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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be five by July 31, 2018 and are wanting them to attend kindergarten in the 18-19 school year at Freeman, please fill out the form on our website to pre-register them. Kindergarten Pre-registration form is located under Quick Links on the right side of the Freeman website. Kindergarten Round-up will be April 27, 2018 from 8:15 to 11:00am. More information will be mailed in early April.

DATE CHANGE: 7-12 Spring Music concert date has changed. It was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 29. The **7-12 Spring Music Concert and Awards Ceremony is now Monday, April 16.**

PURCHASE YOUR 2017-2018 FALCON YEARBOOK NOW!

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.

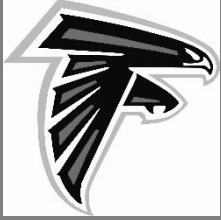
STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April 2018	2 No School	3 9:00am ACT Test Date 3:00pm Track- JV/Varsity Johnson County Central	4 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln	5 FBLA State Convention @ Omaha FFA State Convention @ Lincoln	6 FFA State Convention @ Lincoln FBLA State Convention @ Omaha	7 FBLA State Convention @ Omaha 8:00am MUDECAS Track- JH @Freeman
8	9 1:30pm MUDECAS JH Quiz Bowl@Cook	10 9:30am Track- JV/Varsity Lewiston @Pawnee City	11 State Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege 11:00am-3:00pm Spring Photo Day	12 10:00am Track- JH Pawnee City	13	14 5:00pm Jr.-Sr. Prom Grand March @ FHS - North Gym 7:00pm Jr.-Sr. Prom
15 12:01am Post Prom 6:00pm FBLA Banquet	16 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center 7:00pm 7-12 Spring Concert @ FHS - South Gym	17 10:00am Track- JV/Varsity Friend	18 Field Trip - 3rd @ Omaha 10:00am Track- JH Freeman vs. Multiple Schools	19 Field Trip - 1st @ Beatrice NETA Conference @ Omaha District Music Contest @ Johnson County Central	20 NETA Conference @ Omaha	21 9:00am Track- JV/Varsity Tri County
22	23 7:00am FFA Officer Meeting @ Freeman Ag Room 6:30pm FFA Officer Interviews @ Freeman Ag Room	24 10:00am Track- JV/Varsity Conestoga @Murray 7:00pm K-6 Spring Concert 7:00pm 7-12 Art Show	25 9:30am Track- JH Lewiston	26 Field Trip - 5th @ Tecumseh/Johnson County Fairgrounds 6:30pm FFA Banquet @ FHS - North HS Commons	27 Kindergarten Roundup 1:00 Early Out - Staff In- Service Class Play Dress Rehearsal @ FHS - South Gym 6:00pm Class Play Dinner Theatre @ FHS - South Gym	28 10:00am Track- JV/Varsity Johnson County Central
29	30					



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE

April 2018

No School Days

April 2

Early Dismissal

April 27
May 17

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ONE FOOT IN, ONE FOOT OUT

Welcome to the 4th Quarter of the Freeman school year. The weather may not feel like it but spring has come and soon the end of the school year will be upon us. Seniors, thank you for all the effort, memories, and leadership! We will miss you, but wish you the very best as you go out into the world to begin your lives after high school. It is the hope of Freeman Public Schools that you have been provided both the academic and character skills that will allow you to find success within the next stages of your lives. You are always a part of the Freeman family. Allow Freeman to continue to support you in your next phase of life. We are only a phone call away.

The Legislature is nearing the end of the short session. Questions continue to exist regarding reading programs, taxes, donations to private schools, state budget and ballot initiatives. The next few weeks will provide for greater clarity concerning our state's legislative body and the direction taken on some key issues. Public Schools in Nebraska provide an excellent opportunity for young people and are producing outstanding results. How we fund Public Education and how we value our educational system will both be questions we need to be prepared to answer today and in the days moving forward. I know Freeman Public Schools is thankful for the support we receive from our communities, both in our educational programming and in our extra-curricular opportunities. Freeman Public Schools takes great care in building our budget and working to create the best for our children and families while being aware that our tax asking has limits. Freeman is committed to children and what is best for our kids, while at the same time being committed to our public. We know we are a team that must work together with kids as our focus.

At this time Freeman has used 2 of the 3 weather days that were built into our 2017-2018 calendar. On April 16th at the next Freeman School Board meeting the Board will consider how to use this day, if it hasn't been used for weather. The most likely use of this day would move the last student day from May 17th to May 16th. Please look for more information on this topic in the middle of April.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Freeman, our children, and our communities. Please contact me directly at 988-2525 ext. 103 if there is something you would like to share or information you need clarification regarding.

Randy M. Page

BOE MEETING -MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

Present: 6. Chad Harms, Mike Klein, Anthony Meints, Doug Parde, Marcella Rademacher, Myron Schoen

1. Opening Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

1.4. Approve agenda

Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting with a correction made to 5.10 to include "for the protection of public interest to discuss administrative salaries" and claims in the amount of \$450,798.32 passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Congratulations were extended to FFA state qualifiers, students receiving All-Conference basketball honors, and State Speech qualifiers.

3. Communication from the Public

Dean Otto shared concerns regarding school safety and the importance of positive relationships between administration, students and parents.

4. Discussion Items

Motion to ask the administrative team to continue to develop the extra-curricular drug testing policy passed with a motion by Anthony Meints and a second by Chad Harms. Doug Parde: Nay, Myron Schoen: Nay, Chad Harms: Yea, Mike Klein: Yea, Anthony Meints: Yea, Marcella Rademacher: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 2

NRCSA Spring Conference March 22nd & 23rd

End of Year Staff Picnic

School Safety Update and Planning

Staff Development

Budget

Superintendent Goals

Drug Testing

Move April board meeting to April 16, 2018

Committee Meetings

Board Retreat -- Wednesday, April 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

5. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

6. Matters Requiring Board Action

6.1. Consideration and possible action to approve the hiring of 2 students during the Summer for cleaning and projects.

Motion to approve the hiring of two students during the summer for cleaning and projects passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Mike Klein. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.2. Consideration and possible action to increase the TEAMMATES Coordinator district provided compensation to \$4,000 annually.

Motion to keep the TEAMMATES Coordinator district provided compensation at \$2,000 annually passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Doug Parde. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.3. Consideration and possible action to set Option Enrollment limits for the 2018-2019 school year at Freeman Public Schools.

Motion to set 2018-19 Freeman Public School option enrollment limits at 36 for grades K-1-2; 40 for grades 3-4-5-6; and 46 for grades 7-12 passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.4. Consideration and possible action to set prices for the Before and After School Program for 2018-2019

Motion to set prices for the Before and After School Program for 2018-2019 as: AM-\$5.50, PM-\$7.50, \$65.00 per week, Drop-in AM-\$7.00, and Drop-in PM-\$9.00 passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.5. Consideration and possible action to Review and Update all 1000's and 2000's district policies.

Motion to approve 1000 & 2000 policies as presented passed with a motion by Anthony Meints and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.6. Consideration and possible action to authorize the payment of NASB dues for the 2018- 2019 school year. Motion to authorize the payment of NASB dues for the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Anthony Meints.

Chad Harms: Nay, Myron Schoen: Nay, Mike Klein: Yea, Anthony Meints: Yea, Doug Parde: Yea, Marcella Rademacher: Yea. Yea: 4, Nay: 2

7. Reports

7.1. Administrative Reports

7.2. Technology-Mr. Delhay reported on the website progress, device update, robotics club, and Voice over IP proposals.

Mr. Page reported on current legislation, new van update, lunch program review and mental health notes.

7.3. Assessments

7.4. School Improvement-Teri Nieveen reminded the board of the upcoming meeting on March 27 @ 6:30 p.m. Teri Nieveen reported on upcoming assessments.

7.5. Facilities-Mr. Page reported on the Thomas Sisters Grant that was recently awarded, land on 9th Street, building south of elementary, scope of playground project, need of buildings on campus.

7.6. Transportation-Mr. Page reported on new van order and provided an update on 2008 International bus.

7.7. Negotiations

7.8. Extra Duty Committee Report

8. Announcements

8.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, April 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Media Center

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

JUNIOR HIGH QUIZ BOWL CRUSHING THE COMPETITION



The junior high teams started their season at the Thayer Central Junior High Quiz Bowl on Feb. 26th. The 8th grade placed 3rd, while the 7th grade placed 1st! On March 5th, they all competed in the ECNC Quiz Bowl at Conestoga. The 8th grade team won their division, while the 7th grade team placed 3rd in their division. On March 7th, the junior high traveled to Hebron again for the ESU 5 Junior High Quiz Bowl. Freeman "A" brought home the gold, beating out 13 other teams!

On March 19th, Freeman hosted a Junior High Quiz Bowl. Freeman competed

against 15 other teams. The top 8 teams after pool play advanced to the Navy Bracket, while the bottom 8 teams competed in the Carolina Consolation Bracket. Freeman "A" won the Navy bracket, and Freeman "B" placed 2nd in the Carolina Bracket. Junior High Quiz Bowl members include 8th graders Tandon Buhr, Jenna Husband, Owen Miner, Alex Podtburg, Meredith Ruyle, and Grace VanEngen. 7th graders include Rebecca Ford, Shelby Ford, Catie Reed, and Thies Richardson.



HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL QUALIFIES FOR STATE

Freeman entered two teams to compete in the ESU 5 State Qualifier Quiz Bowl held in Hebron on March 21st. The top two teams in this quiz bowl qualify to represent ESU 5 in the State ESU Quiz Bowl in Holdrege, NE. Freeman "A" raced through the bracket straight to the championship round, finally finishing second among 12 teams.

Freeman "A" members are Jacob Neil, Logan Anderson, Hanna Christensen, Jordan Jurgens, and Jonah Reed. Also traveling with them to State will be "B" team members Garrett Lenner, Eli Pelc, Landon Husband, Holden Ruse, and Abby Braden.



TEAMMATES OF FREEMAN IS BUSY!



It has been a busy month for the Freeman TeamMates chapter. There have been some trainings as we welcome new mentors to our chapter! That does not mean we have everyone matched. We still have a long list of students, including a number of boys, waiting for a mentor. We also had a Mentor Huddle on March 19. Close to twenty mentors meet with us in the Ag room for coffee and rolls. It was a time to share the joys of mentoring, discuss any concerns, and have a review of policies. It is always exciting to hear about the positive interactions with our mentor-mentee matches!

April 18 will be a special meeting for our matches. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. for food and fun! More details will be shared later.

If you are interested in mentoring, or would like some information in general, contact Kristina Jensen (kristina.jensen@freemanschools.net) or Teri Nieveen (tnieveen@freemanschools.net). Watch for details of upcoming trainings!

TEAMMATES TRAINING AND INFORMATION ON APRIL 30

Are you wondering what TeamMates is really about? Do you have questions regarding the time it takes to be a mentor? Are you concerned about the qualifications to be a mentor? Or, do you wonder if it is a program right for your child? We will answer those questions and others April 30th in the Freeman Media Center at 7:00 p.m. We will be holding a Mentor Training at that time. Even if you are not sure you want to be a mentor, this is a time to get the answers to the above questions, or other questions that you have. You can join us, then decide if this program is right for you. Or, go ahead and apply online at TeamMates.org and come to the training. Training may happen at any point in the application process. If you attend, then decide to hold off on applying, that's okay, too. For information, contact Kristina Jensen (kristina.jensen@freemanschools.net) or Teri Nieveen (tnieveen@freemanschools.net).

ACT SCHEDULE FOR JUNIORS

ON APRIL 3, 2018

Arrive @ 8:00 – Adams Community Building (do not park at the clinic – park on the street or the American Lutheran Church)

Check in. Rolls and juice will be provided.
NO phones, watches, or devices will be allowed.

Bring two or three #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils) and the appropriate calculator. Nothing else is allowed to be brought into the building.

8:15 in your assigned seats –

Testing begins

Test 1 - 45 minutes (after instruction)

Test 2 - 60 minutes (after instruction)

15-minute break- snacks, juice, restroom break. You are to remain in the Community building.

Test 3 - 35 minutes (after instruction)

Test 4 - 35 minutes (after instruction)

5-minute break

Test 5 - 40 minutes - writing (after instruction)

Once all materials are collected and verified, you will be dismissed, somewhere between 1:10 and 1:30. You are dismissed for the day and will not need to return to the school!

If you miss the test day on April 3rd, you will be required to make up the test on April 24th at the Adams Community Building. This is the date set by the Nebraska Department of Education. You will be required to return to the school after testing on that date.

THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (CIP)

“Freeman Public Schools will collaboratively engage a community of learners so that students will become productive, respectful, and responsible citizens.” This is the school’s mission statement. How do we assure this mission is being carried out? There is a CIP committee, comprised of staff, students, and community members, that meets regularly to look at all facets of our district to guarantee we are carrying out our mission. Next year we will have an external team visit our school to determine if we are following through with our mission. We have begun the process of assessing how well we are doing. The staff worked together on March 9th to begin that assessment and the next step is to include community members and students. There is a CIP community meeting on March 27th. There will be additional meetings next fall. If you are interested in being a part of this process, contact Teri Nieveen (tnieveen@freemanschools.net).

STATE TESTING IN APRIL

The window for state testing has opened. All students in grades three through eight will be assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Grades five and eight will also be assessed in Science. The tests for each subject will be covered in two separate sessions. Every student in these grades must take all the tests. If a student is absent for a session, he/she will make up that session. All testing, including make-up testing, must be completed by May 4. Please do not schedule appointments for the days of testing. Also, make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep before testing, and is eating well. A nutritional breakfast is important every day, and certainly is beneficial the day of testing.

We believe we have excellent students here at Freeman, and that each student has the potential to do an outstanding job. We are excited to see each student's results when the testing is scored. Results will be released by the Nebraska Department of Education next fall.

If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Nieveen.

Below is the schedule for NSCAS testing for 2018. This schedule has been created to allow testing to be done as late in the testing window as possible. **All Assessments must be completed by May 4, 2018, including make-up tests.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 2 NO SCHOOL	April 3 ACT for 11th Grade at Community Center	April 4	April 5	April 6
April 9 3 & 4 Math 8:30-9:15 BREAK 3 & 4 Math 9:45-Finish	April 10 5 & 6 Math 8:30-9:15 BREAK 5 & 6 Math 9:45-Finish	April 11 3 & 4 Reading 8:30-9:15 BREAK 3 & 4 Reading 9:45-Finish	April 12 5 & 6 Reading 8:30-9:15 BREAK 5 & 6 Reading 9:45-Finish	April 13
April 16	April 17 7 - ELA - 3rd-4th hour - Room S200 8 - ELA - Eat first lunch - test in Mr. Anderson's room 12:05-1:48	April 18 5- Science 8:30-10 am	April 19	April 20
April 23	April 24 7 - Math - 3rd-4th hour - Room S200 8 - Math - Eat first lunch - test in Mr. Anderson's room 12:05-1:48	April 25	April 26 8 - Science - Eat first lunch - test in O'Connor's room 12:05-1:48	April 27 - 1:00 Early Out
April 30 MAKE UP DAY	May 1 MAKE UP DAY	May 2 MAKE UP DAY	May 3 NESA Park Celebration	May 4 MAKE UP DAY

FFA NEWS

The FFA is gearing up for its State FFA Convention on April 4th - 6th in Lincoln. Six Career Development Event teams will be competing and eight individual Leadership Development Event teams or individuals will be competing. Also, three FFA members will receive the coveted State FFA Degree, and two members will be presenting their Agriscience Fair project.

Results from the district Career Development Events that took place on March 6th in Beatrice:

*Agronomy team-district champs! -Logan Anderson(3rd), Ashley Parde(5th), Jacob Neil(8th), Kaitlyn Otto(12th), Atley Buhr (17th), & Kaleb Unvert (21st)

*Nursery and Landscape team - district champs - state qualifier! Kaitlyn Otto (1st), Kaleb Unvert (4th), Brooklyn Ideus (5th), Taylor Anderson (8th), & Brylie Hartwig(13th)

*Natural Resources teams-1st and 3rd place teams! -Lyndsey Ehmen, Natalie Boyer, RaeAnn Hartwig, & Addi Dorn (tie-1st), Abby Mason (tie-8th), Blake Kastanek & Logan Anderson (tie-11th).

*Floriculture team-3rd place-state qualifier! -Lyndsey Ehmen (7th), Emma Alberts (11th), Ashley Oltman (13th) & Caleigh Behrens (14th)

*Ag Sales team-4th place-state qualifier! -Eli Pelc (11th), Addi Dorn (12th), RaeAnn Hartwig (14th), Chase Meints (17th), Nolan Robinson (20th), & Brock Robinson (21st).

*Agriscience- Top scorers are Afton Buhr (3rd place), Colby Sugden (10th place), Camryn Beebe (17th place), & Hunter Buhr (24th place).

*Livestock management team-7th place!

*Arc Welding-Nicolas Busboom (11th)

Other upcoming dates include officer interviews on April 23rd and the annual banquet on April 26th. We are looking forward to doing more and more work in the growing dome and the community garden.

Menus

Cereal, juice & milk 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

		<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>April 2-6</u>	Monday:	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
	Tuesday:	French Toast	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Muffin	Chicken Fajita, Soft Shells, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit
	Thursday:	Pancakes	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Broccoli, Fruit
<u>April 9-13</u>	Monday:	French Toast	Ribbette, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
	Tuesday:	Donut	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Lettuce & Dressing, Fruit
	Thursday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Fiestada, Broccoli, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>April 16-20</u>	Monday:	French Toast	Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Bread, Vegetables, Fruit
	Tuesday:	pancakes	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit
	Wednesday:	Donut	Ham, Scalloped Potato, Vegetable, Fruit
	Thursday:	Muffin	Taco, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit
	Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Corn, Broccoli, Fruit
<u>April 23-27</u>	Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Lettuce & Dressing, Fruit
	Tuesday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Burrito, Chips & Cheese, Corn, Vegetables, Fruit
	Wednesday:	pancakes	Sub Sandwich, Potato Wedge, Vegetables, Fruit
	Thursday:	Omelet	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit
	Friday:	Muffin	Quesadilla, Broccoli, Vegetables, Fruit
<u>April 30</u>	Monday:	French Toast	Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	20	\$2.75	\$55.00
7-12 Lunches:	20	\$3.00	\$60.00
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	20	\$0.40	\$8.00
K-12 Breakfast:	20	\$1.75	\$35.00
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	20	\$0.30	\$6.00
K-2 Afternoon Milk:	19	\$0.35	\$6.65
Adult Lunches		3.55/meal	



PLEASE NOTE: ***Families with multiple students can submit one check. The check will be divided among students according to need unless the parents indicate otherwise in the memo field.
Remember to check your child's lunch account balance by accessing the website at www.freemanpublicschools.org and utilizing your PowerSchool password, or call or email the school office for that information. ***

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