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“The pot of gold at the end of the rainbow is found in your heart”

As many individuals in different communities and neighborhoods will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day this weekend, have you ever wondered where the term “Luck of the Irish” came from? It is believed to have originated from the United States during the 19th century when America was experiencing what is known as the Gold Rush years. During this time, many of the Irish people who left their country due to starvation and disease showed a knack of digging up mining fortunes during the Gold Rush. The miners who were working alongside the Irish immigrants concluded that the mining fortunes of the Irish were just because of luck, rather than diligence, perseverance and hard work.

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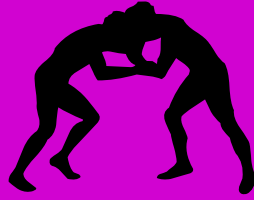
Our students are about to embark on high stakes testing known as the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in grades 3-8 and the SAT / PSAT10. While there could be a little luck involved in getting a good outcome, we know that it takes diligence, perseverance and hard work to prepare for these assessments. While we cannot look at these assessments as an indicator of the whole school experience, our educators understand that we still need to make sure that our students come prepared...otherwise, as luck might not be on our side. Beyond taking assessments, we can apply the same thinking on pretty much many of the things that we want our students to excel in, whether it is performing arts, athletics, academics, etc. It takes diligence, perseverance and hard work to strike gold.

While the luck of the Irish might have been born out of a stereotype, it does seem to have an exceeding reputation of good fortune for those who know that putting in hard work increases one’s luck of success, in spite of the adversities that one might face.



Middle School Wrestlers Compete at State

Braxten Robertson
Jrue Montoya
Jisiah Jacobs
Blake Slusser
Brea Balles



Congratulations to these young Pretzel athletes who qualified for the IESA and the IKWF State Wrestling competition. Brea placed 2nd in the IKWF, 93 lb. competition. Blake placed 5th at 135 lbs and Braxten placed 4th at 65 lbs in the IESA. We are proud of each of them and know that they have bright futures as student athletes. Great job Coaches!!!

National Social Worker Day School Social Worker Week

National School Social Work Week is celebrated each year in March. This recognition celebrates school social workers across the country and highlights their vital role in helping students meet academic, social, and emotional challenges.

School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals with a degree in social work. They provide services related to a person's social, emotional, and life adjustment to school and society. School Social Workers are the link between the home, school, and community providing direct and indirect services to students, families, and school personnel. **FSD appreciates and thanks our social work professionals for all that they do!**

Truly Grateful for you.

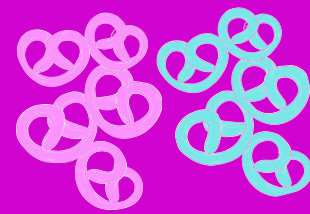


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 25-29: Spring Break

March 29 & April 1: Special Holidays

FSD Closed



Freeport Middle School Honored for Exceptional Commitment to Social- Emotional Learning



Freeport Middle School has been acknowledged for its exemplary dedication and significant contributions to Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) planning and training within the Illinois Area 2 SEL hub. This recognition underscores the school's unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for both students and the broader community. The school was awarded \$1000 in appreciation of their active participation and commitment to SEL initiatives.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition from the Illinois Area 2 SEL hub. It validates our ongoing efforts to create a nurturing environment that supports the social and emotional growth of our students," said Chad Carty, Assistant Principal. "This \$1000 grant will further enhance our ability to implement innovative SEL initiatives, ensuring that our students continue to thrive both academically and emotionally."

Pictured: Chad Carty, Assistant Principal & Nichole Ambrosia Illinois Area 2 SEL Hub Specialist.