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April Showers Bring May Flowers



Happy National Pretzel Day!!



I am excited to announce that our **K-6 Summer Learning Program** enrollment has reached an all time high. This summer, we are pilot testing the opportunity for each elementary school to host its own summer learning. So far, we have 500 students who are committed to participating in summer learning compared to 250 students in 2023, and 220 students in 2022. Thank you to our school administrators who were able to design their own building's summer academic and enrichment activities. We are so excited!

In Summer of 2024 Illinois will launch **Summer EBT / SUN Bucks**, a new grocery benefits program that provides families \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is on summer break. Summer is a time when many of our children lose access to meals they normally receive at school, and when households might need a little extra help putting meals on the table. Most families will get these benefits automatically, but some Freeport School District 145 families will need to complete a Household Application with the Nutrition & Dining Services Department. This new program is being offered in addition to free meals that kids of all ages can get at summer school and open meal sites in our District. ***(click here for qualification guidelines)***

The **Freeport HS NJROTC Orienteering Team** earned 2nd Place at the East Aurora Orienteering Meet held on the Des Plaines River State Park. 16 Cadets competed and all had fun on a beautiful Day.

Our **FHS Journalism program** is headed into state competition today for the very first time. I am proud to report that across three events, four of our students have achieved remarkable success, placing in the top third and securing qualification for the state level. Good Luck to **Ms. Jena Kleindl**, Broadcasting teacher and **Ms. Haley Kurtz**, Yearbook Advisor and the following students:

Salaiya Fleming placed 3rd in Feature Writing

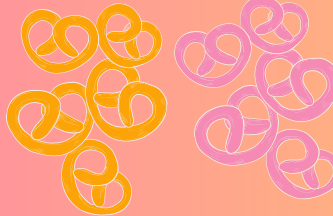
Mya Meighan placed 2nd in NewsWriting

Kennadee Lind & Evie Stingley were the **Sectional Champions** in Yearbook Theme Development.

CINCO DE MAYO

"Respect for the rights of others means peace."

—Benito Juarez,



Middle School Bowlers Roll to 3rd Place at State



We are super proud of the FMS Boys Bowling team, who took 3rd place in the state Tournament, with Kypstin Reisenbichler placing 10th individually.



Congratulations to all of the Carl Sandburg & FMS bowlers who qualified for the state tournament. Job well done to these young Pretzels! Thanks also to the dedicated coaching staff and the families of these athletes.

FMS Boys: Jonathan Escamilla, Matthew Kreeger, Wyatt Kreeger, Cody Plowman, Kiptyn Reisenbichler, Paxton Woker

Carl Sandburg Boys: Brexton Blunt, Eli Fissell, Owyn Hunt, Bryson Kerchner, Raef Schmelzer

Freeport Girls: Natalia Escamilla, Jenessa Fritz, Olivia Hicks, Jaysea Reisenbichler, Whitley Rogers, Brooklyn Watters

Coaches: Dennis Endress, Thomas Endress, John Kreeger, Sidney Hughes

FHS Student Film Takes 4th Place



Congratulations to Will Scudder, Eli Michael and Angela Gautam. Their film Guacamole, took 4th place at the 2024 IHSA Short Film Festival! Thanks to Director Tim Connors and the parents/guardians who support these talented students. **WAY TO GO WILL, ELI & ANGELA! WE'RE PRETZEL PROUD OF YOU!**

FHS Educator Receives Award



FHS ESL teacher Jenny Wright has been selected by the IPA/NW Region's committee to be recognized as a 2023-24 recipient for the Teacher Leadership Award! We commend Jenny for the impact she makes as an educator and the difference she makes at FHS.

CONGRATULATIONS JENNY!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1

School Improvement Day
No School For Students

