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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Preschool applications are now available on the Freeman website. Click on the Preschool Application link under the Quick Links on the right side of the front page. If you need a paper copy, please contact the Elementary Office at 402 988-2525 ext. 102.

ELEMENTARY QUIZ BOWL

Freeman Elementary will be hosting an elementary quiz bowl on March 21st starting at 4:00pm.

PTO FAMILY FUN NIGHT will be March 24th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Cheerleader will have a meal fundraiser for \$5.00 which includes a hot dog, chips, drink and a cookie. Various activities will be available in the gyms until 7:00pm. There will be a magician in the south gym starting at 7:00pm. Please contact the office if you would like to help out with this event (including students needing volunteer hours)! Thanks!

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Art Field Trip @ Omaha 7:00pm ECNC All-Conference BB Selection @ Elmwood-Murdock High School	2	3 No School - Staff In-Service	4 Speech Meet @ Waverly High School
5	6 9:00am ECNC JH Quiz Bowl @ Conestoga High School 9:00am ECNC HS Quiz Bowl @ Conestoga High School	7 FFA District CDE Contest @ Southeast Community College 7:00pm Speeches a la mode @ FHS - Commons	8 2:00pm ESU 5 JH Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central High School 8:30pm-2:30pm College Access Day @ Lincoln	9 End Q3 4:00pm Wrestling-JH East Butler vs. TBA	10 No School	11
12	13 6:30pm JH Music Recital 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center 7:30pm SH Music Recital	14 4:30pm Wrestling-JH TBA	15 Student Assembly	16 Malcolm Music Contest @ Malcolm High School	17 FFA Activate & Leverage Conference @ Grand Island	18 Jr.-Sr. Prom Grand March Jr.-Sr. Prom @ Lincoln FFA Activate & Leverage Conference @ Grand Island
19	20 NeSA R-M-S Testing - 1st Day 6:30pm CIP Community Meeting @ FHS - Commons	21 MUDECAS Music Contest @ Tri County High School ECNC Art Clinic @ Elmwood-Murdock High School 4:00pm-6:00pm EL Quiz Bowl @ Freeman Public Schools	22 2:00pm ESU 5 HS Quiz Bowl @ Thayer Central High School	23 3:15pm FFA Junior High Meeting @ Freeman Ag Room 6:30pm FFA Meeting @ Freeman Ag Room	24 Speech Meet @ Kearney 6:00pm-8:30pm EL Family Fun Night	25 Class C All-State Band @ Kearney
26	27 6:00pm Freeman JH Quiz Bowl	28 2:00pm Track-Varsity Wilber-Clatonia vs. Multiple Schools	29 No School - Staff In-Service 10:00am MUDECAS HS Quiz Bowl @ Freeman Public Schools	30 7:00pm 7-12 Spring Concert	31	



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE

February 2017

No School Days

March 3rd
March 10th
March 29th
April 14th-17th

Early Dismissal

April 28th
May 18th

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Notes and Thoughts as Seasons Change

Spring will soon be upon us. If you know where time goes, please contact my office and share your knowledge because I would really like to know. I do know that one factor that makes time seem to pass so quickly is how busy we are. Our students are involved in many activities and their hectic schedule keeps all of us moving at a torrid pace as we move from our jobs to evening and weekend activities. I challenge each of you to try to enjoy the moments and slow time down for yourself so that you can enjoy each performance and the effort our kids and sponsors give to be the best they can be.

“CHOICES” come into play in this environment as our kids learn to prioritize and manage their schedules so that they can be their best in the classroom and in each activity they choose to participate in. “CHOICES” outside of the classroom and our activities also impact performance. We all need to maintain a focus that no action occurs in isolation, there is a connection to be made regarding all, “CHOICES” we make.

I had the opportunity to listen to John Cook, Husker Head Volleyball Coach, speak a few weeks ago and I want to share a few things I heard that can apply to all of us as we work to be the best we can be. Following each item, I have noted the CHOICES area that can be applied:

- Taking care of our bodies; hydrate (water is key), proper nutrition, and sleep are all vital in maximizing our performance. I realize this sounds simple but if we are moving at a break-neck pace, it becomes easy to take short cuts in each of the above areas. Take care of yourself! (CHOICES Impact: Thinking and Respect)
- There is NO FREE LUNCH. We get what we earn. The only thing we are entitled to is an opportunity. Hard work and commitment are always the foundation of success. (CHOICES Impact: Character and Ownership)
- We need to say “Thank You” every chance we get. There are others who contribute to our success and we need to reach out and recognize those who make great things possible for all of us. (CHOICES Impact: Thinking, Respect, Ownership, Character)
- What is your “Why”? We have reasons and a purpose that drive all of us to be great, or poor. Every day we need to think about what it is that drives us to be great! What is your “WHY” that drives you to be better? What is your motivation? What causes you to press on when others might give up or give in? (CHOICES Impact: Thinking, Ownership)

I am proud to be part of Freeman Public Schools and I thank you, the public, for all of your support towards Freeman, serving children and creating opportunities! You make our strong public school possible. You make Freeman great and your support makes a difference in the lives of our youth!

Randy M. Page

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING-FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM: Present Board Members: Chad Harms, Mike Klein, Anthony Meints, Doug Parde, and Myron Schoen Absent Board Members: Marcella Rademacher

A. Opening Procedures

A.1. Call meeting to order

A.2. Roll Call Motion Passed: Motion to approve excuse absent board member Marcella Rademacher passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

A.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

A.4. Approve agenda Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda as presented passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

B. Approval of Consent Agenda -Motion Passed: Motion to approve Consent Agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and claims in the amount of \$467,862.75 passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Doug Parde. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.** Discussion: Congratulations were extended to students qualifying for State Wrestling, State Swimming and State FFA, FBLA award winners at previous business contests and students selected for Class C All State Band.

C. Reports

C.2. Administrative Reports

Discussion: Mr. Page reported on Legislative issues, Principal interview summary and upcoming retreat. Dr. Michl reported on P/T conferences and 17-18 pre-registration. Mrs. Sieh reported on P/T conferences, One School One Book "The Lemonade War", PBIS incentives, Dad's and Doughnuts and 5th grade class size update.

C.5. School Improvement

Discussion: The next CIP meeting will be Monday, March 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

C.6. Facilities

Discussion: Mr. Page reported on repair work in the North Gym with CEP, north wing controls, and summer projects (flooring, HVAC, parking lot, roof work, outside maintenance).

C.7. Transportation

Discussion: Mike Klein updated on Bus 04-08 repair. Mr. Page reported that Ray's Used Cars in Cortland has a 2016 Impala with 24,000 miles for \$15,500. This is white and has the old body style, which we asked for.

E. Matters Requiring Board Action

E.1. Consideration and possible action to approve Drivers Education prices and contracts for the 2017 summer session.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Drivers Education prices \$225(Freeman)/\$275 (non-Freeman) and contracts for the 2017 summer session passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.2. Consideration and possible action to approve the contract of Erin Sieh, Elementary Principal for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the contract of Erin Sieh, Elementary Principal, for the 2017-18 school year passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.3. Consideration and possible action to accept the recommendation of Erik Sokol for the 7-12 Principal position at Freeman for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion Passed: Motion to accept the recommendation of Erik Sokol for the 7-12 Principal position at Freeman for the 2017-18 school year passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Doug Parde. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.4. Consideration and possible action to approve a contract for Erik Sokol for High School Principal for the 2017-18 school year. -Motion Passed:

Motion to approve a contract for Erik Sokol for High School Principal for the 2017-18 school year passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Myron Schoen. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.5. Consideration and possible action to approve a contract for the Superintendent for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve a contract for the Superintendent for the 2017-18 school year passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.6. Consideration and possible action to add a vehicle to the fleet.

Motion Passed: Motion to add a vehicle to the fleet passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Chad Harms. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.7. Consideration and possible action to pay dues to the Nebraska Association of School Boards for the next fiscal year.

Motion Passed: Motion to pay dues to the Nebraska Association of School Boards for the next fiscal year passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

E.8. Consideration and possible action to review the KSB provided 4000's policies. Adoption will occur at a later date.

E.9. Executive Session may be required

Motion Passed: Motion to enter into executive session at 8:55 p.m. for the purpose protection of public interest passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Chad Harms. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Motion Passed: Motion to exit Executive Session at 9:54 passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Myron Schoen. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

F. Discussion Items Board development opportunities, end of year honorees and weather days/calendar.

G. Announcements G.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Media Center

H. Adjournment-Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Mike Klein. **5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Driver's Education 2017

Freeman Public Schools will be offering Driver's Education this summer for any student 17 years of age and younger who is interested. Mr. Greg Peterson of Sterling, Nebraska and Mr. Luke Boldt of Sterling, Nebraska will be the course instructors.

All classes will meet in Room S108 (Music Room) of Freeman High School, 415 Eighth Street, Adams, Nebraska. Twenty hours of classroom instruction will take place from Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8. Class will meet from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, with a 30-minute time built into each day for lunch. Students will be responsible for their own lunches.

Each student in the class will also be required to drive for 6 hours and have observation time in the vehicle with another driver. Freeman will begin offering the driving portion of the class on Monday, June 5, after classroom instruction. All students will begin driving from Freeman High School and return back to the high school at the end of the driving period.

Throughout the month of June (Mondays through Fridays only) students will sign up for driving time within the following time allotments:

8:00 am to 11:00 am (2 students) 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (2 students) 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm (2 students)

Each student will drive 4 times and will be tested on the final day of driving in accordance with state mandated policy and procedure. For this test, students will drive a predetermined test route approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Cost for the class will remain at \$225 for Freeman students and approximately \$275 for non-Freeman students. Payment must be made to Freeman Public Schools before a student will be allowed to drive. **Freeman students who wish to register for Driver's Education should sign up by contacting Dr. Bob Michl by Wednesday, March 8. After March 8, openings will be made available to out-of-district students.**

Please submit the application form on the next page to secure your spot in the class. The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles has changed procedures and requires schools to collect more information on students and submit that information to the DMV. By submitting the form, students who have learner's permits before taking driver's education classes will be able to receive their POP through the mail instead of having to go to the courthouse to pick it up. Those who don't have a permit before taking driver's education will still have to pick up their permit.

NOTE: You are only eligible to participate in Driver's Education training if you are/will be 14 years of age on or before October 15 of the current year. However, once a student becomes old enough to apply for a permit (LPE, SCP, or LPD), the student MUST have a permit to drive on public roadways while learning to drive. THIS INCLUDES DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASS.

Driver's Education Registration Freeman High School June 5-8, 2017

Name of Student: _____

School Currently Attending: _____

Date of Birth of Student: _____

Grade Completed as of end of May: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Contact: _____

E-mail Address: _____

License/Permit #: _____

Please return this form via mail, e-mail, or in person to secure your spot in the class.

Contact Dr. Bob Michl, Principal, Freeman HS with any questions.

bmichl@freemanschools.net

NeSA Testing (Online window is March 20-May 5, 2017)

UPDATED (2.2.17)

The NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) testing window is March 20th through May 3rd. Students in third through eighth grade are tested in reading, math, and science. While the testing window begins in March, Freeman will be testing in the month of April. Freeman juniors will be taking the ACT on April 19th. This replaces NeSA testing for all juniors in Nebraska. Freeman juniors will be taking the paper/pencil version of the ACT which will only be available on April 19. If a junior misses this test date, that student will take the ACT online or by paper/pencil on the make-up date of May 3rd. We are strongly advising all juniors to be present April 19th!

Below is the schedule for NeSA testing for 2017. This schedule has been created to allow testing to be done as late in the testing window as possible. **All NeSA Reading, Math, & Science Assessments must be completed by May 5, 2017, including make-up tests.** All practice tests should be scheduled before March 17.

Remember, dates must be consecutive for each test and each test is scheduled to be completed in a 90-minute time frame. The tests are not timed. The 90 minutes is an NDE recommendation. More time may be necessary, especially the day 1 ELA, as that is where the writing piece is included.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 3	April 4 HS Track 3 rd Math (Day 1-8:30-10) 4 th Math (Day 1-8:30 -10)	April 5 FFA Convention 3 rd Math (Day 2-8:30-10) 4 th Math (Day 2-8:30 -10)	April 6 FBLA/FFA Convent 5 th Math (Day 1-8:30-10) 6 th Math (Day 1-8:30 -10)	April 7 FFA/FBLA Convent 5 th Math (Day 2-8:30-10) 6 th Math (Day 2-8:30 -10)
April 10 JH MUDECAS QUIZ BOWL 3 rd Read (Day 1-8:30-10) 4 th Read (Day 1-8:30 -10)	April 11 HS Track 3 rd Read (Day 2-8:30-10) 4 th Read (Day 2-8:30 -10)	April 12 7-12 Spring Sports Picts 5 th Read (Day 1-8:30-10) 6 th Read (Day 1-8:30 -10)	April 13 JH Track 5 th Read (Day 2-8:30-10) 6 th Read (Day 2-8:30 -10)	April 14 <i>NO SCHOOL - EASTER</i>
April 17 <i>NO SCHOOL - EASTER</i>	April 18 HS Track 7 th Reading – S200 8:15-9:45/10-11:30 8 th Reading – S200 12:00-1:30/1:45-3:15	April 19 <i>ACT TEST DATE</i>	April 20 <i>NETA</i> <i>JH Track- HERE</i> <i>District Music</i>	April 21 NETA
April 24	April 25 HS Track EL Concert 7 th Math – S100 Noon-1:15/1:30-2:45 8 th Math – S200 Noon-1:15/1:30-245	April 26 <i>JH Track</i> <i>7th Orientation</i> 5 th Sci (Sess. 1-8:30-10) 5 th Sci (Sess. 2-10:15-11:45)	April 27 <i>5/6 Ag Safety Day</i> 8 th Science – S200 Noon-1:15/1:30-245	April 28 - 1:00 Early Out <i>Kindergarten Round-Up</i>
May 1 MAKE UP DAY	May 2 <i>Freeman Track Invite</i> MAKE UP DAY	May 3 <i>8th to UNL Career Day</i> MAKE UP DAY	May 4 <i>11 am NeSA Park Celebration</i>	May 5 <i>JH ECNC Track</i> MAKE UP DAY



PBIS Ticket Winners



TEAMMATES NIGHT AT FREEMAN

January was National Mentoring Month. At Freeman we are thankful for the almost 60 adults willing to mentor our students through TeamMates. To celebrate, February 9 was TeamMates night at the Freeman basketball games. Eighty-two mentors and mentees turned out to enjoy the game, popcorn and pop. Thanks to Freeman Public Schools and the TeamMates of Freeman Chapter.

A raffle was held that evening with ten outstanding prizes given away. Tickets were sold the past three weeks, raising almost \$1,000. All of it staying with the Freeman Chapter! TeamMates of Freeman is thankful for the supportive Freeman community, a community that gives through money and through volunteering time to our chapter and students.

We also wish to thank the groups and individuals who graciously gave prizes for the raffles. We appreciate their generosity and support of TeamMates of Freeman. Our thanks go to: DA Davidson, Landmark Implement, Walmart, The Clark Enersen Partners, CTS, Marcus Theatres, Beatrice Country Club, Scheels, Haynes Place Massage, and Fantastic Gymnastics.



3RD GRADE HEART HEALTHY VALENTINE PARTY

Freeman 3rd Grade celebrated Valentine's Day by harvesting the classroom Tower Garden. We learned arugula has a stronger flavor the bigger it gets. Hiding it in quesadillas

helps! We also enjoyed rainbow chard quesadillas and mixed lettuce salad! Ranch was the popular dressing, though several liked the balsamic vinaigrette, too. A big thank you to Susan Ruyle for coming in to help with our event!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

It's been a busy month in the elementary. We started the month of February with a Dad's and Donuts event. There were over 300 dads and their kids eating donuts and juice in the cafeteria. It was great to see so many dads in the building sharing a quick bite with their kid before school. We will look forward to this tradition in the future!



This is the second year that the elementary has had a Quiz Bowl team. Our first competition was on February 20 at Thayer Central. We had two teams compete. In pool play our teams went 6-0 and 4-2. Unfortunately, during the tournament both teams were eliminated and did not place. The team is looking forward to the next competition at the Freeman Invite on March 21.



March will prove to be another busy month with Read Across America celebrations, Nebraska's 150th Birthday celebration, the beginning of NeSA Testing season that includes a guest speaker DeMoine Adams, and the PTO Family Fun Night. Be sure to check our website and social media sites for updates and postings about our events. #freemanfalcons

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Cereal, juice & milk are offered with breakfast. All meals come with one carton of milk.

Extra milk may be purchased for \$0.30 each.

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
<u>March 1-3</u>		
Wednesday:	Donut	Fish Square, Bun, Coleslaw, Potato Wedges, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	Mini Pizza Bagels, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, fruit
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>March 6-10</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Lettuce & Dressing, Fruit
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili Dog, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	Quesadilla, Corn, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>March 13-17</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Muffin	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Roll & Butter, Vegetable, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancake	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetable, Fruit
Thursday:	Donut	Sloppy Joe, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Cheese Crunchers, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>March 20-24</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancake	Chili or Veg-Beef Soup, PBJ, Carrot Sticks, Cheese Stick, Fruit
Wednesday:	Muffin	Chicken, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Thursday:	Donut	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Fish Nuggets, Mac-n-Cheese, Roll & Butter, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>March 27-31</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Burrito, Chips & Cheese, Salsa, Vegetable, fruit
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chicken, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday:	Donut	Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Cheese ravioli, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, Fruit

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	20	\$2.50	\$50.00
7-12 Lunches:	20	\$2.90	\$58.00
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	20	\$0.40	\$8.00
K-12 Breakfast:	20	\$1.60	\$32.00
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	20	\$0.30	\$6.00
K-2 Afternoon Milk:	20	\$0.30	\$6.00



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. ***