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ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 7, 2017

K-3 Winter Music Concert at 6:30 p.m. in South Gym

4-6 Winter Music Concert at 7:30 p.m. in South Gym

7-12 WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in South Gym

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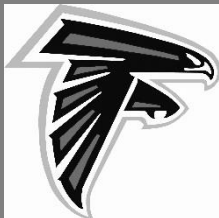
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| | FFA LSE Contest @ Nebraska City 4:00pm Basketball-B/JH Johnson-Brock 6:00pm Bball-G/C JCC 7:00pm Wrestling-Varsity Weeping Water 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Media Center 7:30pm Bball-B/C JCC | 4:00pm Basketball-G/JV HTRS 4:45pm Basketball-B/JV HTRS 6:15pm-8:30pm EL Basketball Camp @ FHS - South Gym 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity HTRS 8:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity HTRS | 1:00pm Basketball-B/JH Sterling | 7:00pm 7-12 Winter Concert @ FHS - South Gym | 2:30pm Swim- Lincln SE 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Auburn 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Auburn 5:00pm-8:00pm Music Booster Chili Feed 6:00pm Bball-G/V Auburn 7:45pm Bball-B/V Auburn | Youth Basketball Tournament @ Freeman Public Schools 9:00am Basketball-G/C Team Louisville 9:00am Basketball-B/C Team Louisville 10:00am Swimming-JV/Varsity Lincoln Southeast |
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December
2017

FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

No School Days

December 23-31
January 1-3
February 9
March 2
March 10
March 30
April 2

VISION STATEMENT:

“Freeman Public Schools will be a progressive district, promoting excellence in educational programs while providing an environment that fosters life-long learning.”

MISSION STATEMENT:

“Freeman Public Schools will collaboratively engage a community of learners so that students will become productive, respectful, and responsible citizens.”

DISTRICT GOALS

1. All students will improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills across the curriculum.
2. All students will increase their respect for other students, adults, and property.
3. All students and staff will utilize technology to improve learning and instruction across the curriculum.

Early Dismissal

December 22
January 25
April 27
May 7

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Freeman Public Schools has six elected Board members who focus on establishing district policy and overseeing the business of the district with and through the administration. The Board of Education typically meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.; the general public is always welcome to attend district board meetings. Current school board members are; Marcella Rademacher, Doug Parde, Chad Harms, Mike Klein, Myron Schoen, and Anthony Meints.

FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Freeman Public Schools is a rural PreK-12 district created by the consolidation of Adams and Filley Public Schools in 1998. The school attendance center, located in Adams, is approximately 25 miles southeast of Lincoln. Freeman Public Schools consists of a Pre-School Program for 4 year olds, a Kindergarten-6th Grade Elementary, a 7th and 8th Grade Junior High, and a 9th-12th Grade High School. Freeman Public Schools employs over 65 certified and classified staff members to serve the children and families within the district. The district provides 1 to 1 technology for all students 7th through 12th Grade, chromebooks travel between school and home daily. In grades 3rd through 6th, 1 to 1 technology is provided as well, the hardware used in these grade levels is housed at school and stays at school at all times.

Freeman’s Elementary has implemented, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, PBIS. This program aids students in understanding the expectations for sharing space and learning as well as how their actions impact their personal outcomes. “CHOICES,” is a program adopted PreK-12th Grade at Freeman. This program is based on four core concepts; Ownership, Thinking, Character, and Respect. Support systems consisting of; Family, School, and Community complete this program. The basis of, “CHOICES” is that all people are decision makers and everyone’s decisions form their future and future options.

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FREEMAN BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA 2016-2017

| ACTUAL EXPENDITURES | | ACTUAL RECEIPTS | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Instruction | \$ 3,040,761.68 | Local Property Taxes | \$ 3,710,037.22 |
| Special Education | \$ 473,063.61 | Carline Taxes | \$ 3,767.15 |
| Support Services | | Public Power Dist. Taxes | \$ 99,462.58 |
| Pupils | \$ 102,859.86 | Motor Vehicle Taxes | \$ 195,323.78 |
| Instructional Staff | \$ 143,836.32 | Interest | \$ 6,730.33 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Buildings | \$ 428,451.40 | Community Services | \$ 25,013.50 |
| Pupil Transportation | \$ 248,747.85 | Pre-School Tuition | \$ 11,720.00 |
| Board of Education | \$ 5,474.02 | License Fees | \$ 804.70 |
| Executive Administration | \$ 184,861.62 | Other Local | \$ 8,980.00 |
| Office of the Principal | \$ 341,885.62 | County | \$ 17,933.43 |
| Business Services | \$ 169,136.60 | State | \$ 1,110,094.92 |
| Community Services | \$ 40,497.21 | Federal | \$ 184,592.20 |
| State Programs | \$ 3,619.72 | Non-Revenue | \$ 289.73 |
| Federal Programs | \$ 217,135.25 | | |
| | | | |
| Totals | \$ 5,400,330.76 | Totals | \$ 5,374,749.54 |

During the 2016-2017 school year Freeman operated within \$25,581.22 of break even. The low point in the district's General Fund during the fiscal year was \$1.298 million. This financial outcome mirrors the planning and efforts of the School Board to maintain the districts current financial position and manage taxes and spending in a responsible manner. Over the past three fiscal cycles Freeman's local asking has grown by less than \$50,000 or an average of one-third of a percent each year. Freeman's levy has decreased by over 20 cents within this same three year period. Freeman has seen valuation growth over this same three year period of almost \$110,000,000 or 26 percent. State Aid for our district has decreased by over \$280,000 over this same time period. Through all of this change and uncertainty Freeman's financial position and student numbers are the strongest they have been in ten years.

STUDENT DATA

| | Pre-K | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total |
|---------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 2012-13 | 40 | 32 | 17 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 25 | 34 | 32 | 25 | 30 | 32 | 25 | 29 | 411 |
| 2013-14 | 39 | 32 | 33 | 21 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 25 | 34 | 29 | 25 | 31 | 36 | 25 | 419 |
| 2014-15 | 49 | 32 | 35 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 32 | 28 | 26 | 35 | 31 | 25 | 32 | 36 | 449 |
| 2015-16 | 48 | 31 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 22 | 33 | 28 | 31 | 27 | 33 | 31 | 25 | 32 | 440 |
| 2016-17 | 37 | 28 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 35 | 23 | 33 | 26 | 33 | 31 | 33 | 31 | 25 | 437 |

Freeman Public Schools has shown growth and stability over the past five years. One factor in the student numbers above, patrons should be aware of, is that the 2016-17 school year marked a change for the Freeman Pre-School as the program went from three and four-year olds to four year-olds only. Freeman Public Schools promotes and looks forward to continued growth moving forward as we prepare children and our district for the future.

Key State/District Data

| 2015-16 | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Students | Freeman | % Change | State | % Change |
| K-12 Enrollment | 440 | -2% | 315,542 | 1% |
| Mobility Rate | 7.40% | 97.33% | 11.24% | 8.24% |
| Free/Reduced Meals | 20.23% | -0.23% | 44.12% | -0.25% |
| Special Education | 16.58% | 0.48% | 14.71% | 0% |
| Attendance | 96.74% | 2.00% | 94.89% | -0.30% |
| Graduation | 100% | 0% | 92.73% | 1.10% |
| | | | | |
| Teachers | Freeman | % | State | % |
| Salaries | \$ 49,371.00 | | \$ 51,520.00 | |
| Experience | 14.11 | | 14.15 | |
| Advanced Degrees | 23 | 62% | 12,491 | 53% |

Freeman Public Schools thanks all of our patrons for the support you provide to our school and our communities. The Board of Education and the Administration welcome your presence and input today and in the future. This is our school district and these are our children. The services and education provided are the top priority of our district as we prepare our kids for the future. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school at 402-988-2525.

Board of Education Regular Meeting

November 13, 2017

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

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 as presented passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 1.5. Consideration and possible action to enter into Executive Session.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:05 passed with a motion by Marcella Rademacher and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to exit executive session at 7:09 pm passed with a motion by Myron Schoen 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 an amendment to 5.4 to reflect vote record of 5-1 (For: Harms, Klein, Meints, Parde, Rademacher Against: Schoen) and claims in the amount of \$856,555.14 passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Congratulations were extended to athletes receiving post season volleyball/softball/football honors, students that participated at the National FFA Convention, and students receiving perfect NESAs scores.

3. Reports

3.1. Communication from the Public

3.2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Page reported on HVAC replacement (unit#13), Veterans Day Program, ECNC Honor Choir, 18-19 staffing, TEEOSA work, 18-19 calendar, annual report and audit.

Mr. Sokol and Mrs. Sieh reported on P/T Conferences, ESU staff development day and Fall NETA conference.

3.3. Technology

Mr. Delhay updated on ChromeBook purchases, Freeman website, voice over IP system, and security system.

3.4. Assessments

3.5. School Improvement

Mrs. Nieveen updated on external visit information.

3.6. Facilities

Mr. Page gave an update on our contracted custodial services.

3.7. Transportation

Mr. Page reported on van options.

3.8. Negotiations

4. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda

5. Matters Requiring Board Action

5.1. Consideration and possible action to pass Board Resolution to expand the K-6 Instructional Program by 1 FTE for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to pass board resolution to expand the K-6 Instructional Program by 1 FTE for the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.2. Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of property: lot E. 100'W348'N.181'. blk. 4 Harnleys Division to Adams. 932 Ash St., Adams, NE 68301, by Freeman Public Schools.

Motion to approve the purchase of property: lot E. 100'W348'N.181'. blk. 4 Harnleys Division to Adams. 932 Ash St., Adams, NE 68301, by Freeman Public Schools passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Chad Harms.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.3. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2017 Superintendent's Evaluation.

Motion to approve the 2017 Superintendent's Evaluation passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

7. Announcements

7.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, December 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Media Center

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:21 pm passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

STUDENTS WAITING FOR MENTORS!

The TeamMates of Freeman chapter currently has fifty active matches. However, we still have over twenty students on the waiting list! That means we are looking for caring adults willing to meet with a student about thirty minutes a week. We have students from third to tenth grade on our list.

Why would you want to mentor? Every year TeamMates surveys mentors and mentees across the state, asking for comments. Here is what one senior last spring had to share:

“I would just like to thank this wonderful TeamMates program as I wouldn't know where I would be without it! My TeamMate (mentor) has given me so much confidence when I thought of giving up and a strong support system. The best thing about TeamMates is I get to know more about one single person than I wouldn't of gotten without this program. Also it has helped me through all my struggles as it was a time for myself to vent without being judged and given advice. I knew I could trust in this program and I am so glad I had this opportunity these last few years, especially in high school! High school is tough but I did it with the help of my TeamMate and this program itself! I couldn't be more thankful! So thank you!”

You can make the same difference in the life of a student just by being a mentor and being available and meeting together once a week. For questions, contact coordinators Kristina Jensen (kristina.jense@freemanschools.net) or Teri Nieveen (tnieveen@freemanschools.net) or go to TeamMates.org and fill in an application.

THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

All accredited schools in Nebraska are required to have a school improvement process in effect. This is where the Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) Committee fits in at Freeman. The CIP Committee, comprised of administration, staff, and community members, sets school goals and action plans. Every five years an external team of visiting educators is required to visit our school to review the plans and goals, and provide input and recommendations, which guides future goals and plans. Freeman Public Schools has its external visitation this next school year, 2018-2019. In preparation for the visit, the Committee will be collecting data to demonstrate the work done towards Freeman's three goals. If you are interested in serving on the CIP committee, please contact Teri Nieveen at tnieveen@freemanschools.net or by calling the school.

JUNIORS TAKE THE ACT ON APRIL 3, 2018

All juniors in the state of Nebraska are now required to take the ACT in place of a state test. The students must take this test between April 3 and April 24. Freeman Juniors will be taking the paper/pencil version of the test on April 3rd, the only day the paper/pencil version is offered. Juniors need to be present so please avoid scheduling appointments on this day. Juniors will report to the Adams Community Building where all sessions of the ACT will be administered. Students will be dismissed to go home when the testing is finished, around 1:30. Specific information will be sent home closer to the testing date. If a student is absent on this date, a makeup day will be required on April 24, the only makeup date allowed.

PAJAMA DRIVE

The Scholastic Reading Club donates new books for each pair of new pajamas donated by students to give to children in homeless shelters. Freeman



Elementary Student Council is leading this drive this year. If you and your child are able to participate, please have your child/children bring a new pair (or pairs) of pajamas to school by Friday, December 8. There will be a donation box located by the elementary office. If the pajamas are not already bagged, please put them in a bag to protect them on their journey to school. Our whole-school goal is to collect 150 pairs of pajamas or nightgowns. If we reach our goal, students will celebrate with a PJ party later in December.

Here are the guidelines to keep in mind:

- Pajamas must be brand-new.
- Pajamas in all sizes are needed—from newborn to adult size XXXL.
- Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- Pajamas in children’s sizes must be manufactured as pajamas—this ensures that they are flame-retardant and safe.
- All pajama donations are accepted and very much appreciated, but warm winter pajamas are in greatest need at this time of year.

Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night’s sleep and a bedtime story with other children!

OPT-IN FOR SCHOOLMESSENGER TEXTING!

In order to receive text messages, you must opt-in. Simply text any one of the following words to the number 67587: y, yes, subscribe or option. You will know that you were successful if you receive the following reply message: “You’re registered 4 SchoolMessenger notifications. Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg&data rates may apply. msg freq varies.” If you receive an error message, it is likely that you must contact your carrier to enable text messaging.

To opt out of all text messages from SchoolMessenger, reply with STOP to the opt-in message or visit www.schoolmessenger.com/tm.



Freeman Public School



Music Boosters

Chili Feed



Friday, December 15th
\$5.00

**chili, crackers, celery & carrot sticks,
cinnamon roll, tea, lemonade, or water**
Serving from 5:00 to 7:30
Freeman Public School Commons

ELEMENTARY CHEER CLINIC

We will be having clinic on Monday, January 8, Tuesday, January 9, Thursday, January 11, and Monday, January 15, 2018 for all girls in grades K-6 from 3:30 – 5:30. The performance will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 between the girls’ varsity basketball game and the boys’ varsity game. All grades will meet on Tuesday January 16, at 6:50 p.m. in the south gym. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the girls on these days. The cost will be \$20.00 per child, which includes a t-shirt, ribbon for their hair, snacks, and admission for the participant to the game. Permission slip and payment (payable to Freeman Public Schools) due by Monday December 11. Please choose the t-shirt size for your daughter. If you have any questions, call 988-2525 ext. 135. Thank-you and we hope to see your daughter there! **More information to come.**

I, (parent) _____, Allow my daughter –

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____ To participate in the 2018 Freeman Cheerleading Clinic.

_____ (Parent Signature) contact number: _____

T-Shirts please write your daughter’s name below the size of their shirt. Thank-you

| Size | Y 6/8 | Y10/12 | Y14/16 | AS | AM | AL |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|----|----|----|
| Child’s Name | | | | | | |
| Child’s Name | | | | | | |

Freeman Music Boosters Concession Stand Schedule Winter 2017-2018

- If the student and at least one parent cannot work when scheduled, please arrange for your own replacement. Please contact either one of the Music Booster's that are opening or closing to let them know.
- For safety reasons, no children under age 10 should be behind the concession stand
- Scheduled workers will be listed in the Falcon Flyer

Thursday, November 30 – Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Palmyra

Open 3:30 Jina Hoak

Close 6:30 Deb Buehler

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|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 3:45 to 5:30 | 5:30-7:15 | 7:15 to Close |
| Jerica Hoak | Kyler Bigley | Emma Alberts |
| Abigail Braden | Logan Pelc | Rachel Buehler |
| Marcus Osterhaus | Ashton Niles | Taylor Anderson |

CHILI FEED (5-7:30) Friday, December 15 – Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Auburn

Open 4:00 All Boosters will be working

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 4:15 to 5:45 | 5:45-7:30 | 7:30 to Close |
| Alex Carpenter | Atley Buhr | Reagan Connelly |
| Eli Pelc | Haley Pella | Macy Holland |
| Camryn Beebe | Corinn Miner | Brylie Hartwig |
| Luke Archer | Tristan Sugden | Brooklyn Lidolph |

Tuesday, December 19 – Girls and Boys Basketball vs. JCC (EBA)

Open 4:00 Melissa Probst

Close 6:30 Debi Hestermann

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 4:15 to 5:45 | 5:45-7:30 | 7:30 to Close |
| Chase Meints | Holdon Ruse | Tristan Gouldie |
| Tarstin Boosinger | Amber Dorn | Tessa Hestermann |
| Trey Yates | Natalie Gertsch | Laura Nelson |

FFA NEWS

It has been a busy month for the Freeman FFA! Four Freeman FFA members traveled to



Indianapolis for the 90th National FFA Convention on October 24-26. The team of Ashley Parde, Logan Anderson, Jacob Neil, and Caleigh Behrens represented Nebraska in the Nursery and Landscape competition and earned a silver emblem as a team. In the team portion of the event, the students participated in a skills challenge where they demonstrated skills related to the landscaping industry and a team presentation where they prepared for and presented their landscape plan to a panel of judges.



Parde, Anderson, and Neil also received silver emblems as individuals and Behrens received a bronze. Individual activities for this contest include a general knowledge exam, customer relations written practicum, nursery sales oral practicum, landscape calculations, plant propagation practicum, and plant, pest, beneficial insects, disorder, equipment identification exam.

On November 8th, eleven high school members traveled to Beatrice to compete in the district livestock judging contest. The senior livestock judging team placed 4th and qualified for the state contest in April and the junior team placed 9th. Top individual results include Rachel Buehler (3rd place-senior division), Logan Anderson (14th place-senior division), Hunter Buhr (19th place-junior division), & Travis Pickard (24th-senior division).

On November 13th, the FFA and National Honor Society hosted a blood drive at the ag room and shop. The drive collected 48 units! Thanks to all students and donors for helping make the drive a success!

On November 17th, the Freeman FFA officers and Tri County FFA officers were trained for the Connecting Chapters program through the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation. The training provided a kit and training materials to members so they can have ag and food literacy activities they can do in their local schools with elementary students.

Upcoming activities for the FFA include fruit sales, writing and preparing speeches and demonstrations for Leadership Development Events, and Winter Ceremonies on January 22nd.



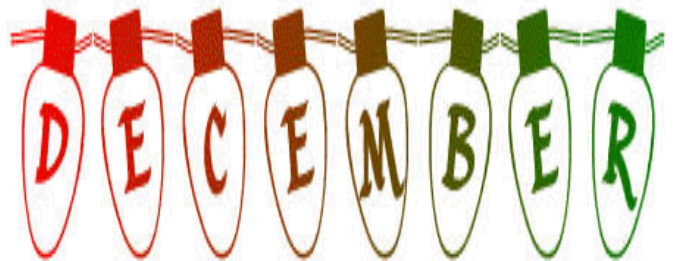
Menus

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>December 1</u> | | |
| Friday: | Omelet | Fiestada, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, Fruit |
| <u>December 4-8</u> | | |
| Monday: | French Toast | Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Tuesday: | Donut | Corn Dog, Broccoli, Vegetables, Fruit, Cookie |
| Wednesday: | Pancakes | Chicken Fajita, Soft Shell, Rice, Refried Beans, Salsa, Fruit |
| Thursday: | Breakfast Pizza | BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Friday: | Omelet | Pizza, Lettuce & Dressing, Fruit |
| <u>December 11-15</u> | | |
| Monday: | French Toast | Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit |
| Tuesday: | Donut | Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Wednesday: | Muffin | Chicken Noodle Soup, Peas, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit |
| Thursday: | Pancakes | Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Friday: | Omelet | Quesadilla, Corn, Vegetable, Fruit |
| <u>December 18-22</u> | | |
| Monday: | French Toast | Chili Dog, Bun, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Tuesday: | Donut | Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit |
| Wednesday: | Pancakes | Hamburger, Bun, Green Beans, Vegetables, Fruit |
| Thursday: | Omelet | Pizza, Lettuce & Dressing, Corn, Fruit |
| Friday: | Muffin | PBJ, Chips, Vegetables, Fruit |
| <u>December 25-29</u> | | |
| Monday: | NO SCHOOL | MERRY CHRISTMAS! |
| Tuesday: | NO SCHOOL | |
| Wednesday: | NO SCHOOL | |
| Thursday: | NO SCHOOL | |
| Friday: | NO SCHOOL | HAPPY NEW YEAR! |

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

| | Days | Price | Total |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|---------|
| K-6 Lunches: | 16 | \$2.75 | \$44.00 |
| 7-12 Lunches: | 16 | \$3.00 | \$48.00 |
| K-12 Reduced Lunch: | 16 | \$0.40 | \$6.40 |
| K-12 Breakfast: | 16 | \$1.75 | \$28.00 |
| K-12 Reduced Breakfast: | 16 | \$0.30 | \$4.80 |
| K-2 Afternoon Milk: | 15 | \$0.35 | \$5.25 |
| 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. ***