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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT-DECEMBER 13TH

ELEMENTARY CONCERT-FEBRUARY 26TH

1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL-DECEMBER 21ST

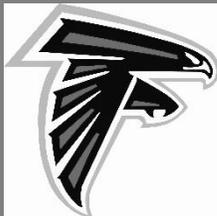
WINTER BREAK-DECEMBER 24TH –JANUARY 4TH

MAYBE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL



Last month the Freeman Elementary participated in Read for the Record by reading the book Maybe Something Beautiful. Elementary students then worked together to complete a mural in the south commons area. Be sure to check out the mural the next time you are at Freeman!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 2018					1 8:30am Basketball-B/JH @ JCC Middle School 9:00am Wrestling@ Conestoga HS 2:00pm Basketball-B/JV Lincoln Christian @ Home 2:00pm Basketball-G/JV Lincoln Christian @ Home 3:30pm Basketball-G/Varsity Lincoln Christian @ Home 5:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity Lincoln Christian @ Home
2	3 5:00pm Basketball-B/JH Freeman vs. Malcolm @ Freeman High School 5:30pm Basketball-G/JV Johnson-Brock @ Freeman High School 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Johnson-Brock @ Freeman High School	4 6:15pm-8:30pm Youth Basketball Clinic@ FHS - South Gym	5 12:30pm Basketball-B/JH Diller-Odell @ Diller-Odell High School	6 NSAA State Play Production @ North Star	7 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Yutan @ Home 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Yutan @ Home 5:30pm Pep Band 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Yutan @ Home 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Yutan @ Home	8 ACT Test Date 10:00am Wrestling- @ North Bend Central HS 2:00pm Basketball-B/JV Conestoga Cougars @ Home 2:00pm Basketball-G/JV Conestoga Cougars @ Home 3:30pm Basketball-G/Varsity Conestoga Cougars @ Home North 5:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Conestoga Cougars @ Home North
9	10 4:00pm Basketball-B/JH @ Johnson-Brock HS 6:00pm Basketball-G/JV @ JCC HS 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Media Center 7:15pm Basketball-B/JV @ JCC HS	11 5:00pm Basketball-G/JV HTRS @ Home 5:30pm Pep Band 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity HTRS @ Home North Gym 6:30pm Wrestling-@ Weeping Water High School	12 1:00pm Basketball-B/JH Sterling @ Home	13 High School Christmas Concert	14 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Auburn @ Calvert Elementary School Auburn 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ Auburn High School 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity @ Auburn HS 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity @ Auburn HS	15 9:00am Basketball-B/JV @ Louisville High School 9:00am Basketball-G/JV @ Louisville HS 9:30am Wrestling- @ Johnson County Central Middle School
16	17 5:00pm FFA LDE Contest @ Nebraska City 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman High School	18 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ JCC High School 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ JCC High School 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity @ JCC HS 6:30pm Wrestling vs. JCC @ Home 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity @ JCC HS	19	20 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Southern @ Home 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Southern @ Home 5:30pm Pep Band 6:00pm Bball-G/Var Southern@ Home 7:45pm Bball-B/Varsity Southern@ Home	21 End Q2/S1 1:00 Early Out 10:00am Wrestling- @ Archbishop Bergan High School	22 NSAA Moratorium
23 NSAA Moratorium	24 Winter Break NSAA Moratorium	25 Winter Break NSAA Moratorium	26 Winter Break NSAA Moratorium	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break 5:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity vs. Multiple Schools @ Home 5:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity vs. Multiple Schools @ Home	29 TBD Basketball-B/Varsity vs. Multiple Schools @ Home TBD Basketball-G/Varsity vs. Multiple Schools @ Home
30 Winter Break	31					



DANIEL FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Freeman Public Schools will collaboratively engage a community of learners so that students will become productive, respectful, and responsible citizens.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE

December
2018

No School Days

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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Focus on a Strong Finish

December is a magical month in many ways: a changing season, a time of giving, a celebration of Christmas, family and friends gathered together, and the end of first semester! Yes, there will be many events and gatherings to keep us busy as we enter into December, not to mention the thoughts and anticipation of the holiday season for both kids and adults. It is a wonderful time of the year! December is also a time to keep focus and finish strong in the first semester. Students have put in three months of work, now is the time to work through to the end and wrap-up on a positive note! Go out there and do great things for yourself. You are your best advocate!

Two Events for your Calendar

Digital Citizenship Forum

Freeman Public Schools will be hosting a second "Digital Citizenship Forum" on the 12th of December beginning at 7:00PM. The forum will consist of informational sessions targeting K-2nd grade, 3rd-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade. They will cover how our children and students consume technology today, how the school and families can be positive partners in technology use, and how to promote safe usage of technology for all in our world.

Technology usage and options surrounding technology are increasing each day so join Freeman Public Schools as we attempt to provide information and strategies for managing this important part of our children's lives. Technology means any device with access to the web, apps, or any communication device.

REVISION Community Engagement Meeting

Freeman will be hosting a REVISION Community Engagement Meeting on December 17th at 7:00PM in the School/Community Media Center. REVISION is a strategic planning process focused on aligning Career Education programs with Nebraska's economic and workforce development priorities. The goal of the planning is to ensure our students leave high school with the knowledge and skills required for: employment, military service, and 2-year or 4-year postsecondary education programs. As Freeman Public Schools looks at our local program offerings and how we prepare students for their future, this meeting is a first step in the overall planning process. Please consider joining Freeman Public Schools and the Nebraska Department of Education in this conversation and planning session.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our district and our communities. Our children are our greatest resource and Freeman is proud to explore how we prepare our students for their future!

Mr. 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 Marcella Rademacher and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 1.5. Communication from the Public

Nancy Robeson inquired about the outdoor PE policy.

Gary Kroese shared his perspective on the relationship between students, coaches, staff and administration and noted the importance of communication.

Bob Floth and ESU staff gave an elementary science presentation.
 - 1.6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and claims in the amount of \$944,672.22 passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Congratulations were extended to the football and volleyball teams for their state tournament qualification, students attending National FFA convention, Elementary Quiz Bowl for third place finish at Thayer Central, students selected for ECNC Honor Choir, and to Shawn Mencl, Myron Schoen and Mert Rademacher for their recent election to the Freeman Board of Education.
2. Matters Requiring Board Action
 - 2.1. Consideration and possible action to recognize the Freeman Education Association as the negotiations representative for certified teaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion to recognize the Freeman Education Association as the negotiations representative for certified teaching staff for the 2020-2021 school year passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Doug Parde. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 2.2. Consideration and possible action to accept the results of the Superintendent evaluation for 2018.

Motion to accept the results of the Superintendent Evaluation for 2018 passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 2.3. Consideration and possible action to purchase a Ford Transit Van.

Motion to purchase a Ford Transit Van (\$26,133) to replace the white minivan passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 2.4. Consideration and possible action to review policies 4004-4012.

Motion to approve policies 4004-4012 with the changes made to 4012 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
3. Reports
 - 3.1. Administrative Reports

Mr. Page reported on pre-school transportation beyond district boundaries, Gage County Sheriff and SRO options, digital safety and device usage K-12, financial audit, safety audit, new board member orientation, and staffing and programming for 2019-2020.

Mr. Schroeder reported on PTC conferences and facility scheduling on website.

Mrs. Sieh reported on PTC conferences attendance.
 - 3.2. Technology- Mr. Delhay reported on website changes and phone system repairs.
 - 3.3. Assessments-Mrs. Nieveen reported on testing results.
 - 3.4. School Improvement-Mrs. Nieveen reported on the external visit schedule.
 - 3.5. Facilities- Mr. Page reported on the north gym wall status.
 - 3.6. Transportation
 - 3.7. Negotiations
 - 3.8. Extra-Curricular
 - 3.9. Board of Education -Election Results/State School Boards Retreat Dates
4. Discussion Items
5. Announcements
 - 5.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, December 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made to enter executive session at 10:26 p.m. for the purpose of protection of public interest to discuss the current legal appeal passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Doug Parde. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion was made to exit Executive session at 10:35 p.m. passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
6. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn at 10:36 passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

FREEMAN COMMUNITY GARDEN WRAPS UP GROWING SEASON



Over 4,500 pounds was harvested from the Freeman Community Garden this growing season, and another 270 pounds was added to our donation from community members. All items harvested are donated to local families in need or the Salvation Army in Beatrice. Among items donated this year include peppers, tomatoes, watermelons, cabbage, cantaloupe, rhubarb, zucchini, cucumbers, squash, strawberries, and carrots.

Thanks to Logan Keebler for tilling up the garden in the spring, Kristina Jensen for your horticultural advice throughout the season, Rodger Pella and Darwin Buss for their maintenance work throughout the year, and Marilyn Folkerts and her helpers for delivering our produce to those in need in our communities.

Thanks to the FFA members for their hard work during school and the summer to keep the garden watered, weeded, and taken care of throughout the season. Your work makes an impact in our community and local area!

BRUCE ARANT VISIT AT FREEMAN



Author/illustrator Bruce Arant visited Freeman Elementary on October 17. Arant lives in Omaha and has illustrated a variety of books for other authors. He has also published two books he wrote and illustrated, Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep! and Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!. Arant provided six sessions that day. He talked to students about the rewriting that occurs, the process of illustrating a book, and the difficulty of getting a story published. In all of the workshops, Arant interacted with the students as he talked and drew. In one session he lead the students in drawing a variety of facial expressions, then encouraged them to choose an expression as they draw a character. Students and teachers enjoyed the time and interaction with Bruce Arant.

Freeman Public Schools would like to thank the Hevelone Foundation for their support and grant money to pay for Arant's visit and the Freeman PTO for their help with the author-teacher reception after school.



Progress is being made towards implementing strengths development school-wide. All 5th-8th grade students have now taken the StrengthsExplorer assessment, which names their top 3 out of 10 strengths, and all 9th-12th grade students have now taken the Clifton Strengths assessment, which names their top 5 of 34 strengths.

The school is planning a Strengths Discovery Day on January 30th, where all Kindergarten through 12th grade students will get to participate in activities and hear from presenters that will help them explore their strengths in greater depth.

Keep up with the strengths movement at Freeman by following our new social media accounts on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and Facebook. Search freemanstrength to connect with our accounts on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat and Freeman Strengths to connect with our Facebook group. We are posting information

about the strengths of the week at Freeman, strengths in action amongst our students and staff, and other exciting happenings at Freeman! As always, follow #freemanstrengths to see what students and staff have been promoting as well!

TRICK #1 TO GET YOUR CHILD TO READ MORE: READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD BEFORE BED

The benefits of reading aloud to children are highly documented. Unfortunately, common sense is not always common practice. So here are 10 reasons why you should read aloud to your child before bed:

1. **BONDING TIME.** Reading aloud to your child in bed provides a wonderful opportunity for the two of you to focus on nothing but each other. No screens, no distractions, and it provides you with a great insight into your child's interests. After a hectic day, reading aloud with your child can provide both of you with a much-needed time to wind down and relax with a good story.
2. **MODELING.** Your child gets to see what good reading looks like as you scan text and turn pages. When you read aloud to your child, your child gets to hear what a fluent reader sounds like. Hearing your enunciation and articulation can help your child comprehend stories better and expand her vocabulary.
3. **LANGUAGE BUILDER.** Reading aloud is a great way to expand a child's vocabulary. It leads to questions and shared experiences. It enables you to have conversations with your child that you may not have in other settings.
4. **MAKES READING FUN.** In an era of high-stakes testing, too many children are exposed to the misery of reading in school. They participate in mundane drills and read colorless texts. Reading aloud is an excellent opportunity for you to expose your child to the wonders of reading. Kids that are read aloud to are more likely to read on their own.
5. **MORALS.** Reading aloud a wide variety of books to your child is a great way to teach different values to your child. Reading aloud helps children develop their problem-solving skills.
6. **ATTENTION.** In an age of endless beeping devices and other distractions, listening stories helps children pay closer attention and focus.
7. **WORLDLINESS.** Reading aloud with your child is a terrific opportunity to introduce your child to unfamiliar people, places and situations.
8. **CHEAP DATE.** Reading aloud is an inexpensive form of entertainment, and you'll get no commercials!
9. **STYLE.** Reading aloud exposes children to different writing styles and conventions.
10. **BIG RESULTS.** Let's do the math. If you read aloud for 15 minutes each night to your child, that's 5,475 minutes a year of extra reading you just fit into your child's schedule. Research estimates that average adults read anywhere between 200-300 words per minute. Even if you read only 200 words per minute and read to your child for 15 minutes each night before going to bed, your child is being exposed to an extra 3,000 words a day. Over the course of a year, you're exposing your child to over a MILLION extra words!

FBLA NEWS

Reporting Live from FBLA Headquarters, in Adams America, Eli Pelc here bringing you the down low on everything FBLA. The Freeman FBLA program has been busy lately. They had a November meeting and the Stock Market Challenge. The November meeting consisted of eating tacos courtesy of Mrs. Ruyle, job interviews, and job training.

There were good reviews on the tacos. The job interviews are part of a joint operation with the Adams State Bank to have a "Bank in School" where kids can safely deposit money and learn what it feels like to save money. The job interviews are real interviews conducted by real Adams State Bank employees. The interview process is the real deal. They ask you questions just like a real interview. Their biggest thing is confidentiality and that you know how to count. The job interview is about 10 minutes long. If you pass, then you move onto the job training. This is where you get to learn how to be a bank teller. A bank teller is responsible for counting the money and making sure all the receipts and books are accurate and line up. The job interviews went well.

The Stock Market Challenge was a "booming" success. Team A consisted of Landon Husband, Tandon Buhr, Curtis Krause, and Alex Podtburg. Team B was Trey Yates, Holden Ruse, Landon Husband, and Abby Braden. Both of these teams showed great determination and teamwork on their way to a 6th and 20th place finish out of 36 teams. They fought hard and it came down to the wire. Team B finished 6th and Team A finished 20th. There were many obstacles and other teams in the way but the Flock of Falcons clawed and scratched their way through to a robust finish. The JA Stock Market Challenge had many things to offer. As Trey Yates put it, "They had great beverages and bomb snacks."

Overall, the Freeman FBLA program has been climbing their way up the ranks of the FBLA program. Five years ago, most people did not know that Freeman had an FBLA program and now they are scoring high in competitions and tests at FBLA competitions. All of the hard work from this chapter is finally starting to pay off. November was a great month to remember and the FBLA program hopes to carry their success moving forward. Signing off until next time, I am Eli Pelc sending you out with a great quote from a friend of mine, John D. Rockefeller "Don't be afraid to give up the good, to go for the great"



FFA NEWS

It's been an eventful month for the ag classes and FFA chapter. The UNL Mobile Beef Lab visited with the ag classes, Biology class, and 5th and 6th grade science classes. The lab allows participants to feel inside the rumen of a fistulated steer. Some students got to observe microorganisms in the rumen fluid under the microscope. The lab teaches about ruminant digestion, the fistulated surgery, research with fistulated steers, and feedstuffs fed to cattle.



Also, the Natural Resources class got to listen to John Walsh from 10/11 News talk about weather history, weather models, and components to an accurate forecast. Then, students got to see the 10/11 Weather Shield vehicle used to do live reporting during weather events.

On November 7th, livestock judges from Freeman competed in the district contest at SCC-Beatrice. The Sr Livestock Judging team was district champions, and individual placers include: Chase Meints 4th, Rachel Buehler 9th, Garrett Lenner 12th, Jayden Hartwig 14th, and Josalynn Podtburg 30th. Meints, Buehler, Lenner, and Hartwig will

compete at the state livestock judging event at State FFA in April! Top individuals in the junior division include Afton Buhr 20th and Camryn Beebe 26th places. The junior team placed 8th. The following Jr High Members got the following placings in the Jr High division: Trenn Hoffman-Ideus-2nd, Trevor Parde-20th, and Kaylee Denker-37th. Thanks to Kyle Dorn for your help in coaching these teams!

Thanks to the students who ran and the community members who donated at our annual FFA/NHS Blood Drive! We collected 47 units this year.

Thanks to all of our community supporters who supported the chapter during fruit sales and the I Believe in the Future of Ag campaign! Students will be able to pick up items on December 13th.



JUNIORS, RESERVE APRIL 2ND ON YOUR CALENDARS!

All juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. This is a state requirement; the ACT is the state test for juniors. Students are not to schedule appointments or college visits on this date. This is the date designated by Nebraska and ACT to take the paper/pencil form of the ACT, and there is only one makeup date, April 24. Every junior is required by the state to take the ACT, with no chance of avoiding it. Freeman Public Schools will be the host testing site for our students. So, Juniors, keep April 2nd open! More details will be coming.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

If you wish to purchase a yearbook this year, you may do so on this form. You may complete a separate form for each child in the family and submit only one check for all orders of the family. Please note on the memo line of the check what the payment is for. Example: 1 yearbook. Forms should be turned into Mrs. Kastanek. Please submit the order form with the payment.

Contact Mrs. Kastanek (402) 988-2525 ext. 142 or jkastanek@freemanschools.net with any questions.

Deadline for yearbook orders is MAY 1, 2019.

Yearbooks ordered after December 31, 2018 will be \$50. NO name stamp is available after December 31.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Number of Yearbooks at \$45 each _____

Name Stamp (for yearbook) OPTIONAL \$5 _____

TOTAL amount submitted: _____

MENUS

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>December 3-7</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Chili Dog, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Muffins	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	BR. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruit
Friday:	Sausage Gravy & Biscuit	Chicken Quesadilla, Corn , Vegetables, Fruit
<u>December 10-14</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
Tuesday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili or Veg. Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Donuts	Chicken Fajita, Soft shells, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>December 17-21</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Hamburger , Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwich, Peas, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit
Friday:	Sausage Gravy & Biscuit	Cooks Choice
<u>December 24-28</u>		
Monday:	NO SCHOOL	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Tuesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday:	NO SCHOOL	
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	15	\$2.75	\$41.25
7-12 Lunches	15	\$3.05	\$45.75
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	15	\$0.40	\$6.00
K-12 Breakfast:	15	\$1.75	\$26.25
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	15	\$0.30	\$4.50
K-2 Afternoon Milk	14	\$0.35	\$4.90



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