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October 2022 Newsletter

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Important dates:

- October 5
Picture Retake Day
4K through Gr. 5
- October 18
Fall Conferences
4K-5 3:30-6:45pm
Book Fair during
conferences
- October 18 & 19
Title VI Informational
Meeting 5:00pm
office
- October 19
Fall Conferences
4K-5 3:30-6:45pm
Book Fair during
conferences
- October 20
Early Dismissal 12:15
Teacher Inservice
- October 21
No School
Conference Break

We are a **NUT FREE** School. **NO** Homemade or Store/Bakery Bought Goods



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We just completed the first month of school. It is exciting to see the students getting back into the routines of school.

We will again be doing Halloween at FES this year. We will have students come to school on Monday, October 31 with their costume already on. We ask that students do not wear Halloween masks to school. We will be having classroom parties, but remember snacks must be **NUT FREE**. Please do not send **any baked goods** unless it is **packaged with a made in a nut free facility label**.

We have started a "grab and go" breakfast option. Unfortunately, it will not be free this year. Please talk to your child if you do not want them taking breakfast at school.

Please take a minute to read the parent information in the newsletter on Standards-Based Report Cards. We will no longer be giving A, B, C grades in K-5. We will continue standards based report cards for K-2 and will be implementing it now in grades 3-5 this year. Again, on behalf of the FES staff, we appreciate your support as we continue through the 2022-2023 school year.



Scheduling for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward. The conference window will be open from October 7 until October 17 at 9:00 am. Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 18 and October 19. They are 3:30-6:30 pm for 4Kindergarten through Grade 5.

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. Students may not ride a different bus again this year.
- School fees need to be paid if you haven't done it already. K-5 is \$35.00 and 4K is \$30.00. K-5 Tech Fee is \$15.00.
- Reminder – milk at milk break is \$44.00 for the year for K-5 students. Milk Break for 4K students is \$22.00. Students will not be able to take milk at milk break if this fee isn't paid by October 1.



Attendance Reminders



Regular attendance and promptness are essential requirements for success in school.
Our Policy

Please call the Elementary School Office at 920-788-7950 by 8:00 a.m. if your child is absent. The school line is open 24 hours a day, to report absences.

- If your child is reported absent by the classroom teacher and you have not notified us that he/she is not coming to school, one of the school secretaries will be calling your home and/or work.
 - The purpose of this is:
 - To determine and verify absence.
 - For your child's safety---for example, if a child is expected to be at school and does not arrive for some reason, the parent would not be aware of this until it is time for the child to arrive home.
 - Because we are concerned for your child's well-being, health and safety.
 - Wisconsin Truancy Law requires a parent verification stating the exact reason for the absence in order for absences to be considered as excused. Habitual unexcused absences can lead to truancy.
- According to Wisconsin State Statute, a student who is excused in writing by his/her parent/guardian before an absence occurs will be excused from school, but a student may not be excused for *more than ten (10) days* in the school year.
- In order to not affect cumulative attendance, please provide a doctor's note whenever possible.
- An absence is defined as "part or all of a day" not in school during the designated hours of 8:00 am to 3:05 pm.
- Students are considered tardy when arriving after 8:00am. This does count as an absence.

Welcome to our New Staff

We want to welcome the following staff: Stacy Meulemans - Paraprofessional, Deanne Gerondale – Paraprofessional, Connie Van Asten and Billie Bougie - Recess Supervisors.



October is Keeping Kids Safe Online month in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has created a webpage with resources to help keep kids safe when online. Feel free to take a look at it, it is linked below. <https://dpi.wi.gov/internet-safety/parents>



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.

Early Release and No School

Students will have an early release at 12:15 pm on **Thursday, October 20** for Teacher/Staff Inservice and no school on **Friday, October 21** for Conference Break.

Picture Retake Day

Freedom Elementary School's picture retake day is October 5 for 4K through Grade 5 students.



Red Ribbon Week Celebration

Red Ribbon Week – “Drug Free Looks Like Me”. Red Ribbon Week Celebration is October 24-28, 2022.

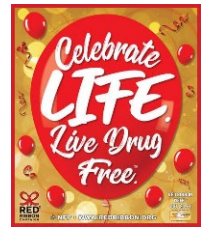
October 24 - Kick off Celebrate LIFE Live Drug Free - Wear Red

October 25 - Be Happy and Bright - Wear shades “Sunglasses” and Bright Colors

October 26 - Being Drug Free is NO Sweat – Wear favorite workout clothes or sweatpants

October 27 - Don't get mixed up in Drugs! – Wear craziest mixed up outfit

October 28 - Follow your dreams – Pajama Day



Bullying Awareness: Unity Day – Wear Orange

UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion on Wednesday, October 19. 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.

Fall Activities

October 31 is Halloween. Students may dress up in their costumes on **Monday, October 31**. Please follow the guidelines for costume attire.

COSTUME ATTIRE:

1. Students should come to school dressed in an appropriate costume.
2. Students may not wear Halloween masks.
3. Props should not be any kind of a weapon.
4. Students need to be able to walk without tripping on their costumes.
5. No clown costumes



Nurse's Corner



Prescription Medication

Forms need to be filled out by the physician and the parent/guardian allowing school personnel to give the medication and brought in by the parent/guardian on the first day that the medication is to be given at school.

The original medication bottle from the pharmacy shall be given to school personnel for dispensing to the student. The label on the bottle shall contain the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's name, name of physician, medication name, and the dosage to be given. With any refill of medication, a newly updated medication bottle is required from the pharmacy.

All prescription medication must be brought to school by the parent/guardian. When the medication is discontinued or at the end of the year, the parent/guardian is responsible for picking up the medication. If the medication is not picked up within two weeks after school is out or medicine is discontinued, the medication will be properly discarded.

Non-Prescription Medication

The non-prescription medication must be supplied by the student's parent/guardian in the manufacturer's package and the package must list the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose in a legible format. School personnel may administer any drug which may lawfully be sold over the counter, without a prescription, to a student with the written consent and written instructions given by the parent/guardian.

*Please update the district nurse akazik@freedomschools.k12.wi.us regarding any health updates/concerns for your student.

*Please return emergency forms with ordered meds.

PAC (Parent Activity Committee) News

We are holding our cookie dough fundraiser. Delivery will be November 17. The top selling and class with most participation will receive an extra recess. Administration will be helping so those teachers get a break too!

You can still buy decals. They are \$5 in the office.

We will be sponsoring a fun night at Skate City on Oct 20th from 6:00-8:00. Cost is \$8 per skater and includes rental. We hope to see you there!

PAC will be providing meals for conferences. We will cater Buzz's and coordinate walking tacos. Please use the following sign up to help us provide the items needed. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5A92BA6FE3-walking>

We will have the Staff Shout Out program again this year. Use the following link to send a Shout Out to a staff member that is doing an amazing job. We will hold a raffle quarterly for members that receive them. <https://forms.gle/XLuigAABYt8Drjmc7>

Thank you for coming to the Bingo night or eating at Home Tavern that day. We would also like to thank you for continuing to support Buzz's every 3rd Monday. We are grateful for these wonderful local businesses that support FES!

The next PAC meeting will be held on Oct. 17 at 5:30 pm at FES in the staff lounge room. Please note the place and time change. Babysitting will be provided by the National Honor Students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email freedompac1@gmail.com
Like us on Facebook at: Freedom Elementary P.A.C. (Parent Activity Committee)
Follow us at our website: www.freedompac.org





Parent introduction to Standards-based Report Cards

What is a standards-based report card?

A standards-based report card lists the most important skills a student should learn in each subject at a particular grade level. Instead of letter grades, each student will be scored based upon their mastery of skills for a subject or content area.

How will each student be scored?

Each student will receive a number score based on the proficiency scale below for each grading period.

Exceeding	4	Exceeding the grade level standard or expectation. Producing quality work consistently.
Meeting	3	Meeting the grade level standard or expectation. Producing quality work.
Progressing	2	Progressing toward the grade level standard or expectation. Producing the required grade level work with teacher direction and assistance.
Beginning	1	Beginning to develop the grade level standard or expectation. Not yet able to produce required grade level work.

What are the standards?

The standards are skills that students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade.

For example: Count to 100 by 1's in kindergarten

Retell stories including the main idea and details in 1st grade

Why are Lifelong Learning Skills a subject on the report card?

Lifelong Learning Skills are essential areas we work on consistently within a school day. These skills focus on a student's social behavior related to academic achievement, independent skills and peer relations. These skills will be the same from kindergarten to second grade.

When will the new report cards start?

Grades Kindergarten through second started last school year 2021-2022. This school year ALL FES students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade will be using the standards-based report card.



Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Bus

- Use quiet voices
- Listen to the bus driver
- Respect personal space

- Report problems to an adult
- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself
- Clean up after yourself

- Walk
- Stay seated while bus is moving
- Keep the aisle clear

Assembly

- 0 voice while someone is presenting
- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself
- Respect personal space

- Participate and respond appropriately
- Pay attention to the speaker

- Walk in and out of the gym

Cafeteria

- Voice level 2
- Use kind words
- Wait your turn in line
- Raise your hand to leave your seat

- Clean up your area
- Remain seated
- Listen to the adult in charge
- Sit in your designated area

- Walk
- Eat only your food
- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself

Classroom

- Listen to directions the first time
- Listen to the adult in charge
- Use kind words

- Do the right thing even when no one is looking
- Keep your materials organized

- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself

Bathroom

- Keep voice at a level 0 or 1
- Respect other people's privacy
- Keep the bathroom clean

- Do the right thing even when no one is looking
- Use the bathroom, flush, and wash your hands

- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself
- Return directly to class

Hallway

- Keep voice at a level 0
- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself

- Do the right thing even when no one is looking
- Eyes and body forward
- Listen to the adult(s) in charge

- Walk
- Stay to the right

Technology

- Only touch your own device
- Stay on task

- Do the right thing even when no one is looking
- Stay on school appropriate sites
- Handle with care

- Walk while holding a device
- Carry device with two hands
- Keep personal information private

Playground

- Be honest
- Be fair
- Problem solve with your friends

- Take care of playground equipment
- Put toys away carefully in the shed
- Keep our playground clean
- Line up quietly when the bell rings

- Let a teacher know if someone needs help
- Keep hands, feet, and items to yourself while playing games and in line



Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - Thursday October 19, 2022 in the FES library. Students will be able to shop the book fair during their library class/checkout time. The fair will also be open for families during parent teacher conferences on October 18th and 19th from 3:30-6:45. Books can be purchased with money (cash, check (payable to FES) eWallet, and credit card.

This year Scholastic Book Fairs is offering **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/elementarylibrary>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

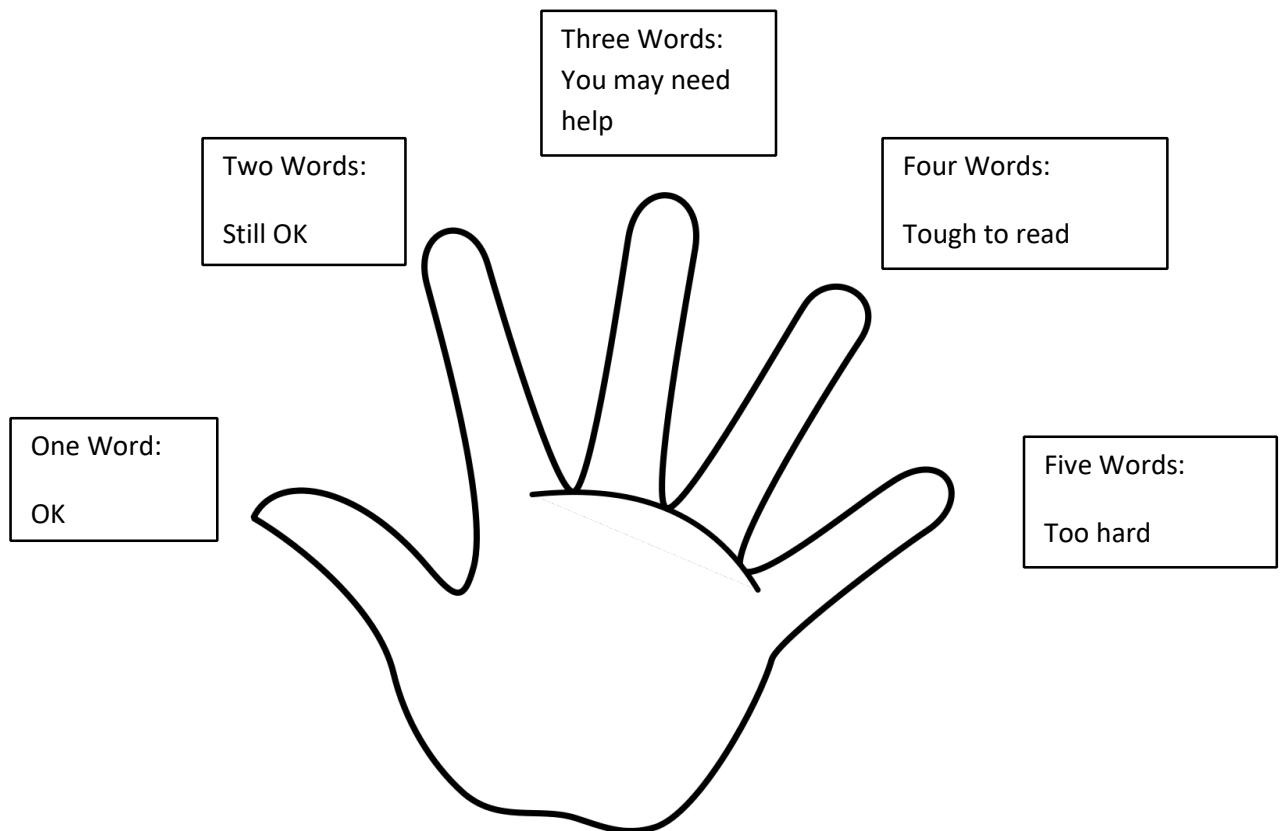
Mrs. Tammy Lipsey
Principal
Freedom Elementary school



Selecting Books For Your Child: Finding “Just Right” Books

When reading with your child you want to find a book that is not too easy, not too hard, but one that is *just right* . Use this quick five finger rule to help guide you .

1. Have your child choose a book that they think they will enjoy.
2. Have your child read the second page of that book.
3. Hold up a finger for each word they are not sure of, or do not know.
4. If there are five or more words they didn't know, an easier book should be chosen.





Address: 708 S Railroad Street Kimberly, WI

**Please Join PAC for a Family Fun Night
At Skate City**

Skate City will be open for Freedom Elementary School Families

Thursday, October 20th 2022

From 6PM-8PM

\$8 Per skater and includes rental



OCTOBER 2022

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT CALENDAR


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Picture Retake Day Bridging Brighter Smiles	6 Gr. 4 (Jakl, Maronek, Menting) to Madison	7 Irish Pride -Wear Green KDG. To Apple Orchard Gr. 2 to Lambeau	8
9	10	11	12 4K Mulberry Farm Fieldtrip	13 4K Mulberry Farm Fieldtrip	14 Wear Pink KDG. To Fire Station	15
16	17 PAC meeting 5:30 Staff Room	18 Conferences 3:30-6:45 Book Fair during conf. Title VI Information meeting 5:30 office	19 Conferences 3:30-6:45 Book Fair during conf. Title VI Information meeting 5:30 office	20 Early Dismissal 12:15 Staff Inservice Wear Badger Colors	21 No School Conference Break	22
23 Red Ribbon Week October 24-28	24 Kick Off Celebration Wear Red Bridging Brighter Smiles	25 Be Happy and Bright Wear Shades "Sunglasses" & Bright Colors Bridging Brighter Smiles	26 Being Drug Free is NO Sweat Wear favorite workout clothes or sweatpants	27 Gr. 4 (Verhagen/Northam) to Madison Don't Get Mixed Up In Drugs-Wear craziest mixed up outfit	28 Follow Your Dreams Wear Pajamas	29
30	31 HS/MS Masquerade Concert 9:00 Gym <i>Halloween</i>					

Freedom Elementary School Menu

October 2022

USDA is an equal opportunity
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*menu subject to change

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Student Lunch K4-1 \$2.55 Student Lunch Gr 2-5 \$2.65 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Milk \$0.30				
3 Chicken Tacos Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	4 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	5 Sloppy Joe Melt Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	6 Chicken Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	7 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
10 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	11 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	12 Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	14 Brunch for Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
17 Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Nacho Meat over Tostadas Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	19 Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	20 Bag Lunch Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	<h1>No School</h1>
24/31 Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	25 Beef Taco Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	26 Hamburger Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	27 Diced Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk	28 BBQ Rib Patty w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk