

Freedom Elementary Newsletter

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Word of the Week

Optimism

To anticipate the best possible outcome

August 25, 2023

Quote of the Week

"The beginning is always today."



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!!

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.

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.

Transportation Changes...

- If you are going to make a transportation change, please call & let us know prior to 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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

September

September 4 – Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
September 6- PTA FUN RUN!!
September 18 – Constitution Day (Wear red, white or blue)
September 15- Virtual Day for Students
September 15- LPS Foundation Breakfast 6AM-9AM

October

October 9-13 – Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

November

November 10- Veterans Day Observed (NO SCHOOL)
November 20-24- Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?*

- **CHRONIC ABSENCE: 18 OR MORE DAYS PER YEAR**
- **WARNING SIGNS: 10 TO 17 DAYS PER YEAR**
- **GOOD ATTENDANCE: 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES PER YEAR**

*THIS APPLIES TO FULL YEAR STUDENTS

#AttendanceMatters **#SchoolEveryDay**

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. Doors will open at 8:25 a.m. for all students to go immediately to their classroom. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, parents will not be allowed to enter the building past the main entry area unless volunteering or have a scheduled appointment, which includes morning drop off.



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JOIN FREEDOM ELEMENTARY PTA!

Membership \$8 / person

ANYONE CAN JOIN!

WHY JOIN THE PTA?

- OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW FELLOW PARENTS
- STUDIES SHOW CHILDREN OF INVOLVED PARENTS PERFORM BETTER IN SCHOOL
- GET TO KNOW TEACHERS BETTER
- TO HAVE MORE OF A VOICE IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
- SIMPLY PAYING \$8 DUES HELPS!

pta funds support:

- school field trips
- teacher supply grants
- staff appreciation
- classroom parties
- 5th grade celebration
- special school purchases
- color run
- family events (movie nights, dance, fall festival, more)



VOLUNTEER! SEND US A MESSAGE

FOR MORE INFO OR TO JOIN, VISIT:
[HTTPS://LPSFREEDOMPTA.MEMBERHUB.COM/STORE](https://lpsfreedompta.memberhub.com/store)

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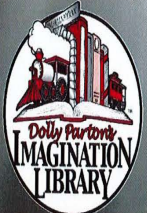


Freedom Maker Space

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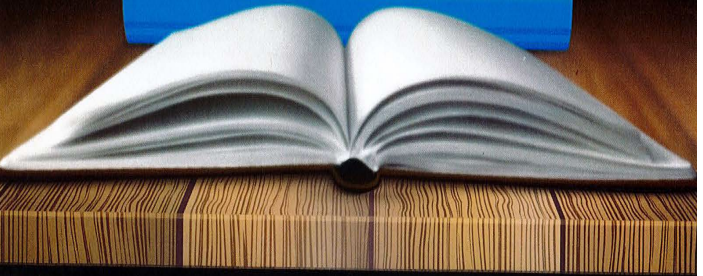
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"INSPIRING KIDS TO LOVE TO READ" SIGN UP NOW!



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FREEDOM PTA FUN RUN

September 6, 2023



