

Freeman Public Schools  
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NO SCHOOL/EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS IN JANUARY**

- January 1-4- Winter Break
- January 18<sup>th</sup> – No School
- January 28<sup>th</sup> –1:00pm Early Dismissal (Wrestling Tournament)

### **SCHOOLMESSENGER TEXT MESSAGING**

Parents and Guardians: You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service. Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

### **5TH GRADE BAND IS PLANNING TO START IN JANUARY.**

If you are a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent, please check your email for more information. Lessons will begin the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child bring their instrument to school by that time!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>					No School-	1 Community Library Closed <b>2:00pm Bball-G/Var Southern @ FHS, North</b> <b>2:00pm Bball-B/JV Southern @ FHS, South</b> <b>3:15pm Bball-G/JV Southern @ FHS, South</b> <b>3:30pm Bball-B/Var Southern @ FHS, North</b>	
3	No School - PD- <b>6:00pm Basketball-G/C Team Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman High School, North Gym</b> <b>7:00pm Basketball-B/C Team Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman High School, North Gym</b>	4 Start Q3/S2- <b>6:00pm Wrestling-Varsity Johnson County Central Middle vs. Multiple Schools @ Johnson County Central Middle School</b>	5	6	7	8 <b>5:30pm Bball-G/Varsity Pawnee City@FHS, North</b> <b>5:30pm Bball-B/JV Pawnee City@FHS, South</b> <b>7:15pm Basketball-B/Varsity Pawnee City @ Freeman, North Gym</b> <b>7:15pm Basketball-G/JV Pawnee City @ Freeman, North Gym</b>	9 <b>2:00pm Bball-B/JV Tri County @Freeman, South</b> <b>2:00pm Bball-G/Var Tri County @Freeman, North</b> <b>3:30pm Bball-B/Var Tri County @Freeman, North</b> <b>3:30pm Bball-G/JV Tri County @Freeman, South</b> <b>9:00pm Wrestling-Varsity @ Malcolm High School</b>
10	11 <b>MUDECAS Basketball-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA</b> <b>6:00pm Basketball-B/C Team Lourdes Central Catholic @ Lourdes CC HS</b> <b>7:00pm Board of Education Mtg-@Freeman Media Centr</b>	12 <b>MUDECAS Basketball-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ Beatrice City Auditorium</b>	13	14 <b>MUDECAS Basketball-B/Varsity @ Beatrice City Auditorium</b> <b>TBD Basketball-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ TBA</b>	15 <b>MUDECAS Basketball-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ TBA</b> <b>2:00pm Wrestling-Varsity Weeping Water vs. Multiple Schools @ Weeping Water HS</b>	16 <b>TBD Basketball-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ Beatrice City Auditorium</b>	
17	18 No School - PD- FFA District LDE Contest- @ Norris High School <b>4:00pm Basketball-G/JH Lincoln Christian @ Freeman High School, South Gym</b> <b>5:30pm Basketball-G/C Team Falls City @ Falls City High School</b> <b>6:30pm Basketball-B/C Team Falls City @ Falls City High School</b>	19 <b>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ Malcolm HS</b> <b>4:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ Malcolm HS</b> <b>6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity @ Malcolm HS</b> <b>7:00pm Wrestling-Varsity Lincoln Christian @ Freeman, North Gym</b> <b>7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity@ Malcolm HS</b>	20	21 <b>4:00pm Basketball-G/JH @ Johnson-Brock HS</b> <b>5:30pm Basketball-G/Var Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman, North</b> <b>5:30pm Bball-B/JV Wilber-Clatonia @ FHS, South Gym</b> <b>7:15pm Bball-B/Var Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman, North Gym</b> <b>7:15pm Basketball-G/JV Wilber-Clatonia @ Freeman, South Gym</b>	22 <b>3:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Thayer Central @ Thayer Central High School</b>	23	
24	25 MUSIC UNK Honor Band/Choir- @ Kearney <b>4:00pm Basketball-G/JH JCC @ Freeman South Gym</b> <b>7:00pm Community Strengths Session- @ Freeman Public Schools</b>	26 <b>4:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ Elmwood-Murdock HS</b> <b>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ Elmwood-Murdock HS</b> <b>6:00pm Basketball-G/Var @ Elmwood-Murdock HS</b> <b>7:30pm Basketball-B/Var@ Elmwood-Murdock HS</b>	27	28 1:00 Early Out - PD- <b>2:30pm Wrestling-Var @ Freeman, North</b>	29 <b>4:00pm Wrestling-Varsity @ Malcolm High School</b> <b>4:30pm Basketball-B/JV @ Diller-Odell High School</b> <b>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV @ Diller-Odell High School</b> <b>6:00pm Bball-G/Var @ Diller-Odell High School</b> <b>7:30pm Bball-B/Var Diller-Odell @ Diller-Odell HS</b>	30 <b>TBD Basketball-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ TBA</b> <b>TBD Basketball-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBA @ TBA</b>	
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# DANIEL FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL LEARNERS

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

Freeman Families and Staff:

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a great break and our students and staff are excited to return for the second semester. Staff will be returning for professional development on Monday, January 4th and our students will begin on Tuesday, January 5th. We had a wonderful 1st half of the school year, and I look forward to more great things happening each day at Freeman!

Here are a few important points to remember as we get back into the routine of school:

**Entrance Plan:** Freeman will no longer be taking temperatures as students get on morning bus routes and enter the building. We have received several reports from the CDC and Public Health Solutions that these are no longer needed. Due to this, we will make a small change to our elementary entrances. The South Elementary Entrance (#4) that was used for Grades 1, 5, and 6 will no longer be used in the mornings. These students will now enter the Southeast Elementary Playground entrance (#2). All other entrances will remain the same.

**Inclement Weather:** There is an increased possibility for inclement weather this time of year. If school is closed or will begin 2-hours late, information will be left through the school phone system, email, and on the school website. You may also get school closure information from the following media outlets: KWBE-AM (1450), KFOR-AM (1240), KOLN/KGIN TV (Channel 10/11) or KLKN (Channel 8).

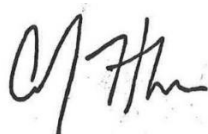
**Annual Report:** The Freeman Public Schools 2019-20 Annual Report is complete and has been approved by the Board of Education. We will be mailing a condensed version of the annual report to patrons in early January. Please contact me with questions.

**Calendar:** The 2020-2021 school calendar is available on our school website under the district tab. There will be no school for students on Monday, January 18th for faculty professional development. Thursday, January 28th will be a 1:00 PM early dismissal due to Freeman's wrestling tournament.

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

- Website: [freemanpublicschools.org](http://freemanpublicschools.org)
- Falcon Flyer and rSchool Activities Calendar: These are located on our website
- Twitter: Follow @Freeman\_Falcons or @FreemanPS\_Supt for daily communication
- Newsletter: This monthly newsletter will go out to parents and the community each month

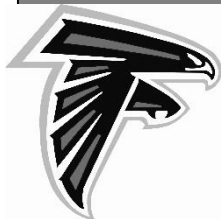
As always, please contact the school if you have any questions. January can be one of the busiest months of the school year. I look forward to seeing our students do great things! Go Falcons!



Andrew Havelka, Freeman Superintendent

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## January 2021

### No School Days

January 1-4  
January 18  
February 12-15  
March 12  
March 19  
March 25-26  
April 2  
April 5  
April 26

### Early Dismissal

January 28  
May 18

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402.988-2525

## **Public Health Solutions Announces Winner**

Public Health Solutions was recently at your school offering flu shots. All students who returned a permission form and received the flu shot were entered into a drawing. **Bella G** is the lucky winner who participated in the 2020-2021 SKIP Flu Vaccine Clinic held at Freeman Schools in October. His/her name was drawn from all students at your school who received a flu shot, to receive a \$20.00 gift card. The CDC is forecasting a rough flu season this year so all staff and students who got their flu shot are winners by protecting themselves and their families!

Public Health Solutions is excited to report rates of participation overall and specifically, your school had 200 students and staff participate, which figures at 38.4%. Last year, there were 198 participants, which was 37.9%. Freeman increased participation by 0.5%. While Public Health Solutions would love to see 100% participation, we are excited to see these rates go up.

If for any reason you missed the SKIP Flu Clinic, please make the effort to get your flu shot at your local health care provider. For more information on flu shot locations, feel free to contact Public Health Solutions at 402-826-3880.

## **MY WISH FOR CHRISTMAS- BY MRS. MARKER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

We have all had a very trying year, even for our youngsters. They love to talk about what they want for Christmas, but it's a big part to help them to understand it's fun to "get", but it warms the heart to "give" and think of others. When we began our conversation about things that happened throughout the year, they all became very somber. They may not have sat and "watched" the news as adults do, but they heard either through the media, or through adults talking, of the things that shook our world in 2020. Many of them experienced, or are currently experiencing, the effects of the coronavirus, or as many of them call it "The COVID". Here are their Wishes for themselves and the world.

Levi B: I would like a hamster that is cute. I wish for Uncle Jake to get out of the ICU.

Milo B: I would like a dump truck with an electric lift. I wish that other people didn't have to live in a hotel. They could have their own house.

Marilyn C: I would like my foot surgery to get my foot flat and not tight. I would also like an LOL. I would also wish that nobody in my family would die.

Hayley D: I would like a new baby that talks and walks and eats real food. I would like all of my family that have died to be here again.

McCoy E: I would like a dump truck and an excavator that has a crane on it. I wish that people could come over to my house for my birthday.

Maverick F: I would like cars and play animals. I wish no one had to wear their masks anymore.

Kaylynn F: I would like a Barbie from Beauty and the Beast. I would wish for everyone to not have to wear a mask anymore so we don't get the COVID.

Isaac H: I would like a NERF gun. I wish that no one would have to wear a mask again because it's not fun!

Parker L: I would like a toy flatbed trailer set that has a semi and a grain trailer. I also wish there was no COVID anywhere.

Everly M: I would like a makeup set. I also wish for all the people in the whole world to have a great day.

Collins M: I would like a new, real, little kitty that is gray and I would name it Snowflake. And I would wish that people wouldn't die.

Addy O: I would like a pair of new leggings that are rainbow and a new phone. I would also wish that for people in the hospital that have COVID would get better and be able to go home for Christmas.

Erin O: I would like a Pineapple Polly Pocket and lots of LOLs. I would like to get a Barbie size kitchen for my friend, Peyton.

Waylon P: I would like a Marble Run. My wish for other people is they would get to play Minecraft.

Gunner P: I want LOTS More dinosaurs. I wish for all the people in the world to know I love them.

Breckin P: I would like the corn header that goes with my combine set. I wish we would all not have to wear masks anymore.

Drake R: I would like a John Deere Tractor set.. I would like for everybody to have a job again.

## TEAMMATES OF FREEMAN BREAKFAST



Normally December is when TeamMates of Freeman hosts a breakfast for mentors and mentees along with a fun activity. This year just the mentees came for donuts and were surprised with a Christmas card from their mentor. While eating and visiting they took time to make their mentors cards. While we have had to do some adjusting, many of our matches have continued meeting in person following safety protocols. They continue to do crafts, play games, and chat. Other matches have met on Zoom via the TeamMates new portal. All have worked hard to keep

relationships going. We continue to form new matches and are in need of female mentors. We have several girls on our list and not enough adults to match them up. Please consider being a mentor. Contact Danelle Evers or Teri Nieveen if interested, or go directly to [www.TeamMates.org](http://www.TeamMates.org).



## Freeman Elementary Families!

During the upcoming semester at Freeman, young Falcon Musicians will be busy working on their upcoming Music Concerts. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their musical talents for all to enjoy.

Elementary Music Concerts are scheduled to occur in March, but due to COVID, all of the plans are TENTATIVE! Freeman Music Department and Freeman Public Schools will finalize all of the concert details as the concert date approaches; however, we wanted to provide the dates and times of our current and tentative plans.

TENTATIVE plans include the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m... Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade Concert**

**Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m...3rd Grade and 4th Grade Concert**

**Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m...5th Grade and 6th Grade Concert**

Thank you for your continued support of music at Freeman Public Schools!

## SIXTH GRADE UPDATE BY MR. YATES

The sixth graders have been very busy as we close out the second quarter of the 2020-21 school year. In Math, the students have been dividing fractions and mixed numbers. We continue to work on improving our basic Math facts using a website called Xtra Math. We will begin working on various Algebraic skills after the holiday break.

In Social Studies, the students have been learning about ancient history through their study of the Renaissance in Europe. They have learned about how many of the developments made during this period in Europe affects us today. They have also studied the Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations.

In Spelling, the students have completed sixteen units so far this year. Each unit's words center around a general theme. Students learn to spell the list words, use them in context, and are tested at the end of each unit. A website called Spelling City is used each week for additional word practice.

In Grammar and Writing, the students have completed units centered around sentences and nouns. We are currently studying verbs in grammar. In Writing, the class has worked to improve our use of the Writing Process. They have written a descriptive essay and are working on a persuasive essay as the first semester draws to a close.

During the first week of December, the sixth graders completed Winter N.W.E.A. testing. Students completed the standardized testing for Math, Reading, and Language. Students worked very hard during testing, which resulted in many improved scores since the Fall test.

## MENUS

Cereal, juice & fruit are offered with breakfast. All meals come with one carton of milk. Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.35 each. Menu subject to change. **Purchase of an entrée only or an additional entrée will cost \$1.00 for students and staff.**

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<b><u>January 1</u></b>		
Friday:	No School	
<b><u>January 4-8</u></b>		
Monday:	No School	
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Veggies, Peaches
Wednesday:	Donut	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangles, Veggies, Pears
Thursday:	Muffin	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Veggies, Pineapples
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza , Corn, Veggies, Applesauce
<b><u>January 11-15</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Walking tacos, Chips, Meat, Cheese, Salsa, Veggies, Oranges
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Veggies, Peaches
Wednesday:	Pancake	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Veggies, Pears
Thursday:	Donut	Sub Sandwich, Baked Beans, Veggies, Chips, Pears
Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Corn, Veggies, Applesauce
<b><u>January 18-22</u></b>		
Monday:	No School	
Tuesday:	Muffin	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Veggies, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Mandarin Chicken , Rice, California Blend, Veggies, Roll & Butter, Pears
Thursday:	Donut	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans. Veggies, Oranges
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Veggies, Applesauce
<b><u>January 25-29</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangles, Veggies, Pears
Tuesday:	Muffin	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Oranges
Wednesday:	Pancake	Corn Dog, Cottage Cheese, Broccoli, Veggies, Pineapple
Thursday:	Donut	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Veggies, Peaches
Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Corn, Veggies, Applesauce

### **TOTAL MONTHLY COST**

	Days	Price	Total
K-2 Afternoon Milk	18	\$0.35	\$6.30
Adult Lunch Price:		\$3.80	

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