

Freeman Public Schools
415 Eighth Street
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

[FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS LINK](#)

MARCH 10TH NO SCHOOL:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Attention Juniors and Parents!

All juniors will be taking the ACT at the Adams Community Building on March 21st. Students are to report to the community building at 8am. They will finish between 1:00 and 1:30 and will be dismissed at that time. Students may not bring in cell phones or smart watches. They may bring an approved calculator for the test. Students may not park in the medical plaza parking lot. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Alexander or Mrs. Nieveen.

Driver's Education Information Coming Soon VIA EMAIL

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

☐ Monthly Newsletter – emailed monthly to all families

Phone: 402-988-2525

Fax: 402-988-3475

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				TBD Basketball-G/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association	TBD Basketball-G/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association	SPEECH - DISTRICTS @ TBD TBD Basketball-G/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	9am Quiz Bowl ECNC JH/HS @ Elmwood-Murdock	7:45am-8:10am Bank In School 4:30pm Wrestling-JH @ Weeping Water		TBD Basketball-B/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association 4pm Wrestling-JH @ Cross County	No School - Professional Development TBD Basketball-B/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association	TBD Basketball-B/V @ Nebraska School Activities Association
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Start 4 th Quarter 7pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman	EL Quiz Bowl @ Freeman Elementary 4pm Wrestling-JH @ JCC Middle School		SPEECH - STATE @ Kearney	7pm-9:30pm Junior High Dance	MUSIC-Class C All-State Band @ Kearney
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	6:30pm MUSIC Recital Grades 7-12 @ Freeman	Elementary Art Show displayed @ Freeman EL Commons Testing: ACT 7:45am-8:10am Bank In School 6:30pm Elementary Music Concert @ South Gym		EL Quiz Bowl @ Freeman Elementary MUDECAS Music Contest Location TBD	TBD Track-JV/V @ Palmyra High School Olson Sports Complex	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	5:30pm-6:30pm Math Night @ Freeman South Gym 6:30pm Community CIP Meeting	2pm Track-JV/V @ Wilber-Clatonia HS	FFA State Convention 10am Quiz Bowl - HS MUDECAS @ Johnson-Brock	FFA State Convention	FFA State Convention	

Upcoming Dates:

April 7-11 No School Spring Break

April 27 –Kindergarten Roundup. *No Kindergarten in session this day.

May 12 Preschool Graduation

May 13 High School Graduation

May 16 1:00 Early Out Student's Last Day of School (is subject to change as needed).

May 17 Professional Development Day





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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ANDREW HAVELKA

Freeman Families:

March is upon us and we are only a couple of weeks away from the start of the 4th quarter! Thank you for participating in Parent-Teacher conferences. As a teacher, I always loved spring conferences. It gave me a chance to talk to parents about the great things their child accomplished during the year! Also a big thanks for everyone's flexibility as we navigated through two weather-related closings this past month. There are a lot of moving parts to consider when it comes to weather, and we appreciate everyone's understanding.

This week is National FFA Week! We have several students taking part in various activities throughout the week. FFA is a big part of our district. Ask your child what activities they did this week for National FFA Week.

At our February Board of Education, the board approved Cody Wallinger to be our next 7-12 Principal. Mr. Wallinger graduated from Diller-Odell Public Schools and is currently the K-12 principal at McCool Junction. We are excited for him to join Freeman!

Calendar

The 2022-2023 school calendar is available on our school website under the district tab. The NEW 2023-24 district calendar is also now available. In March, there will be no school for students on Friday, March 10 th .

As always, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing our students do great things this spring! Go Falcons!

Andrew Havelka
Superintendent of Schools

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From the Desk of 7-12 Principal, Steve Adkisson



Senior Graduation

Hard to believe that graduation for our Seniors is not too far off. Just a reminder that the ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 4pm in the North Gym. Looking forward to this exciting event for our Freeman seniors and their families.

No School – Winter Break

There will be no school on Friday, March 10. Classes will resume, with their regular schedule, on Monday, March 13, which is also the start of the fourth quarter.

Spring Sport

If your student will be participating in track this spring, and it is their first sport of the school year, they must have a current physical on file with the athletic department, the parent signature page from the activity handbook, and complete the online Impact test before beginning practice. Contact Mr. Veerhusen with any questions or concerns. Hope to see a lot of our students competing this spring.

Testing Season Is Upon Us

The students at Freeman will engage in a number of tests during the fourth quarter of the school year. Some of these tests are state mandated. Others are standardized tests that are selected by our school. We use the results of all our assessments to measure both student performance and school performance. Below is a brief description of the tests that students will be taking this semester. Please be aware of these dates while scheduling appointments for your child or having your child miss school for family reasons, as make-up days can be difficult to schedule.

ACT (Statewide Exam)

This test is taken by all Junior students. The test will be taken on March 21 at the Adams Community Center and starting at 8am that morning. Students absent that day will need to take the exam on April 4 or 8, so please arrange any appointments around this testing date. The district's Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Alexander, shared a letter with all parents of students that will be testing a few weeks ago outline the test. Contact the High School office if you did not receive it.

Pre -ACT Exam

This test is taken online and will be given to all 10th grade students. The test will be taken on Thursday, April 6 during the school day. The exam is an opportunity for students to experience what the ACT testing format will look like and the results will help them prepare for future ACT testing opportunities.

NSCAS-R (Statewide Reading Exam)

This test is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 7 and 8. The test will be taken the morning of April 12. These tests are administered by our teaching staff and students will remain in school after the testing period is completed.

NSCAS-M (Statewide Math Exam)

This test is taken online and will be given to all students in grades 7 and 8. The test will be taken the morning of April 14. These tests are administered by our teaching staff and students will remain in school after the testing period is completed.

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress)

This online assessment will be given again this spring to all 9 - 11 grade students. Testing dates will be the morning of April 12 for Reading and April 14 for Math. These tests are administered by our teaching staff and students will remain in school after the testing period is completed.

Individual student results will show their academic growth throughout the year in the areas of reading and math.

NSCAS-S (Statewide Science Exam)

This test is taken online and will be given to all students in 8th grade. The test will be taken in the student's science class by May 5.



2023-2024 School Year Kindergarten Pre-Registration

For children attending Kindergarten for the 23-24 school year, please fill out (if have not yet done so) the online preregistration form. This form can be accessed on the Freeman website (<https://freemanpublicschools.org/>), click on the Parent Portal and the link is to the left side under ENROLLMENT FORMS. If you a paper form is needed, please contact the elementary office at 402-988-2525 ext. 102.



2023-2024 School Year Preschool Application

Freeman offers two preschool sessions for 4 year olds (8:00am-11:20am and 12:15 pm-3:30pm). To access the online application go to the Freeman website (<https://freemanpublicschools.org/>), click on the Parent Portal and the link is to the left side under ENROLLMENT FORMS. If you need a paper form, please contact the elementary office at 402-988-2525 ext. 102. Letters will be sent out by April 1st announcing acceptance and Morning/Afternoon placement. First priority will go to in district students.

Freeman Elementary Families!



During 2nd semester at Freeman, our young Falcon Musicians are busy working on songs, dancing, and dialogue for their upcoming Music Concerts. Concerts are an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their musical talents for all to enjoy.

Elementary Music Concerts are set for **Tuesday, March 21st, 2023**, in the South Gym at Freeman Public Schools. Your student will be given a letter soon with the details for the night of the concert, so please refer to the upcoming informational letter for specific details!

Grade Specific Times:

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

3rd Grade and 4th Grade Concert at 7:00 p.m.

5th Grade and 6th Grade Concert at 7:45 p.m.

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

Great TeamMates Support at Freeman

February 9th was TeamMates night at Freeman. Mentors and mentees received free admission into the Freeman v Johnson-Brock basketball games and received a coupon to use at the concession stand. Nearly 40 mentors were recognized at halftime of the girls' basketball game. A special treat was a short video made by Joe Beckman especially for the Freeman and Johnson-Brock schools. Beckman was a guest of both schools in November and was gracious enough to create a video for the evening.

The Freeman TeamMates Board of Directors held three successful raffles during the winter season. We are grateful for the sponsors who donated items for the raffles and for all the people who purchased tickets. Proceeds from the raffle support scholarships for TeamMates mentees and activities for our matches. We are now at 60 matches at Freeman, 60 adults matched with 60 students! We purchase games and materials for crafts and activities for the matches to do when they meet.

Thank you to the following who donated to our raffles: 4 Evert Fit; A&H Hair-Hickman; Adams State Bank; Across the Trax; Adorn Photography; Beatrice Nutrition; Blue Bulldog Boutique-Beatrice; Bluebird Boutique; Bojo Studios-Atley Buhr; Capital City Electric; Clean Slate-Beatrice; Complete Chiropractic-Brian Garton; Conway Creations-Wilbur; Copper Moon Steakhouse-Palmyra; Crossroads Designs-Tecumseh; Fantastic Gymnastics; First State Bank; Frank's Smokehouse-Wilber; Jet Stop; Haynes Place Massage; Lisa Buhr; Shear Shack-Lindy Buss; MV Prints; Maddy in June-Wilber; Pickrell Locker; Next Level Nutrition-Lincoln; True Skin Spa; Pastor Jerry from Zion; River of Life Cleaning; Scheels; Roc Hopper-Syracuse; Suzie's Sweets; University of Louisville-Dani Busboom Kelly; University of Nebraska; Young Living Oils-Chelsea Schaaf; Zylia Activewear-Allison Scott.

Have you thought about becoming a mentor, but you aren't certain what is involved? Talk to one of our sixty mentors and hear firsthand the positive effects of mentoring. We appreciate each of these mentors!

Jenifer Alberts	Tamara Ault	Sandi Baehr	Jennie Bernhardt
Todd Bohlmeier	Deziree Bredemeier	David Bredemeier	Darwin Buss
Steve Dean	Tracey Dean	Aaron Delhay	Lisa Delhay
Andrea Dorn	Nathan Dorn	Erin Dorn	Danelle Evers
Rita Fix	Jamie Fountain	Grant Francke	Laura Francke
Jennifer Griffith	Andrew Havelka	Tiffanie Havelka	Eldon Ideus
Debra Ideus	Janie Jantzen	Bill Jantzen	Kevin Keller
Holly Klein	Linda Kroese	Gary Kroese	Daryl Meints
Teri Nieveen	Jay Nieveen	Jerod Nieveen	Stacie Nieveen
Abby Othmer	Brian Otto	Aimee Parde	Doug Parde
Rodger Pella	Clarisa Podtburg	Kenny Reed	Chelsea Schaaf
Ashley Schlake	Sarah Schroeder	Lindsey Sedlacek	Erin Sieh
Meredith Smidt	Tanya Speth	Lisa Stanley	Tonia Tauke
Timary Vetrovsky	Jerod Vetrovsky	Peg Weber	Bud Wingate
Anna Wolken	Jon Young		



Family Math Night



Who? Kindergarten – 8th grade students
& their families

What? Interact as a family with math activities and games!
Have fun/win prizes/eat supper!
Learn more about our curriculum, NSCAS testing,
& the Algebra pathway for our JH students

Where? Freeman Public Schools – South Gym
Monday, March 27th – Come anytime from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Pizza and desserts will be served beginning @ 6:15 p.m.
Optional: Stay for our community CIP meeting starting @ 7:00 p.m.

When?

RSVP

SCAN
ME!



2023 ECNC Conference Art Show Selections will be displayed at the Well's Fargo Building, downtown Lincoln, Saturday, February 25-March 23. Student Artists whom had pieces selected: Hayleigh Shubert, Kyla Davison, Katherine Stewart, Lexi Winkle, Kylie Boyer, Hayleigh Shubert, Shelby Ford, Reagan Miller, Caryss Jurgens and Lexi Winkle. Congratulations to these aspiring artists.

FBLA Competes in Business Competition at Peru State

The Freeman FBLA chapter participated in the 50th Annual Peru State Business Competition. We had 17 students compete from Freeman against 27 schools from the southeastern Nebraska and Northern Kansas region. Solomon Delhay had 2 top-five finishes with a 5th place in computer concepts and a 3rd place finish in Web Design. Ben Ruyle finished 3rd in the Keyboarding event. Our students represented Freeman well in both the business competition and the Karaoke entertainment that followed.



Egg My Yard 2023

presented by Freeman FBLA & Adams Community Foundation

Sign up &
Payment Due
by Sunday
March 26th at
6PM

20 Eggs - \$25
30 Eggs - \$30
60 Eggs - \$50

Must live
within 15 Miles
of Adams

Spots are
Limited, so
hop to it

Sign up by contacting Ross Rumsey at
rrumsey@freemanschool.net

Weather Permitting-eggs will be hidden after dark on Saturday night 4/8

FREEMAN ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE:

ACT JUNIORS REQUIRED: MARCH 21 8:00AM AT THE ADAMS COMMUNITY BUILDING

ACT MAKEUP TEST APRIL 4

ASVAB SOPHOMORES APRIL 10 8:30-11:30

MAP GROWTH GRADES K-2 APRIL

NSCAS GROWTH GRADES 3-6 REQUIRED APRIL

NSCAS GROWTH GRADES 7-8 REQUIRED READING APRIL 12 8-10:00AM

NSCAS GROWTH GRADES 7-8 REQUIRED MATH APRIL 14 8-10:00AM

MAP GROWTH GRADES 9-11 READING APRIL 12 8-10:00AM

SENIORS MEET WITH LAURA FRANCKE OF NELNET

MAP GROWTH GRADES 9-11 MATH APRIL 14 8-10:00AM

SENIORS COMMUNITY MEETING APRIL 14 8-10:00AM

MAP READING FLUENCY GRADES K-6 COMPLETE BY MAY 8



S Sportsmanship

P Pride

I Inspiration

R Respect

I Involvement

T Tradition

As we enter postseason play and many of our youth teams continue to play and represent FREEMAN, it's important to remember **#theFALCONway**. We continue to promote good sportsmanship on and off the court, at recess, and through our youth teams. Freeman takes great pride in our school, our kids, and our activities.

Remember, good sportsmanship is when we are playing or watching a sport and treating each other with respect. We can demonstrate good sportsmanship by having a positive attitude, giving our best effort, never criticizing the opposing team, accepting calls and not arguing with the officials, treating the other team with respect and not teasing or bullying them with our words or actions, follow the rules of the game, taking pride when we win and not rubbing it in, and also losing with grace and not whining or making excuses. Remember kids learn from watching adults and upperclassmen. As adults, we should not bad-mouth coaches, players, or officials. If there are serious concerns, talk privately with the necessary people. Keep sideline comments positive and encouraging. Instead of focusing on the win or loss, ask questions... what did you do well during the

game? is there something you wish you could have done better?" If your child feels there was something that could have gone better, offer to work on it together before the next game. Applaud good plays, no matter who makes them, and congratulate the winners, point out good sportsmanship when you see it to encourage others. Congratulate the winners, even if they're on the other team. It is important to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, for our students to learn to respect others and self-control. GO FALCONS!

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MENUS

Cereal, juice & fruit are offered with breakfast. All meals come with one carton of milk.

Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.40 each. Menu is subject to change.

Ala carte items additional charge. Entrees are \$1. each and sides \$0.50.

<u>March 1-3</u>		
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter or PB, Vegetables, Pineapple
Thursday:	Donut	Hamburger, Bun. Baked Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Cheese Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<u>March 6-10</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Tuesday:	Waffles	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Pears
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Vegetables, Applesauce
Thursday:	Omelets	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>March 13-17</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Donut	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	Waffles	Corn Dog, Cottage Cheese, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Pears
Friday:	Sausage & biscuit	Fish Square, Bun, Vegetables, Applesauce
<u>March 20-24</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Walking Taco, Chips, Meat, Cheese, Vegetables, Pears
Tuesday:	Donut	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Waffle	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter or PB, Vegetables, Pineapple
Thursday:	Muffin	Chili or Veg-Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Applesauce
Friday:	Omelet	Cheese Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Oranges
<u>March 27-31</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Tuesday:	Donut	Falcon Hero Sub, Chips, Vegetables, Fruit Cup
Wednesday:	Waffles	Fiestada, Vegetables, Pears
Thursday:	Muffin	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Friday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Fish Sticks, Mac-n-Cheese, Roll & Butter, Vegetables, Applesauce

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

Elementary Lunch	22	\$2.95	\$64.90
JH/HS Lunch	22	\$3.25	\$71.50
Adult Lunch Price:		\$4.25	

Breakfast: K-12 served 7:45-8:05. Cost for K-12 is \$1.95 Adult price is \$2.60