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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****PICTURE DAY WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

*****GRANDPARENTS DAY: SEPTEMBER 21ST STARTING AT 1:00PM IN THE NORTH GYM.**

*****SKIP FLU CLINIC WILL BE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018.**



If you would like to participate in the program, please sign and return this form to the school office. If you have any questions please contact: Randy Page, 402-988-2525 ext. 103. Please be aware that our school may only select 20 participants for the program. We will work very hard to meet the needs of all families who show interest.

Family Name: _____

_____ Yes, our Family would like to participate in the Freeman/Food Bank Backpack Program. My responsibility is to be sure the backpack is returned to school each Monday.

_____ No, our family is not interested in the Backpack Program at this time.

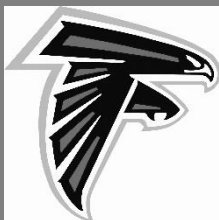
Parent or Guardian Signature

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2018						1 FFA State Fair @ Grand Island 9:00am Volleyball-G/Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools 9:30am Softball-Varsity Fairbury vs. Multiple Schools
2 FFA State Fair @ Grand Island	3 No School - Labor Day FFA State Fair @ Grand Island	4 4:00pm Football-JH Johnson County Central 5:30pm Volleyball-G/JV Sterling 6:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Sterling	5 Yearbook Ad Sales	6 Music Deli Sales Begins 4:30pm Softball-Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools 5:30pm Volleyball-G/JV Lourdes CC 5:30pm EL Band Display 6:30pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Lourdes CC	7 7:00pm Football-Varsity Sutton	8 ACT Test Date TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Friend vs. Multiple Schools 9:00am Softball-Varsity Falls City vs. Multiple Schools
9	10 MUDECAS VB Tourney 4:30pm Football-JH Palmyra 5:00pm Softball-JV Raymond Central vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm Football-JV Louisville 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Media Center	11 MUDECAS VB Tourney 5:00pm Volleyball-JH Friend 5:00pm Softball-JV Southern 6:30pm Softball-Varsity Southern	12 Husker Harvest Days @ Grand Island	13 TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity TBA vs. 5:00pm Volleyball-JH Malcolm	14 7:00pm Football-Varsity Sandy Creek Junior / Senior	15 TBD Volleyball-G/JV Lewiston
16	17 9:00am FFA District EDGE Conference @ Conestoga 4:00pm Volleyball-JH Lourdes Central Catholic 6:00pm Football-JV Wilber-Clatonia	18 PK-12 Picture Day Music Deli Sales Ends 5:00pm Softball-JV Malcolm 5:00pm Volleyball-C Team Lincoln Christian 6:00pm Volleyball-G/JV Lincoln Christian 6:30pm Softball-Varsity Malcolm	19 9:00am Apply2College Day 9:00am EducationQuest Financial Aide Info Meeting 1:30pm Volleyball-JH Sterling	20 5:00pm Softball-JV Falls City 5:15pm Volleyball-C Team Johnson-Brock 6:00pm Volleyball-G/JV Johnson-Brock 6:30pm Softball-Varsity Falls City 7:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Johnson-Brock	21 FFA Petting Zoo EL Cheer Clinic @ FHS - Athletic Stadium 1:00pm Grandparents Day 6:30pm-8:30pm Legion Burger Feed @ FHS - Athletic Stadium 7:00pm Football-Varsity Wilber-Clatonia	22 TBD Softball-Varsity Yutan 9:00am Volleyball-G/JV 9:00pm Volleyball-JH
23	24 No School - Staff In-Service 4:00pm Volleyball-C Team Elmwood-Murdock 6:00pm Football-JV Conestoga	25 4:00pm Football-JH Falls City Sacred Heart 5:00pm Softball-JV Raymond Central 5:30pm Volleyball-JV Falls City Sacred Heart 6:30pm Softball-Var Raymond Central 6:30pm Volleyball-Var Falls City Sacred Heart	26 FBLA Fall Leadership Conference 6:30pm-8:00pm 4th VB Practice @ FHS - South Gym	27 6:00pm Volleyball-G/Varsity Palmyra vs. Multiple Schools	28 8:30am ASVAB Testing for Juniors 7:00pm Football-Varsity Malcolm	29 9:00am Volleyball-JH Lincoln Christian vs. Multiple Schools
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QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL LEARNERS

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September
2018

No School Days

September 3
September 24
October 15
October 26
November 2
November 21-23
December 24-31
January 1-4
February 15
March 8
March 15
March 29
April 1
April 19
April 22

Early Dismissal

December 21
January 24
May 20

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE

Falcon Pride

The school year is not only upon us; it is now in full swing! Students are balancing their school work with activities and practices. Parents and families are juggling their work schedule with trying to be at events to watch and support the kids. Supporting our kids is such an important role to everyone involved with Freeman Public Schools! When you are at an event, share that positive energy in supporting and encouraging our students! Yelling, for our team and our students is always welcome! Encourage our kids to give their very best and remember to thank our coaches and sponsors for all of the time and effort they share to make possible the moments we all enjoy together. Be gracious to all athletes from other schools and applaud them when they excel as well. We want to treat everyone in a positive manner and represent our school in a manner we can all take pride in! Officials are doing their very best to work through a very difficult task and keep kids safe at the same time. Leave any communication with the officials to our coaches, you are there to cheer, support, and enjoy our kids! Show your pride and represent Freeman Public Schools! "Thank You," for supporting our school!

Budget

The Freeman district will have hearings for both the district budget and levy prior to the September Board of Education Meeting. The budget numbers will look very similar this year to what the budget numbers were last year. The valuation of the district is now at \$541,515,855, this number increased by \$3,156,225 from last year. This is a valuation increase of .586% for the upcoming fiscal year. With a valuation increase of one-half of a percent for the coming fiscal cycle and a proposed levy that decreases slightly, four-tenths of percent, Freeman will be working to be conservative in using the resources provided. As has been the case for the past few years, the school district is creating a financial plan that matches resources and expenditures in the 2018-2019 school year. The overall proposed levy that will be presented to the Board in September will be 89.9675 cents, compared to last year's 90.042 cents. This levy request includes the district's General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund requests. If you have questions concerning the budget or the levy, please attend Freeman's hearings on the 10th of September or contact me directly.

Website

The new Freeman Website, FreemanPublicSchools.org, is built and is now being populated with information. It is the intent of Freeman Public Schools that our patrons find this website easy to navigate and extract information from. If you find something missing, difficult to find, or confusing, please contact our school and share your findings. The district intends for our website to be a tool for sharing information and positive news regarding our district!

It is a pleasure to serve Freeman! Please know my door is open if you have a need, please come to see me! Go Falcons!!

Randy M. Page, Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

1. Opening Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

1.4. Approve agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1.5. Communication from the Public

1.6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting with a correction to 5.1 (August budget workshop to be held at 6:30 p.m.) and claims in the amount of \$423,478.44 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

FFA and community garden...

1.7 Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

2. Discussion Items

1. Playground update

2. Web Page update

3. Board evaluation tool

4. Wednesday night board meetings

5. NASB feedback regarding staff conceal carry in school

3. Matters Requiring Board Action

3.1. Consideration and possible action to name Adams State Bank and First State Bank, Filley as depositories for Freeman Public Schools.

Motion to name Adams State Bank and First State Bank in Filley as depositories for Freeman Public School passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.2. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Superintendent to approve Local Substitute applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to approve Local Substitute applications for the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.3. Consideration and possible action to name Superintendent Randy Page as the authorized representative for Federal Programs at Freeman Public Schools.

Motion to name Superintendent Randy Page as the authorized representative for Federal Programs at Freeman Public Schools passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.4. Consideration and possible action to approve the 7-12 Handbook for 2018-2019. Motion to approve the 7-12 Handbook for 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Doug Parde.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.5. Consideration and possible action to approve the PreK-6 Handbook for 2018-2019. Motion to approve the PreK-6 Handbook for 2018-2019 passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Chad Harms.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.6. Consideration and possible action to approve Classified Tiers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to approve Classified Tiers for the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.7. Consideration and possible action to update and review policies 3003.1, 3004, 3004.1, 3021, 3024, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, and 3030.

Motion to approve policies 3003.1, 3004, 3004.1, 3021, 3024, 3026, 3027, 3028, 3029, and 3030 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Reports

4.1. Administrative Reports

Mr. Page reported on the 18-19 budget, long-range planning, and Administrator Days report. Mr. Schroeder and Mrs. Sieh reported on staff meetings, foreign exchange students and Administrator days.

4.2. Technology

Mr. Delhay reported on Voice Over IP system and webpage updates.

4.3 Assessments

4.4 School Improvement

4.5. Facilities

Mr. Page reviewed summer projects, updated building and grounds upkeep/concerns, and long-range planning and options.

4.6. Transportation

Mr. Page presented fleet report, scheduling, and subs.

4.7. Negotiations

4.8. Extra Curricular

4.9. Board of Education

NASB Area Meetings: September 12 in Nebraska City

Labor Relations Conference in Lincoln September 5th and 6th review of all schedule

5. Announcements

5.1. Next regular meeting: Freeman Media Center, Monday, September 10, 2018

Budget Hearing 6:20 p.m.

Tax Request Hearing 6:50 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Marcella Rademacher.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Suzy's Sweets & More

2nd annual Soup season kick-off!



Freeman High School cafeteria

Tuesday, October 2

4 - 7 p.m.

Freewill donation soup tasting to benefit
TeamMates of Freeman
Mentoring Program
Come support a great program in our
community and try some good soup! Quarts
of soup available for purchase, too!
Quarts = \$6.50 each

highest degree an FFA member can receive. Also, Taylor Anderson and Brooklyn Ideus received a bronze emblem at the national level for their Agriscience Fair project, which focused on the consumer's perception of key phrases on food labels. Congratulations for this accomplishment!

The FFA is looking forward to the State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, the district EDGE Leadership Conference, and the petting zoo in September!



FFA NEWS

The FFA enjoyed a busy summer filled with officer retreats and training, county fair, garden work, Supervised Agriculture Experience projects, and planning for the upcoming school year.

On August 18th, the FFA hosted its Color Run as part of the Adams Community Days celebration. Exactly 150 people of all ages were dashed with color as they ran, jogged, or walked the one mile or 5K routes. Thanks to everyone for participating in this fun event!

In the past few weeks, the FFA chapter received good news! Freeman FFA alumni Sarah Buehler will be receiving her American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in October. The American Degree is the

STRENGTHS PROGRAM DEVELOPING AT FREEMAN

Exciting things are happening at Freeman this year! The school is implementing a strengths development plan to train staff on the strengths language and use strengths in their conversations, as they build relationships with students. We plan to teach students what their strengths are, the power of their strengths, how their strengths differ from their peers, and how to be the best versions of themselves.

To do this, the students in Kindergarten through 4th grade will build a foundation of strengths and what they are good at. When they reach 5th-8th grades, they will be able to take the StrengthsExplorer assessment, which will teach them what their top 3 out of 10 strengths are. Finally, in grades 9th-12th, they will take the StrengthsFinder assessment, which will identify their top 5 of 34 strengths. A Strengths Discovery Day is being planned for second semester where students will participate in interactive, fun, hands-on activities that will allow them to reflect on their strengths and the strengths of their peers.

The ultimate goal of strengths development is to focus on the natural talents each individual possesses and to develop those natural talents into strengths. As Don Clifton, the father of strengths-based psychology once asked: "What will happen when we think about what is right with people rather than fixating what is wrong with them?"

CIP—CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

People often wonder what the CIP Committee is. Many years ago this committee was known as the Steering Committee. With the changes in expectations from the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), the committee has involved into the Continuous Improvement Process committee. The committee consists of members of the staff, administration, and community members. The staff committee meets once a month to discuss issues regarding school goals and other facets of the school. In the fall and in the spring the staff committee, the community members, and Board of Education members meet together for further discussions.

This fall the entire staff is working with board members and community members as we prepare for a late fall external visit sponsored by NDE. It is an opportunity for Freeman to showcase what we are doing well, and to discern those areas that need to be strengthened. Everyone involved serves on a committee that meets together to evaluate and provide evidence for five standards. Standards that are being evaluated are Purpose & Direction, Governance & Leadership, Teaching & Assessing for Learning, Resources & Support Systems, and Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

TEAMMATES IS READY TO ROLL!

TeamMates of Freeman will be hosting a Root Beer Float night before the Aug. 31st home football game. This is an opportunity for our mentors and mentees to greet each other and set up their meeting times for the year. We are beginning the fall with 54 matches, but we still have students on the list waiting for a match. A match is an adult paired with a student that meets once a week on school grounds for twenty to thirty minutes. The time is spent talking, playing board games, shooting hoops, or crafting, to name just a few things. Please consider becoming a mentor for a student. For more information, go to <https://teammates.org/> or contact Teri Nieveen at the school.

MAP TESTING IN SEPTEMBER

Freeman students in First through Eleventh grades will be taking MAP assessments the week of September 10th-14th. MAP is a computer adaptive test created by NWEA that Freeman students will take two times per school year. The results provide information on how students are performing in math, reading, and language. Unlike the state assessment NSCAS, Map is an adaptive test, meaning the test will adjust up or down in difficulty, according to how the student is answering questions. Freeman students will take the assessment in September and again in the spring, giving us information on student academic growth throughout the year. If you would like more information regarding the MAP assessment, check out: <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>. Please make sure your child is eating healthy breakfasts and getting ample sleep, especially during this week.

NSCAS RESULTS

We are still waiting on NSCAS results, the state assessment students took last spring. The following is the information we have received from the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). Release dates of assessment results "are impacted by significant changes which include but are not limited to: changing assessment vendors, setting cut scores for NSCAS Math General & Alternate, moving from NSSRS to ADVISOR, and implementing ESSA. NDE acknowledges these dates are later than anyone would like, but NDE is taking steps to ensure earlier reporting in future years." We are hopeful that NSCAS results will be available by parent-teacher conferences in October.

HEALTH NEWS

As the school year gets underway, I wanted to give parents a few reminders regarding student health issues. As per the Freeman Pre-K/Elementary and Jr.-Sr. High School Parent-Student Handbooks, a child will be excluded from school for having a temperature of 100 degrees or more, vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained rashes and various other conditions. Please refer to the handbooks for specifics. In the past, it has been encouraged by public health officials that a student not return to school until he/she is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. We rely on parents to make the decision as to when their child is able to return to school and encourage you to consider how sending an ill child to school impacts the entire school.

Another health issue that warrants addressing is the administration of medications in school. It is encouraged that medications be administered at home either prior to school or after school. If medication must be administered at school, it is to be sent to school in the original packaging, with the original label. This includes over the counter and prescription medications. Furthermore, a signed consent form must accompany the medication with specific instructions as to the administration of the medication. Be sure to check that the instructions on the medication bottle are consistent with the instructions on the consent form. Please contact the office if you need a consent form. It is encouraged that secondary students submit medications and consent forms to the secondary office where they will be stored and administered per instructions. Elementary students should submit medications and consent forms to their classroom teacher for storage and administration. Students who have asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes are permitted to carry emergency medications for self-administration. Please contact me if your child has one of these conditions and you would like them to carry and self-administer emergency medications as some additional paperwork needs to be completed.

Lastly, an issue that no one likes to talk or think about is head lice. Every year the school has a case, or several cases, of head lice. Please be proactive in checking your children for head lice regularly and monitor your child for unusual itching of the scalp. If you suspect that your child has lice, contact me at sstanley@freemanschools.net for further information regarding treatment and exclusion from school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE SKIP FLU CLINIC WILL BE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018.

FREEMAN COMMUNITY GARDEN HAVING RECORD YEAR



The Freeman FFA members have worked to plant and maintain the community garden

through the spring and summer months to enjoy large harvests this time of year. All produce harvested from the dome is distributed by Marilyn Folkerts to local families and individuals, residents of Goldcrest, and other local locations. To this point, the Freeman Community Garden has produced over 3,100 pounds of produce. Among items donated this year are cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, strawberries, rhubarb, squash, zucchini, and watermelons,

We would like to thank Jesse Keebler for helping till up the new areas of the garden in the spring, Marilyn Folkerts and her helpers for distributing every week, and Kristina Jensen for the horticultural advice. We look forward to several more harvests this fall and planning out the garden for 2019!

CHEER NEWS

In July, some of the Freeman Cheerleaders (Tessa Hestermann, Courtney Hill, Montana Bender, Natalie Gertsch, Grace Ruyle, Tarstin Boosinger, Caleigh Behrens, Jenna Husband, Amber Dorn, Tali Wehrer and Grace Vandergriend) participated in a 4 day camp at UNL. They worked very hard during the four days of camp and all their hard work paid off. The cheerleaders took 2nd place in the competition cheer, gold ribbons in the sideline cheer, gold in the cheer evaluation and overall most improved squad. Tessa Hestermann, Montana Bender and Caleigh Behrens all tried out for All American Cheer. Tessa Hestermann and Caleigh Behrens made All American Cheer. Congratulations Cheerleaders!!!! Not pictured: Cheerleaders: Nia Latas and Alyssa Jurgens. Coaches/Sponsors: Timary Vetrovsky and Lacy Snook



MENUS

		<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>September 3-7</u>	Monday:	NO SCHOOL	
	Tuesday:	Donuts	Taco, Lettuce, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili Dog , Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
	Thursday:	Omelet	Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Biscuit & Gravy	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>September 10-14</u>	Monday:	French toast	Hamburgers, Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit
	Tuesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Muffins	Corn Dog, Vegetables, Fruit
	Thursday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>September 17-21</u>	Monday:	French toast	Burrito, Chips & Cheese, Vegetables, Fruit
	Tuesday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Muffins	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit
	Thursday:	Pancakes	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>September 24-28</u>	Monday:	NO SCHOOL	
	Tuesday:	Pancakes	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Donuts	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Fruit
	Thursday:	Biscuit & Gravy	Ribette, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Chicken Quesadilla, Vegetables, Fruit

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	18	\$2.75	\$49.50
7-12 Lunches	18	\$3.05	\$54.90
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	18	\$0.40	\$7.20
K-12 Breakfast:	18	\$1.75	\$31.50
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	18	\$0.30	\$5.40
K-2 Afternoon Milk	18	\$0.35	\$6.30
Adult Lunch Price:		\$3.60	



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