

Freeman Public Schools
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

On Thursday, November 11, Freeman will host a Veteran's Day program. It will be located in the South Gym and will start at 9:15am. Please mark your calendars. The public is invited to attend!

NO SCHOOL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- November 24-26- Thanksgiving Break

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".

AUTHOR VISIT FOR GRADES 3-6

Jeff Chartier, author of a new book called *Lie Cheat Steal* will be visiting Freeman Elementary on Monday, November 8. If you'd like a copy of his book, extra order forms are available in the elementary office and in this newsletter. **Order forms are due November 1.** For more information about Jeff, visit his website at jeffchartierauthor.com.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2021	1 FFA/NHS Blood Drive in Ag Room 1:00- 6:30pm	2	3 FFA District Livestock Judging- @ SCC- Beatrice	4 Volleyball-State Tourney at Lincoln TBD 10:30am JH Choir Clinic @ Tri County School	5 Volleyball-State Tourney at Lincoln TBD	6 Doane Fall Festival of Winds (HS) @ Doane University EBA Volleyball-State Tourney at Lincoln TBD
7	8 1:00pm JH/HS ECNC Vocal Clinic @ Elmwood-Murdock High School 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting-@ Freeman Media Center	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Program HS Band & Choir Perform-South Gym 9:15am	12 Strengths Afternoon- @ Freeman Public Schools	13 EBA 3:00pm Mother/Son Game Night
14	15 9:00-11:30am Strengths Ambassador Field Trip-@ Adams Community Building	16 ECNC ONE ACT @ Palmyra High School	17 Facing History Trip- Union Station, KC 8:30am Pre-ACT- South Gym	18 5:30pm JH Boys Basketball vs Lincoln Christian- South Gym	19	20 EBA
21	22 5:00pm JH Boys Basketball vs Syracuse South Gym	23	24 No School-	25 No School-	26 No School-	27
28	29 5:00pm JH Boys @ Freeman Basketball Tourney	30 FBLA Stock Market Challenge-@ Lincoln				



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

November
2021

No School Days

November 24-26

December 22-31

January 1-4

January 17

February 18-21

March 11

March 30

April 15-19

Early Dismissal

December 21

January 28

May 17

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Freeman Families:

I hope everyone enjoyed their fall break. The holidays are fast approaching! Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here. We hope families were able to get in touch with teachers during our parent-teacher conferences. If you had any issues connecting with our staff, please reach out.

Inclement Weather

Reluctantly, it is time to put out information regarding inclement weather. A decision to close school is made when the National Weather Service forecasts and road conditions indicate it would be unwise for students to go to school. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9:00 PM for announcement during the 10:00 PM news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of road conditions during the night and decide early in the morning (by 6:00 AM if possible). If school is closed or will begin 2-hours late, information will be sent through the SchoolMessenger system and the school website. Information will also be sent to the following media outlets:

- KOLN/KGIN 10/11
- KWBE-AM 1450
- KLKN TV Channel 8

Freeman has built three days into the 2021-2022 calendar for severe weather cancellations. If additional days are needed to respond to severe weather, the district will add student days or look for options within the current calendar. We will keep everyone informed as we progress through the school year.

COVID-19 Dashboard

Due to a low number of student and staff active cases, we will no longer be updating the COVID Dashboard each day. We plan to provide updates through the dashboard weekly.

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Communication:

If you are wondering what is happening at Freeman, here are a few ways to get connected:

- Website: www.freemanpublicschools.org
- rSchool Activities Calendar:
<https://www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org/public/genie/455/school/558/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FreemanPublicSchools/>
- Twitter: @Freeman_Falcons and @FreemanPS_Supt
- Striv (live feed for athletics): <https://striv.tv/channel/freeman/>

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions. Go Falcons!

Mr. Havelka

Andrew Havelka, Freeman Superintendent
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Reading Stations - In October, Mrs. Roberts' First Grade class started Reading Stations during our reading time. The students have had fun learning the routines of our stations and getting to work together in partners and groups to learn new reading and writing strategies!



4th Grade Field Trip - On Thursday, October 7th, the Freeman 4th graders traveled to the Filley Stone Barn and Homestead National Monument to learn all about the pioneers of Nebraska. The kids had a ton of fun getting a horse drawn wagon ride, trying out some pioneer chores, and using pioneer farm tools. The highlight of the day was playing with pioneer style toys, and picking, shucking, and shelling corn.



Jr. High and High School Band - The Freeman High School Band has been busy this fall! Our first performance was in August at the park during Community Days. We have also been providing pep band entertainment at home volleyball and football games. For the first time, we participated in the Richardson County Fair parade in Humboldt in mid-September. Our Junior High and High School bands performed in the Homecoming Parade and at halftime of the football game. Our final marching band performance was in Grand Island for the Harvest of Harmony Parade. Leading us this year is Drum Major Sadie Larkins. Color guard members are Lexi Winkle, Ruby Hinder, Grace VanEngen, Lauren Scholz, Autumn Schoen, and Meredith Ruyle. In the upcoming months, we will be performing for the Veteran's Day program, have students representing Freeman in the Doane Fall Festival of Winds Honor Band, and will perform our 7-12 winter concert on December 16th. A huge shout out to all of our band students for their hard work!



2nd Grade Field Trip - Miss Holland's and Mrs. Andreasen's second graders traveled to Nebraska City to visit Arbor Day Farm. Students were given a tour of the apple orchard. They were shown how apples are picked, cleaned, and made into apple cider and applesauce. We enjoyed a sample of apple cider. Students learned about the history of Arbor Day Farm and the importance of planting trees. We also learned about bees and how they help the apple orchard produce apples.

In the afternoon, students had the opportunity to explore the Treetop Village and hiking trails. The 2nd graders loved the ropes course with the netted trampoline and the zip line. Each student left Arbor Day Farm with a tree to plant at their home. It was a great day exploring nature!



Adams Community Christmas Project .

We are trying something new this year. Please click on the link below and fill out the application online. There will be some paper copies available at the Adams State Bank, Goldcrest Day Care, Adams Post Office, & the grocery store, for those who still need a paper copy. We would like the application to be completed by November 15, 2021.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCMsAzjGGQ9tJ3PSFZQRNp5wF85mLhXqawJT_Osm14wJ9G1w/viewform?usp=sf_link

YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY

During the school year, the library at Freeman Schools is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The library has a wide selection of books/authors for all ages – from Julia Cook, Mercer Meyer, and Mo Willems for the youngest generations to Fredrich Bachman, John Grisham, and Jodi Picoult, for high school and above. There is a large variety of books for all ages.

Of the 44 full-length books written by popular author John Grisham, your community library has 40. Nicholas Sparks, another popular author, has written 23 books; your community library has 20 of those.

The library also subscribes to The Voice, the Beatrice Daily Sun, the Lincoln Journal Star, and the Omaha World Herald. Additionally, you can find magazines like Newsweek, Time, Farm Journal, Nebraska Farmer, Parents, and many more.

The community library is also home to the original editions of The Adams Weekly Globe which are available to review.

Check out your library – it’s there for you!

Assessment	Grades	Type of Test	Date
PreACT	10		November 17
MAP	7,8,9,10,11	Reading	December 7
		Math	Decemer 8
		Language	
		Usage	December 9
NSCAS Pilot	7,8	Reading	January 11&12
	7,8	Math	January 18 & 19
	8	Science	first 2 weeks January
District Writing Assessment	7,8,9,10		February/March
NSCAS	7,8	Reading	March 21-25
	7,8	Math	March 21-25
	8	Science	March 21-31
ACT	11		March 22
ACT Makeup	11		April 5
ACT Makeup	11		April 19
MAP	7,8,9,10,11	Reading	April 4
		Math	April 11
		Language	
		Usage	April 13

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recently you should have received your student's Individual Student Report (ISR). The results are from the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) English Language Arts (ELA), and Math summative assessments that were administered in spring 2021 for grades 3-8.

Administration of this year's assessment is one of a number of strategies the NDE is employing to better understand how students who tested are performing academically as part of our COVID-19 academic recovery efforts. Information gleaned from the test scores will help us create a stronger and more equitable education system by identifying regions, schools, and student groups where we most need to accelerate learning opportunities for all students.

NSCAS is unique in that it is administered statewide and can provide information not only on students' academic achievement, but also provide insights based on demographic information about who did and did not take the assessment in light of COVID-19 learning conditions.

The NDE discourages the direct comparisons of school/district/state data with assessment data from previous years due to participation rates, length and design of the assessment, impacts to opportunities to learn, impact of trauma from the pandemic, shifts in access to instruction due to quarantine, among other factors. The data does provide an important temperature check that allows the state to better track and address student recovery in the short and long term.

Comparisons without the proper context are likely to be misinterpreted.

Individual student results should also be compared to past results with caution because of the learning disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The NDE encourages the comparison of individual students by family and educators that know individual students the best. Family members and educators that know individual students understand if and how the student's education was impacted during the pandemic. This context is essential in understanding where students are and how to accelerate their future learning.

Any assessment result is limited in its ability to tell the story of learning for an individual student. Schools use these results along with many other types of data to monitor student progress. For more information an [ISR Interpretive Guide for Parents](#) is available online to aid in understanding test results. This guide provides a definition of each achievement level.

If you have additional questions, we encourage you to reach out to your student's teachers and school.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Heneger

Mother+Son Night of Fun!



- Saturday November 13 6-8pm
- Freeman School Gym
- Minute to Win It games, Pizza, and crafts
- Mothers and Boys K-6th grade
- Cost is \$5 per family
- Invites will be sent to students the week of October 25
- To RSVP or questions, email pella.reformed.church@gmail.com



Hello! My name is Jeff Chartier and I am the author of a new book called *Lie Cheat Steal*. *Lie Cheat Steal* is twelve stories (227 pages) of wild, hilarious, and mostly uncensored stories written entirely in verse... IKR!

I am coming to visit Freeman Elementary School on Monday, November 8 and I am SUPER EXCITED to meet all of you! If you are interested in purchasing a copy of my book at a discounted price, you can fill out the form below, return it to your teacher, and I'll bring you a signed copy.

This book is letting the cat out the bag on what it is REALLY like to be a kid, a teacher, and even a parent in today's public school system.

If Dr. Seuss, Dr. Dre, Bill Nye the Science Guy and Shel Silverstein wrote a book together, *Lie Cheat Steal* would be that book!

If you visit my website jeffchartierauthor.com you can learn more about me, the stories, and a lot of other cool stuff as well! There are also over a hundred pages of lessons, activities, and stuff that you can download for free... yes FREE!

If you have questions you can also email me at jeffchartier228@gmail.com.



Student's (first and last) name _____

Student's teacher _____

Pick what you want (✓ the box)

Hardcover: \$25 Paperback: \$15

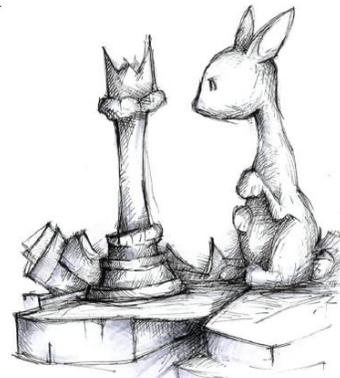
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Make Checks payable to Jeff Chartier

Please turn in your payment to your teacher by Monday, November 1.



TEAMMATES NIGHT OUT - On October 16 TeamMates of Freeman had a fun night out. We spent the evening at the home of Kevin and Janet Keller. There was a wide variety of games, from horseshoes to ladder golf to pumpkin bowling. The pumpkin bowling was a big hit! To top the evening off we roasted hot dogs and fixed s'mores. The weather was beautiful and all who attended had a good time. We are grateful for the hospitality of the Kellers and look forward to doing this again.



FREEMAN STRENGTHS - Freeman Public Schools considers itself a Strength School. Our strengths mission is: **To discover, develop, and apply one's strengths with one's passion, in order to increase self-awareness, foster hope and well-being, and increase positive engagement in school and life.** To accomplish this mission we continue to help staff and students name, claim, and aim their own strengths.

October 8 was our Freeman Strengths Day. For two hours in the afternoon each grade spent time learning about CliftonStrengths and StrengthsExplorer. The approach to our Strengths Day was different this year. We have spent the past three years learning in general. We are starting to take a more detailed look at to grade level.

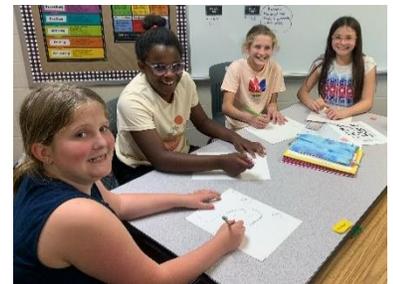
Students in Kindergarten through Fourth grade continue to learn about strengths in StrengthsExplorer: Achieving, Caring, Confidence, Dependability, Discoverer, Future Thinker, Organizer, Presence, and Relating. The Fifth grade students took the StrengthsExplorer assessment and learned their top three strengths. They spent their time learning about their own strengths. Grades Six through Eight took a deeper dive into learning about those strengths and how to apply their strengths.

The Freshman just took the CliftonStrengths assessment and learned about their top five strengths out of thirty-four. This is brand new to the Freshman, so the time was spent looking at their reports and having classmates help affirm each person's strengths as they learn the new terms. Sophomores learned more about the thirty-four strengths while the Juniors and Seniors began finding ways to actually apply their strengths. Future strengths days will continue to emphasize the learning and application of our individual strengths.



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COMMUNITY STRENGTHS NIGHT Once again there will be a Community Strengths Night hosted in the Freeman Media Center. We will be meeting on November 9th at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about CliftonStrengths and the strengths language the students are learning at Freeman.

6TH GRADE UPDATE - Hello! My name is Amy Brandt and I am so excited to be here at Freeman! I am a 6th grade homeroom teacher and I teach 5th & 6th grade math! This is my fourth year teaching. I used to teach 6th grade in Omaha Public Schools. I am getting married in January to my best friend, as well as finishing up my Master's degree (which I will graduate with in December). So it's a year full of big and wonderful changes. I enjoy running, crafting, and baking sweet treats for my family and friends. I also love a good mystery book! This year, I am so excited to sponsor our 6th grade Quiz Bowl team. The team will have a chance to compete with other schools over different subjects such as reading, math, and the fine arts.

YEARBOOKS - Finally, after several Covid related delays, the 2021 Yearbooks are being distributed. If you feel that you should receive a book and have not yet, please contact Mrs. Kastanek at jkastanek@freemanschools.net. If you missed out on purchasing a book last year, there are a few available for purchase at \$55. The order form for this year's 2021-2022 Yearbook is below. The price increases from \$50 to \$55 on January 1, so order early.

Past yearbooks available for purchase:

2020 - \$55 (6 books)	2014 - \$40 (11 books)	2004 - \$20 (1 book)
2019 - \$40 (19 books)	2013 - \$40 (3 books)	2001 - \$20 (6 books)
2018 - \$55 (3 books)	2009 - \$20 (4 books)	2000 - \$20 (8 books)
2017 - \$55 (5 books)	2008 - \$20 (3 books)	1999 - \$20 (2 books)
2016 - \$40 (11 books)	2006 - \$20 (6 books)	1998 Filley - \$20 (8 books)
2015 - \$40 (6 books)	2005 - \$20 (6 books)	1988 Adams - \$20 (2 books)

**PURCHASE YOUR
2021-2022 FALCON YEARBOOK NOW!**

Price increases December 31!

Don't miss out on this year's book! The yearbook staff is hard at work creating a new and improved book. This year's book is in full color. The staff has added additional pages for expanded coverage of all events PK-12. Freeman is one of the few schools in Nebraska that continues to include all grades in the yearbook. Avoid lost books – Get your book stamped with your name! Order now before the price increases!

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Number of Yearbooks at \$50 each _____

Name Stamp for yearbook (OPTIONAL) \$5 _____

TOTAL amount submitted: _____

After December 31, the price for a yearbook increases to \$55 and name stamping is no longer available.

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>
<u>November 1-5</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Walking Taco, Chips, Meat, Lettuce, Cheese, Pears
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Peaches
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	Donuts	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Friday:	Scrambled Eggs	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<u>November 8-12</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Roll & Butter, Vegetables, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	Donuts	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Pears
Friday:	Sausage Gravy & Biscuit	Chicken Quesadilla, Broccoli, Vegetables, Applesauce
<u>November 15-19</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Pears
Tuesday:	Muffin	Lasagna, Breadstick, Broccoli, Vegetables, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Applesauce
Thursday:	Donuts	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Bean, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Peaches
<u>November 22-26</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Oranges
Wednesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday:	NO SCHOOL	
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>November 29-30</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chili or Veg Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Applesauce

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