



A Message from Dr. Hoag's Desk

UP UP UP!

Winter STAR benchmarks showed proficient and advanced improvements for every grade and every subject! Students have been working hard to improve their scores and advance their learning!

5th grade

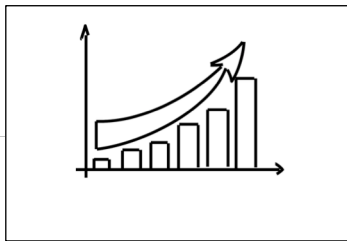
Reading moved up from 59% to 69%

Math moved up from 61% to 86%

6th grade

Reading moved up from 54% to 59%

Math moved up from 70% to 74%



February

Feb 6 – Progress Reports

Feb 14 – Valentine Parties

6th Grade Dance (during school)

Feb 16 – **Picture Day**

11:20 Dismissal

Feb 19 – **No School, Presidents Day**

Feb 28 – Nature's Classroom Trip

FIS NEWS ...

Bulldog Council - 6th grade Valentine's Dance is Wednesday, February 14. Entry to the dance is **1 canned good item –OR- 10 tickets**. Take as many pictures as you would like with all of your friends for **\$1.00 per picture**.

Students may come out of dress code as long as they look appropriate for school. No short skirts or dresses, spaghetti straps or high heels.

Guidance - As part of the health curriculum for 5th grade, Mrs. Pizzillo (School Counselor) and Coach Burgess teach a puberty lesson in May. The young ladies are with Mrs. Pizzillo, and the young men are with Coach Burgess. This is a very generic lesson covering hygiene, changing bodies, and menstruation. There is nothing sexual in the content. If you would like to preview the video we watch, you can do that by going to <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/parents.php> Scroll down to Always Changing (original). If you do NOT want your child to participate at all, please let your child's teacher and the counselor or Coach Burgess know that as well.

Attention, Parents of 6th-graders!

Before enrolling in 7th grade, every student must submit an updated immunization record showing proof of the Tdap vaccine. Please check with your child's physician to make sure your child has had this vaccination or will receive it before the start of the 2018-19 school year. If you have questions about this state-mandated requirement, please contact our school nurse, Ms. Albert, at 615-790-4718 or albertshe@fssd.org.



FSSD Health and Safety Fair
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Freedom Middle School

Vendor Giveaways, door prizes, student performances, and more!!
This is a **FREE** to provide our staff, students, and families with information and services our community partners have to offer. Mark your calendars now!! Details coming your way soon!

PTO Updates

Our next spirit night is Friday, March 2 at Brentwood Skate Center.

We need help to show some love to our students for Valentine's Day. Please sign up to donate a bag of candy, cellophane bags or a little time: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4badaf29abfb6-valentines>

It's time to turn in Box Tops!! **The submission deadline is Friday, February 23.** Please submit them with your child's homeroom teacher's name. The class with the most Box Tops will win a popcorn and movie party!

Reminders:

- Expired Box Tops can't be accepted
- Box Tops don't have to be perfectly trimmed but please don't send in extra packaging
- Send in Box Tops on the collection sheets or in bundles of 50 to help our volunteers count them quickly

The spring book fair is the week of March 19-23. More information will be sent home soon.

Make sure you join the Freedom Parents-FIS and FMS Facebook group to keep up-to-date on PTO and extracurricular activities. The group's link can be found at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1561652104148485>