stephanie Garvey to Library Aide, Ms. Marissa Kortz to Computer Assistant

Our grade level change is: Mrs. Natalie Franke to Reading Interventionist/Literacy Coach.

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 29, 2024

3:30pm to 5:30pm	Classroom Visits Meet your teacher Drop off your school supplies
3:30pm to 5:30pm	Gymnasium- Information tables Registration station if did not complete online Pay School Fees (Lobby) Purchase Assignment Notebook Gr. 2-5/Purchase Quick-Word Gr. 3 Girl Scouts FES PAC- (Parent Activity Committee)
4:00pm and 5:00pm	Library with Mrs. Osowski, Associate Principal 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 13.

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 30.



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.



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. Please click on the link for Free & Reduced lunch application and instructions. <https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/free-reduced.cfm> These applications are also posted in the foodservice tab on the district website.

Lunch menus are located on the school website. Click on the link to view menus.

<https://www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us/district/lunch-menus.cfm>.

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.

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 unless there is a "Made in a nut-free facility" sticker on.** 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 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 16 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 20 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://kennyroseboutique.com/collections/2024-2025-fasd-school-store>

There will be sizes available to look at during Open House on August 29 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.

FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BYLAWS AND POLICES

To access the district policies go to:

www.neola.com/freedom-wi

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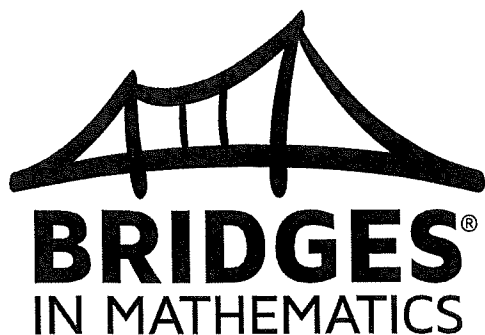
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and click on the district bylaws and policies link



Happy Fall





How Will My Child Learn Math This Year?

Your child's classroom will use Bridges in Mathematics second edition, a comprehensive curriculum for grades K–5. Bridges is a rigorous program designed to address the new math standards in a way that's enjoyable and accessible to all learners.

The curriculum focuses on developing in students a deep understanding of math concepts, proficiency with key skills, and the ability to solve new and complex problems. Learning activities tap into the intelligence and strengths all students have by presenting mathematically powerful material alive with language, pictures, and movement.

Students in a Bridges classroom talk about math, describe observations, explain methods, and ask questions. They are encouraged to find multiple ways to solve problems and show different ways of thinking. This is a vital way to help students build more flexible and efficient ways to solve increasingly complex problems. Hands-on activities engage them in exploring, developing, testing, discussing, and applying mathematical concepts.

How can families help?

Visit the Support for Families page on the Math Learning Center website, where you will find:

- Unit overviews that explain what your child will be learning
- Tips for helping your child with homework
- Links to more information about each grade level of Bridges
- Links to additional resources, including books and free online games

Support for Families
mathlearningcenter.org/families

How Is the Program Structured?

Bridges features a combination of whole-group, small-group, and independent activities that are problem centered.

Problems & Investigations

Problems & Investigations often begin with a problem posed to the whole class. Students think and work independently or talk in pairs before sharing and comparing strategies and solutions as a whole class. The teacher monitors and guides the class discussion to make sure that students understand important mathematical concepts.

Work Places

Work Places are engaging math exploration activities that reinforce key skills. The teacher observes and interacts to address students' need for support and enrichment.

Number Corner

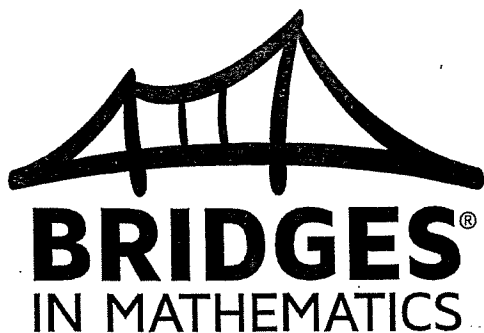
Number Corner is a skill-building program that revolves around the classroom calendar and gives students an active role. They receive daily practice as well as steady encounters with broader mathematical concepts.

Homework

Home Connections assignments are sent home at the discretion of your child's teacher. At times, your child may bring home math games or activities for you to enjoy together, but the main role for parents is not to teach but to guide your student and take an interest in their work. You'll be receiving Unit Overviews throughout the year that explain the math concepts the class is currently focused on and suggest specific ways you may support your child.



The MATH LEARNING CENTER



¿Cómo aprenderá matemáticas mi hijo este año?

La clase de su hijo utilizará Bridges in Mathematics segunda edición, un plan de estudios integral para los grados de K-5. Bridges es un programa riguroso diseñado para tratar los nuevos estándares matemáticos de manera que sea divertido y accesible para todos los educandos.

El plan de estudios se enfoca en el desarrollo en estudiantes con una comprensión profunda de los conceptos matemáticos, destreza con las habilidades clave y la capacidad para resolver problemas nuevos y complejos. Las actividades de aprendizaje aprovechan la inteligencia y fortaleza que tienen todos los estudiantes al presentar material matemáticamente potente con idioma, dibujos y movimiento.

Los estudiantes en una clase de Bridges hablan sobre las matemáticas, describen las observaciones, explican los métodos y hacen preguntas. Se les motiva a encontrar varias maneras de resolver problemas y mostrar diferentes maneras de razonamiento. Esta es una manera vital para ayudar a los estudiantes a generalizar maneras más flexibles y eficientes para resolver problemas que aumentan en complejidad. Las actividades prácticas los

¿Cómo pueden ayudar las familias?

Visite la página Apoyo para las familias en el sitio Web Math Learning Center, donde encontrará:

- Síntesis de las unidades que explican qué aprenderá su hijo
- Sugerencias para ayudar a su hijo con las tareas
- Enlaces a más información sobre cada nivel de grado de Bridges
- Enlaces a materiales de consulta adicionales, incluso libros y juegos gratuitos en línea

Apoyo para familias

mathlearningcenter.org/families

involucran en la exploración, desarrollo, pruebas, discusión y aplicación de conceptos matemáticos.

¿Cómo está estructurado el programa?

Bridges presenta una combinación de actividades de grupo entero, grupos pequeños y actividades independientes que se centran en un problema.

Problemas e investigaciones

Los problemas e investigaciones con frecuencia empiezan con un problema que se presenta a toda la clase. Los estudiantes piensan y trabajan de forma independiente o hablan en pares antes de compartir y comparar estrategias y soluciones como clase. El maestro supervisa y guía la discusión en clase para asegurarse de que los estudiantes comprendan los conceptos matemáticos importantes.

Work Places

Work Places son interesantes actividades de exploración matemática que refuerzan las habilidades clave. El maestro observa e interactúa para encargarse de la necesidad de los estudiantes de apoyo y enriquecimiento.

Number Corner

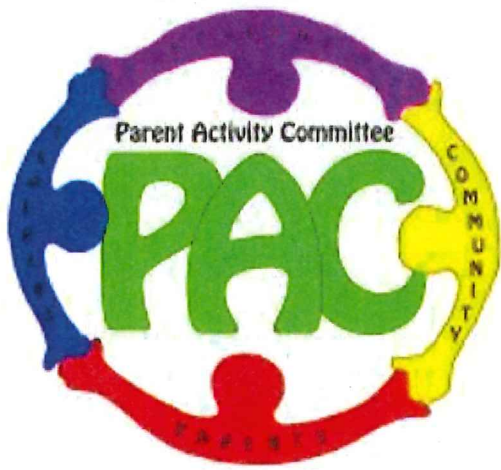
Number Corner es un programa de generación de habilidades que se desenvuelve alrededor de un calendario de clases y da a los estudiantes un papel activo. Reciben prácticas diarias así como también encuentros constantes con conceptos matemáticos más amplios.

Tarea

Las tareas Home Connections se envían a casa a discreción del maestro de su hijo. En algún momento, su hijo llevará a casa juegos o actividades matemáticas para que disfruten juntos, pero la función principal para los padres no es enseñar sino guiar a su estudiante y tomar interés en sus trabajos. Recibirá Síntesis de las unidades durante todo el año que explican los conceptos matemáticos en que actualmente se enfoca la clase y le sugieren maneras específicas para apoyar a su hijo.



The MATH LEARNING CENTER



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, Opera For The Young and Family Bake Off
- Coordinated School Fundraisers including Spirit Wear, Cookie Dough Fundraiser, etc.
- Donated money to the Guided Reading Program and Monthly PBS Assemblies
- Sponsored the 5th Grade Promotion

CURRENT PAC OFFICERS:

President: Mary Chapin
Vice-President: Katie Vander Loop
Treasurer: Sarah Kranski

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ME**



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PAC!

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:

9/16; 10/21; 11/18; 1/21; 2/17; 3/17; 4/21; 5/19

Contact us at freedompac1@gmail.com

"Like" us on Facebook: Freedom Elementary Parent Activity Committee P.A.C

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School Store

Use the below QR Code to
check out our 2024-2025
School Store designed by
Kenny Rose Boutique!
These are just a FEW of
the options available!!!



September 2024

Freedom Elementary School Student Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Thursday, Aug. 29 Open House 3:30-5:30	2 Labor Day No School	3 First Student Day	4 4K Mon/Wed first day	5	6 4K Mon/Wed has class	7 
8	9	10	11 Student Council Meeting during lunch	12	13 International Dot Day—Wear Dots	14
15	16 PAC Meeting 5:30	17	18	19 TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY 	20	21
22	23 Gr. 5 Conservation Field Days Fieldtrip	24	25	26	27 Irish Pride Day—Wear Green and Gold Early Release 12:15 Child Development Day NO EC Classes	28 
29	30 Picture Retake Day 					

Full student meal is \$1.35. Reduced Meal is \$0.35

Freedom Elementary School Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School - Labor Day!	3 Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice	4 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	5 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Orange	6 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
9 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	10 Double Chocolate Muffin Apple Juice	11 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Apple	12 Mini French Toast Orange	13 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal Banana
16 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal	17 Apple Cinnamon Muffin	18 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal	19 Banana Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar	20 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal
23 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal	24 Blueberry Muffin	25 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal	26 Mini French Toast	27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal
30 Cinnamon Toast Crunch/Cocoa Puffs/Trix Cereal				

Full student meal is \$2.55 for PK-1 & \$2.65 for 2-5 and a reduced price is \$0.40

Freedom Elementary School Lunch Menu - Sept

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School - Labor Day!	3 Hot Dog & Potato Chips	4 Waffles & Sausage Patty	5 Cheese Pizza	6 Strawberry Parfait with Granola & Hash Brown
	Seasoned Corn & Frozen Sidekick	Potato Wedges & Broccoli	Seasoned Carrots	Seasoned Green Beans
9 Orange Chicken with Brown Rice	10 Walking Beef Taco & Yellow Cake	11 French Toast & Sausage Patty	12 Pepperoni Pizza	13 Chicken Tenders
Seasoned Green Peas	Refried Beans	Tator Tots & Warm Apples	Seasoned Broccoli	French Fries & Seasoned Carrots
16 Breaded Chicken Sandwich	17 Pizza Dunkers & Chocolate Pudding	18 Pancakes & Sausage Patty	19 Cheese Pizza	20 Buttered Noodles & String Cheese
Sweet Potato Wedges & Cauliflower	Seasoned Corn	Potato Wedges & Carrots	Seasoned Green Beans	Seasoned Broccoli
23 Chicken Nuggets	24 Mini Corn Dogs and a Cookie	25 Waffles & Sausage Patty	26 Pepperoni Pizza	27 Early Release - Ham or Turkey Sandwich
French Fries & Seasoned Green Peas	Potato Wedges & Corn	Warm Apples	Seasoned Green Beans	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
30 Popcorn Chicken with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All meals include a full salad bar. We encourage students to try new things and eat as many fruits and vegetables as they would like! Freedom has unlimited fruits and vegetables included with all meals!			
Seasoned Corn				

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, two (2) vegetable side dishes, one (1) fruit side dish, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include skim white, 1% white and non-fat chocolate. Menu subject to change. Please contact Logan Wilson, Director of Dining Services 284-5570 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.