

August 2016

Dear Freedom Families,

Welcome to another wonderful school year at Freedom! The first day of school is quickly approaching – **Thursday, August 18, 2016**. The staff and I are thrilled to share another year of learning together with all of our wonderful Freedom students.

As most of you know I've been quite busy over the summer with the birth of our twin girls, Amelia and Marian. They are a true blessing and I'm enjoying every minute of motherhood. I do, however, miss the students and staff at Freedom and will return to work full time on September 6th.

It is my pleasure to introduce the newest members of our Freedom staff: Teresa Getchell in Pre-K, Alicia Beheles in 3rd grade, Jessica Donahue in 3rd grade, and Pricilla Uria in 5th grade. We also have two staff placement changes, Lesli Finch is now teaching 2nd grade and Dina Bates is our new secretary.

It's the gifts and talents of our students combined with the dedication and passion of our teachers that allows us to strive for excellence and **"Rise Above the Rest."** Excellence comes from a strong desire to improve how we do things when we see something we can do better. We continue to work hard to ensure that Freedom will be recognized as a school that sets their students and teachers up for success as we strive for excellence. That being said, it is my pleasure to announce that we again improved in ALL areas on our Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests. I couldn't be prouder of our students and teachers!

We hope to see you at Meet the Teacher on **August 16th from 6:30-7:30pm.**

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