



Falcon Flyer



A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FREEDOM FAMILY

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Winter Break December 21-January 4



Administration Station

Happy Holidays Freedom Family,
It's the most wonderful time of the year! December is here, and there are only a few weeks left in 2020. Winter break is coming soon. During the break, we would like to encourage all families to take advantage of the opportunity to play outside with your child or children and enjoy a good book to create memories that you will cherish for a lifetime! We are so grateful for your continuous support and entrusting us with your most precious gifts. Our commitment to Freedom's success is stronger than ever. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!
Mrs. Walker, Freedom Principal
Mr. Goldsmith, Freedom Assistant Principal

The 3 Ws

*Watch your distance.
Wash your hands.
Wear a mask.*



From 4th Grade

The 4th Grade team wants to extend warm wishes to our students and families!



PTA NEWS

The spirit shirts are in! They will be distributed to the teachers this week to send home with the students who ordered shirts. If you missed the deadline, the PTA will be placing another order at the end of January or beginning of February 2021 based on need or want.

The PTA is excited to announce that we are hosting a **virtual** Gingerbread Holiday Shop from Monday, December 7, 2020 through Friday, December 11, 2020. **This year's shop will be 100% online!**

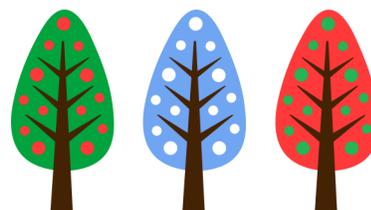
With the holidays right around the corner, you can shop and find great gifts for the entire family from the convenience of your home.

Registration Instructions to access the online shopping site:

1. Register a student(s) to access the online shopping site by [Clicking Here](#), or by visiting www.fundrus.net, select Student Registration and enter school code 651208277.
2. Send emails out to family members and invite them to shop too!
3. Click on categories for easy shopping.
4. All orders must be placed online by 12/11/2020.

We hope the kids will enjoy shopping (parents- don't peek until you put in your credit card info). THANK YOU for your support of our service fundraiser!

Also, the PTA is hosting a **mobile** spirit night at Chipotle-2335 S. Woodland Blvd. in Deland on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Please note that this fundraiser is only valid through online ordering via the Chipotle website or app. Pickup only. No delivery. **Please use online ordering code 88X24PD in the 'promo' field before checking out when placing your online order.**



From First Grade

We are so excited to be back in school, and we're looking forward to spending these three weeks with you before our Winter Holiday! Please continue to practice sight words at home. Students should be able to fluently recognize the words from Unit 1 and Unit 2 when they return from our Winter Holiday! Thank you parents for your continued support! We wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope you enjoy your Winter Break!
The First Grade Team

Media News

Our librarian Mrs. Ross would like to remind everyone how important independent reading is for all. Make sure to enjoy a good book that interests you over the winter break. We are looking forward to Celebrate Literacy Week in January. This year's theme is, "Reading is always in fashion!"

From Second Grade

Second grade is excited to be back at Freedom! Help us help those in need of warm clothes in the winter months. Donate your gently used, like new jeans that your child has outgrown to our **Just Jeans** collection project. We are also collecting adult size jeans. All donations should meet dress code requirements: black or blue denim, no rips or tears, no designs, no stripes. Drop off your **Just Jeans** in the jeans box in the office. Second grade is also preparing for the holidays with our Christmas ornament book report project, which incorporates our reading, speaking, and listening skills. Parents, please remember your child would benefit from reading for at least 20 minutes a day.

STEM Fun!

A Byte of STEM!
December will be an exciting month in STEM! Kindergarten and first grade will be learning about STEM in fairy tales. We will help the three billy goats gruff cross a bridge, and we will help Rapunzel! Second, third, fourth and fifth graders will be learning to drive and code our SPHERO SPRK robots. We will complete obstacle courses, go robotic bowling, and start building our Robotic Ninja Warrior course. Looking forward to a great December!



Music News!

On November 18, Freedom Elementary third, fourth, and fifth graders had the amazing opportunity to watch the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra's 2020 youth concert! In a normal year, students would take a field trip to see this orchestra concert first-hand, however, this year brought a virtual experience. Students had a wonderful time receiving their ticket to the concert and watching the Orlando Philharmonic travel around the world, as they tried to stop the evil Dr. Monotone from turning all music into one monotonous sound! The Orlando Philharmonic performed a variety of musical genres from numerous countries and did a fantastic job bringing fun and innovation to the world of music. Big thanks to our Special Area team for streaming the concert to our third through fifth graders and helping make this event a success! For the month of November, students in all grades have been learning about the various instruments of the orchestra through listening and movement activities, literature, coloring, and detective assignments. December will wrap up our instrument unit and bring in the fantastic world of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Here's to making some great music in the next three weeks!



Parent Reminders/Dates

Chipotle Spirit Night: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4-8
PTA Online Holiday Shop: December 7-11
SAC Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:00PM
Winter Break: December 21-January 4

***Reminder-it is very important to arrive to school on time; instruction begins promptly at 7:50.



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