

# Freedom Elementary Newsletter

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**Word of the Week**

**Friendship**

**Caring for and trusting others.**

**Courtney Harter, Counselor**  
**Kim Shahan, Counselor**  
**Linda Butemeyer, Counselor**

**Quote of the Week**

*"The only way to have a friend is to be one."*

**August 25, 2017**

**Welcome!!**

We are so excited to have so many new families and returning students. The Faculty and Staff would like to welcome you to Freedom Elementary School. We are eager to get this school year started! As we work together to ensure that your children have a successful year, please know that we encourage and welcome your support and participation in the everyday routine. Working together for the success of your children will help them reach their full potential in the areas of academics, social, and emotional growth. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher by calling the school office.

Let us all work together for the future of our students and to have a great year!!



## Friendly Reminders from the Office Staff

- Please call by 9:15am if your child will be absent. 580-713-0060
- If possible, please schedule appointments for before school or after school.

### LPS Guiding Principles

At Freedom our teachers and staff are dedicated to the following:

- We equitably serve our students' needs as career-bound citizens.
- We celebrate our diversity within a culture of shared professional ideals.
- We foster investment in Freedom through communication, collaboration, and transparency.
- We promote healthy and fit lifestyles as we learn, do, and teach.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Freedom Elementary School is to educate all students to achieve their highest level of academic performance, fostering the development of a positive self-esteem, as well as creating healthy/fit career bound citizens.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision at Freedom is to provide a safe and secure environment that motivates and empowers ALL students.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

### SEPTEMBER

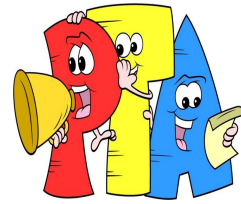
- September 1 – Professional Day (NO SCHOOL)
- September 4 – Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- September 18 – Constitution Day (Wear red, white or blue)
- September 22 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks
- September 25 – Progress Reports Home
- September 27-29 – Book Fair Preview for Students

### October

- October 2 – Book Fair begins!  
Daylight with Dad! 8:15-9:00  
(Dads come and check out the Book Fair!)
- October 3 – Book Fair Family Night 4:00-6:00pm
- October 5 – Mornings with Mom! 8:15-9:00  
(Moms come and check out the Book Fair!)
- October 6 – School Picture Day!
- October 13 – Professional Day (NO SCHOOL)
- October 16-17- Parent Teacher Conferences

## PTA Newsí í í

**Hey there everybody! It's time to get cutting and save those Box Tops! Box Tops for Education is a fun and easy way to help support Freedom! All you have to do is clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of family products from brands like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Juicy Juice® and more!**



PTA is always looking for new members. Only \$6.00 per membership.

Freedom PTA Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/648212105307734/>

Freedom PTA E-mail:

[FreedomElementarylps@gmail.com](mailto:FreedomElementarylps@gmail.com)

Freedom Elementary School Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Freedom-Elementary-School/536890623116410>

### Lawton Public Schools Communicable Disease Policy

For the protection of all school children and staff, students should be kept home or will be sent home in the following situations:

- Students with a fever of 100 degrees or more will be sent home and can return when the student is fever free for a 24 hr period without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Students with any nasal discharge and/or persistent coughing accompanied by fever will be sent home and can return when fever free for a 24 hr period without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Students with vomiting and/or diarrhea will be sent home and can return when the student has not had an episode for a 24 hr period without the use of medication.
- Students with any type of rash will be sent home. A rash is defined as an eruption of oozing of the skin. Students can return the following day if the rash is no longer visible. If the rash remains then a clearance must be obtained by a physician stating the diagnosis and they are clear to return to school
- Students with any inflammation of the eye or lid will be sent home and can return to school when a clearance has been obtained by a physician.

### Transportation Changes...

- If you are going to make a transportation change, please call & let us know by 2:30pm. 580-713-0060
- Students will be sent home per their usual way, unless the school is notified either in writing or by phone.
- We appreciate your help in making sure all students get home in a safe and timely manner!

