



THE FREEDOM PRESS

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May/June 2013

Dear Freedom Families,

FCAT testing is complete and I am so proud of everyone for putting forth such great effort. It takes a lot of cooperation from families, staff and students to complete this huge undertaking. You all have been wonderful. We had the best attendance and punctuality we have ever had and every teacher in grades 3-5 has commented to me about how diligently the students have worked. The younger children have been so conscientious about moving quietly around campus so as not to disturb the older children during testing. I know that they have truly done their best. One child asked the teacher why she had taught them such difficult material all year if this was all there was to the feared FCAT. I think that supports the rigorous instruction that our children have had and says a lot about the intellect of our students.

Please mark your calendars for the many activities and awards programs that help us celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful year. There is a lot to plan for!

It is with great sadness that I write my final newsletter column after leading our Freedom Family for just shy of ten years. I have come to know so many of you and have truly regarded you as my second family. I have treasured your children and thank you for sharing them with me. We have the most wonderful students here at Freedom. They are creative, smart and talented. I still follow our former students on into their high school years and my heart swells with pride at their accomplishments. Our staff here at Freedom is comprised of some of the most dedicated and talented I have known in my 35 years with Volusia County Schools. I know that this school will continue to shine and I am so thankful to have been a part of Freedom Elementary School. I am truly blessed.

Claire Beth Link

SAC NEEDS YOU!

This School Advisory Council, which meets monthly, assists in making recommendations on how our school operates. SAC membership is comprised of elected parents, staff, and business community officials.

- * Are you interested in what goes on at school?
- * Are you one of our many working parents who cannot be at school during the day to help or volunteer?
- * Are you willing to commit to attending eight meetings during the school year for approximately one hour?

If you answered yes to some of the above questions, then you are just the person we are looking for to serve on Freedom's School Advisory Council. Please contact Mrs. Hoover, SAC Chairperson, at lahoover@volusia.k12.fl.us or Mrs. Link/Mrs. Williams at 386-943-7670. You may also pick up a SAC brochure and application in the front office. Please let us know if you would like to serve on SAC by May 13. All parents, staff, teachers and community members are invited to come by the front office on May 15 and May 16 to vote for our 2013-2014 SAC members.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES:

Please bring: Birth Certificate, Picture ID, 2 proofs of residence Florida Physical and Immunization Card

May 6	8:00am – 12:00pm
May 7	8:00am – 12:00pm
May 8	12:30pm – 7:00pm
May 9	8:00am – 12:00pm
May 10	8:00am – 12:00pm
May 17	

Kindergarten Sneak A Peak Orientation

8:30am – 10:00am *Please bring your future kindergarten student with you.

END OF YEAR AWARDS:

Kindergarten:	Monday, June 3	8:30am
1st Grade:	Friday, May 31	Time TBD by child's teacher.
	Awards / ice cream sundaes will be done in the classroom.	
2nd Grade:	Thursday, May 30	9:30am – 10:15am
3rd Grade:	Thursday, May 30	8:30am – 9:15am
4th Grade:	Friday, May 31	8:30am
5th Grade:	Tuesday, June 4	8:30am

MAY-JUNE CALENDAR:

May 1 -	Art Fair (2:30-5:30)
May 3 -	District Science Expo (8:00-12:00) (Atlantic High School)
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6-10	Leadership Book Drive
May 7	Skate Night (5:30-7:30) Canceled
May 14	Extended Day 2013/14 Registration (3:00-5:45pm)
May 21	CiCi's Pizza Spirit Night
May 21	Young Author's Tea (MP Room 8:15-9:15am)
May 23	PTA General Meeting (MP Room 6:30-8:00pm)
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	EARLY RELEASE
June 4	5 th Grade Awards (MP Room 8:00-10:00am)
	5 th Grade Celebration (Outdoor Stage)

EARLY RELEASE

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

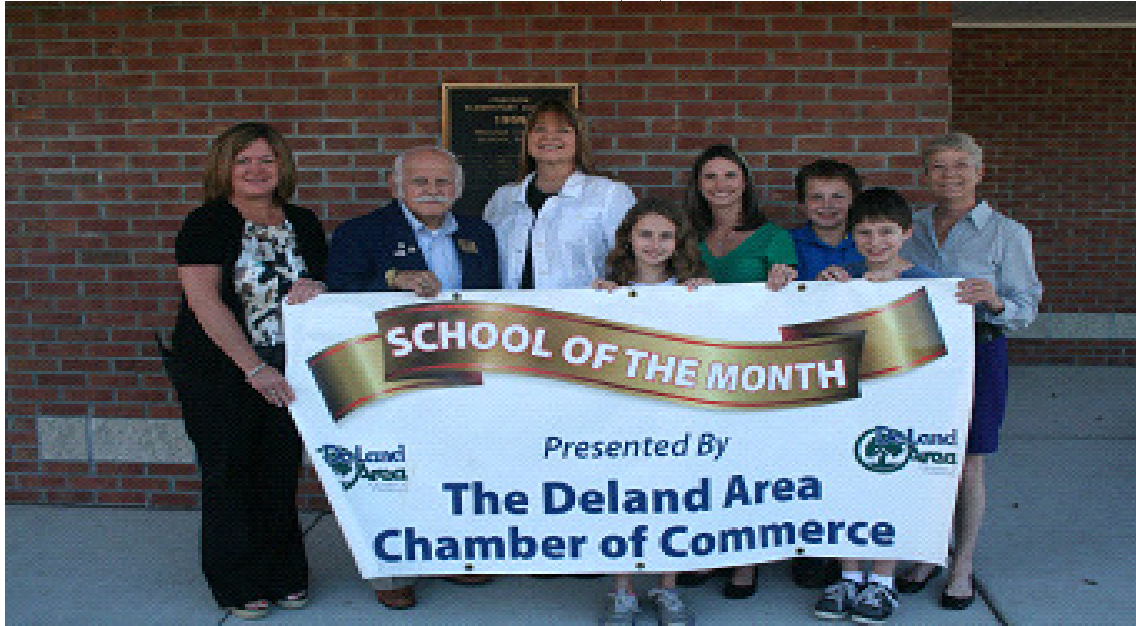


LEADERSHIP CLUB BOOK DRIVE:

Freedom Elementary's Leadership Club is having a Book Drive to help those children in our community who have no books to read. Please bring in a used or new book the week of May 6-10. We then will distribute them to local shelters in the area.

Freedom Elementary

DeLand's School of the Month



Important Message from Our Nurse:

The last day of school is June 4th, which is fast approaching. Please be sure to pick up your child's medication from the clinic by the end of the school day on June 4th. This includes prescription and non-prescription medication as well as nebulizer and any equipment you may have brought in for medical procedures. A parent/guardian must pick up these items, as we cannot send them home with the students.

If the medication is not picked up by the end of the school day on June 4th, the medication will be disposed of according to Volusia County School Board administration of medication guidelines before the clinic closes at the end of the day.

If you have any questions please contact Freedom clinic. Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer. I look forward to seeing you next year!

Remember to continue to save for Freedom!



Congratulations! Logan

Logan from Mrs. Deibler's 4th grade class was awarded the Animal Hero Kids Award.

Read...Read...Read...during the summer!

Have a Restful and Happy Summer!

See You On August 19!