



Freedom Academy

FREEDOM FLYER



Nov. 9th, 2011

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Freedom Academy Parents,

We are growing! The school just finalized transactions on two properties which are part of the strategic plans for the high school expansion. **Beginning in this issue of the Freedom Flyer, you will find a FREEDOM PREPARATORY ACADEMY EXPANSION UPDATE.** In this column, you will learn the latest information to keep you abreast of developments in the coming months. See page 2.

We are honoring our Veterans with a school assembly on Nov. 10. Several of these fine citizens will be joining us at 2:00 as guests of honor. All K-8 students will be participating in the assembly. We want our students to appreciate and be proud of the service and sacrifice of these people. Parents are welcome to attend.

Fall semester brings the first round of teacher observations. During November and December teachers present a lesson focusing on Language Arts or Science, or their specialty/elective area. They demonstrate strategies of instruction, techniques that reach all learners, core curriculum, classroom management and the many other components that demonstrate best practices and research based effective teaching. I come away so awed at the talents, skills and knowledge that our teachers use in teaching our students at the highest levels. From our most experienced, to our newest teachers, there is great evidence of teaching and learning throughout every classroom and grade level.

Our school EYE (Early Years Enhancement) program is in full swing this year.

Mrs. Beavers oversees this outstanding program which is designed to grow our teachers who have three or less years experience and are in the program to move to the next level of licensure. The young teachers are paired with veteran teachers who meet with, mentor, coach and observe them. Together they discuss new ideas, concerns, challenges and best practices. We have one of the best programs of all the charter schools in the state! Hats off to everyone who works so diligently to assure the success of this important program.

This Friday is a non-student day. Teachers will enjoy a full day of teacher training. Some of the topics include "The Art of Questioning", UTIPS, STAR reading, guided reading, character education, science fair and Love and Logic. It is a day when we can learn together, share successes, discuss challenges and refill our wells. We will have another similar day in the second semester.

Everyone is invited to meet the candidates that are seeking seats on our board this Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Please look for Governing Board Election ballots next week. Mark your choices and return the ballots to school by Friday, Nov. 18. This is an important opportunity for each family within our school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herring

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed, it must be achieved."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 10

Veteran's Assembly 2:00 PM
Expansion Meeting 4:00 PM
Meet the Candidate Night-Library 7:00 PM

Nov. 11

No School - Professional Development Day

Nov. 14

Ballots sent home

Nov. 15-18

Voting open - completed ballots returned to school

Nov. 18

Voting ends at 4:00 PM
School T-shirt and Jeans Day

"Our ultimate freedom is the right and power to decide how anybody or anything outside ourselves will affect us."

-Stephen Covey-

Expansion Update

The location for our new 9th grade beginning next fall is the white building at the south side of the roundabout on 820 North, just west of our current location by .2 miles. It takes a mere six minutes to walk from our front door to that location. A new banner has been hung there this week announcing our opening next fall.

For those students who are interested in release time LDS Seminary, the class will be held in the chapel directly behind our current building. Plans are underway and will be shared upon completing of final information.

We have also purchased the home adjacent to our west playground. This has been rented and will continue as a rental property until the final building plans and design are completed for the new high school building. The leased building and purchase of the home are part of our strategic plan in beginning the expansion. It is anticipated that at least the 9th grade and 10th grade the following year will use the white building on 820 north. During this time, a final determination and design of our final facility will be made and announced. We thank you for your continued interest and support as we “grow our own” a year at a time through 2015-16 until we have a full K-12 program.

The expansion committee continues to meet regularly discussing all subject and activity areas. A major focus at this time is spreading the word about the new high school’s communication focus and recruiting the students that will be most interested in that type of college prep program. We are not a one size fits all like the typical public high school. Ours will be a narrower focus to prepare those students who are seeking education that will carry them on into the universities and their careers. Applications for the lottery are now available at the front office .

Charter schools are schools of choice and provide parents the opportunity to find the right educational programs for their children. Freedom’s K-8 program is outstanding! Parents will have to decide if they want the 9-12 **college prep** experience which will include accelerated and challenging courses designed to prepare their child to do well and compete in the best universities, within a communication focus. Please stay tuned as our plans continue to develop and unfold in the weeks and months to come.

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Freedom Gallery



The Mad Scientist & her minions.



The world of Peter Pan.
(Mrs. Beavers Class)



Mrs. Taylor's Class



Miss Ahlstrom's class
enjoying library time.