



# PTA Freedom Elementary Communique

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## Treasurer's Report July/August 2008

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Balance June 30, 2008:	\$15,231.53
Receipts:	\$ 310.66
Disbursements:	\$ 5,181.13
Balance August 31, 2008:	\$10,361.06

*Income:* Membership Dues: \$208.00 (26 Members), Market Day: \$99.04, Donations: \$2.00, Interest: \$1.62

*Disbursements:* Checks/Supplies/Paper/Postage: \$339.47 (\$ 130.50 Paper for workroom, \$155.72 Pencil sharpener for workroom, \$53.25 Workroom supplies), School Supply Kits: \$4,183.92, Specials Magnets: \$175.47, Sunshine: \$57.00 (Flowers for Mrs. A. & L. Thompson & Mrs. Goldberg), Classroom Support: \$200.00 Welcoming: \$225.27 (Supplies for Back to School Picnic)

## Administrative Update

-If you haven't already, please make sure you update your e-schoolnewsletter profile. This will ensure that you receive grade specific information that may come through e-schoolnewsletter.

-A new opportunity for the school to raise money is [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). You can sign up for this program and choose Freedom School as the organization to designate the proceeds from your internet searches. The school can receive a penny per click when you sign up for this program.

-Please keep in mind that during American Education Week (Nov. 16-20) there will be no formal parent visitation times. We strongly encourage you to visit your child's class at anytime during the year. This was done last year and the flexibility allows parents to truly see a normal school day. Please contact the teacher ahead of time to ensure that your visit will be during a normal school schedule and not during assemblies or other events.

-Please, if you must drive your children to school, please drop off after 8:20 a.m. This gives the school buses a chance to leave the parking lot and avoid gridlock between the Rt. 32 light and school lot. This is much appreciated.

-If you choose to eat lunch with your child, please find other arrangements for preschool -aged siblings. This will enable the children to focus on the routine and abide by the rules.

## Read-a-thon Kickoff is Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

The PTA's main fundraiser, the Read-a-thon has officially kicked-off Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your child will experience the excitement of the read-a-thon spirit with a kickoff assembly which will feature faculty in a short play. For the two weeks following, your child is encouraged to read an extra 15 minutes 5 times a week for two weeks. This is in addition to any homework reading time. Students are encouraged to get pledges for their reading time. There will be many prize incentives for students and classes for participation. The main Read-a-thon event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> with guest reader appearances to each class throughout the day, more skits and fun activities! This will be our second annual read-a-thon and it was a great success last year. We need your help to make it successful, please encourage your child to participate. You should have received your Read-a-thon packet this past Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Market Day

Market Day is off to a great start this year. The next internet order deadline is noon Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next pickup date is Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for your next order form to come home!

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## Accelerated Reader Store Opens October 6th



The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is a reading incentive program used at Freedom. There are currently over **3200** book titles on the Freedom AR list (see Accelerated Reader on Freedom's web page). Students read an AR book and take an on-line reading quiz associated with the book. There are some AR books in the computer lab which can be borrowed. The AR quiz must be taken on a computer at school. Adults may read the AR quiz to students in kindergarten, first grade, or to students whose teacher has given permission to assist the student with entering their answers in the computer. AR quiz points are awarded based on the student's quiz score. Students' AR points are totaled at the end of each month, and points may be spent at the AR store the month after points have been earned (example - points earned in September will be redeemed in October). Points cannot be carried over month to month. The AR Program Coordinator is Mrs. Jane Wong, the computer lab instructor. The AR store's volunteer coordinator is Nikki Rauser along with volunteers Michelle Olson and Ellen Lewin. The store will open **Monday October 6th**, from 8:15 - 8:45. The store will be open every Monday at this time unless otherwise noted. The AR Program and Store are PTA sponsored and funded.

## Movie Night...Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>



The first movie night of the year will be held on Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The feature will be College Road Trip. Come and enjoy this fun free family event. More information will come home with your child.

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**Next PTA Meeting: Wed., November 5th, 2008 7:00 pm**  
**Please Join Us!**

## PTA Membership

Our PTA Membership is now at 259 members! Remember if you haven't joined yet, our membership drive is still going strong. The class with the highest participation of membership will have an ice cream party. The deadline for the membership drive is Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (Of course, members are welcome to join through the month of March of 2009 for this school year, but to count for the membership drive our deadline is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>). At this point, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Fordi's class have 100% participation. **Way to go! Remember to join!**

### Freedom Elementary PTA Individual Membership Form 2008-2009

If you have not already done so and you wish to be a member of Freedom PTA, you can fill out the tear off sheet below and send it into school along with membership dues of \$8.00 (cash or check made out to Freedom PTA). You will then receive a membership card. We thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_