

May 26, 2017

Happy Friday Eagle Parents,

I can't believe that it is the end of the year already. With only 3½ days to go, there are many last minute things teachers are frantically finishing to ensure that students will be successful when they return to school at the end of the summer.

Please take a moment to reflect on where your child started the year, where she or he is ending the year and all the hard work that your child's teacher has put in to guide your child. After that, take a moment to write a note, email or card thanking your dedicated teacher for the work done this year. So many times, we as a society are quick to correct or criticize, but slow to give thanks or recognition. Take a moment to let your teacher know one or two specific things you appreciate. That specific appreciation means the world.

Being a former teacher, nothing meant more to me than knowing that I made a difference in the lives of the students I had the opportunity to guide.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd. STUDENTS RELEASED AT 11:55

Residency Verification

Residency Verification will be completed online this year. You will receive an email from "ienroll" on July 11th with instructions on how to complete your online verification. Generally it lands in a SPAM or CLUTTER folder. The online verification will be due by July 18th. If you have any questions or need access to a computer please call the office and we will be of service.

This paperwork is used at the central administration building to verify our enrollment and it assures I will have all Freedom's teachers in place when the school year starts. I thank you in advance for completing the online paperwork or calling our campus secretary to set up an alternate time to come in to complete this vital step in getting the 2017-2018 school year started.

Remind 2017-2018

To be put on a list to receive short text message reminders about what is happening at Freedom Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year, text what is between the quotes "@FRES17-18" to 81010. This is a new Remind account. I will no longer use the 2016-2017 school year account after June 3rd.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 29TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Meet the Teacher Night

Teachers will be making some very important phone calls on August 10th to let you know which classroom your Eagle will be in for the 2017-2018 school year. Students will then have the opportunity to meet their teacher that night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you ordered school supplies through our PTA, the supplies will be with your teacher

Your Eagle will be receiving the final report card of the year on Friday, June 2nd.

3rd and 4th Grade STAAR

As you are aware, 3rd and 4th grade students were administered the STAAR exam (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in March and/or May of this school year. Last year, results for the STAAR assessment were provided to parents by mail during the summer. This school year, we will be sending out an email with how to access the results. We anticipate this email coming to you on June 20th.

Grade Level Assemblies

May 30th: 1st Grade Awards 9:00

May 31st: 2nd Grade Awards 9:00

June 1st: 3rd Grade Awards 9:00

June 1st: Kindergarten Awards 1:45

June 2nd: 4th Grade Awards 9:00

Kindergarten Round up is officially over but we are still registering new to Keller ISD Kindergarten and 1st graders. If you know of any friends or neighbors who will have a Kindergarten student or a 1st grade student who did not attend Keller ISD this year, please have them call our office.

Reminder for Dismissal Procedures (FRONT OF BUILDING)

If you are picking up for Kindergarten, drive down the right hand lane of the parking lot next to the cars parked on the outside. If you are picking up for 2nd-4th grade, drive down the left hand lane next to the cars parked on the inside portion of the parking lot. There is enough space to start two lines once you enter the parking lot.

Reminder for Arrival Procedures

The east driveway (by the cafeteria) is used for: school busses, daycare busses and select students that we have spoken with. If you are not a school bus, daycare bus or a family we have specifically talked with, then you are to use the front driveway only. Having traffic in the east driveway, slows down the busses that are on a tight schedule. Thank you for following the procedures that are set-up for our school and for not forcing Ms. Betancourt or me to be out in that parking lot to give verbal reminders that the procedures are for all of us.

Remember that when you drop-off in front, once you get to the sidewalk your child can exit the passenger side of the car. You do not have to wait until you get to the adults opening the car doors to drop-off, if your child doesn't need help with the door. Once you

drop-off, you may pull into the left lane and drive straight through without waiting in line. This should keep the line moving quickly and get everyone in and out of the parking lot efficiently.

Remind/Social Media

I will be using Remind as a texting tool to keep parents and guardians up-to-date on the happenings at Freedom Elementary. If you would like short bursts of on-time information, please text what is between the quotes to 81010 “@FRES17-18”.

We have a Twitter and Facebook account that you can follow us on for updates as well.

Important Dates:

May 29th: Memorial Day NO SCHOOL

May 30th: 1st Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria

May 31st: 2nd Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria

June 1st: 3rd Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria

June 1st: Kindergarten End of Year Celebration 1:45 PM Cafeteria

June 2nd: 4th Grade Award Celebration 9:00 AM Cafeteria

June 2nd: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE 11:55

July 11th – 18th : Online Residency Verification

August 1st and 2nd: Kinder Camp for our new students to Kindergarten

August 10th: Meet the Teacher 6:30-7:30 PM

August 15th: First Day of School

August 22nd: Freedom Parent University starting at 5:30 (schedule released in August)

Eagle Proud,
Gary Mantz