



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!

We are off and running in Quarter 3! Students have finished taking the Winter benchmarks and DIBELs. Next week, our students will be tracking their progress and setting new goals. Your child's teacher will be sharing your child's progress within the next few weeks. In February's newsletter, I will update you on how our school, as a whole, is progressing toward our continuous improvement goals.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up! They are the week of February 6. Be sure to check your email for information on how to schedule a conference.

If you attended any of our Winter events, you probably noticed how many of our students participate in choir, band, and/or orchestra and how phenomenal they are. We are able to sustain these performing arts programs (and all the other extracurricular activities) from tax credit donations. These donations allow us to pay staff for their time and buy materials that are needed. When you donate, 100% of the money goes to Freedom and you get to choose where your money will be spent (athletics, fine arts, or enrichment programs). You will also receive a dollar for dollar state tax credit. Go to dysart.org/taxcredit for more information.

Lastly, I would like to thank our fabulous PTA for raising money to purchase picnic tables so our students can begin eating lunch outside. This also wouldn't be possible without your support of the PTA and our school. Great things are happening at Freedom!!!

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
 - Contact **FreedomTraditionalPTA@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
- 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 January and February:

- Peter Piper Pizza Night: Jan 25 from 4-8pm
- Zag Fundraiser: Jan 27-Feb 14
- Online Spirit Store Opens: Feb 1-17
- Uniform Drive: Feb 6-10 and Mar 6-10 (More information to come)
- Book Fair: Feb 6-9 (Parent/Teacher Conference Week)
- McTeacher Night: Feb 22 from 5-7pm
- Daddy-O's & Dollys Sock Hop: Feb 24 from 6-8pm

Performing Arts



You are invited to attend **Dysart's Festival of the Arts** on Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our choir, band and orchestra will be performing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Uniform Policy



Since the weather is cooler, this is just a reminder about outerwear. Outerwear that is worn outside ONLY, can be of any color. Outerwear that is worn INSIDE, must be a solid red, white, navy blue, gray, or black and must be one color.

For more details, please turn to pgs. 28-30 of the **Parent/Student Handbook**.

Upcoming Events



- Jan 25: FOX News Visit
- Jan 26: Dress Down Day
 - \$1 for jeans; \$2 for the full outfit; or free with a dress down pass
- Feb 6-10: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb 15: McTeacher Night from 5-7pm
 - Located at the McDonalds off of Reems and Greenway

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