



## FREEDOM FIREBIRDS

### **Our Mission:**

Freedom Traditional Academy is committed to providing a well-rounded educational experience in which students develop great citizenship and achieve academic excellence through a rigorous, accelerated, and purposeful curriculum while supported by an engaged and involved family community.

### **Our Vision:**

Preparing all students to be successful, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

## Message from the Principal

Hello Firebird Families!

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that December is here and Winter break is a few weeks away. The holidays seem to be a time when there are so many things to do and the task of getting to the end of "the list" can become daunting. As I get older and my kids have begun to graduate college and move out, I find myself wishing that I would have slowed down when they were younger and enjoyed more time with them. I hope you are able to pause this holiday season and make the time you spend with your family memorable.

Our band, choir, and orchestra will be putting on their annual Winter performance. This will take place in the cafeteria (multi-purpose building) on December 6 at 6:00 pm. The kids have been diligently practicing and are excited to perform for you. All families are invited to this event. You won't be disappointed. They are amazing!

We will wrap up the holiday season with Winter Wonderland on December 15 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be games and crafts for all ages, choir performances from kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade, a Holiday Shop for kids to buy presents, and last but not least, a visit from Santa Claus!

I hope you all have a safe and joyous holiday season. We will see you in 2023!

For the Kids,  
Connie Wolford

## Volunteer Corner



As you know, Freedom Traditional Academy believes that children are more successful when there is a strong partnership between school and home. We know that our families have busy lives, so we offer many family-friendly volunteer opportunities.

Here are some examples:

- ALL PTA events (Winter Wonderland, Book Fair, etc)
  - Contact [FreedomPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FreedomPTA@gmail.com) for more information.
- Direct traffic at arrival and/or dismissal
- Helping the Teachers (copying, bulletin boards, reading groups, etc.) - email your teacher to set up a time/day
- Volunteering for Winter Wonderland (in December) - email Mrs. Serene
- Art Docent for your child's classroom - email your teacher
- Help with Band/Choir/Orchestra Concerts - email Ms. McCloud or Mr. Swanson
- **...and many more!!!**

## News from PTA



There are upcoming PTA events planned for December! Here's what is happening...

- Dec 7 from 4-9:00 pm - Cane's Night
- Dec 12 to 15 - Holiday Shop
- Dec 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm - Winter Wonderland (including pictures with Santa)

## Performing Arts



If your child is interested in participating in the performing arts, email Ms. McCloud at [Katrina.McCloud@dysart.org](mailto:Katrina.McCloud@dysart.org) and/or Mr. Swanson at [Allyn.Swanson@dysart.org](mailto:Allyn.Swanson@dysart.org) for more information.

## Athletics



Our Cross Country team has been formed and just competed in their first cross country meet.

Congratulations to Savannah for placing 2nd; Sophie and Landon for placing 3rd in each of their divisions!

## Upcoming Events



- Dec 6: Band and Choir Concert (6:00 pm)
- Dec 7-8: Math and Reading District Benchmark (3rd-5th grades)
- Dec 14: Dress Down Day
  - Free for those who purchased yearly passes
  - \$1 for jeans/\$2 for the full outfit
- Dec 15: Polar Express Night (5:00 pm)
- Dec 19-20: Early Release - 1:00 pm dismissal
- **Dec 21-Jan 4: Winter Break (School resumes Jan 5)**
- Jan 10-11: Math and Reading District Benchmark (6th-8th grades)
- Jan 11: Dress Down Day
  - Free for those who purchased yearly passes
  - \$1 for jeans/\$2 for the full outfit

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