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February 2022 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- Feb. 13
Last day to order
Wisconsin Herd
Freedom Family
Night tickets
- Feb. 16
4K-Grade 5
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
3:30-6:30
- Feb. 17
No School
Staff Inservice
- Feb. 17
Child Development
Day Screening
- Feb. 18
No School
Conference Break
- Feb. 21
No School
Staff Inservice
- Feb. 25
4K & new Kind.
Registration
- Feb. 25
4K Mon/Wed has
class

Students may **ONLY**
bring prepackaged
items for birthday
treats.



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School.

Principal's Corner

As we are approaching the mid-year point of the school year, perhaps now would be a good time to take a minute to thank an educator for all they do. January was especially strenuous on the staff with the increases of students and staff positives. Feel free to take a minute to email or write a note of appreciation. We truly are blessed with an amazing staff!

As we open up for volunteers in February, we certainly have a need for additional recess help. If you have one or two hours available and would help out, please contact Mrs. Osowski.

Report cards were made available on January 27, 2022. If you haven't yet, sign in to take a look at the progress your child(ren) has/have made during the first half of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued efforts and contributions to your child's education. This past year has required our partnership between home and school to be stronger than ever before. We appreciate all you do to support your child(ren).

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 from 3:30-6:30 pm. Conferences will be scheduled through the Skyward online Student Management Program. Each family will have to schedule their own conferences through Skyward, for each child. If you have more than one child at Freedom Elementary School, each child will have to be scheduled separately. The Skyward scheduling window will be open February 7-14. Please watch for additional information. Parents will receive information on how to obtain their Student Access account on Friday, February 4. If you do not have computer access, please call your child's teacher at 788-7950.

Parent Pick Up

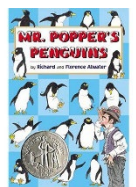
Please park in approved parking spots or on the primary playground which opens at 2:50 pm. We have a few people parking in striped which are "No Parking" spaces. **Do not** park in the first two boxes next to the school.

Summer School

Summer School will run June 6 – July 1, 2022 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Registration will begin on March 22 and end on April 14.

One School, One Book March 2022

Freedom Elementary will be reading Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater during the month of March. In this classic story, Mr. Popper dreams of being an Arctic explorer. He gets some help when a penguin is delivered to his door one day. We will read this story together to see if his dreams really do come true. A reading month calendar will be shared at the end of the month. Each week we will send out links to families of staff reading the book as well so you can follow along!



Our wonderful PAC group has purchased a book for each family at Freedom Elementary! Once our books come in, we will pass one copy out to each youngest sibling. Additional books may be able to be purchased and we will notify you when this is available.

Fang's Reading Club

Fang's Reading Program will start in March! It will run for 8 weeks from March 11 - April 22. Every two weeks, a base will be due, and like last year, there will be no individual base prizes, rather a grand slam prize that students pick up at the ballpark when they attend the game on May 31, 2022. Teachers will send information home the beginning of March, and tickets can be purchased at the end of April when the program has been completed. We hope you take part in this fun opportunity to grow your child's reading skills! Thank you from the Timber Rattlers Reading Committee



Art Fundraiser

Families may have their students' art work printed on a variety of products to help raise money for the Art Program. Information will be sent home in March.

Elementary Yearbook

The deadline to order your yearbook is March 14, 2022. Yearbooks may only be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Forward Exam

Each year, federal law requires that Wisconsin schools administer a test to measure student achievement. In Wisconsin, that test is the Forward Exam which is given each spring to students in grades 3rd to 8th and 10th grade. We will once again be required to assess students some time between March 21 and April 29. Students will need to be present in a school to complete testing. We will try to schedule testing before Easter Break.

*If you prefer your child to not test this school year, please contact Mrs. Lipsey or Mrs. Osowski.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News



Thank you so much for continuing to send Shout Outs to show our amazing staff how much they are appreciated! The winners of the monthly raffle were: Mr. McManus, Mrs. Jakl and Mrs. DeGroot.

You can submit a Shout Out with this link: <https://forms.gle/LZRg4DomUVdm86PB7>

We have a few community nights this month: Every 3rd Monday Buzz's donates a percentage of that day's food sales to PAC. The next one is February 21. Home Tavern is also hosting a Celebrity Server night on Tuesday February 8 from 6-8. 10% of the sales from that day will be donated to PAC. Let's support these local businesses that want to help our school!

The school dance has been postponed. We are looking into new ideas for this. Look for more information to come and see if you can help make this a great activity!

PAC will be providing food for the teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 16. We have a sign up for deserts and snacks for staff on that night and throughout the rest of the year. Items need to be store bought. Please sign up with this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-snacks>

Visit our website at www.freedompac.org for meeting agendas and minutes. "Like" us on Facebook at Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee).

The February meeting has been moved to Monday, February 28 6:00 pm. It will be held in the art room. Babysitting will be provided by the National Honor Society in the cafeteria.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Lenhardt at freedompac1@gmail.com

Physical Education News at FES

Kindergarten and First graders learned a new warm up tag game called "Dead Bug Tag" in Physical Education. They have also been learning all 8 locomotor skills: walk, run, hop, jump, skip, gallop, slide, and leap. They finished the unit doing a locomotor skill obstacle course and boy did they get sweaty!!



Natalie won a bike from the Seymour Advertiser coloring contest.



Congratulations Mrs. Northam! She won the local and is now the State VFW Elementary Teacher of the Year.





Strategies to Boost Reading Fluency



All early readers stumble over words at first, but polishing those reading skills will benefit their learning in every subject area. There are some steps you can take to help set them up to have lifelong reading success. Reading fluency is the ability to read out loud accurately, at a good pace (not too slow *or* too fast), and with expression. Reading fluency helps contribute to higher achievement and success in reading comprehension. Using these reading strategies can help set them up for success in reading.

1. Model fluent reading.

The more often they hear fluent reading, the easier it will be to pick it up. Try the “*I read, then you read*” method while using exuberant and Oscar-worthy expressions as you pause at commas and stop at periods. Audiobooks in the car or on an iPad are also a great way to fit in reading when you are *on the go*.

2. Teach your child how to track words.

Tracking, or running your finger under words as you read them comes in handy when trying to decipher where one word ends and the next begins (especially when reading speaking parts with multiple characters). Feel free to use a post it note, colored note card, or a bookmark as a reading tracker to help hold their attention and place while reading.

3. Try choral reading together.

Choral reading simply means you read a story out loud, and ask your child to read along with you at the same pace. Pick a book that they can already read themselves, this way they can focus on pacing and accuracy rather than decoding new words. Reading along with you at the same pace lets them experience how fluent reading feels and what it sounds like.

4. Focus on sight words.

Certain words known as sight words, are words that are not decodable by sounding them out phonetically. They often overlap with high-frequency words, or those that appear most often in reading. Children that can instantly recognize these words won't have to spend valuable reading time trying to sound them out. Teaching sight words as a game can be a fun way to memorize them. Spell the words out with magnetic letters, or put some sight words on note cards and ask your child to splat the correct word with a fly swatter when you say it.

5. Read to a friendly audience

Some kids really don't like to read in front of other people because it makes them uncomfortable or nervous. If you set out their favorite stuffed animals or even have them read to the family pet this would help aide with practice using pitch, tone, expression and volume. These are necessary skills for children as they read silently to themselves later on that will be essential for comprehension.

6. Record, evaluate, and repeat.

Have your child record their reading on an iPad. Listen to it together and see if they would like to record again. Set a goal ahead of time so they can work on expression, pace, tone, or volume. Parents are often concerned with getting their kids ahead in reading, but reading a little bit easier texts can be very helpful because it increases fluency, improves automaticity, and boosts confidence and leads to higher success in overall reading skills.

WISCONSIN HERD FREEDOM ELEMENTARY FAMILY NIGHT

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN STREET OSHKOSH, WI 54902



Join friends, family, and staff of Freedom Elementary for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd. The Herd play the Maine Celtics (Boston Celtics Affiliate).

Families from Freedom Elementary school will be invited in before doors open for a VIP Pre-Game Watch experience! A portion of the ticket sales will be donated back to the school!

MARCH 13th, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM

WISCONSIN HERD TIP OFF 2:30PM

ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13TH

LIMITED INVENTORY! ORDER TODAY!

To purchase tickets go to:

<https://fevo.me/freedomelementaryschool>

OR

Scan the QR Code



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM**

Order your yearbook today at **ybpay.com**

Encarga hoy tu anuario en



Scan with phone camera to order

Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:
3/14/22

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:
13085922

School Name:

Nombre de escuela:

Freedom Elementary School

Yearbook Anuario **\$10.00**

- Sturdy softcover with protective coating
- Durable saddle-stitched binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year

- *Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector*
- *Encuadernación cosida a caballete duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el desgaste natural*
- *Todas las páginas a color, que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar*

Packages Paquetes

BEST VALUE! ¡Mejor valor!

PACKAGE A **\$18.25**

PAQUETE A

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
- Zoom
- Autograph Insert
- Yearbook Stickys
- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom
- Volante de autógrafo
- Adhesivos del anuario

PACKAGE B **\$17.00**

PAQUETE B

- Yearbook
- Personalized Yearbook Cover
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- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom
- Volante de autógrafo

PACKAGE C **\$15.75**

PAQUETE C

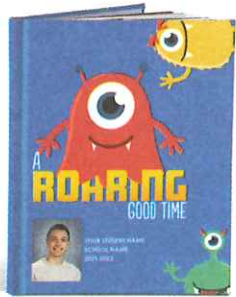
- Yearbook
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- Anuario
- Cubierta personalizada
- Zoom

PACKAGE D **\$11.50**

PAQUETE D

- Yearbook
- Zoom
- Anuario
- Zoom

Extras Adicionales



Personalized Yearbook Cover* **\$5.00**

Your student's picture & name printed on the cover.

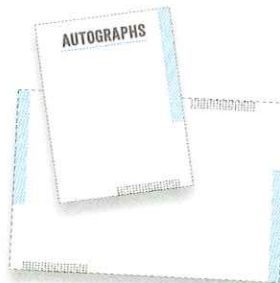
Cubierta personalizada. La foto y el nombre de tu estudiante impresos directamente en la tapa.



Zoom: Current Events Insert** **\$2.00**

An insert displaying this year's most memorable news, sports, entertainment and more!

Zoom: Volante de los eventos actuales. ¡Un volante que exhibe los deportes, el entretenimiento, las noticias más memorables de este año y mucho más!



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Volante de autógrafo. Un volante en papel para que los estudiantes reúnan firmas de amigos y docentes.



Yearbook Stickys **\$1.50**

Fun, removable stickers to personalize your yearbook pages.

Adhesivos del anuario. Adhesivos divertidos y removibles para personalizar las páginas de tu anuario.

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*Yearbook design varies by school. El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela.

**Inserts must be affixed in the yearbook after arrival. *Los volantes deben ser anexados al anuario después de su llegada.

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FEBRUARY 2022

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY <i>February 2nd</i>	3	4 Irish Pride Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Deadline to order Wisconsin Herd Freedom Family Night Tickets	14 Wear Valentine Colors 	15	16 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30	17 No School Staff Inservice Child Development Day Screening	18 No School Conference Break	19
20	21 No School Staff Inservice School Board Meeting 6:30	22 Grade 1 to Badger Sports Park (Sturm, Kurkiewicz, Diedrick)	23	24 Grade 1 to Badger Sports Park (Daul, Franke, Williams)	25 4K and new Kind. Registration 4K Mon/Wed students have class Wear Red, White, Blue	26 
27	28 PAC Meeting 6:00					

Freedom Elementary School Menu

February 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
January 31 Pizza Pasta Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	1 Chicken Strips Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	2 Diced Chicken & Gravy Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	3 Brunch for Lunch Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	4 Chicken Nuggets Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk
7 Chicken Patty Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	8 Beef Taco Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	9 Sloppy Joe Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	10 Mini Corn Dogs Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	11 Pizza Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk
14 Chicken Nuggets Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	15 Ham & Cheese Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	16 Chicken Patty w/Mashed Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	17 No School	18 No School
21 No School	22 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	23 Chicken Strips Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	24 Hamburger Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	25 Sloppy Joe Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk
28 Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit Vegetable Fresh Veggies Choice of Milk	29	Student Lunch K4-1 FREE Student Lunch Gr 2-5 FREE Adult Lunch \$3.55 Milk \$0.30	Check your Foodservice balance at www.freedomschools.k12.wi.us	