

Freeman Public Schools  
415 Eighth Street  
PO Box 259  
Adams NE 68301-0259

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 5th –No School-Spring Break
- April 26th –No School (Professional Development)

### **KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION**

If you are planning to send your child to kindergarten for the 21-22 school year, please fill out the online pre-registration form. Click on this [link](#) or go to the Freeman website (<https://freemanpublicschools.org/>), click on the Parent Portal and the link is on the left side under Helpful Links. If you need a paper form, please contact the elementary office at 402 988-2525 ext. 102.

### **21-22 PRESCHOOL APPLICATION-**

The 21-22 preschool online application is now open. Freeman offers two preschool sessions for 4 year olds (8:00AM-11:20AM and 12:15PM-3:30PM). Click on this [link](#) or go to the Freeman website (<https://freemanpublicschools.org/>), click on the Parent Portal and the link is on the left side under Helpful Links. If you need a paper form, please contact the elementary office at 402 988-2525 ext. 102. First priority will go to in-district students.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** - Thursday, April 22. The students that are in Freeman preschool will attend during their regular preschool times. Non Freeman preschool students will be scheduled **9:00-11:00AM** or **1:00-3:00PM** (this is a change in time). Letters will be sent out verifying session times for each child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 2021</b>				1	2	3
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	No School-	Testing: ACT Test Make-Up Date- @ Adams Community Building  <b>9:30am</b> Track- JV/Varsity <b>Johnson County Central</b> @ Johnson County Central High School	FFA State Convention- @ Lincoln	FFA State Convention- @ Lincoln	FFA State Convention- @ Lincoln	<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b> Quiz Bowl Falcon JH Invite- @ Freeman High School  <b>5:00pm-11:00am</b> Prom-
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b> ART HS Show- @ Freeman EL Commons  <b>6:30pm</b> MUSIC 7-12 Concert- @ FHS - South Gym  <b>7:00pm</b> Board of Education Meeting- @ Freeman Media Center	<b>9:00am</b> Track- JV/Varsity <b>Lewiston vs. TBA</b> @ Pawnee City Secondary School	<b>7:30am</b> TeamMates Breakfast- @ FHS - North HS Commons  <b>8:00pm-2:00pm</b> MAPS Testing-	<b>10:00am</b> Track- JH <b>Pawnee City</b> @ Pawnee City Secondary School  <b>7:00pm</b> FFA Awards Night- @ FHS - South Gym		<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b> Quiz Bowl Freeman HS Invite- @ Freeman High School  <b>9:00am</b> Track-JH <b>Tri County</b> @ Tri County High School
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>1:00pm</b> QUIZ BOWL - JH MUDECAS- @ Bruning Davenport  <b>7:00pm</b> Community Strengths Session- @ Freeman Public Schools	Testing: ACT Test Make-Up Date- @ Adams Community Building  <b>10:00am</b> Track- JV/Varsity <b>Friend</b> @ Friend High School  <b>6:30pm</b> Kindergarten Roundup <b>Parent Meeting</b> - @ Freeman Elementary	<b>10:00am</b> Track- JH <b>Freeman vs. Multiple Schools @ Freeman High School, Falcon Stadium</b>	<b>Kindergarten Roundup- @ Freeman Elementary</b>  MUSIC District Contest- @ Johnson County Central High School		<b>9:00am</b> Track- JV/Varsity <b>Pawnee City</b> @ Pawnee City Secondary School
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	No School-	<b>8:45am-3:00pm</b> EL Field Trip - 1st- @ Beatrice  <b>10:00am</b> Track- JV/Varsity <b>Conestoga Cougars</b> @ Conestoga High School	Quiz Bowl HS-  <b>9:30am</b> Track- JH <b>Lewiston vs. TBA</b> @ Pawnee City Secondary School		Strengths- @ FHS - North Gym  <b>8:10am-11:25am</b> FFA Petting Zoo-  <b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b> Activities Banquet- @ Multiple Locations	



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QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL LEARNERS

[www.freemanpublicschools.org](http://www.freemanpublicschools.org)

April 2021

No School Days

April 2  
April 5  
April 26

Early Dismissal

May 18

No Kindergarten

April 22

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

Freeman Families:

Spring is officially here! It is a busy time of year at Freeman Public Schools. We will begin annual state testing here in the next couple of weeks and before we know it, May will be upon us. During April, we will be doing some activities to promote KINDNESS! When you can, take a moment to thank your child's teacher and support staff at Freeman. They have done an excellent job of making this year run as smooth as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are happy to help.

### Calendar:

The 2020-21 and 2021-22 school calendars are available on our school website under the district tab.

### Broadband Mapping

Freeman has the opportunity to help with a Broadband Mapping Initiative in Nebraska. The purpose of this initiative is to expose unserved and underserved areas of broadband in the State and expand broadband access in Nebraska. In turn, this will also help to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas. Broadband is important for many reasons, but especially education. As we become more reliant on the internet, it is important for students to have quality access to internet speeds.

Please participate in this broadband initiative by taking the one-minute speed test by following the steps below. If you do not have internet at a location, this can be reported with this test, as well. The test is free for all Nebraskans, privacy is guaranteed, participation can be done at your own convenience, and you are contributing to the growth and development of your community at no cost.

**Step 1:** Make sure your device is connected to the internet and go to [www.nebraskaspeedtest.org](http://www.nebraskaspeedtest.org)

**Step 2:** From there, scroll toward the bottom of the page and enter your selection in the white box under the "Take the Speed Test" and then hit the "Let's Do It" button.

**Step 3:** Enter information into the corresponding boxes.

**Step 4:** Hit "Check Address" and the test will run.

### 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

Mr. Havelka

Andrew Havelka, Freeman Superintendent

402-988-2525 x103 [Andrew.havelka@freemanschools.net](mailto:Andrew.havelka@freemanschools.net)

Twitter: @FreemanPS\_Supt

## ECNC CONFERENCE ART SHOW

Conference Art Show is being held at the Wells Fargo Building, located downtown Lincoln. Art Show consists of all the conference schools and will be up thru March 18. Great opportunity to take a look at all the talent in our conference during state basketball.

Participants are: Katie Shubert, Noah Jurgens, Brett Hemminger, Taylor Carnell, Paige Hemminger, Rebecca Ford, Tristan Sugden, Addison Hesterman, Belle Hanner, Cassie Klein.

Award winners are:

Gold: Katie Shubert, Batik



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1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Noah Jurgens, Oil Pastel



2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Brett Hemminger,



3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Taylor Carnell, Pencil

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have available spots for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The program follows the school calendar and is available from 6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. each scheduled school day. Our Program is not an extension of the school day but complements the learning experiences of the school setting. We strive to be less structured with more informal learning opportunities. The Program is designed for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and holds an Operating Child Care Center license, which is regulated through the State of Nebraska. The 2021 - 2022 cost of the Program will be **\$5.75** each morning session and **\$7.75** per each afternoon session. Drop in rates are **\$7.25** each morning session, **\$9.25** each afternoon session and **\$15.75** each early out session. **There is a one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 due at time of enrollment.** On scheduled 1:00 pm dismissal days, the Program will be available at regular afternoon session rates for enrolled children.

If interested in enrolling your child, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either via e-mail ([lsnook@freemanschools.net](mailto:lsnook@freemanschools.net)) or leave a message at school 988-2525 ext. 135.

# #theFALCONway

## PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

<https://sites.google.com/freemanschools.net/thefalconway/home>

All parents want their children to succeed in school. Research shows that parent involvement in a child's school experience promotes academic success, decreases behavioral challenges, and increases commitment to learning.

### How can parents help?

- Help develop a positive school climate.
- Learn about PBIS at your child's school and provide feedback about the process.
- Help teach your children the importance of school-wide expectations at home, at school, and in the community.
- Volunteer in school activities.
- Learn about PBIS at your child's school and provide feedback about the process
- Help your school design parent involvement activities in PBIS?
- Participate on Targeted or Intensive level teams as they relate to your child.
- What are the school-wide and classroom behavior expectations?
- How will the school communicate with me if my child needs extra support with behavior?
- If my child is having behavior problems, what interventions will be used to help him/her?
- How will the school inform me about the results of collecting information on my child?
- What resources are available in the school and community to help with improving my child's behavior?
- How can I work with the school to promote PBIS at home?

## MARCH ACCOMMODATIONS

### Elementary Quiz Bowl:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place at ESU 5 tournament
- 1<sup>st</sup> place at Freeman tournament

### JH Quiz Bowl:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place at ESU 5 tournament, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at ECNC tournament
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade team 1<sup>st</sup> place at Thayer Central tournament, 1<sup>st</sup> place at ECNC tournament

### HS Quiz Bowl:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place at ECNC tournament

### PSU Business Competition:

- Rebecca Ford – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Entrepreneurship, 5<sup>th</sup> place in Intro. to Business
- Tandon Buhr – 5<sup>th</sup> place in Economics
- Holden Ruse – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Business Communications

### Wrestling State Qualifiers:

- Brody Dickinson (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Judd Alberts, Gabe Goes

### Freeman Girls Basketball:

- C2-1 Sub-district champions, District runner-up
- ECNC All-Conference
  - Kaylee Bures – 2<sup>nd</sup> team
  - Taylor Anderson – Honorable Mention
  - Dakota Haner – Honorable Mention

### Freeman Boys Basketball:

- C2-1 Sub-district champions, District champions, State qualifier

### Freeman Cheer:

- 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at State

### Speech:

- District Runner-up (5 state qualifiers)
  - Summer Buss (Serious and Poetry)
  - Grace Van Engen (Entertainment and Informative)
  - Catie Reed (Persuasive)
  - Meredith Ruyle (Duet)
  - Grace Ketelsen (Duet)

### Conference Art Show

- Katie Shubert – Gold
- Noah Jurgens – 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention
- Brett Hemminger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention
- Taylor Carnell – 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention

### State FFA Qualifiers:

- Nursery and Landscape-District Runner-Up
  - Taylor Anderson, Ian Alberts, Sadie Larkins, Talisa Buhr, Paige Mahler, Brooklyn Ideus
- Agronomy-4th Place Team
  - Haden Otto, Thies Richardson, Trenn Hoffman-Ideus, Trevor Parde, Atley Buhr
- Floriculture-4th Place Team
  - Grace VanEngen, Sadie Larkins, Paige Mahler, Kailey Otto
- Agriscience-7th Place Team
  - Kolby Mahler, Kyla Davison

## COMMUNITY STRENGTHS SESSION FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS PLANNED FOR APRIL 19TH

All parents, teachers, and community members are invited to attend this month's Community Strengths Session, entitled "Ask the Strengths Experts", where guest speakers Allyson Horne and Shaun Edgecombe share their expertise. Allyson is the Training and Match Support Manager for the Teammates Organization and Shaun is a Student Strengths Coach at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Allyson will be able to talk about parenting from a strengths perspective, and Shaun will be able to talk about growing up in a family focused on strengths and how that has benefitted him as he continued through high school and now college. Participants have the option of participating in person (in the Freeman Media Center) or via Zoom. Please fill out this form so we can send you information about the April 19th session. This meeting is set for 7:00 p.m.

To sign up, fill out this form. <https://forms.gle/oS8P2HcBiAtM9v2p8> Once registered, we will send you an e-mail with more information for that evening.

Please let Mr. Jensen know if you have any questions at [tjensen@freemanschools.net](mailto:tjensen@freemanschools.net).

## ASSESSMENTS FOR APRIL

MAP Growth assessments will be taking place during April for Kindergarten through eleventh grade. Students took this assessment in December. The purpose of this assessment is to see what each student knows and what the student is ready to learn next. As a school we are looking for student growth over time. Teachers also study the results and use the results to guide their teaching. Students in grades 7-11 will be taking the assessments on April 14. Elementary assessments will be spread over several days in April.

## Freeman Assessment Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>April 5</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>April 6</b> <i>Make up ACT Test</i>	<b>April 7</b> MATH 3rd- 8:30-9:30am 4th- 10-11am	<b>April 8</b> MATH 5th- 8:30-9:30am 6th- 10-11am	<b>April 9</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 14</b> LANGUAGE ARTS 3rd- 8:30-9:30am 4th- 10-11am <b>MAPS- 7-11</b>	<b>April 15</b> LANGUAGE ARTS 6th- 8:30-9:30am 5th- 10-11am	<b>April 16</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 20</b> <i>Make up ACT Test</i>	<b>April 21</b> <u>NSCAS SCIENCE</u> 5th- 8:30-10:00am	<b>April 22</b> <b>*Kindergarten Round UP</b> MAPS Reading- Grades 5-6	<b>April 23</b> MAPS Reading- Grades 3-4
<b>April 26</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>April 27</b> <b>*K-2 Writing Assessment</b> <b>April 27-30</b>	<b>April 28</b> MAPS LA- Grades 3-4 MAPS Math-K	<b>April 29</b> MAPS-Math Grades 3-4 MAPS Math-Grades 5-6 MAPS Reading-K	<b>April 30</b> MAPS-LA Grades 5-6
<b>May 3</b> NSCAS Make up Testing MAPS-Fluency Grades K-6	<b>May 4</b> MAPS Reading - Grades 1-2 MAPS-Fluency Grades K-6	<b>May 5</b> MAPS-Math- Grades 1-2 MAPS-Fluency Grades K-6	<b>May 6</b> MAPS-Fluency Grades K-6	<b>May 7</b> <b>LAST DAY FOR NSCAS MAKE UP TESTING and MAPS</b>

### Junior High Quiz Bowl Collecting Hardware



Midway through the 2021 season, the Junior High Quiz Bowl team has competed in three out of their five scheduled competitions. Freeman began their season with two trips to Hebron for both the Thayer Central Junior High Invitational and the ESU 5 Quiz Bowl. They also traveled to Weeping Water High School to compete in the ECNC Junior High Quiz Bowl. The final two stops for this team will be at Freeman on April 10<sup>th</sup> and at Davenport on April 19<sup>th</sup> to represent Freeman at the annual MUDECAS Quiz Bowl. The quiz bowl season kicked off with a first place finish at the ESU 5 Quiz Bowl. The “A” team buzzed their way out of the loser’s bracket and beat Thayer Central twice to earn their gold medal.

Members of this team were Solomon Delhay, Derek Krause, Case Richardson, Ben Ruyle and Sam Troxel. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Thayer Central hosted a 7<sup>th</sup> grade round-robin tournament as well as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade round-robin tournament. With a record of 8-0, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders were awarded gold medals to add to their collection. Meanwhile, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a record of 6-2.

Most recently, the team competed in the ECNC Quiz Bowl on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team finished in first place, while the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished in second place. The teams were placed into separate 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade single-elimination brackets. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team went undefeated as they sailed past their conference competitors to claim gold. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders made their way to the championship round as well. In a hard-fought battle against Malcolm, they fell just short of winning.

Members of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team are Keston Krupicka, Case Richardson, Andrew Robeson, Ben Ruyle, and Sam Troxel. Members of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team are Solomon Delhay, Molly Flanagan, Derek Krause, Max Latta, and Brady Troxel. Keep up-to-date on the action by following Mrs. O’Connor on Twitter (@MrsOConnor27) or following #freemanfalcons.



## AUGUST

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- 2-7: Staff Flex Days
- 9-11: Staff Inservice
- 10: K-12 Open House
- 12: Start Q1/S1/1:00 Early Out
- 16: Pre-K Begins

## SEPTEMBER

- 6: Labor Day-No school
- 27: PD-No school

## OCTOBER

- 14: Start of Q2
- 18,20: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 22: No School-comp day
- 25: No School
- 26: PD-No school

## NOVEMBER

- 24-26: Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

- 21: 1:00 Early Out
- 22-31: Winter Break

## JANUARY

- 1-3: Winter Break
- 4: PD-No school
- 5: Start Q3/S2
- 17: PD-No school
- 28: 1:00 Early Out-PD

## FEBRUARY

- 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 16: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 18: No school-comp day
- 21: PD-No school

## MARCH

- 11: PD-No school
- 14: Start of Q4
- 30: PD-No school

## APRIL

- 15: No School-Spring Break
- 18: No School-Spring Break
- 19: PD-No school
- 28: Kindergarten Roundup - No KG

## MAY

- 12: PK Graduation
- 14: Graduation
- 17: 1:00 Early Out-Student's last day
- 18: PD-No School

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## OCTOBER






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	Late start or early out
	No school
	Professional Development - no students
	Parent Teacher Conf.
	Pre-School In Session

1st Semester Student Days	86
2nd Semester Student Days	87
Student days	173
Teacher days	188

# 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>April 1-2</u></b>		
Thursday:	Donut	Fiestada, vegetables, Applesauce
Friday:	No School	
<b><u>April 5-9</u></b>		
Monday:	No School	
Tuesday:	French Toast	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Vegetables, Pears
Thursday:	Pancakes	Walking Tacos, Chips, Cheese, Salsa. Vegetables, Applesauce
Friday:	Donuts	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Oranges
<b><u>April 12-16</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Chicken Fajita, Soft Shells, Cheese, Vegetables, Pineapple
Tuesday:	Muffin	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Pears
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili or Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Applesauce
Thursday:	Donut	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Oranges
<b><u>April 19-23</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Roll & Butter, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Donuts	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Thursday:	Muffin	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Pears
Friday:	Omelet	Sub Sandwich, Chips. Vegetables Applesauce
<b><u>April 26-30</u></b>		
Monday:	No School	
Tuesday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Pears
Thursday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Pancakes	Pizza, Vegetables, 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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