



Freedom Academy

FREEDOM FLYER



Nov. 30th, 2011

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Freedom Academy Parents,

We welcomed our new Governing Board members at the November 29 meeting. After the general session, they were trained in the following areas: role of the Board, Board accountability, public meeting laws, conflict on the Board, understanding financial statements and evaluating decisions and working together. We appreciate these parents for stepping up to this responsibility and committing to journey ahead with us in the months and years to come.

We bid farewell to Kyle Bateman and Nancy Ashby who have served for several years and been an integral part of our continuing growth and achievement. We wish them the very best!

We have been busy as usual with a wide variety of activities here these past few weeks. A measles service project completed by several students, led by Colten Lee was a great success. We are continually impressed by the attitude of our young people in global awareness and their willingness to reach out to others.

At this time of year we like to remind parents to consider a couple of things. First, it is very important that families who are attending the school understand that we have specific programs that are part of our charter. It is the parents' responsibility to be aware of and familiar with the programs and curriculum of the school. One such area is Core Knowledge. The school is based on the theme and curriculum developed by E.D. Hirsch and the Core Knowledge Company. At every grade level we use what we call "the Grader Books". Each grade level has its own book in which the curriculum is outlined for many of our subject areas.

Teachers all reference these books for parents in their class letters and on their UEN websites. Parents should have these books in their homes and use them to support the ongoing daily learning in the classroom. They are titled, "What your (First, Second, Third etc.) Grader Should Know". They are easily found in many stores, both new and used and online. Or our library has copies for parent checkout as well.

Second, during this time of year when thinking of gift giving, remember that your children have all GROWN and there are great sales out there to replenish the worn out and too small/short uniform clothes. Slightly used and good clothing can be traded or passed down. It can even be donated to the school for spare use.

The first issue of the Journalism class newspaper was outstanding! Mock Trials auditions are taking place to identify this year's team. Eagle Time is enjoyed by students and a great motivator for academic performance. The basketball pre-season games begin this week. There are over 30 students participating in a national novel writing competition and holiday concerts and performances are in the works. All of these are just a small sampling of the exciting things that are happening here at the Academy.

We have begun transitioning to the use of Freedom Preparatory Academy as the name of our school now that the 9th grade expansion is in full progress. We are now considered a K-12 school. A new, beautiful website is nearing completion. Please look for it in early January.

Look for one Freedom Flyer in December as the calendar year winds to a close.

Thank you for your continued engagement in education. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 30
Mid-term

Dec. 2, 10:00 AM
Nutcracker Ballet
\$1 Free Dress Day

Dec. 8
Expansion Meeting

Dec. 16
Early Dismissal – 12:30 PM
School T-shirt & Jeans Day

Dec. 19 - 31
Winter Break

* Please remember that the spelling bee lists are now posted on the school website.



“Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.”

-Mohandas Gandhi-

Expansion Update

Our expansion continues to move forward. We are currently working with architectural firms on the remodeling plans for the inside of our new building. Our next expansion meeting will be on December 8th at 4:00 PM, in the conference room.



Freedom Preparatory Academy's 2011-2012 Girls' Basketball Team

Katelyne Maroney
Maddy Hargett
Bethany Day
Olivia Holloway
Skylee Hansen
Tima Howlett

Miki Hargett
Antonella Bianchetti
Natasha Priego
Tannya Ortega
Emma Hald
Desiree' Watford

Freedom Preparatory Academy's 2011-2012 Boys' Basketball Team

Eathan Allsup
Jake Bichsel
Ethan Chan
Chandler Jacobson
Marcos Mendez
Noah Combs
Alex Zamarripa

JD Grover
Spencer Johnson
Chris LeBaron
Colton Lindsey
Gannon McGinn
Koby Priego



