

**Freedom Elementary
Respect, Responsibility,
and Right to Learn
Discipline Philosophy**

*All students have the right to learn.

*A key factor in determining children's success is the environment in which they learn.

*Students are expected to manage and accept responsibility for their own behavior.

Expectations for Behavior

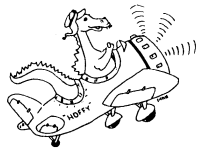
- 1. Be kind and respectful at all times (K).**
- 2. Keep body parts and objects to yourself (B).**
- 3. Be responsible for all school and class-related work and materials (M).**
- 4. Be an effective listener and follow directions (L).**
- 5. Be responsible for our school environment (E).**

"Braggin Dragon" Awards are distributed daily as a way of recognizing students displaying one or more of the expected behaviors. Students receiving an award also have their names entered in a prize drawing. Prize winners are announced weekly.



**Freedom Elementary
Guiding Question ~**

How can I show that I am doing my best job?



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Richard H. Huss, Principal

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Character Trait of the Month ~

JANUARY—INTEGRITY

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!"

-Sir Walter Scott (18th century Scottish author)

SUPPLEMENTAL JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

From the Administrators:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Are you a lifelong learner? Our school mission states that we want to provide an environment where all students become lifelong learners and productive citizens. What does it mean to be a lifelong learner?

Lifelong learning is the process of acquiring and expanding knowledge, skills, and dispositions throughout your life to foster well-being. It is more than taking a class or reading a text. Lifelong learning is about the decisions you make and the problems you solve in everyday life. A lifelong learner may be described using the following:

- Knowledgeable person with deep understanding
- Complex thinker
- Creative person
- Active investigator
- Effective communicator
- Participant in an interdependent world
- Reflective and self-directed learner

Please encourage your child to be a lifelong learner. Take time to talk to your child and share ways that you are a lifelong learner. We encourage you to spend time during the winter months supporting your child in refining and extending academic skills by reading, practicing math facts, and playing board games that will help develop independent thinking skills. These are all family friendly activities that can help build relationships and intellectual skills. If students find fun activities that help them become better thinkers, they will most likely choose to be lifelong learners.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Huss
Principal

Teresa L. Meinecke
Assistant Principal

Freedom Elementary Mission Statement: It is the mission of Freedom Elementary to provide an environment where all students become lifelong learners and productive citizens.



...AND THE BRAGGIN' DRAGON AWARD GOES TO...

The talented instrumentalists and chorus members who performed at our Winter Concert!

After identifying several things that make Freedom Elementary a wonderful place to work and be, the leadership team agreed that the next school-wide recognition should go to the fifth grade instrumental music students and fourth and fifth grade chorus members who presented this year's winter concert on December 8. Under the direction of Mr. Hiner and Mrs. Kennedy, the students did a wonderful job sharing their musical talents!! It was a very impressive program. Thank you goes to the students for the time and effort they put into practicing and also to the families who support the music program.



We want to extend our best wishes to Mrs. Mary Gouker as she leaves us to pursue the next step in her educational career! Mrs. Gouker has recently accepted the assistant principal position at Sandymount Elementary School. We appreciate the positive impact Mrs. Gouker has had on the lives of many students and staff members. We wish her well in her new position!

It is with pleasure that we welcome Mrs. Sherry Willis to our staff! Mrs. Willis is an early childhood certified teacher with over twenty years of outstanding classroom teaching experience. Mrs. Willis has joined the second grade team to fill the position left open by Mrs. Gouker's promotion. We believe she will be a great addition to the Freedom Elementary School community.



MSA for 2011-2012

Please place our testing dates on your calendar and make every effort to avoid planning appointments or vacations during testing.

The Maryland School Assessments for Reading will be given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 14th and 15th. The Maryland School Assessment for Math will given to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 on March 20th and 21st.

Grade 5 students will take the Science MSA between April 16th and May 4th.



Unless prevented by inclement weather, including temperatures or wind chill factors that are freezing or below, the students have outside recess during the winter months. Please be sure your child comes prepared with a coat/jacket and any other outerwear you feel is appropriate for outside play time.



JANUARY



January 3— Schools/Offices Reopen

January 16 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday,
Schools/Offices Closed

January 26—2nd Marking Period Ends

January 27—Schools Closed for Students,
Professional Day for Teachers

January 30—Third Marking Period Begins



Early Dismissal Days

February 10 (Elementary)

May 11 (Elementary)

March 5 (System-wide)

June 14 (System-wide)

Freedom dismisses at
12:20 p.m.

Thinking about summer?



CCPS Summer Enrichment Program Booklets for the 2012 sessions have been distributed to all students. Most classes are for students completing grades K-5. Topics have a wide variety of content and interests, including music, art, math, reading, drama, history, and geography. If you have children who have previously enjoyed the Summer Enrichment Program, please consider having them attend again this summer. If your children have not attended in the past, please take time to consider having them be part of an enriching, rewarding, and fun-filled experience. Each class costs \$95.00, except for the Carroll County Farm Museum Apprenticeship class which is \$100.00. Most classes meet for nine sessions at 2 ¼ hours per session. The registration deadline is February 24, 2012. The application forms, sign-up sheet, and registration fee should be returned to your child's teacher by this date.

School Arrival Procedures

Due to concerns about student safety at Freedom, we are requiring that all students arriving by bus enter through the main front doors and all parent drop - offs enter through the cafeteria doors.

When dropping a student off in the side loop, please pull down to the first yellow line. This will allow several cars to unload at once, thus minimizing the back up on the parking lot. No students are to be dropped off prior to pulling into the loop. For maximum student safety, cars may not pass other cars in the loop.

Traffic Patterns

We strongly encourage each student to arrive and depart using the bus provided.

In a case where you must transport your child to/from school during arrival/dismissal times, **all** parent drop off and pick up is in the traffic loop at the side entrance of the cafeteria. Cars and buses will continue to enter the parking lot from the north entrance. The right lane is designated for buses only. All cars will enter in the left lane and make the immediate left and proceed until the end of the row of parked cars. From there, the cars will turn right and proceed around the loop. **The drive-thru loop on the cafeteria side of the building will be for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up only.** Please do not park along the curb next to the sidewalk by the side loop. Children should get out on the right side of the car, along the sidewalk. We have had children getting out on the left and walking between moving vehicles. Please do not pass vehicles in the loop. If you feel it is necessary to walk your child into school, we ask that you park in a space along the side of the school near the cafeteria.





INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When inclement weather conditions occur, the decision may be made to delay the opening of school by one or two hours, to close school, or to dismiss school early. An announcement will be made for delayed openings or closings by 6:00 a.m. Every effort will be made to make the announcement as early as possible. There may be an announcement made to open schools 2 hours late with a "re-evaluation" period to possibly close schools. If no re-evaluation announcement is made by 7:00 am, schools will open 2 hours late as originally announced.

All weather-related announcements will be made through the CCPS AlertNow system, the CCPS website, CCPS CETV-Channel 21 and the following media outlets:

WTTR 1470 AM, WBAL-TV Channel 11, WJZ-TV Channel 13, WMAR-TV Channel 2, WBFF Fox 45, WPOC/WCAO/B104.3, WBAL Radio 1090 AM, Metro Network V-103 (WXTR, WWLG-AM, WGRX, WCAO, WASA, WANN, WBGR, WJHY, WNAV), Infinity Broadcasting (WQSR/WWMS/W MIX 106.5/WLIF 101.9), WRBS 95.1 FM, WAFY-KEY 103, WGET 1320 AM/WGTY 107.7 FM, WHVR 1280 AM/The PEAK 98.5 FM, WFMD 930 AM/WFRE 99.9.

Decisions to delay the opening of schools, close schools or dismiss schools early will affect the Career and Technology Center, Pre-Kindergarten and PREP Programs in the following ways:

SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED BY ONE (1) HOUR

- Career & Technology Program will be shortened by one hour.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be on a regular schedule.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be delayed by one hour.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule.

SCHOOL OPENING DELAYED BY TWO (2) HOURS

- Career & Technology Program will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be on a regular schedule
- A.M. & P.M. PREP Program sessions will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.

SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE ONE (1) HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL

(Decision must be made by 12:00 p.m.)

- Career and Technology Program will be dismissed one hour early.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be dismissed on a regular schedule
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be dismissed one hour early.

SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE TWO (2) HOURS EARLIER THAN USUAL

(Decision must be made by 11:00 a.m.)

- Career and Technology Program will be on an adjusted schedule. Specific details may be obtained from the home school.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session will be on a regular schedule
- P.M. PREP Program session will be canceled.

SCHOOL CLOSING TO BE THREE (3) HOURS EARLIER THAN USUAL

(Decision must be made by 10:00 am)

- Career and Technology Program will dismiss at 11:00 a.m.
- A.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will dismiss at 10:00 a.m.
- P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Program session will be canceled.
- A.M. PREP Program session students will remain at school until dismissal of all students and ride home on their a.m. bus.
- P.M. PREP Program session will be canceled.

On days when schools are closed or there is an early dismissal because of inclement weather, school activities scheduled for that evening as well as the Adult Evening Program Classes may be canceled. The school system and or individual school administrators will make separate announcements regarding evening and weekend activities that may be canceled.

Any decision to close schools, delay opening or dismiss schools early due to inclement weather is not made lightly. Every effort will be made to provide an instructional school day consistent with the published school calendar, and with our foremost concern always being the safe travel of all Carroll County Public School students.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OUT-OF-DISTRICT REQUESTS FOR THE 2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Board policy states that students who attend Carroll County Public Schools shall attend school in their designated attendance area. However, in very specific and limited circumstances, students may be placed in a school outside their attendance area if an approvable circumstance is deemed to exist.

Parents/legal guardians desiring an out-of-district placement for their child should carefully review the list of approvable circumstances listed on the back of the out-of-district application to determine whether the child meets the criteria for approval. Please review the out-of-district regulations in the Student Services manual for updates. The information can be found in Section I of the Student Services manual at www.carrollk12.org. The Carroll County Public Schools' out-of-district policy and regulation will be strictly adhered to in making decisions regarding admission of students to schools outside of their assigned attendance area.

It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to obtain an out-of-district application from the school office or the Student Services Department. These applications will be available on December 5, 2011. Completed out-of-district applications may not be returned to the school office.

The deadline for out-of-district applications for the 2012-2013 school year is **February 1, 2012**. Completed applications must be **postmarked or personally delivered** by the deadline date to:

Carroll County Public Schools
Student Services Department
125 North Court Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Applications postmarked/received after the deadline date of **February 1, 2012** will be returned to the sender without consideration.

QUESTIONS REGARDING OUT-OF-DISTRICT ISSUES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL'S PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKER, MR. TOM CANFIELD AT 410-386-4446 .

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ancestry or national origin, religion, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The CCPS provides nondiscriminatory access to school facilities in accordance with its policies and regulations regarding the community use of schools (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts). The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Gregory J. Bricca
 Director of Research and Accountability
 125 North Court Street
 Westminster, Maryland 21157
 410.751.3068

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Office of Community and Media Relations at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities or the Supervisor of Community and Media Relations.

Raymond Prokop Director of Facilities 125 North Court Street Westminster, Maryland 21157 (410) 751-3177	Carey Gaddis Supervisor of Community & Media Relations 125 North Court Street Westminster, Maryland 21157 (410) 751-3020
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2012</h1> <p>Math Benchmarks 1st – 5th Grade - 23rd - 31st Math Benchmarks Kindergarten - 3rd - 31st</p>						
1	2 Schools/Offices Closed	3 Schools/Offices Reopen	4 7PM PTA Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 5PM Board of Ed. Mtg.	12 7PM Market Day Pick-Up	13	14
15	16 Schools/Offices Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 5PM Board of Ed. Mtg. 6PM FY13 Budget Hearing 7PM Work Session	26 Marking Period Ends	27 Schools Closed for Students	28
29	30	31				

Carroll County **Elementary** Schools
 ½ Pint of Milk Served with each **Lunch**
 Pizza or Hot Dog available Daily



JANUARY 2012



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pizza Soup Apple Pineapple Salad Fruit	4 Popcorn Chicken Hot Vegetable Roll Pears	5 Cold Cut Sub Potato Rounds Hot Vegetable Coleslaw Peaches	6 Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
9 Hard or Soft Shell Taco w/ Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn Peaches	10 Hot Ham & Cheese on Roll OR Manager's Choice Wrap Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fruit	11 Scrambled Egg Sausage Patty Juice Pancake w/Syrup Baked Cinnamon Apples Breakfast For Lunch	12 Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit Green Beans Fruit	13 Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza Hot Vegetable Fruit
16  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Chicken Patty on Roll Chili Fresh Veggies w/ Dip Fruit	18 Pizzatas [Pizza Pockets] Hot Vegetable Fruit	19 Spaghetti Taco w/ Meat Sauce OR Spaghetti w/Meatsauce and Cheese Tossed Salad Roll Fruit Cup	20 Stuffed Crust Pizza Green Beans Fruit
23 Chicken Tenders Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Veggie Cup Fruit	24 Oven Baked Cheesesticks w/ Dipping Sauce Hot Vegetable Applesauce Lucky Tray Day !!!	25 Breadsticks w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli Tossed Salad Pears	26 Cheese Or Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit	27 SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
30 Chicken Nuggets w/ Choice of Sauces Roll Celery & Carrot Sticks Baked Beans Fruit	31 Beef-A-Roni Roll Hot Vegetable Cole Slaw Mixed Fruit	 KICK-OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH SCHOOL MEALS		

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