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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



“SOLE SEARCHING” - Mrs. Evers’ and Mrs. Sugden’s Jr & Sr High Falcon Family, “The Food Dudes”, would like all of you to do a little “Sole Searching”. During the week of Nov. 11-15 they will be collecting gently used shoes to be donated to various local charities. Collection boxes will be placed at both entrances of the school.



BANK IN SCHOOL - Freeman Falcons Branch

Bank Hours: 7:45-8:10AM Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

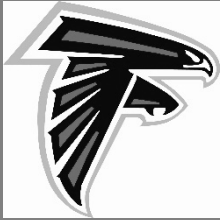
November 7 & 21 - December 5 - January 16 - February 6 & 20 - March 5 & 19 - April 2 & 16

*****2ND ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE-FEBRUARY 22, 2020-7:00 - 9:00 PM**

2019-2020 Assessment Dates The following are dates that assessments will be given. Please avoid these dates when scheduling appointments and other events. Thank you.

- **Nov. 7** Grade 10 PreACT
- **Dec. 2-18** K-6 MAP, DIBELS, Reading Fluency
- **Dec. 10** Grades 7-11 MAP
- **Feb. 10-Mar.27** 3-10 District Writing Assessment
- **Mar. 25-Apr.24** Grades 3-6 NSCAS
- **Mar. 25-26** Grades 7-8 NSCAS
- **April 7** Grade 11 ACT
- **April 20-30** Grades K-2 District Writing
- **April 20-May 8** K-6 MAP, DIBELS, Reading Fluency
- **April 21** Grade 11 ACT make-up date
- **April 30** Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 MAP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2019					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	6:30pm-8:30pm SIP Community Meeting- @ Freeman Public Schools		Sportsmanship Day- @ Pinnacle Bank Arena FFA District Livestock Judging- @ Southeast Community College 6:30am-7:45am State cheer practice - @ Freeman High School - North Gym	Pre-ACT- 7:45am-8:10am Bank In School- @ Freeman EL Commons	Strengths Ambassador Field Trip- 10:30am JH Choir Clinic- @ Tri County High School	Doane Fall Festival of Winds (HS)-
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veteran's Day Program- @ FHS - South Gym Facing History Trip- @ Washington, DC 1:00pm-6:30pm FFA/NHS Blood Drive- @ Freeman Ag Room 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting- @ Freeman Media Center	ECNC HS Honor Choir- @ Johnson County Central Facing History Trip- @ Washington, DC FFA H.S. Fun Night-	Facing History Trip- @ Washington, DC 6:30am-7:45am State cheer practice - @ Freeman High School - North Gym	Pre-ACT- @ Freeman Public Schools		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	No School - Staff In-Service- 7:00pm-9:00pm State cheer practice - @ Freeman High School - North Gym II	FBLA Stock Market Challenge- @ Lincoln ECNC One Act- @ The Loft Community Theatre - Manley 6:30am-7:45am HS Cheer Practice- @ Freeman High School - North Gym		7:45am-8:10am Bank In School- @ Freeman EL Commons 5:00pm Basketball- B/JH Lincoln Christian @ Freeman High School, South Gym		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6:00pm Basketball- G/Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools @ Freeman High School, North Gym 6:00pm Basketball- B/Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools @ Freeman High School, South Gym	6:30am-7:45am HS Cheer Practice- @ Freeman High School - North Gym 2:45pm-3:25pm 3rd Grade to Goldcrest-	Thanksgiving Break - No School- 6:30am-7:45am State cheer practice - @ Freeman High School - North Gym	Thanksgiving Break - No School-	Thanksgiving Break - No School-	



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

**November
2019**

No School Days

November 18
November 27-29
December 23-31
January 1-3
January 20
February 14
February 17
March 6
March 20
March 23
April 10
April 13
April 27

Early Dismissal

December 20
January 30
May 19

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Happy November! We are rockin n' rollin here at Freeman Public Schools! I am so excited to share with you some great news our district received recently. For the second straight year, Freeman Public Schools received a District Classification of "EXCELLENT" by the Nebraska Department of Education!

This classification is determined by several factors including 2018-19 assessment results, graduation rates, attendance rates, and the educational opportunities available for our students. Freeman Elementary and High School received a School Classification of "GREAT" and the district received a Middle School Classification of "EXCELLENT". Seeing the great things that happen each and every day at Freeman, I am not surprised by this classification. The Freeman staff is dedicated to providing amazing learning opportunities for our students and preparing them for their lives tomorrow!

Highlights from the annual report:

- Attendance rate over 96%
- 92% "College Going Rate" for seniors in 18-19
- 4% increase district-wide in Math assessment results
- 4% increase district-wide in Science assessment results
- 14% increase in English Language Arts on 11th Grade ACT assessment

We will be celebrating our success in two ways. First, I am getting some help from our board of education and the village boards in Adams and Filley to declare November 15th a "Day of Excellence"! We will have a few surprises for our students and include some "excellent" activities into our strengths day program. On November 18th, our staff will celebrate with a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. Several area organizations and businesses are making generous donations to make this event a success!

Students, staff, and the Freeman school community should be proud of the amazing school district we have. We look forward to another EXCELLENT year at Freeman and will work hard to make it three years in a row!

Communication

If you are wondering what is going on at Freeman Public Schools, here are a few ways to get connected:

- Website: freemanpublicschools.org
- Twitter: Follow @Freeman_Falcons or @FreemanPS_Supt for daily communication
- Newsletter: This monthly newsletter will go out to parents and the community each month

As always, please contact the school if you have any questions. I am excited for a great year at Freeman Public Schools and look forward to getting to know everyone! Go Falcons!

Mr. Havelka

Andrew Havelka, Freeman Superintendent

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 7:00PM CENTRAL**

1. Opening Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order

1.2. Roll Call -Motion to approve excuse absent board member Chad Harms passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Myron Schoen. Chad Harms: Absent, Mike Klein: Yea, Anthony Meints: Yea, Shawn Mencl: Yea, Marcella Rademacher: Yea, Myron Schoen: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

1.4. Approve agenda -Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Shawn Mencl and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1.5. Freeman Public Schools Spotlight

4th grade students and teachers shared experiences they had on their field trip to the Filley Stone Barn and Kaitlyn Otto spoke about the Believers & Achievers and Youth Salute awards she recently received.

1.6. Communication from the Public

1.7. Approval of Consent Agenda -Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and claims in the amount of \$595,771.87 passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Shawn Mencl. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Congratulations were extended to the Freeman softball team for the District runner-up finish. The FFA recently harvested their corn seed plot with help from Dean Seeds, Dean Farms, Otto Farms and E-Energy. Freeman Public Schools was recognized in the Beatrice Daily Sun as receiving an Excellent rating for the 18-19 school year.

2. Discussion Items

2.1. Discussion of Freeman football classification for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 cycle. Mr. Schroeder presented enrollment projections and timelines for Freeman football classifications for the 1920-21 and 1921-22 cycle.

2.2. Discussion of Freeman's process for investigation of potential threats.

Mr. Havelka and Mr. Schroeder both spoke regarding Freeman's processes for investigating potential reported threats.

2.3. Discussion of potential used field turf purchase and installation for elementary playground Mr. Havelka and Mr. Pella presented approximate costs and needs for the field turf project on the elementary playground.

3. Matters Requiring Board Action

3.1. Consideration a Resolution authorizing the early redemption of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012. Motion to authorize the early redemption of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.2. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4,250,000 for the purpose of refinancing the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, in order to achieve cost savings. Motion to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$4,250,000 passed with a motion by Shawn Mencl and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.3. Consideration and possible action to approve Freeman's teacher and principal appraisal documents.

Motion to approve the teacher and principal appraisal documents passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.4. Consideration and possible action to adopt the NASB Self-Evaluation, Superintendent Evaluation and Superintendent Job Description. Motion to adopt NASB Board self-evaluation, superintendent job description, and superintendent evaluation tool passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Shawn Mencl. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.5. Consideration and possible action to review and approve policies 5052-5056, 5059-5062, 5064

Motion to review and approve policies 5052-5054, 5055 with changes, 5056, 5059-5061, and 5064 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Shawn Mencl. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Reports

4.1. Administrative Reports -Mr. Havelka reported on drug testing, LR 63 Letter of Support for ESU's, and CTE Collaboration Day.

4.2. Technology -Mr. Delhay reported on switch upgrades, IP address, school messenger alert feed on Freeman webpage, and E-sports.

4.3. Assessment -Mr. Havelka gave a report (per Board Policy 5012) on the following assessments: NSCAS, ACT, AQUEST, and MAP.

4.4. School Improvement- Mrs. Sieh reported on School Improvement. The Community Meeting will be held November 4th at 6:30 p.m.

4.5. Facilities -Mr. Havelka reported that the facilities committee will meet October 30.

4.6. Transportation -Mr. Havelka reported on repairs made to Bus 08-01, the white Impala, and Bus 04-08. 4.7. Negotiations

4.8. Extra-Curricular

4.9. Board of Education

5. Announcements

5.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, November 11, 2019 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Media Center

6. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

News from #theFALCONway PBiS Team

#theFALCONway at Home!

Freeman Elementary practices #theFALCONway throughout the school year. We teach our students to BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, and BE RESPONSIBLE. Just as we talk to our students about what those behaviors look like in the hallway, classroom, cafeteria, specials, on the playground, the bus, you too can talk to them about what those behaviors look like at home.

We acknowledge students for displaying positive behaviors at school verbally and with #Flashtags. You can use home acknowledgments to help motivate your child to keep up the good work at school, or for exhibiting the expectations at home. Home acknowledgments do not need to cost anything! Some suggestions for home recognition include the following:

- Get out of having to do chores for a day.
- Watch his or her favorite movie.
- Help cook dinner.
- Go for a walk outside together.
- Stay up 10 minutes past bedtime.
- Cook his or her favorite dinner.
- Provide computer time at home or at public library.
- Play a board game or complete a puzzle together.
- Color or draw with your child.
- Send a positive note/email to your child's teacher about the good things he or she is doing at home.
- Read a story to your child or have your child read to you.

"The evidence is now beyond dispute. When schools and families work together to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but also throughout life." Henderson and Berla, 1997

#theFALCONway	Home Examples
Be Respectful	Ask instead of demand. Say "please" and "thank you." Look at adults when they are talking.
Be Responsible	Clean up toys when finished playing. Do chores. Wash hands after using the bathroom.
Be Safe	Walk up and down stairs. Look both ways when crossing the street. Use eating utensils properly.



Freeman First Grade Visits Pumpkin Patch

The two First Grade classes from Freeman Public School visited Korner Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday Oct. 16th. Jill Jobman and Joni Schwab discussed with the first graders the stages a pumpkin grows. Mallory Schwab read stories to the students about pumpkins and pumpkin seeds. The first graders learned the smaller the pumpkin the more seeds there will be. The First Graders went on a Scavenger Hunt to look around at all the different kinds of pumpkins on the farm. To end the visit, First Graders tried pumpkin cookies that were made by Bailey Schwab. We had a great time!!! First Grade teachers are Mrs. Laura Ideus and Mrs. Lisa Riha.



Junior High Football - The 2019 junior high football season came to a close with a final team record of 3-2 on the year. The Falcons opened the season with a 22-14 win on the road at JCC. A fourth quarter touchdown with 3 minutes to go in the game sealed the seasons first win. The home opener for the Falcons ended in a late 34-32 loss to Palmyra in game 2. The team got out to a fast start and big first half lead, only to see it dwindle away with a mistake ridden second half. The Falcons used that learning experience in a back and forth game vs Falls City Sacred Heart in game 3. The offensive line played well and defense forced four turnovers enroute to a 38-26 victory. Freeman took on Southern in the home finale in game 4. After spotting Southern 12 points in the first half, the offense responded by putting up 28 of the next 34, leading to a 28-18 Falcon victory. The final game of the season was a disappointing loss on the road against an extremely talented Conestoga team 56-8. The size and speed of Conestoga was too much for the Falcons to handle on either side of the ball. Overall, each individual player improved daily, the team developed some cohesiveness as offensive, defensive and special teams units, and the players and coaches had a lot of fun throughout the year.

PAJAMA DRIVE



Once again, Freeman Elementary School is taking part in a pajama and book drive along with Scholastic Reading Club and Pajama Program. This program

provides new pajamas and books to children in homeless shelters.

The Scholastic Reading Club donates new books for each pair of new pajamas donated by students to this cause. To date, **scholastic has delivered over 6.5 million gifts of pajamas and books.**

Freeman Elementary Student Council (FRESCO) is leading this drive so that we can help make a better bedtime for these kids. If you and your child are able to participate, please have your child/children bring a new pair (or pairs) of pajamas to school by **Friday, December 4th**. There will be a donations box located by the elementary office starting November 11th. If the pajamas are not already bagged, please put them in a bag to protect them on their journey to school. Our whole-school goal is to collect 160 pairs of pajamas or nightgowns. If we reach our goal, students will celebrate with a PJ party later in December.

Here are the guidelines to keep in mind:

- Pajamas must be brand-new.
- Pajamas in all sizes are needed—from newborn to adult size XXXL. (Some kids wear adult sizes.)
- Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas—this ensures that they are flame-retardant and safe.
- All pajama donations are accepted and very much appreciated, but warm winter pajamas are in greatest need at this time of year.

Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night's sleep and a bedtime story with other children! If you have any questions, please contact Freeman Elementary (402) 988-2525.

Freeman Elementary Student Council
Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Israelson



Freeman Strengths keeps on rolling through the school year. Four Freeman teachers are sharing information about the Freeman strengths movement to other educators at the ESU's Connecting

Educators Conference on November 1st in Fairbury.

There are three more K-12 strengths day activities planned for this school year. Strengths afternoons will be on November 15th and April 8th, while a full strengths day is being planned for February 3rd.

Please follow Freeman Strengths on our Facebook group, Instagram account, and Twitter account. Search #freemanstrengths to keep up with the latest news!

FRESCO NEWS

On October 21, the Freeman Elementary Student Council participated in the Leadership Conference at Doane University. We learned about the 4 pillars of kindness: Including, Encouraging, Celebrating and Trust. We did activities about each of them. For our including activity, there were hula hoops spread across the floor. Each student had to go to one and put one foot in it, but there could only be 6 people in a hula hoop. We had to practice including others by inviting people to your circle. For encouraging, we had a hula hoop contest and you would encourage people from your group to do well. We had a bunch of plastic balls, and we stood in a tight circle and threw them up in the air on the count of three for the celebrating pillar. For trust activities, we played two games. The first game we played we had some poles, and two people would hold them on each end, and one person would start on an upside-down bucket, and walk on the poles across until you got to a hula hoop, placed on the other end of the people holding poles. For the other trust activity, there was a spider web type thing, and you had to get lifted

up through the holes in the spider web. It was a very fun trip and I hope we can go next year!

By Sam Troxel



FFA NEWS It has been a very busy month of October for Freeman FFA members! The FFA participated in the Homecoming parade with a theme of Farm Sweet Farm.

The livestock judging teams have been preparing for their district contest at SCC-Beatrice in November. Thanks to Kyle Dorn for coaching this group!

Thanks to all who made it to the community appreciation breakfast on October 23rd. We appreciate all parents, sponsors, community members, and partners who help our chapter be successful!

Eleven FFA members are attending the 92nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 29th-November 2nd. While there, students will hear motivational speakers, attend a large career fair, tour local businesses, and be a part of one of the world's largest student conventions.

Upcoming events for the FFA include fruit sales in November and the annual FFA/National Honor Society blood drive on November 11th.



BANK IN SCHOOL Freeman Falcons Branch



What is Bank in School?

In 2018 the Freeman FBLA partnered with Adams State Bank to open an educational bank branch at Freeman Public School. Bank in School is designed for elementary students to have the opportunity to open their own savings account to make regular deposits each week. While students are creating good habits of savings, they earn prizes based on reaching savings goals and hitting milestones. The Freeman Falcons Branch will be open for deposits from 7:45-8:10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Your student's enrollment in the program comes with the expectation that they will stay enrolled throughout the completion of 6th grade. Completing 6th grade or leaving the Freeman Public School system are the only times a student will withdraw money from their account. All of the money saved by your student will accumulate throughout their elementary career at Freeman Public School. At the completion of 6th grade, they will receive the entire amount they have saved in a check from Adams State Bank. Any size deposits (cash and coin—no checks, please) are welcomed. However, because of the large number of student participating and our limited time, we ask that no more than 25 coins be deposited at once.

Your student's personal balance will be kept and stored securely and only accessed by trained Freeman FBLA Bank in School employees. As students hit 'savings milestones' they will be awarded various prizes. Their account is a non interest bearing account. This savings account will in no way be associated with any other Adams State Bank savings account should your child already have one established.

Program Highlights

There are 68 students currently enrolled in Bank in School. These students have successfully saved over \$10,000! A team of Freeman FBLA students act as the tellers and help guide the elementary students through the entire transaction. It is a great learning experience for everybody involved!

For every \$1,500 saved by the Freeman Bank in School students in the 2019-2020 school year, Adams State Bank will give \$100 to the Freeman FBLA!

_____ has permission to participate in the Freeman Falcon Bank in School savings program, conducted by Adams State Bank. By signing this permission letter, we hereby release Freeman Public Schools and its employees and agents, and agree to indemnify and hold FPS harmless, from any and all liability or losses relating to any deposits made or allegedly made by our child. The enrollment of your child comes with the expectation that your child will stay enrolled in the Bank in School program throughout the completion of 6th grade. The only exception would be if your student should leave the Freeman Public School system.

In the event of an early departure from the Freeman Public School system, please provide a contact, phone number, and address so we can distribute the necessary funds to our participants in the event they leave before the end of the program.

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

For security purposes, all early withdrawals will need to be signed off by the elementary principal, Adams State Bank representative, and the FBLA Advisor to ensure all the monies saved will be delivered to the proper participants.

Should your student already have an account at Adams State Bank this savings account is separate and is in no way affiliated with the already established account.

I give permission for Freeman Public Schools and Adams State Bank to take and or share photos of my child on social media. ___ Yes ___ No

Parent Signature

Date

All meals come with one carton of milk. Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.35 each.
Purchase of an entrée only or an additional entrée will cost \$1.00 for students and staff.

MENUS

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>November 1</u>		
Friday:	Sausage Gravy & Biscuit	Fiestada, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>November 4-8</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Muffins	Burrito, chips, Cheese sauce, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Donuts	Sub Sandwich, Chips, Vegetables, Fruit
Friday:	Sausage Gravy & Biscuit	Pizza, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>November 11-15</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chili, or Veg. Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Muffins	Corn Dog, Vegetables, Fruit
Friday:	Excellent Eggs	Extreme Enchilada (chicken) Bean Dip Chip Bowl, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>November 18-22</u>		
Monday:	No School	
Tuesday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit
Wednesday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Lasagna(casserole), Breadsticks, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Donuts	Chicken Noodle Soup, Peas, Sandwich, Vegetables, Fruit
Friday:	Omelets	Fiestada, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>November 25-29</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Vegetables, Fruit, Breadstick
Tuesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	No School	
Thursday:	No School	
Friday:	No School	

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	17	\$2.85	\$48.45
7-12 Lunches	17	\$3.15	\$53.55
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	17	\$0.40	\$6.80
K-12 Breakfast:	17	\$1.85	\$31.45
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	17	\$0.30	\$5.10
Kindergarten PM Milk	17	\$0.35	\$5.95
Adult Lunch Price:		\$3.70	



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