

Freeman Public Schools  
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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*[FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS LINK](#)\*\*\*

**April No School Days**


**April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***\*No Kindergarten Only on April 25<sup>th</sup>***

**Due to Kindergarten Round Up for  
2024/2025 Incoming Kindergarten Class.**



# April, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>No School</b>	1 <b>No School</b> - Professional Development FFA State Convention @ Lincoln <b>9:30am</b> Track-V @ JCC	2 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln <b>7:45am-8:15am</b> Bank In School @ Elem Commons	3 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln	4 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln	5 6
7 Testing: NSCAS <b>8:30am-3pm</b> EL Field Trip- 1 <sup>st</sup> grade @ Beatrice <b>7pm</b> Board of Education Meeting @ Media Center	8 <b>9:30am</b> Track-V @ Lewiston High School <b>12pm</b> QUIZ BOWL - JH MUDECAS @ Pawnee City	9 School Improvement Site Visit @ Freeman	10 FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney School Improvement Site Visit @ Freeman <b>10am</b> Track-JH@ Pawnee City	11 FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney	12 FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Kearney <b>9am</b> Track-JH @ Pawnee City	13
14 <b>7pm</b> MUSIC 7-12 Concert South Gym	15 Testing: NSCAS <b>10am</b> Track-Varsity @ Tri County	16 <b>10am</b> Track-JH @ Freeman	17 Testing: NSCAS MUSIC Dist Contest @ JCC <b>7am</b> FFA Banquet Practice <b>6:30pm</b> FFA Officer Interviews	18	19 <b>9am</b> Track-V @ JCC	20
21 <b>9:30am</b> Track-V @ Conestoga <b>11:30am</b> Track-JH @ Fairbury	22 <b>6pm</b> Kindergarten Roundup Parent Meeting @ Media Center <b>8:15am-1pm</b> Testing: ACT Test Make-Up Date @ Adams Comm Building <b>4pm-9pm</b> FFA Chapter Banquet @ South Gym	23 <b>9:30am</b> Track-JH @ Lewiston	24 Kindergarten Roundup <b>8:15am-3:15pm</b> EL Field Trip-6 <sup>th</sup> grade <b>8:15am-3:15pm</b> EL Field Trip-5 <sup>th</sup> @ Henry Doorly Zoo <b>6pm</b> TeamMates Banq @ North Commons	25 EL Author Visit @ Freeman Media Center	26 <b>10am</b> Track-V @ Freeman	27
28 <b>TBD</b> Track-V @ Louisville	29 <b>9am</b> Track-V @ Freeman	30				



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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 26th and we will begin annual state testing in the next couple of weeks. At the end of April, our school district will participate 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.

I wanted to update everyone on Freeman's future facility and infrastructure planning. In January, the Board of Education approved Clark and Enersen to continue their work with the district on facility study designs. Since then, Freeman faculty and administration have met with them to discuss the details of each area of the proposed project. For example, Mr. Andreasen and Mr. Jensen discussed the new CTE addition and ways to transform our existing shop into ag-focused uses. Mrs. Buss discussed the kitchen renovation and what existing equipment from our kitchen could be used. Mrs. Alberts and Mrs. Sieh discussed the new preschool, their playground, and parent drop-off. These discussions will continue this Spring and plans will be shared with the school board as they progress.

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.

## **Calendar:**

The 2023-24 and 2024-25 school calendars are available on our school website under the district tab.

There will be no school for students on the following dates:

-March 29th – April 2nd (Tuesday, April 2nd will be a teacher professional development day.)

As the year comes to a close, please let us know if you have any questions. We are happy to help.

Dr. Havelka

Dr. Andrew Havelka

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## **From the 7-12 Principal, Mr. Cody Wallinger**

Every time I sit down to write my monthly newsletter, I find myself in reflection mode. April's edition is no different. As I quickly scan what the last 8 months have entailed – where we have come from but more importantly where we are going, I begin to feel a sense of pride in what exactly it means to be a Freeman Falcon. Even better, I am genuinely overtaken by the excitement that I feel when I let myself consider the potential, we as a school and a community have.

When I applied for the position of 7-12 principal, last year, a point that was hit home over and over was the idea of consistency. The revolving door, for multiple reasons, that was my office had naturally created voids in key foundational pieces. The notion of any sort of stability was gone and with it went accountability and ultimately growth. As this school year has progressed with an understanding of permanency, moving forward, it has provided our staff and students a sturdy dock to anchor their boats to. With the ability to now step off their ships and onto land, trusting that their whole world isn't about to drift, I wholeheartedly believe entire new worlds have started to present themselves.

I quickly want to point out that this is not my attempt to self-glorify, as I have every belief it wouldn't matter who was in this position. Rather, it's my attempt to point out the importance of stability and the wonders it can do for us all. In its absence you occasionally find the loud minority in control, but when present one is able to build their foundation on what is truly good. Both in the immediate but more importantly, what is truly good for those impacted by forthcoming happenings.

As I grab my telescope and point it to our future, here at Freeman, I'm excited to set sail because I'm excited for how our vessel is being built. Better yet, I'm excited to watch all of our invested parties set sail, trusting that they will always have a home they recognize waiting for them, whenever necessary.

### **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 402-988-2525

## TeamMates Sends Guest Readers to Freeman

March is “Read Across America” month and TeamMates, in their support of literacy, will send people out to the schools to read. Angee Dostal, Freeman’s TeamMates regional coordinator, and Chris Anderson, TeamMates Donor Relations Manager, spent the afternoon of March 15 reading to Freeman elementary students. Dostal and Anderson read to each of the grade levels and interacted with the students. The students always enjoy hearing stories from a different voice and enjoyed visiting with the two ladies. It was a fun afternoon of literacy and interaction.



## **Aaron Reynolds is Coming April 26!**

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. He regularly makes time to visit elementary schools, where his hilarious and hands-on presentations keep kids spellbound. He lives in Chicago with his wife, two kids, four cats, and anywhere between zero and ten goldfish, depending on the day.

Freeman Elementary is hosting Aaron Reynolds the morning of April 26. He will be speaking to the elementary students and autographing books. Community members are welcome to attend a session. Funding for Reynolds’ visit is provided by a grant from The Hevelone Foundation and by the Freeman PTO. Profits from the flavored teas and Christmas wrapping paper by Freeman Makerspace, under the direction of Mrs. Becky Weyer, also go towards this visit.

Reynolds’ schedule for the morning:

8:20-8:50 Kindergarten & First Grade  
9:05-10:05 Second & Third Grades  
10:20-11:20 Fourth, Fifth, & Sixth Grades







## With the 2023/2024 School Year coming to an end...

please remember to stay on top of any fees, dues, and or meal account balances in order for your student to check out on the last day of school.

Also-If have not yet ordered your **2023/2024 Yearbook** be sure to email orders to Mrs. Kastanek at [jkastanek@freemanschools.net](mailto:jkastanek@freemanschools.net) with Student Name-Grade-Number of Yearbooks Ordering.

Last Day of Bank in School for the School Year is  
Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

To celebrate another great year of saving, Adams State Bank is bringing back the \$5. Match Day! **Everyone that makes a deposit on Wednesday, ASB will match it up to \$5!**



# FIELD DAY

**MONDAY, MAY 13**

## GAMEDAY

KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE: 8:30-11:15 AM



## TRACK MEET

4TH-6TH GRADE: 12:00-3:00 PM

LUNCH: 11:15-12:00 PM @ STADIUM

## Spring Assessment Schedule \*All testing must be complete by May 10<sup>th</sup>

Grades	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time		
	MAP Fluency		MAP Math		MAP Reading		NSCAS Math		NSCAS ELA		NSCAS Science	
Kind	4/23/24	TBD	4/30/24	8:30 AM	5/1/24	8:30 AM						
Grade 1	4/30/24	TBD	4/17/24	8:30 AM	4/8/24	8:30 AM						
Grade 2	4/30/24	TBD	4/16/24	8:30 AM	4/9/24	9:30 AM						
Grade 3	4/24/24	TBD					4/24/24	8:30 AM	4/16/24	8:30 AM		
Grade 4	4/24/24	*TBD					4/24/24	10:00 AM	4/15/24	8:30 AM		
Grade 5	4/25/24	*TBD					4/30/24	8:30 AM	4/17/24	8:30 AM	4/18/24	8:30 AM
Grade 6	4/25/24	*TBD					5/1/24	8:30 AM	4/18/24	8:30 AM		



### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm and Kindergarten Round Up will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.*

### **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 May 1<sup>st</sup> announcing acceptance and either Morning or Afternoon placement.

First priority will go to district students.

**Nondiscrimination Statement** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue,
2. SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; 2. Fax: (833)256-1665 or (202)690-7442; or
3. 3. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov) . This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**MENUS** Cereal, juice & fruit are offered with breakfast. Breakfast: K-12 served 7:45-8:05. 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.

<b><u>April 1-5</u></b>		
Monday:	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday:	Waffles	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread & Butter/PB, Vegetables, Pears
Thursday:	Donut	Br, Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<b><u>April 8-12</u></b>		
Monday:	Fr. Toast	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadsticks, Vegetables, Pineapple
Tuesday:	Muffin	Ribette, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Waffles	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Roll & Butter, Pears
Thursday:	Donut	Walking Taco, Chips, Meat, Cheese, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Scrambled Eggs	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<b><u>April 15-19</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Pineapple
Tuesday:	Waffles	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Triangles, Vegetables, Pears
Wednesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Oranges
Thursday:	Muffin	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<b><u>April 22-26</u></b>		
Monday:	French Toast	chicken Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Vegetables, Pears, Roll & Butter
Tuesday:	Donut	Falcon Hero Sub, Chips, Vegetables, Peaches
Wednesday:	Waffles	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Vegetables, Pineapple
Thursday:	Muffin	Corn Dog, Cottage Cheese, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Oranges
Friday:	Scrambled Egg	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetables, Applesauce
<b><u>April 29-30</u></b>		
Monday:	Fr. Toast	Walking Taco. Meat ,Cheese, Chips, Vegetables, Pears
Tuesday:	Waffles	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Peaches

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







