

Freeman Public Schools  
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS IN MAY

- May 18<sup>th</sup> – 1:00PM dismissal (last day of 2020-2021 school year)

### FIELD DAY IS MONDAY, MAY 17TH. THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

8:30-11:30AM	Grades K-3	Field Day	HS Track
11:30AM	Grades K-6	Lunch	HS Track
12:00-3:00PM	Grades 4-6	Field Day	HS Track
3:30PM	Dismissal		Playground

**(If you would like to take your child after the afternoon events prior to 3:30pm, students must be signed out with their classroom teacher.)**

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

There will be a summer reading program this summer in the month of June. More details to come. Please watch Freeman's website and your emails for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 2021</b>						1 <b>9:00am Track-JV/Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools @ Freeman High School, Falcon Stadium</b>
2	3 <b>3:30pm Track-JV/Varsity Louisville vs. Multiple Schools @ Louisville High School</b>	4 <b>10:00am Track-JV/Varsity Freeman vs. Multiple Schools @ Freeman High School, Falcon Stadium</b>	5 Seniors last full day- <b>7:00pm Baccalaureate-</b>	6 <b>7:00pm-9:00pm Academic Awards Night-</b>	7 EL Field Trip - K- @ Lincoln  <b>10:00am Track-JH Malcolm vs. Multiple Schools @ Malcolm High School</b>	8 <b>4:00pm Graduation- @ Freeman High School</b>
9	10 MUSIC JH/HS Honor ECNC Band- @ Elmwood-Murdock High School <b>7:00pm Board of Education Meeting- @ Freeman Media Center</b>	11	12	13 <b>10:00am Track-JV/Varsity TBD @ TBD</b>	14	15
16	17	18 1:00 Early Out - PD-	19	20 <b>3:00pm-8:00pm Aimee's Premier Dance- @ Freeman Elementary</b>	21 Track-JV/Varsity <b>Nebraska School Activities Association State Track@</b> Omaha Burke Stadium  <b>6:00pm-8:00pm Aimee's Premier Dance- @ Freeman Elementary</b>	22 Track-JV/Varsity <b>Nebraska School Activities Association State Track @</b> Omaha Burke Stadium  <b>10:00am-2:00pm Aimee's Premier Dance- @ Freeman Elementary</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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May 2021

Early  
Dismissal

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

Freeman Families and Staff:

We are down to our final fifteen days of school! We have been so fortunate to have school and activities since August. The last fifteen days will be filled with multiple activities including field trips, field day, track meets, and graduation events! We are so excited to have a fantastic end to the school year.

To ensure we keep our kids and staff here in school, we are going to continue to require the use of face coverings for students, staff, and visitors when in our building. We will continue to find ways to provide mask breaks and get outside when they can. It is my hope that we can change our face covering guidelines to “optional” beginning with our summer activities. Based on the current path of vaccinations and cases in our area, I believe this change will be made. I will not know officially until we get closer and will communicate that information when I do. With the rules set in place for quarantine, I do not want to risk any of our students or staff missing important end-of-the-year events and activities.

### Calendar

The 2020-2021 school calendar is available on our school website under the district tab.

Here are some important dates:

- May 8 – Graduation
- May 13 – Pre-School Graduation
- May 18 – 1:00 Early Out, Student’s last day

### 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. February is upon us! Before we know it, spring will be here! I look forward to seeing our students do great things! Go Falcons!

Thank you for your support of Freeman Public Schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. Have a great week!

Mr. Havelka

Andrew Havelka, Freeman Superintendent

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## 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.

## ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL (FRESCO) DOING GOOD DEEDS



The Elementary Student Council has been up to some good deeds this spring. In February, they hosted a Change for the Nebraska Music Education Foundation in honor of the late Sharon Mills. Mrs. Mills is the wife to our own custodian, Rex Mills, and is a former Music teacher here at Freeman. Each K-6 grade level competed for the top-earning spot of most money donated to earn an extra recess for their entire class. As a whole elementary school, \$913.34 was raised and donated to the Nebraska Education Music Foundation in Sharon Mills' name. The fourth grade class was the top earning class with \$252.34 raised between the two classrooms. (Picture above is the FRESCO presenting a check to Rex Mills in honor of his late wife. Pictured L to R: Hayden Schaaf-President, Rex Mills, Riggan Schaaf-Secretary, Trinity Buss, Eli Jensen, Rebekah Delhay, Macy Stanley, Jaydyn Pella, Grace Mencl-Vice President.)

At the beginning of March, the FRESCO then sold "Good Vibes Only" shirts in honor of our own, Brianna Podtburg, who is battling Osteosarcoma in her left distal femur. The money raised from the t-shirt sales will be donated to the family to cover any medical costs. FRESCO ended up selling 445 shirts to the entire school and out into our community and raised over \$2100 for the family. We have/had two planned days to wear our 'Good Vibes Only' shirts as a whole school. We wore them on our Earth Day clean up Friday, April 23rd and we will wear them again on Tuesday, April 27th in support of Brianna on her surgery day. Our FRESCO wants Brianna and her family to know that we are sending ALL the GOOD VIBES her way through this whole journey!! (Pictured L to R Back Row: Hayden Schaaf-President, Eli Jensen, Riggan Schaaf-Secretary, Norah Ahlschwede, Adison Otto; Front Row: Rebekah Delhay, Trinity Buss, Grace Mencl-VP, Jaydyn Pella, Macy Stanley)



## FREEMAN COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

We wrapped up our last Community Strengths night on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speakers via Zoom were Allyson Horne of TeamMates and her son, Shaun Edgecombe, a student at UNL and a CliftonStrengths Coach. They spoke about using CliftonStrengths in the family and how the awareness of one another's strengths will affect the family dynamics, even at an early age. Participants were able to ask questions and have discussions with Horne and Edgecombe. This was our last session for the school year. We look forward to more sessions next fall. If you want to learn more about strengths at Freeman, be sure to join us on social media by following #freemanstrengths. To contact us for more information use the email [strengths@freemanschools.net](mailto:strengths@freemanschools.net).

## SPRING TESTING

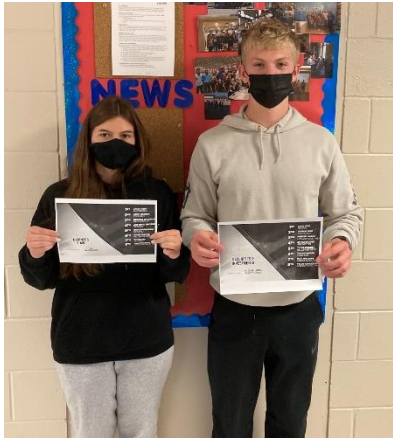
April has been a busy month of testing at Freeman Schools. Students have been busy with NSCAS assessments, the state tests. The Juniors took the ACT on March 22, which counts as their state test. Their results are delivered in four to eight weeks. Students in third through eighth grade took the NSCAS assessments in English Language Arts and Math while fifth and eighth grades took the NSCAS science assessments. In addition to NSCAS, students in kindergarten through eleventh grade also take the MAP Growth assessment, a nationally normed assessment. MAP Growth assessments cover reading, math, and language arts. At Freeman Public Schools, we take the results of testing seriously. We look for patterns of growth and use the results to guide our instruction. We receive the results of MAP Growth within 24 hours. We will not know the results of NSCAS until early next fall.

### Freeman Assessment Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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> <span style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 2px;"><b>LAST DAY FOR NSCAS MAKE UP TESTING and MAPS</b></span>

## NEWS FROM FREEMAN FBLA

We just finished up FBLA State Leadership Conference. FBLA members did very well competing for the Falcons.



Abby is a National Qualifier by earning 2nd Place in the Business Law Event. Abby is our school's highest placer in an FBLA SLC event. She also earned a 4th place finish in Health Care Administration and made the stage with an Honorable Mention finish in Business Communications (top 4%). Tandon Buhr made the stage for the second year in a row with a 6th Place finish in Securities and Investments. He also finished 2nd in the state in the Stock Market Game Competition with a 33% return in 4 short months. The team of Zach Robeson and Tandon Buhr won the top prize in the Virtual Business Management Competition, and the Team of Zach Robeson, Jenna Husband, and Curtis Krause won the Virtual Business Personal Finance competition. They will be competing in the National Leadership Conference May 24th through the 28th virtually against 50 other teams throughout the nation.

Our Bank in School program hit some impressive milestones this year. As we started a Covid modified deposit system in the 4th quarter, we had the opportunity to add more participants to the program. The Bank in School program has had over 1,000 deposits made in the program from more than 100 students. This has been a complete school effort, and our FBLA program is thrilled with the results.

## TEAMMATES SPRING FLING



April 22<sup>nd</sup> was the evening of the TeamMates of Freeman Spring Fling. Around fifty mentors and mentees gathered together and learned how to use the new TeamMates portal, Chronus. It is a way for mentors and mentees to safely communicate under the watch of TeamMates central office. It is also a way the mentors can set up Zoom meetings with mentees. After working together on Chronus there was a fun activity with M&Ms that allowed people to get to know each other a little better by sharing about themselves and something about their CliftonStrengths. Following these activities, it was time to recognize the ten senior mentees and their mentors as

well as honor those who received scholarships through TeamMates Central Office and through our local chapter. The night ended with pizza and cookies provided by the Freeman TeamMates Board. It was wonderful to all be together once again and to hear the buzz of conversations and laughter in our TeamMates chapter.



## FREEMAN STRENGTHS AMBASSADORS

One part of the Freeman Strengths program is the use of student ambassadors. This year twenty-one students volunteered to be a strengths ambassador. Strengths ambassadors meet several times throughout the year for additional training and activities. Ambassadors are to be models of using strengths in the classroom, Falcon Families, and in extra-curricular activities. Ambassadors also help with organizing and developing materials and activities. This was a difficult year to use our ambassadors to their fullest potential, but we are confident they will be strengths leaders in the future. We thank the following students for being our 2020-21 Strengths Ambassadors: Ian Alberts, Tristan Sugden, Meredith Ruyle, Afton Buhr, Emma Hemminger, Taylor Anderson, Haden Otto, Alex Podtburg, Jenna Husband, Talisa, Buhr, Kellen Anderson, Amber Dorn, Kailey Otto, Megan Nelson, Briana Lowell, Brooklyn Ideus, Summer Buss, Camryn Beebe, Grace VanEngen, Faith Holland, and Holden Ruse.

## 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>May 3-7</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Walking Taco, Chips, Cheese, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Pears
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, Breadstick, Pineapple
Thursday:	Donut	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Oranges
Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<b><u>May 10-14</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Corn Dog, Cottage Cheese, Green Beans, Vegetable, Pears
Tuesday:	Muffin	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Peaches
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	COOKS CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE
Friday:	COOKS CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE
<b><u>May 17-18</u></b>		
Monday:	COOK CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE
Tuesday:	COOK CHOICE	COOKS CHOICE
MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!		

### TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-2 Afternoon Milk	12	\$0.35	\$4.20
Adult Lunch Price:		\$3.80	



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