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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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No School Days in February

February 21st, Professional Development Day

<u>March No School Days</u>

March 7th & 8th,

March 29th-April 2nd No School for Spring Break.



February, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TBD Bball-B/V	TBD Bball-G/V TBD Wrestling-B/V @ Auburn Senior HS	TBD Bball-B/V & G/V @ Freeman 10am-10pm ECNC Bball Championships SPEECH Meet @ Elmwood-Murdock HS Wrestling - Girls (Beatrice) @ Freeman
	4pm Bball-G/JH @ Freeman 6:30pm-8pm JH Boys Bball @ Freeman 1pm 1:45pm Speaker @ FHS - North Gym	7:45am-8:05am Bank In	1pm Bball-G/JH @ Sterling HS 1pm EL Quiz Bowl @ Hebron	7 4pm Bball-G/JV @ Johnson-Brock HS 5pm Bball-B/JV @ Johnson-Brock HS 6pm Bball-G/V @ Johnson-Brock HS 7:30pm Bball-B/V @ Johnson-Brock HS	7:40am EL Dudes and Donuts @ South Gym TBD Wrestling-B/V @ Weeping Water HS	SPEECH Meet @ Mead Jr./Sr. HS TBD Wrestling-B/V @ Weeping Water HS
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	TBD Bball-G/V 7pm Board of Education Meeting @ Media Center FFA Dist Poultry Contests @ Lewiston HS 6:30pm-8pm JH Boys Bball @ Freeman	TBD Bball-G/V	1pm Bball-G/JH @ Freeman	TBD Bball-G/V 4:30pm Bball-G/JH @ Johnson-Brock HS 6:30pm-8pm JH Boys Bball @ Freeman	6pm Bball-B/JV @ Sterling HS 7:15pm Bball-B/V @ Sterling HS	SPEECH Meet @ Pawnee City
18	TBD Bball-B/V FFA Dist Welding @ Freeman National FFA Week 6:30pm-8pm JH Boys Bball @ Freeman	7:45am-8:05am Bank In School @ Elem Commons TBD Bball-B/V	No School PD Day 12pm EL Quiz Bowl @ Freeman 1pm Quiz Bowl JH ESU 5 @ Hebron 9am SPEECH Meet @ Freeman	TBD Bball-B/V 4pm Wrestling-JH @ Falls City High School	TBD Bball-G/V	3 24 TBD Bball-B/V SPEECH Meet @ Diller- Odell Jr-Sr HS
25	TBD Bball-B/V 4pm Quiz Bowl JH @ Thayer Central HS SPEECH Meet @ Weeping Water HS		TBD Bball-G/V	TBD Bball-G/V		



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Freeman Staff and Families:

I write this message the day after one of my favorite nights of the school year. It was the final regular season basketball game of the season and senior night. Besides the games, a lot was going on at Freeman! Our local Teammates chapter sponsored a raffle and silent auction where over \$2,000 was raised to support our mentoring program. The Freeman Teammates chapter currently has 65 members of the community who mentor a student at Freeman! The boys and girls basketball program hosted "Pack the Nest", with our coaches acquiring local sponsors to help purchase t-shirts for Freeman students who attended the game and hire a sports photographer and videographer to make a video celebrating the entire event. The Cheerleaders performed twice as they prepared for their upcoming state competition. Freeman Broadcasting students assisted in the production of the Striv streaming broadcast to make viewing from home possible. Thank you to our coaches, activity sponsors, and staff for helping to make this night a success. What is awesome to think about is that nights like this happen all the time at Freeman. The best part of the evening for me...hundreds of students, parents, families, and friends from our community coming together at our great school to cheer on our kids!

I wanted to give an update on the work that has occurred with the school board regarding potential construction projects. As you may know, Freeman held community input meetings this past fall to share the results of a facility study that was completed by Clark & Enersen. The facility study project was developed based on five identified priorities: **Safe and Secure Entrances**, **Career and Technical Education**, **Kitchen**, **Cafeteria and Common Spaces**, **and Pre-School**. At the January board meeting, the Board of Education authorized an agreement for architectural services with Clark & Enersen for initial design and pre-bond services. This would allow Clark & Enersen to develop a schematic design based on our project scope and help the Board of Education get a good estimate on projected costs. We look forward to working with Clark & Enersen as they develop these plans and sharing these results with our community.

The month of January has been filled with winter weather. I appreciate everyone's flexibility with the weather-related closures and delays. Some weather decisions are easier than others. I take these decisions very seriously and try to be as educated as possible regarding forecasts and road conditions before calling off or delaying school. The district builds three snow days into the calendar each school year, and we have already used four! As we continue through the second semester, we will keep a close eye on student instructional hours and adjust if needed. If you have not received phone or email notifications regarding these closures, please contact the office so we can make sure the information we have is correct. I will always strive to communicate quickly with families when weather-related closures are needed, understanding it can be difficult to make last-minute changes regarding getting kids to school.

Wednesday, January 31st is the 100th day of school at Freeman Public Schools. The 100th day of school marks a significant milestone and allows students and teachers (primarily elementary) to combine several curricular areas into a focused event. Make sure to ask your child what activities they did and what the 100th day of school means to them. As always, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions. Before we know it, spring will be here! I look forward to seeing our students do great things! Go Falcons!

Dr. Havelka

Dr. Andrew Havelka

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From the 7-12 Principal, Mr. Cody Wallinger

At our secondary level assemblies in January, I shared with the students a social media post, our pediatrician once shared; "You will be forgotten in just four generations." While confusing void of any context, once the framework was established it quickly shifted to a rather profound idea to contemplate. The message that followed was thus:

A vast majority of Americans can't tell you with certainty which war Woodrow Wilson was president during (3 generations ago) ...or who discovered DNA (2 generations ago).

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Immortal actions live in history books and etched on the sides of buildings but their monumental contributions to history are just history.

Be the okayest tiny speck of dust you can for the tiny specks of dust that need you. You will be forgotten soon enough and that is OKAY. The way you treat your tiny specks of dust will live on long after you're gone.

While I doubt this message was ever intended to be shared amongst a room full of 14-18-year-old girls and boys, I do believe there's still power in what it's saying. Especially, if we position ourselves to believe...I mean genuinely believe...that we ALL have an ability to make a positive impact. And that positive impact, within the levels of what we can control, is more than plenty.

A lot of times I find myself interacting with students who find themselves suffering from a sort of Superman complex. Shoot, I would even admit that there are many times I find myself struggling with this same fight. The subtle reminder this message delivers is that we don't need to be everyone's protagonist. Rather, our real legacy lies by shifting our energy to just being good people and taking care of those around us, within our means.

As we move into another chapter of this school year, may we do so by putting away all the falsehoods that tell us we need to be everything for everyone. The lie that convinces us we need to leave some great mark in the history books. Rather, let's set a goal of being the okayest tiny speck of dust we can for those who love us the most. For I would argue, this is a goal that has an ability to produce the most perfect fruit, generations after we are gone.

Communication:

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

☐ Freeman Website

☐ rSchool Activities Calendar

☐ Falcons In Action

☐ Facebook

☐ X (Formerly known as Twitter): @Freeman Falcons and @FreemanPS Supt

Phone: 402-988-2525 Fax: 402-988-3475

Freeman Public Schools has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate, 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 402-988-25

A Successful TeamMates Night

January is National Mentoring month. We appreciate all that our TeamMates mentors do for our students, so Freeman Schools honored its 65 TeamMates mentors on January 23rd at the Freeman basketball games by hosting a TeamMates night. Freeman mentors and mentees were admitted free to the games. Mentors were honored on the court during half time of the boys' varsity game. The TeamMates Board of Directors supplied each mentor and mentee with a \$3 ticket to use at the concession stand. The Board of Directors also set up a raffle table and silent auction, raising money for TeamMates scholarships for Freeman mentees. A raffle table was also set up at the Freeman Wrestling Invite on January 26. We can't thank our mentors enough for the time they give each week to meet with their mentees. We also wish to thank all the individuals and businesses who donated items for the raffles and silent auction. It was a successful evening that was accomplished because of the generosity of the Freeman community.

We wish to thank the following people who mentor at Freeman Public Schools:

Jenifer Albers, Tamara Ault, Sandi Baehr, Jenni Bernhardt, Todd Bohlmeyer, Deziree Bredemeier, David Bredemeier, Steve Dean, Tracey Dean, Aaron Delhay, Laurie Dorn, Andrea Dorn, Nathan Dorn, Erin Dorn, Angie Dowding, Danelle Evers, Laura Fikar, Rita Fix, Jamie Fountain, Grant Francke, Laura Francke, Mary Gramann, Jennifer Griffeth, Andy Havelka, Tiffanie Havelka, Deb Ideus, Matt Ideus, Bill Jantzen, Kevin Keller, Holly Klein, Linda Kroese, Gary Kroese, Sarah Lempka, Daryl Meints, Teri Nieveen, Jay Nieveen, Jerod Nieveen, Stacie Nieveen, Nicole Oltman, Abby Othmer, Brian Otto, Aimee Parde, Doug Parde, Rodger Pella, Clarisa Podtburg, Kenny Reed, Kyle Ruse, Brett Sales, Chelsea Schaaf, Ashley Schlake, Sarah Schroeder, Lindsey Sedlacek, Erin Sieh, Meredith Smidt, Tanya Speth, Lisa Stanley, Tonia Tauke, Timary Vetrovsky, Jerod Vetrovsky, Peg Weber, Ryan Wiese, Bud Wingate, Nancy Wingate, Anna Wolken, and Jon Young.





Dudes and Donuts Friday, February 9, 2024

Freeman Elementary will be hosting "Dudes and Donuts" on Friday, February 9th. Students have invited a special male guest to share some donuts and conversation. Donuts and drinks will be served in the South Gym beginning at 7:40 am and go until 8:10 am.

*Please notify your bus driver if your student will not be riding the morning of this event and remember no parking in bus zones. Thank you!

Congratulations to the following students for being selected Class C Honor Band



Brady Troxel
Sam Troxel
Erica Troxel
Bradyn Floth
Wyatt Dorn
Lila Ahlschwede
Reagan Pfeiffer
Kinley Bolyard
Bekah Delhay
Solomon Delhay
Trinity Buss
Macy Stanley

Best Selling Author Aaron Reynolds Comes in April



Do you love Creepy Crayons or Creepy Carrots? How about Creepy Pair of Underwear? The titles may sound strange, but the books are quite popular among students and teachers. The books are written by Aaron Reynolds, a New York Times bestselling author of books for kids. We are fortunate to host Reynolds this April at Freeman! Reynolds will be at Freeman on April 26 and he will be presenting to our elementary students that morning. If you would like to order

a book for autographing, please check out the included order form. Students will also receive a form at school. The book orders are due February 16.

Freeman Book Fair Hosted by Barnes & Noble February 29

There will be an additional opportunity to purchase Reynolds' books through Barnes & Noble on February 29. The South Pointe Barnes & Noble will be hosting a book fair for Freeman from 5-8:00 pm, with a percentage of purchases being returned to Freeman. Activities at the book fair that evening includes a Lego building station, Cryptiquest, and a display of Freeman students' artwork. Guest story times will occur at 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Please come out and support Freeman that evening!

*The Barnes & Noble book fair will replace the spring Scholastic Book Fair.

Visiting April 26

Aaron Reynolds

Aaron Reynolds is a #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of many highly acclaimed books for kids including CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR, DUDE!, THE INCREDIBLY DEAD PETS OF REX DEXTER, the Caldecott Honor Medalist CREEPY CARROTS!, and the epic fantasy series FART QUEST. He has a passion for kids' books and seeing kids reading them. H

Students have the opportunity to order books and to have them autographed while Aaron is here. All orders are due by **Friday, February 16.** Please make checks payable to: Freeman Public Schools. Please return orders to your classroom teacher.

Student Name Teacher Name:

		Quantity	Subtotal	Autograph to:
	Creepy Pair of Underwear! - Hardcover - \$20			
GREEPY CRAMINI	Creepy Crayon - Hardcover - \$20			
	Creepy Carrots! - Hardcover - \$20			
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Fart Quest 2 - Paperback - \$10		
Fart Quest 3 - Hardcover - \$15 *Paperback not available at this time*		
Fart Quest 4 - Hardcover - \$15 *Paperback not available at this time*		
Total books:	Total Amount	



2024-2025 School Year Kindergarten Pre-Registration

For children attending Kindergarten for the 24-25 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 the Parent Portal and the link is to the left side under ENROLLMENT FORMS.

If a paper form is needed, please contact the elementary office at 402-988-2525 ext. 102. A parent meeting will be held April 23rd; time yet to be determined and Kindergarten Round Up will be April 25th.

2024-2025 Preschool

Freeman offers two preschool sessions for 4 year olds. 8am-11:20am and 12:15-3:30pm. 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 a paper copy is preferred please contact the elementary office at 402-988-2525 ext. 102. Letters will be sent out by April 1st announcing acceptance and either Morning or Afternoon placement. First priority will go to district students.

First Semester, Falcon Honor Roll

Seniors- Kyla Davison, Dakota Haner, Ruby Hindera, Cassie Klein, Kolby Mahler, Brooklynn Podtburg, Carson Robinson, Cort Schmidt, Talie Wilson Juniors- Solomon Delhay, Madison Fikar, Molly Flanagan, Ruby Goes, Reagan Miller, Jobjosiah Muthiani, Brady Troxel, Lily Wiese Sophomore- Easton Buss, Alicia Johansen, True Jurgens, Nevaeh Niles, Sam Troxel Freshman- Bella Alexander, Kinley Bolyard, Trinity Buss, Nicole Davison, Bekah Delhay, Wyatt Dorn, Hudson Fikar, Drew Jensen, Nora Latta, Savannah Mahler, Grace Mencl, Luke Van Cott 8th Grade- Norah Ahlschwede, Allie Bruns, Avery Busboom, Bella Gish, Harley Grone, Josie Humann, Beau Miller, Adison Otto, Erica Troxel 7th Grade- Brecken Albers, Halle Goes, Brenna Harms, Madyson Hill, Kenna Jantzen, Eli Jensen, Cora Novacek, Macy Stanley

First Semester, Falcon Merit Roll

Freshman- Avery Alberts, Cale Behrens, Talyn Hancock, Hayden Jansen, Taelyn Lang, Emmanuel Muthiani, Jackson Pella, Kameron Riha, Reagan Rinne, Ethan Ruse, Hayden Schaaf, Adam Stanley, Shiloh Wallman 8th Grade- Aniston Bartunek, Henry Garton, Barret Ideus, Drake Lempka, Carson Malchow, Tucker McCord, McCoy Peters, Reagan Pfeiffer, Jesse Schroeder, Leyton Speth, Jayden Wiese 7th Grade- Lila Ahlschwede, Zyla Biggerstaff, Natalie Dean, Bradyn Floth, Carter Fricke, Mason Jansen, Jake Johansen, Summer Ketelsen, Grace Lovell, Breckyn Lueders, Ayden Parde, Jasmyn Pella, Jaydyn Pella, Karlee Riha, Colt Rinne, Chloe Sedersten, Evelynn Stewart

Testing Schedule:

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Assessment	K-10		February/March		Adama		
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ACT	4.4		M	0.00 414	Community		
ACT	11		March 26	8:00 AM	Building		
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Makeup	11		April 9	8:00 AM	Building		
ACT					Adams		
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Makeup	11		April 23	8:00 AM	Building		
PreACT	10		4-Apr				
MAP Growth	K	Math	4/30/24	8:30 AM	Reading	5/1/24	8:30 AM
	Grade 1		4/16/24	1:00 PM	=	4/8/24	8:30 AM
Spring		Math			Reading		
	Grade 2	Math	4/17/24	1:00 PM	Reading	4/9/24	9:30 AM
NSCAS							
Growth		NCC	AC	NCC	NC FLA		
grades 3-8	REQUIRED	NSC.	AS Math	NSCA	AS ELA		
Spring Session	Grade 3	4/22/24	8:30 AM	4/16/24	8:30 AM		
4/1/2024 to	Grade 4	4/22/24	######	4/15/24	8:30 AM		
May 10,	Grade 5	4/24/24	8:30 AM	4/17/24	8:30 AM		
2024	Grade 6	4/24/24		4/18/24			
Assassments	Grade 6	4/24/24	######	4/10/24	8:30 AM		
Assessments							
to be				During 2nd			
completed				During 2nd & 3rd	finish during		
by May 3	Grade 7	reading	April 16	periods	IAP, if needed		
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	Grade 8	reading	April 16	6th periods	IAP, if needed		
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	Grade 7	math	April 18	periods	IAP, if needed		
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	Grade 8	math	April 18	6th periods	IAP, if needed		
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	Grade 8	Science		science class			
MAP							
Reading							
Fluency							
Spring		. /					
Session	Kindergarten	4/23/24	TBD				
	Grade 1	4/30/24	TBD				
	Grade 2	4/30/24	TBD				
	Grade 3	4/24/24	TBD				
	Grade 4	4/24/24	*TBD				
	Grade 5	4/25/24	*TBD				
	Grade 6	4/25/24	*TBD				



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Cereal, juice & fruit are offered with breakfast. <u>Breakfast: K-12 served 7:45-8:05.</u> Cost for K-12 is \$2.10 Adult price is \$2.75 All meals come with one carton of milk. Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.45 each. Menu is subject to change. Purchase of an entrée only or an additional entrée will cost \$2.00 for students and staff.

February 1-2		
Thursday:	Waffles	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadsticks, Vegetables, Pineapple
Friday:	omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
February 5-9		
Monday:	French Toast	Walking Taco, Meat, Chips, Cheese, Vegetables, Pears
Tuesday:	Waffles	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Pears
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter or PB, Oranges
Thursday:	Muffin	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Friday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
February 12-16		
Monday:	French Toast	Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Vegetables, Applesauce
Tuesday:	Muffin	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Wednesday:	Waffles	Fish Sticks, Mac-n-Cheese, Vegetables, Dinner Roll & Butter, Peaches
Thursday:	Donuts	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter or PB, Pears
Friday:	Omelets	Cheese Pizza, Vegetables, Oranges
February 19-23		
Monday:	French Toast	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Donuts	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Oranges
Wednesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday:	Waffles	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Applesauce,
Friday:	Scrambled Eggs	Cheese Quesadilla, Corn, Vegetables, Pineapple
February 26-29		
Monday:	French Toast	Falcon hero Sub, Chips, Vegetables, Peaches
Tuesday:	Waffles	Hot Dog, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Applesauce
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter or PB, Oranges
Thursday:	Muffin	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Pineapple

TOTAL MONTHLY			
COST			
Elementary Lunch	20	\$3.10	\$62.00
JH/HS Lunch	20	\$3.40	\$68.00
Adult Lunch Price:		\$4.60	