

Freedom Middle School



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May/June, 2024



Hello and welcome to the “*In the Middle*” monthly newsletter. Enjoy reading about all of the great things happening here at Freedom Middle School!

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Important Dates:

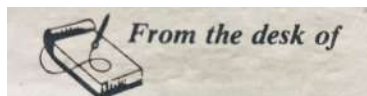
Monday, May 6	6th grade band/choir concert 6:00 pm Fieldhouse
Friday, May 10	Goody Triathlon
Monday, May 13	MAPSS meeting 5:00 pm library
Wednesday, May 15	8th grade Brewer game
Monday, May 20	Board meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 21	7th - 12th grades band/choir Weidner Center concert 7:00 pm
Monday, May 27	No school Labor
Wednesday, May 29	HS graduation
Tuesday, June 4	8th grade Recognition 6:00 pm Fieldhouse
Wednesday, June 5	All grades Bay Beach field trip
Thursday, June 6	Last student day/12:30 dismissal/ PM staff work day

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Important Reminders:

- ★ School starting time is 8:00am. Ending time is 3:21pm. Students should be in their 1st hour class no later than 7:55am.
- ★ Turn in all appointment notes to the office. This will help in regards to the 5 and 10 allowable absences from the state.
- ★ Early release time is 12:30. Lunch runs from 12:00 - 12:30. If your student will be leaving during the lunch time please call the school ahead of time so that your child can have a pass to leave.

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Dr. Methner

Hello FMS Parents and Guardians!

It's hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is drawing to a close. It's been a great year with many fun learning moments across our content areas.

In this year's 8th grade promotion, I plan to share a message of gratitude. I am very thankful to work with a dedicated staff, kind students, and an actively contributing group of parents/guardians. Thank you for making this such a special school year!



Looking forward to next year, our staff is already planning for their curriculum, and I am proud that we will be offering a new math curriculum in the middle school called Illustrative Math. We are also adopting a new middle school science curriculum called OpenSciEd. Both are student-centered, modern curricula that are highly rated and effective.

As always, I encourage parents and guardians to reach out to me or to teachers with any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at gmethner@freedomschools.k12.wi.us, or by phone at 920-788-7945 ext. 2309.

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Counselor's Corner - Mr. Jason Bins

Greetings Freedom Middle School Stakeholders and happy final month of the school year! As always, thank you for your support and guidance during the 2023-24 school year!

The middle school counseling department is working on a number of items in May including preparing for next year and finishing our year strong academically and socially/emotionally.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your child's transition to their next grade level or transition into the summer months. We understand that transitions can cause anxiety for students and parents/guardians. Let us know what we can do to help.

We are also continuing work on rapport building with our students, but adding an emphasis on family communication and building relationships with families to support the students at FMS.

With this said, I encourage you to let me know if there are "things" going on at home which may impact your students' day at school. This could be as simple as sending me an email that says "HANDLE WITH CARE - STUDENT NAME." This will alert me that

will not be followed with questions. Just a communication of receipt and an email to your child's teachers to provide extra grace to your student. Teachers/staff have been trained to not follow up with questions to your child, but just to provide the extra grace and understanding.

Your communication could also be more detailed with pertinent information to support your child's day at Freedom Middle School. As always, this information is protected by counselor confidentiality ethics (voided by potential or current physical harm to parties involved) and legitimate educational interest law.

As I often tell students, my entire role at FMS is to support the social/emotional wellbeing of the students of FMS. Please let me know how I can support your students as they continue their path into adulthood through Freedom Middle School!

Thank you for your support of Freedom Middle School and its students and staff! Please let me know what I can do to help your student. I can be reached at (920) 788-7945 (x2288) or via email at jbins@freedomschools.k12.wi.us.

Water the Bamboo! -JB



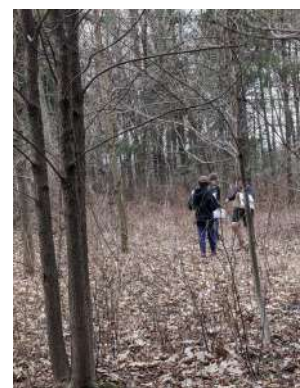
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News from 6th Grade

In ELA, students are learning about argumentative writing. We began the unit with a fun Spongebob trial, focusing on using evidence and reasoning to support one's case. We have analyzed argumentative articles and learned about what quality argumentative writing looks like. We will practice this type of writing focusing on zoos. We will continue to discuss “hot topics” and students will eventually choose an argumentative topic to present about.



6th graders have become biologists-in-training as they have started to investigate how living things interact with each other and their environment. We have taken full advantage of the nice weather and our on-site nature center to observe them in action. Some of the highlights include honeycomb, birds communicating, tree sap, and the occasional rabbit or squirrel sighting. We will continue to explore how these can impact food webs and the stability of an ecosystem.



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News from 7th grade

ELA

In seventh grade ELA, we will work in book clubs to close out the year. Students will be taking the literary terms and readings skills worked on throughout the year and show their mastery via a number of different assignments and discussions. Students will be given time to read their book and work on the aforementioned assignments each day of the unit. ELA will have a final exam scheduled for Monday, June 3. The two class days prior will be used for students to take notes on the concepts covered on the exam.

Science

Greetings from 7th Grade Science, Middle school science is not continuing with IQWST next year. We have adopted a new curriculum called OpenSciED which works through the Einstein Project. We are currently piloting one of the units in 7th grade called Ecosystem Dynamics. We are investigating how changes in the environment can affect populations of organisms. Our case study will focus on the orangutan and the increased use of palm oil in products.

Bird migration is well under way. Keep your eyes open for returning swallows, sparrows and warblers. The bird of the month is the Yellow-rumped Warbler. This is typically our first of several warblers to return. It is about the size of the sparrow and can be found in most woodlands foraging on insects at the tops of trees.

Math In seventh grade math, students recently wrapped up a geometry unit. The year will end with a more enjoyable unit: probability and statistics.

Students below take part in a card sort to review geometric formulas.



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Social Studies

In 7th grade Social studies, the students have concluded learning about the Revolutionary War and now are on to learning about the Louisiana Territory. Students will finish the year studying about the War of 1812.

7th Grade Team Well Wishes

The seventh grade team would like to thank the class of 2029 for their efforts this school year. Enjoy your summer! Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Mr. Atwater, Mrs. Juelich, Mrs. Reitzner, Mrs. Runyon, and Mrs. Skiba would like to congratulate Mr. LeBrun on his upcoming retirement. We thank him for the wisdom, support, and friendship he's given us through our years at FMS.

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News from 8th grade

ELA - Students will wrap up the year with a final book club unit, persuasive writing that leads to more kindness, and a vision for who each student is or hopes to be in the future. We wish all 8th graders well and encourage them to finish the year strong as they look forward to high school. As always, take some time this summer to read a good book, go on an adventure, and make memories.



We had strong 8th grade representation in the high school musical!



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EnCore Classes

Exploratory Music:

As the year begins to wind down, and we begin to look to summer, the world of exploratory music begins its final inquiries. In our final units students will study composition (and create their own songs) and look to the outside world for music that influences them.

Sharing the songs that we like to listen to and how it affects us in the “real world” is always a great way to cap off the year!

Band and Choir:

It's so hard to believe that it's Spring Concert time! The 6th grade band and choir students will be performing their Spring Concert in the Field House on Monday, May 6th, at 6:00 PM. The 7th and 8th grade bands and choirs will be performing their Spring Concert at the Weidner Center on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7:00 PM. Look for more info to come. The students are doing amazing and we couldn't be prouder of them! We are so excited to share our songs with you!

Thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to making music again in the fall:)

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From the health office:

Reminders for the school year-

- If vomiting/diarrhea- your student must be 24 hours vomiting/diarrhea free prior to returning to school/co-curriculars
- Fever of 100.4 or greater, your student will be sent home. Your student must be 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reduction medications prior to returning to school.
- Bring in your emergency medication forms and medications. If a medication is kept on person, a physician must indicate that in the letter/form.
- If there is a change in your student's health condition/diagnosis, physical restrictions, please let the nurse know. Phone is 920-788-7944 or Email is akazik@freedomschools.k12.wi.us

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Middle/High Lunch Menu

Menu Subject to Change

May 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Foodservice Department welcomes your questions or comments. Please call 788-7950 ext. 3301	A positive foodservice balance is required to participate A la Carte Items Rice Krispy Bar \$1.25 Muffin/Granola Bar \$0.75 Dbl Ch Oatmeal Bar \$0.75 MEGA Meal \$1.50 Water \$1.25 Snapple \$1.75	1 Turkey Wrap OR Pizza Pocket Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	2 Corn Dog OR Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	3 Fish Tacos OR Diced Chicken w/Mashed Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
6 Chicken Tenders OR Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	7 Nacho's OR Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	8 Brunch for Lunch OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	9 Popcorn Chicken OR Sloppy Joe Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	10 Pizza Boat OR Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
13 Chicken Sandwich OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	14 Beef Taco OR Chicken Burrito Bowl Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	15 Turkey Wrap OR Meatball Sub Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	16 Fish Sticks OR Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	17 Mini corn Dogs OR Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk
20 Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Pizza Pocket Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	21 Nachos OR Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	22 Turkey Club OR Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	23 Penne Pasta & Meatballs OR Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	24 Stuffed Crust Pizza OR Ham & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
27 Student Lunch \$3.00 Reduced Lunch \$0.40 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Extra Carton of Milk \$3.00	28 Beef Tacos OR Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	29 Fish Sandwich OR BBQ Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	30 Cheeseburger OR Pizzaburger Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk	31 Cheese Pizza OR Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Fresh Veggie Bar Choice of Milk
No School				

Menu Subject to Change

June 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	A positive foodservice balance is required to participate A la Carte Items Rice Krispy Bar \$1.25 Muffin/Granola Bar \$0.75 Dbl Ch Oatmeal Bar \$0.75 MEGA Meal \$1.50 Water \$1.25 Snapple \$1.75	The Foodservice Department welcomes your questions or comments. Please call 788-7950 ext. 3301	Student Lunch \$3.00 Reduced Lunch \$0.40 Adult Lunch \$4.35 Extra Carton of Milk \$3.00	
3 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	4 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	5 Irish Buffet Cooks Choice Fruit Vegetable Choice of Milk	6 Hot Dog Fruit Vegetable Chips Choice of Milk	7 Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!

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2024-2025 Freedom Middle School Student Supply List

6th Grade

Plug-in headphones or ear buds
 Calculator (TI30XIIS)
 1 one-inch binder for ELA
 1 one-inch binder for Science
 6 folders*
 1 3-subject notebook for ELA
 3 spiral notebooks*
 2 sets of tab dividers for Science and ELA binders
**Name only on materials. No Subjects. This will be done at school.*
Try to match the color of each notebook to the same color folder.
 3 packs of #2 pencils
 6 red pens
 1 box of 24 colored pencils
 1 set of markers
 3 glue sticks
 3 different colors of Highlighters
 1 black Sharpie
 Pencil case
 Scissors
 **1 large box of Kleenex
 **These items will be given to your Core 1 teacher.
Phy. Ed.
 Athletic shoes
 T-shirt
 Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
 Hygiene
Art Supplies
 *9x12 sketch books – not newsprint
 Fine black sharpie
 Paper/Pencils
 Big pink eraser
 *found at Target, Walgreens & Walmart
Choir Supplies
 1 boxes of Kleenex
 6 sharpened pencils
 Yellow 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploratory Music
 2 No. 2 Pencils
 folder
 1 box Kleenex
Spanish
 Folder and notebook
 4 No. 2 Pencils
 Skinny markers
 Colored pencils
 Glue
 Scissors
Health
 Folder and notebook

7th Grade

Plug-in headphones or ear buds
 1 Pack of 3x3 post it notes
 3 Packs of 10 – 12 pencils
 Blue or black pens - pack
 Red pens – 2 packs
 Black sharpie
 9 single subject notebooks
 1 1-inch binder for Language
 1 set of 6-8 binder dividers with tabs for Language
 7 heavy duty folders
 Colored pencils
 Calculator (TI30XIIS)
 Pencil case
 3 different colors of Highlighters
 1 Durable zipper binder (no accordion binders) OPTIONAL
 Enclosed pencil sharpener (optional)
 ** Hand sanitizer (8 – 12oz)
 **Kleenex – 1 large box
 ** Item will be collected and handed into Core 1 teacher
Phy. Ed.
 Athletic shoes
 T-shirt
 Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
 Hygiene
Art Supplies
 *9x12 sketch books – not newsprint paper
 Fine black sharpie
 Pencils
 Big pink eraser
 *found at Target, Walgreens & Walmart
Choir Supplies
 1 boxes of Kleenex
 6 sharpened pencils
 Green 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploratory Music
 2 No. 2 Pencils
 folder
 1 box Kleenex
Spanish
 Folder and notebook
 4 No. 2 Pencils
 Skinny markers
 Colored pencils
 Glue
 Scissors
 1 box Kleenex
Health
 Folder and notebook

8th Grade

Plug-in headphones
 #2 pencils
 Blue or black pens
 Red pens
 Pack of index cards
 Glue sticks (3 pack)
 Loose-leaf paper
 Ruler
 3-Single Subject Notebooks
 4 Folders
 2-three subject notebooks (Social Studies and ELA)
 Markers
 Calculator (TI30XIIS)
 Colored pencils
 4 Highlighters (3 colors)
 3 fold display board (approx 30x40) – not needed until January
 3X3 Post It Notes (for ELA)
 **Dry erase markers
 **2 large boxes Kleenex
 ** Items will be collected and handed into Core 1 teacher
Phy. Ed.
 Athletic shoes
 T-shirt
 Shorts (at least 3" inseam)
 Hygiene
Art Supplies
 *9x12 sketch books – not newsprint
 Fine black sharpie
 Paper/Pencils
 Big pink eraser
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Choir Supplies
 1 boxes of Kleenex
 6 sharpened pencils
 White 2 pocket folder, no prongs needed
Exploratory Music
 Hand sanitizer
 folder
 2 No. 2 Pencils
Spanish
 Folder
 Notebook
 4 No. 2 Pencils
 Skinny markers
 Colored pencils
 Glue
 Scissors
Health
 Folder and notebook

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FMS Run/Walk Club

All students in grades 6-8 are invited to attend practices after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students in other spring sports can also join; attendance is not mandatory.



Students will increase the distance as we build endurance to run the Bellin 5K or 10K on June 8, 2024, in Green Bay.

Through the Kids for Running program, participants receive a discounted registration fee of \$20 for the Bellin Run. Registration is due May 1st for race packets to be sent to the school; families can still register after, but they will need to pick up their packets. Registration includes your child's race bib, timing chip, and official Bellin Run T-shirt.

Go to www.bellinrun.com, and our school code is 1850.

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Thanks, I will keep this and put it in the May/June newsletter

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FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 UPDATED

CALENDAR

Aug-24				
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Feb-25				
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Mar-25				
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Apr-25				
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May-25				
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Jun-25				
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Aug 27	Staff Inservice
Aug 28	Staff Inservice
Aug 29	Staff Work Day
Sept 2	No School - Labor Day
Sept 3	First Student Day
Sept 27	Early Release - PM Inservice
Oct 17	Early Release - PM Inservice
Oct 18	No School - Conference Break
Nov 1	Early Release - PM Inservice
Nov 4	End of First Quarter
Nov 26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9	No School - Staff Inservice
Dec 20-Jan 1	No School - Winter Break
Jan 17	End of Second Quarter
Jan 30	No School - Records Day
Feb 13	Early Release - PM Inservice
Feb 14	No School - Conference Break
Feb 17	No School - Staff Inservice
Mar 7	No School - Staff Inservice
Mar 21	End of Third Quarter
Mar 24-26	No School - Spring Break
April 7	No School - Staff Inservice
April 18	No School - Break
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
June 5	Last Student Day - Early Release
June 6	PM Staff Work Day
June 8	Staff Work Day - All

Parent Teacher Conference Dates will be set by each Building

(If a Leave Day is set for the year)

8/17/2024