



# IRISH PRIDE PRESS

August/September 2018 Newsletter

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## Important dates:

- No School  
September 3
- School Begins  
September 4
- 4K (M-W) First  
Student Day  
September 5
- Picture Day  
4K-Grade 5  
September 26
- 4K Picture Day  
September 27  
and makeup  
day
- Paper Recycling  
Sept. 17–Oct. 1

Continue to save  
**Box Tops for  
Education**

We are a NUT  
FREE School.  
**No Homemade  
or Store  
Bought Baked  
Goods**



## Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2018-19 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. Mr. Lawsen Swick, Special Education; Mrs. Megan Rodriguez, 4Kindergarten; Mrs. Lori Lemerand, Clerical Assistant, and two grade level changes within the building are Mrs. Sarah Northam moved to Fourth Grade and Mrs. Amanda Susek moved to Kindergarten.

I am so excited for another great year at Freedom Elementary School. The newsletter contains information for the school year. Please take a few minutes to read through it to help you get the year off to a great start.



## Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure

As you may have seen by now, we have a new parking lot and security at the elementary school. With this construction, come changes to procedures. We now have a BUS/STAFF ONLY parking lot and a PARENT/GUEST (including handicap) parking lot. The two existing driveways are now TWO WAY- (enter and exit). The east entrance is for buses and staff only. The west entrance is for parents/guest/handicap parking. Included with the newsletter email, are specific drop off and pick up information with a diagram. This information will also be handed out and any questions answered at open house on Tuesday for 4K and Wednesday for K-5. We will be doing a car rider line for drop off. However, we will still do PARK and walk to pick up your child at the end of the day. One change will be that students will be picked up outside directly west of the main doors by grade level. (Similar to the summer school procedures) With our new secure entrance, our drop off and pick will occur outside. If a parent needs to see a teacher or drop off items, they will be asked to report to the office. The teacher will come to the office to speak to parents or to pick up dropped off items. Parents will not be allowed down to classrooms before school or after school until buses leave. On the first day of school, staff will be outside the main entrance to escort students to find their classrooms. We understand this is a change from what we have always done, but it really is a standard procedure in most schools. Please be patient as we move to the car rider line in the mornings. You need to read the information included with this email prior to the first day of school and/or open house.

## School Hours

The school day begins at **8:00 a.m.** for Freedom Elementary School. Students should be in class and ready to learn at 8:00 a.m. Announcements begin at 7:50 a.m. daily. Dismissal is at **3:05 p.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. The 4Kindergarten students attend Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday all day.

# Picture Day – District Photographer - Lifetouch

Freedom Elementary School's Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26. Note: The students attending 4Kindergarten on Tuesday and Thursday will have their pictures taken on Thursday, September 27. We will also do make-up pictures on September 27 for any students who were absent on September 26.



All students will have their picture taken. Families do not have to purchase picture packets. Picture fee information will be sent home later this month.

## On-line Registration

Registration was done on-line again this year. Please contact the elementary office if you haven't completed it and need assistance.

Thank you for your continued patience with this process.



## Physical Education News

Physical Education (Gym Class) has changed over the years. Mr. Lancaster and Mrs. Thews' mission is to improve physical literacy through a variety of challenging and fun activities for your child.

### *What is physical literacy?*

1. Character Development- Components of character development are: Respect, Sportsmanship, teamwork, and conflict resolution.
2. Physical Development- Components of physical development are: Technique/Skill building, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance.
3. Cognitive Development- Components of cognitive development are: Rules, strategy, scoring, and taking care of physical self.
4. Social Development- Components of social development are: Lowering stress/anxiety through social engagement, inclusion of others, a positive attitude, and effort.

It is our philosophy for kids to have fun while being physically active. We also believe that through games and activities we can help teach Freedom Elementary kids skills to be well-rounded individuals.

## RtI (Response to Intervention)

FASD believes in providing the highest quality of education for every student. Here is the information about a four-tiered instructional approach we are using to meet this goal, referred to as Response to Intervention (RtI). RtI grew out of the federal educational laws No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA).

For RtI, all students will participate in the core curriculum, with four levels (tiers) of instruction for students who demonstrate at-risk skills in reading and math. Each tier provides additional support beyond the core curriculum. All students will be assessed three times a year with the STAR Universal Screening tool to measure their progress to determine if they are performing at grade level.

\***Tier I** – Teachers will use differentiation strategies within the core curriculum to address individual student needs.

\***Tier II** – Based on progress data, students who are unsuccessful in Tier I will be provided supplemental research-based interventions matched to their needs. Students in Tier II will have their progress monitored in relation to grade-level expectations. Tier II levels of support are provided within the regular classroom.

\***Tier III** – Students who continue to struggle in Tier II will receive more intensive interventions at this level. After Tier III implementation, students who continue to display limited progress may then be considered for further evaluation and services.

\***Tier IV** – Referral for additional services provided by the Special Education Program.

Should your child be in need of Tier II or Tier III academic support, the interventions will be provided during WINN (What I Need Now) Time or outside of core instruction.

We realize that all students learn differently. We are committed to helping all students succeed. Therefore, we ask for your support in implementing this four-tiered approach to meet the academic needs of your child along with all students in our school. For additional information on RtI, please visit our state RtI website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/rti/>. As always, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal if you have questions or concerns.

# Food Service and Lunch Prices

Family Food Service account information and e-mail notification may be available through the Food Service module of the District's Student Management System. Parents wishing their students not to participate in the Food Service program must do so in writing. Family Food Service accounts that fall below -\$30.00 may be suspended. Contact Mr. Weis, at 788-7950 ext. 3301 with any questions.

We invite you to eat lunch with your children at any time, during the school year. Elementary Student Lunch Price: **4K-1 \$2.35, Gr. 2-5 \$2.45** and an Adult Lunch Price is **\$3.45**. Adults need to either purchase lunch tickets in the school office before they join their child for lunch or you may use your family account. Please have exact change, as the office carries no cash.

# 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 and birthday treats. 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. Purchased goods or store bought may be baked in factories that use peanut products. Please read the container package for this information. **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.

# 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.

# Welcome Back from the PAC (Parent Activity Committee)

PAC is Freedom Elementary School's parent group. We sponsor school-wide events to enrich student life at Freedom Elementary, raise money for our school and promote family fun! Some of our events include:

- All-School Sock Hop and Family Fun Night
- Brain Bowl (grades 4K through grade 2)
- Paper Recycling Drives and Fundraisers
- Coordinating the Teacher Wish List
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade end of year promotion
- Purchasing items for the school and classroom
- Student and Staff Appreciation Days
- Providing a Student Directory
- Sponsoring Artist-in-Residence and assemblies



PAC meets the third Monday of every month (no meeting in December) at 6:00 p.m. in the Art Room to plan activities, pitch new ideas and address general questions about our school. There is no attendance requirement to be involved with PAC—any parent/grandparent can be involved as little or as much as they'd like. We welcome you to come to any meeting!

Mark your calendar for our first PAC meeting of the school year. You can also stay up-to-date with PAC by subscribing to the website [www.freedompac.org](http://www.freedompac.org) or joining Freedom Elementary PAC on Facebook.

**First PAC meeting: Monday, September 17, 6:00 pm in the Art Room at Freedom Elementary School, Room # 22**

Free child care is provided by Freedom High School National Honor Society students during our meetings.

*Erin Lenhardt, PAC President*

## FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BYLAWS AND POLICES

To access the district policies go to:  
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