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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS LINK

APRIL 7-11 NO SCHOOL:

SPRING BREAK

Fax: 402-988-3475

<u>Kindergarten Round up-***Thursday, April 27</u>
***There is NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten students that day.

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

April, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 FBLA St. Leadership Conf @ Freeman 9:30amTrack- JV/V @ JCC High School	4 FBLA St. Leadership Conf @ Freeman 8am-1pmACT Test Make-Up Date @ Adams Comm Building	5 3:45pm- 6:30pm 6th grade volleyball @ Freeman North Gym FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Freeman	6 8:15am3:15pm 4 th grade field trip Pre-ACT @ Freeman	7 No School	8
9	7pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center No School	No School - Professional Development 12pm QUIZ BOWL - JH @ Parkview Christian School 9:30am Track- JV/V @ TBA	3:45pm- 6:30pm 6th grade vball @ Freeman North Gym 8:15am Strengths @ Freeman Testing: NSCAS/MAPS	TBD Track-JH @ Pawnee City	3:30pm Cotton Candy Invitational @ Multiple Locations Testing: NSCAS/MAPS	8am Cotton Candy Invitational @ Multiple
8am Cotton Candy Invitational @ Multiple Locations	6pm-7:30pm ART	FBLA Stock Market Challenge @ Freeman 10am Track-JV/V @ Tri County High School	3:45pm- 6:30pm 6th grade vball @ Freeman North Gym 10am Track-JH @ Freeman	6:30pm FFA Officer Interviews @ Freeman Ag Room MUSIC District Contest @ Johnson County Central High School	8:30am EL Field Trip 1st @ Beatrice 8:10am- 11:35am FFA Petting Zoo @ Freeman Public Schools	
23 6th grade transition @ Freeman	24	7am-8am FFA Banquet Practice @ Freeman Ag Room 6pm TeamMates @ Freeman 6pm 23/24 Kindergarten meeting Media Ctr.		27 6:15pm FFA Chapter Banquet @ South Gym Kindergarten Roundup w/no current Kindergarten	28	29 10am Track- JV/Varsity @ Auburn Senior High School
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<u>Upcoming Dates:</u> May 12 Preschool Graduation

May 13 High School Graduation
May 16 1:00 Early Out Student's Last Day of School
May 17 Professional Development Day





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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, DR. ANDREW HAVELKA

Freeman Families:

Spring is officially here! It is a busy time of year at Freeman Public Schools. Our junior class took the ACT on March 21st and we will begin annual state testing in the next couple of weeks. At the end of April, our school district will take part in Earth Day cleanup activities. Our state FFA and FBLA conferences are also coming up and before we know it, May will be upon us.

When you can, take a moment to thank your child's teacher and support staff at Freeman. They have done an excellent job this year and we are so fortunate to have a caring staff that wants all students to succeed. As the year comes to a close, please let us know if you have any questions. We are happy to help.

Student Cellular Device Survey

Freeman is taking a look at how student cell phone use impacts the school day, including exploring potential changes to our current student-use procedures next year. To better understand how parents feel regarding this topic, we developed a survey. The survey link was emailed to all K-12 parents on Wednesday, March 22 nd . If you did not receive the survey, please contact the school. Any change to current procedure would not go into effect until the 2023-24 school year. Please take a moment to share your thoughts. The survey link will close on Monday, April 10th .

Calendar:

The 2022-23 and 2023-24 school calendars are available on our school website under the district tab. There will be no school for students on the following dates:

☐ April 7 th – April 11 th (Tuesday, April 11 th will be a teacher professional development day.)

Dr. Havelka

Andrew Havelka

Superintendent of Schools

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From the Desk of 7-12 Principal, Steve Adkisson



6th Grade Step-Up Days

Step-up days for 6th grade students will be on Wednesday, April 24. This day presents an opportunity for next year's 6th grade students to visit the high school end, meet teachers, and eat lunch in the north commons area. Students will have the

opportunity to visit classrooms and ask questions to our current 7th grade students.

If you have a student who is transitioning 7th grade next year, it might be useful for you to visit with your student prior to their step-up day. It could be very beneficial for you and your student to identify a list of "Things I Want To Know." This will help your student as they tour the facilities and listen to various staff members talk about the transition. It will also help your student know what to ask when given the opportunity to ask questions.

6th Grade Parent Night

There will be a Parent Night for parents of incoming 7th grade students on Wednesday, May 3. The evening's program will start at 6:00 p.m. and be held in the north commons of the high school wing. Items to be covered - handbook, class schedules, introduction of core teachers and other necessary information.

Standardized Testing Reminder

Another reminder that the upcoming NSCAS Growth testing for grades 7-11 will take place on Wednesday, April 12 and Friday, April 14. Students will report to their first period class for attendance and lunch count, instructions will then be given for the testing procedures. Seniors will attend school that day and be involved in school planned activities. Finally, all students will complete the school day following the district's late start schedule. If you must schedule a doctor's appointment or some other visit during the remaining months, please visit with your child's teacher prior to the absence to see what days they will be testing. We appreciate your cooperation, as rescheduling tests is not any easy task.

Last Day of School

The final day of school will be Tuesday, May 16^h. School will dismiss at 12:53pm that day with lunch being served. Students will need to have all materials and books checked in and all fines paid before being allowed to checkout. Students generally know if they have any book fines prior to the last day of school. Please visit with your student about paying all fines and returning all materials.

<u>Child Find Notice</u> Freeman Public Schools has a duty to identify, refer, evauluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to students with disabilities. If you suspect that your child is struggling in school or may have a disability, Freeman Public Schools can assist you. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation, and placement into Section 504 and special education programs, please contact Freeman's superintendent, Dr. Andrew Havelka at 402-988-2525



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.

Kindergarten Round-Up Informational Meeting will be Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, at 6pm in the Media Center.

Things to bring to the Parent Meeting:

- Child's birth certificate (The birth certificate must be one <u>issued by the state</u> your child was born in)
- Immunization records

Kindergarten Round-Up for upcoming Kindergartners will be Thursday, April 27, 2023.

- Children that are current Freeman Preschool students will attend on Thursday during preschool hours.
- If your child is not a Freeman Preschool student, we have assigned a time from either 9:00-11:00 AM or 1:00-3:00 PM. Please see the box above.
- When bringing your child, please enter the Elementary building through the **east doors**.
 - Drop off your child at your assigned time and your child will be taken to the kindergarten rooms for planned orientation and activities.



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.

FBLA News

Bank In School had its last Bank Day of the 22-23 school year and it was a doozy. We had 55 elementary students participating and taking advantage of the \$5.00 match given by the Adams State Bank on the last bank day. We had a lot of money saved this year, the future is looking bright for our financially responsible youngsters.







This final Bank day was also significant because Mr. Andreasen's woods class brought down the new Teller stations that double as desks in Mr. Rumsey's room. A special thanks Mr. Andreasen, Nathan Eisenbarth, Wyatt Richardson, Taylan Vertrovsky, Mason Denzin, Hayden Jennings, A.J. Lenners, Braedon Otto, Trevor Parde, Carter Ruse, Carter Niles, Grayson Gibbons, Trent Allen, and Wyatt Buss for all their hard work on the desk, it looks great!





The Freeman FBLA Chapter is excited to participate at the State Leadership Conference in Kearney from April 3rd through 5th. There will be 26 Freeman FBLA'er competing in events that range from Job Interviews to Computer Concepts, from Personal Finance to Sports and Entertainment Management.

Purchase Your 2022-2023 Falcon Yearbook Reminder!

IF HAVE YET TO ORDER YOUR 22/23 YEARBOOK BE SURE TO EMAIL ORDERS TO MRS. KASTANEK AT ikastanek@freemanschools.net with Student Name. Grade. Number of Yearbooks ordering. Yearbooks are \$55 each. It's a great way to remember special events and people for years to come!



STRENGTHS DAY AT FREEMAN

MARCH 17 WAS NOT ONLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND MARCH MADNESS, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL TO FURTHER EXPLORE CLIFTONSTRENGTHS. THERE WERE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL K-12 IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARNED MORE ABOUT THEIR STRENGTHS AND THOSE OF THEIR CLASSMATES, INCLUDING WAYS TO APPLY THEIR SPECIFIC STRENGTHS. SPEAKER TORI PEDERSEN FROM THE TEAMMATES NATIONAL OFFICE, SPOKE TO THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS. SHE TALKED TO THE JUNIORS ABOUT HOW TO TELL THEIR STORY FROM A STRENGTHS PERSPECTIVE WHILE THE SENIORS DISCUSSED HOW TO APPLY THEIR STRENGTHS WHEN LOOKING AT COURSES AND ACTIVITIES IN COLLEGE. THERE WERE A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES USED AT ALL GRADE LEVELS TO HELP STUDENTS BECOME MORE AWARE CLIFTONSTRENGTHS. EACH STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER RECEIVED A NEW #FREEMANSTRENGTHS SHIRT AS WELL. THE SHIRTS WERE DESIGNED BY FRESHMAN AUBRIE HILL. WE WISH TO THANK THE SPONSORS WHO HELPED PAY FOR OUR SHIRTS. SPONSORS INCLUDE BISON, KINNEY MANUFACTURING, GLF PROPERTIES, JET STOP, STORE 4 LESS, ALBERTS PAINTING, AND NEBRASKA CUSTOM TRUCKING & AMP; EQUIPMENT. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SUPPORT.



TEAMMATES MENTORS RECEIVE STRENGTHS

TRAINING TEAMMATES OF FREEMAN BECAME A STRENGTHS CHAPTER IN 2014. THEN THE ASSESSMENT WAS CALLED STRENGTHSFINDER. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE EXPANDED THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS NOW CALLED CLIFTONSTRENGTHS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE FREEMAN SCHOOL. OUR K-4 STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THE STRENGTHS LANGUAGE, STUDENTS IN GRADES FIVE THROUGH EIGHT TAKE THE STRENGTHSEXPLORER

ASSESSMENT, WHILE GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND THE ENTIRE STAFF TAKE CLIFTONSTRENGTHS. BECAUSE WE ARE A TEAMMATES STRENGTHS CHAPTER, TEAMMATES NATIONAL OFFICE OFFERS MENTORS THE CLIFTONSTRENGTHS ASSESSMENT. ON MARCH 6 SEVERAL MENTORS MET TOGETHER FOR STRENGTHS TRAINING AFTER TAKING THE ASSESSMENT. MENTORS LEARNED SOME HISTORY BEHIND THE STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT AS DEVELOPED BY DON CLIFTON. MENTORS SHARED WITH ONE ANOTHER THEIR STRENGTHS, AND THEN WE LOOKED AT HOW WE USE OUR STRENGTHS NOW AND IN THE PAST. IT IS AMAZING TO DISCOVER WAYS WE HAVE BEEN USING OUR STRENGTHS EVEN BEFORE WE COULD NAME THEM AS SUCH. DISCUSSIONS ALSO INCLUDED WAYS TO TALK TO OUR MENTEES ABOUT THEIR STRENGTHS. STRENGTHS TRAINING WAS LED BY TEAMMATES COORDINATOR TERI NIEVEEN.

2023-2024 Calendar - BOARD APPROVED

Freeman Public Schools

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AUGUST

- 31-4: Staff Flex Days 7-9: Staff Inservice
- 8: K-12 Open House
- 10: Start Q1/S1/1:00 Early Out
- 14: Pre-K Begins

SEPTEMBER

- 4: Labor Day-No school
- 25: No School PD

OCTOBER

- 12: Start of O2
- 16,18: Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - 20: No School Comp Day
 - 23: No School

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- 20: No School PD
- 20-31: Winter Break

JANUARY

- 1-3: Winter Break
- 3: No School PD
- 4: Start Q3/S2
- 15: No School PD
- 26: 1:00 Early Out PD

FEBRUARY

21: No School - PD

MARCH

- 4,5: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 7: No School PD
- 8: No School Comp Day
- 11: Start of Q4
- 29-2: No School Spring Break

APRIL

- 29-2: No School-Spring Break
 - 2: No School PD.
- 25: Kindergarten Roundup No KG

MAY

- 10: PK Graduation
- 11: Graduation
- 14: 1:00 Early Out-Student's last day
- 15: No School PD
- 15-17: Potential Weather Make-up days

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1st Semester Student Days Late start or early out 86 2nd Semester Student Days 87 No school Student days 173 Professional Development - no students Teacher days 188 Parent Teacher Conf. Pre-School In Session

FREEMAN ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE:

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

With the 2022/2023 School Year coming to an end please remember to stay on top of any fees, dues, and or meal account balances in order to check out, on last day of school.



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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.

April 3-7		
Monday:	French Toast	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Muffin	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Broccoli, Vegetable, Pears
Wednesday:	Waffles	Corn Dog, Cottage Cheese, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	Donut	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread & Butter/PB, Vegetables, Applesauce
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
April 10-14		
Monday:	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday:	Waffles	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Roll & Butter, Pineapple
Thursday:	Donut	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Friday:	Omelets	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
April 17-21		
Monday:	French Toast	Chicken Fajita, Soft shells, Cheese, Rice, Refried Beans, Vegetables, Pears
Tuesday:	muffin	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangle, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Waffles	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Thursday:	Omelets	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Pineapple
Friday:	Donuts	Falcon Hero Sub, Chips, Vegetables, Applesauce
April 24-28		
Monday:	French Toast	chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Vegetables, Pears, Roll & Butter
Tuesday:	Donut	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Waffles	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter/PB, Pears
Thursday:	Muffin	Walking Taco, Meat, Cheese, Vegetables, Chips, Oranges
Friday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

Elementary Lunch 17 \$2.95 \$50.15 JH/HS Lunch 17 \$3.25 \$55.25

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