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November, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				<p>6:15pm-8:30pm EL Basketball Camp @ FHS - South Gym 7:00pm FFA Fun Night @ Freeman Ag Room</p>	<p>No School - Staff In-Service FFA Pathways to Career Conference @ Grand Island</p>	<p>TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>1:00pm ECNC JH/SH Vocal Clinic @ Freeman Public Schools</p>	<p>NWEA Testing</p>	<p>FFA District Livestock Judging</p>	<p>TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Lincoln vs. TBD</p>	<p>TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Lincoln vs. TBD</p>	<p>TBD Volleyball-G/Varsity Lincoln vs. TBD</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>FBLA American Enterprise Week First Day Winter Sports Practice 1:00pm-6:00pm NHS/FFA Blood Drive 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center</p>	<p>Facing History Trip @ Washington, DC FBLA American Enterprise Week 9:00am ECNC One Act @ Weeping Water High School 6:15pm-8:30pm EL Basketball Camp @ FHS - South Gym</p>	<p>FBLA American Enterprise Week Facing History Trip @ Washington, DC 7:00pm ECNC All Conference FB/VB Selection @ Elmwood-Murdock High School</p>	<p>FBLA American Enterprise Week 6:30pm Basketball-B/JH Lincoln Christian</p>	<p>FBLA American Enterprise Week</p>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>FBLA Path to Success Conference 1:00pm Basketball-B/JH Lewiston 7:00pm One Act Community Performance @ FHS - South Gym</p>	<p>TBD Basketball-G/Varsity Beatrice vs. Multiple Schools 2:45pm One Act to Student Body @ FHS - South Gym</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Break - No School</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Break - No School</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Break - No School</p>		
26	27	28	29	30		
<p>6:00pm Basketball-B/JH Freeman vs. Multiple Schools</p>		<p>One Act Districts @ Midland University - Fremont</p>	<p>4:00pm Basketball-B/JH Johnson County Central 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Palmyra 4:30pm Swimming-JV/Varsity Lincoln Northeast 4:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Palmyra 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Palmyra 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Palmyra 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Palmyra</p>			



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE

November
2017

No School Days

November 3
November 22-24
December 23-31
January 1-3
February 9
March 2
March 10
March 30
April 2

Early Dismissal

December 22
January 25
April 27
May 7

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November, Thanksgiving, and Lip-Stick for Pigs

Good day to you. I was thinking this title might catch your attention! There are times we know we need to dig a little deeper, make things more interesting, or offer up a treat to keep our focus and get the job done. Some days are better than others and some jobs we are tasked with we enjoy more than others. Kids like some classes better than other classes and have different relationships with different students and staff members that affect how they look at the time they are going to spend in class. Parents have good days and not so good days that might affect their mood or how they perceive the world around them. Can we all agree that what has been shared above has or can apply to all of us at some time? I'm not even going to touch the federal government or national news in this piece and how they can affect our attitudes with the choices they make. This is why it is so important for all of us to keep some lipstick handy for that pig! We make the best of tough situations, we cope, we persevere, and we work together. We love our kids in good times and in not so good times. We support our neighbors in the same way, and as a school and communities we march forward together doing what is right and making decisions based on what is best for kids. In a time defined by technology; instant gratification, instant communication, and instant access we need to remind ourselves that patience and perseverance are skills that allow all of us to find success when things do not go as planned. Keep working hard, maintain a positive attitude, and keep a little lipstick handy because that pig will show up!

I want to take this opportunity to give thanks, as I know I have a great deal to be thankful for. The **Freeman Staff** does amazing things in our classrooms and through activities with and for students. I am thankful for each of you and what you bring each day! The community support our school district receives from **Volunteers**: at book fairs, in the concession stand, through our Rescue Squad, from our Boosters, in our classrooms, at all of Freeman's events, and the hundreds of other ways you are engaged. You are amazing and your level of support is so important to the mission of Freeman Public Schools. **Parents**, thank you for all you do, provide, and coordinate to make the system work! The **School Board**, there are so many options, choices, and decisions that define our district's priorities and allocation of resources which you take time to work through and participate in day by day and week by week. Your effort and commitment to Freeman Public Schools goes above and beyond the ordinary to the extraordinary. Last, I give thanks for; the **Administrative Team**, **Office Staff**, and my **Wife**. The circle of support I receive from each of you is very much appreciated and not often enough conveyed. Freeman is strongest when we are all together pulling in one direction with the same goals at the core of our efforts.

I also want to share a reminder that the Thanksgiving break at Freeman Public Schools will be Wednesday the 22nd through Sunday the 26th of November. I hope you all have the opportunity to share time with family and friends and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for! It is my pleasure to serve Freeman Public Schools and our communities.

Randy M. Page, Freeman Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

1. Opening Procedures
2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and claims in the amount of \$494,624.29 passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Congratulations were extended to the volleyball team for their top four finish in the MUDECAS Tournament and to all board members for recognition awards received at the area NASB membership meeting.

3. Reports
 - 3.1. Communication from the Public
 - 3.2. Administrative Reports
 - 3.3. Technology

Mr. Delhay reported on additional Chromebooks ordered and technology team.

- 3.5. School Improvement

Mrs. Nieveen reported on the recent CIP meeting.

- 3.6. Facilities
- 3.7. Transportation
- 3.8. Negotiations
4. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda
5. Matters Requiring Board Action

- 5.1. Consideration and possible action to pay 2017-2018 NRCSA dues.

Motion to pay 2017-2018 NRCSA dues passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Mike Klein.

Doug Parde: Absent, Chad Harms: Yea, Mike Klein: Yea, Anthony Meints: Yea, Marcella Rademacher: Yea, Myron Schoen: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 5.3. Consideration and possible action to adopt a new Superintendent Evaluation tool for Freeman Public Schools.

Motion to adopt a new Superintendent Evaluation tool for Freeman Public Schools passed with a motion by Mike Klein and a second by Doug Parde. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 5.5. Consideration and possible action to add a 10 passenger van to the school fleet and set a price ceiling for the purchase.

Motion to add a 10 passenger van to the school fleet and set a price ceiling at \$30,000 for the purchase passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Marcella Rademacher. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. passed with a motion by Myron Schoen and a second by Chad Harms. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

FOURTH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FILLEY STONE BARN



The Freeman Fourth Graders enjoyed a fun filled fall field trip to the Filley Stone Barn, and Homestead National Monument in early October. The students spent half of the day at the Filley Stone Barn, learning the history behind the building and rotating through various stations. Each station included an activity that would reflect life on a farm during pioneer times. Students sawed wood, picked and shelled corn, watched marbles being made, observed a blacksmith and took a hayrack ride. Even though the weather didn't exactly cooperate, the students made the best of it! After a quick bite to eat on the bus, it was on to the

Homestead National Monument. Students once again rotated through stations to explore and learn about pioneer life. Activities included sewing, spinning thread, washing clothes and making pioneer toys...just to name a few! This fun and educational day is always a hit for our fourth grade students. It truly helps them to gain a better understanding of the way life was during pioneer times, and how differently we live now compared to back then.

FIRST GRADE VISITS PUMPKIN PATCH



The two First Grade classes from Freeman Public School visited Korner Pumpkin Patch on Thursday Oct. 19th in the afternoon. Jill Jobman discussed with the first graders the stages a pumpkin grows. She read stories to the students about pumpkins and pumpkin seeds. The first graders learned the smaller the pumpkin the more seeds there will be. The First Graders went on a Scavenger Hunt to look around at all the different kinds of pumpkins on the farm. To end the visit, First Graders tried pumpkin cookies and received a treat bag with a little pumpkin to take home. We had a great time!!! First Grade teachers are Mrs. Laura Ideus and Mrs. Lisa Riha.

PERFECT NESAS SCORES



Last spring, all students in third through eighth grade took the NeSA assessments, the Nebraska state test.

Individual student results were handed out to parents the week of conferences; however, group results have not been released. Freeman Public Schools honors students who have received a perfect score in a subject area. A perfect score is an overall score of 200 plus perfect scores in each skills category. It is possible for a student to earn a score of 200, but not a perfect score if he/she did not get perfect scores in each skills category. There were two students who earned perfect scores in math this spring. Earning perfect scores were Sam Troxel in third grade math, and Sadie Larkins in sixth grade math. Congratulations to these two students! They received individual plaques and will have their names permanently displayed on the Freeman Academic Achievement Award board near the high school office.

TITLE 1 READING MEETING

On October 16, a meeting was held to explain the function of Title 1 reading. Title 1 provides additional support for students needing an extra boost with reading skills. Several handouts of supplemental activities were shared. If you have questions about the Title 1 reading program, please contact Mrs. Teri Nieveen.

AUTHOR VISIT POSTPONED

We were looking forward to hosting author Carmen Agra Deedy this month. Unfortunately, she became ill and had to postpone her visit until March 13. More information will be shared as we receive it. We are grateful to the Hevelone Foundation and the Freeman Foundation for allowing us to hold over the grant monies for the later date. Books that were purchased for signing will be kept at school until Deedy's visit. If you wish to have your book before that date, please contact Mrs. Nieveen.

WE ARE QUACKERS FOR READING!



Over two million people globally were expected to participate in Read for the Record and read the book *Quackers* by Liz Wong on October 19. Freeman added around 270 adults and students to that number. For more than a decade

JumpStart has sponsored Read for the Record to emphasize the importance of building early literacy and language skills for all children. Staff and students dressed like they were ready to go to the pond. Older students and younger students were paired up to read *Quackers* and to do an activity together, looking at the ways they were the same and different. The activity ended with students sharing quackers and cheese, that is, crackers and cheese, sponsored by the Freeman PTO.

ELEMENTARY STARTS STUDENT COUNCIL

We are excited to announce the formation of the Freeman Elementary Student Council! StuCo gives students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, experience the democratic process, plan and perform service projects, and encourage and maintain a cooperative spirit within the student body. The StuCo consists of Officers: President Reagan S., Vice President Anna J., Secretary Solomon D. and Historian Sam T., K-2 Representatives are Alicia J., Caitlynn B., Brady T., Kolby M., Ruby H., Mollie B., Sam M. Classroom Representatives. 3rd:Parde:Rebekah D. 3rd: Yates: Hudson F. 4th: Archer: Savannah D. 4th: Heusmann: Addie K. 5th: Floth: Lauren H. 5th: Yates: Kierstin R. 6th: Anderson: Hayden J.



Key Messages :2017 Transition to ACT

Key Message #1: The ACT college entrance exam is replacing NeSA-Reading, Math, Science, and Writing for all high school juniors.

- NeSA exams will no longer be administered at the junior level
- Taking the comprehensive ACT, including the writing component, means fewer exams for students in the 11th grade
- The Nebraska ACT is aligned to the national ACT standards and meeting expectations on the exam indicates college readiness in our students

Key Message #2: The ACT exam provides more post-secondary opportunities for students.

- The ACT presents equal testing opportunities for all students at the junior level
- All juniors may choose to send their scores to the colleges of their choice at no cost to the students
- The ACT paves the way for more college scholarship application opportunities

Key Message #3: The ACT brings increased rigor, relevance, and expectations for all students.

- All juniors will take the ACT, giving a more comprehensive view of ALL Nebraska students*
- ACT scores may decrease in the initial year of testing due to the larger number of students tested and the increased rigor of the exam
- As state standards are raised to meet national ACT standards, and instruction reflects those standards, scores are expected to improve in the coming years

** An alternate exam will be available for the one percent of students who qualify for having significant cognitive disabilities.*

Key Message #4: The ACT is FREE for all high school juniors.

- All exam components are included in this FREE college entrance exam: English, reading, math, science, and writing (\$58.50 value per exam)
- FREE ACT online exam preparation is provided for every Nebraska student and offers

timely information to meaningfully guide instruction (\$39 value)

- The results of the exam are sent to student-selected colleges for FREE (\$48 value for four colleges)

General messaging about the ACT. The FREE exam is administered to all juniors, giving the students an additional year to improve their ACT score

- The ACT is the most common college entrance exam currently administered in Nebraska (84% of graduating seniors took the voluntary ACT exam last year)
- Nebraska ranks first among states that test 80% or more high school graduates on the ACT
- Currently 18 states require 100% of their graduates to take the ACT college entrance exam
- ACT scores will be used in the AQuESTT classification system

2017 NeSA-ELA Transition

The NeSA-English Language Arts (ELA) exam is replacing NeSA-Reading and NeSA-Writing and will be taken in grades 3-8.

- The NeSA-ELA is aligned to the Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts, leading to better outcomes for students, schools, and communities
- The combined NeSA-ELA means less exam time for students at the fourth and eighth grade levels

The NeSA-ELA standards better prepare students for the next level of learning.

- The NeSA-ELA brings increased rigor, relevance, and high expectations for all
- Scores may decrease in the initial year of testing due to the increased rigor of the exam
- As state standards are raised to meet college and career readiness standards, and instruction reflects those standards, scores are expected to improve

CIP TEAM COLLABORATES WITH COMMUNITY ON CHOICES!

This Fall the Continuous Improvement Process committee held a community meeting where school improvement goals, projects, and ideas are discussed. This year the meeting addressed the school goals of:

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.

Mrs. Nieveen presented information on our DEAR program and how it is being utilized school wide in both elementary and high school buildings. D.E.A.R stands for Drop Everything and Read and in this program students and faculty are given twenty minutes every day Monday through Thursday to read a book that interests them. This is a researched program that has generated successful results for schools striving to improve reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. We are excited about the progress we have seen toward meeting our first school goal of having All students improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills across the curriculum.

Freeman Public Schools has made a strong commitment to the development of a strong school culture that reflects our community's core values. Mrs. Israelson and Mrs. Riha presented the progress of the implementation of the Choices and PBIS programs in the elementary buildings. Mrs. Israelson and Mrs. Riha shared stories of students making great choices that reflect our school desired culture. The transition from elementary is a difficult step for all students; we are confident that the common language reinforcing our core values will make that transition smoother as all Freeman Faculty members unite in delivering the same message of what it means to be a Freeman Falcon with the same terminology. We are happy with progress we have made in meeting the second school goal of All students will increase their respect for other students, adults, and property.

Mr. Delhay presented information on the current state of our Technology program, and how it has successfully implemented a one to one computer program for our students grade 7-12. He also explained our new initiative that places more student ownership on the school computers. Our 7th, 8th and 9th grade students have been handed out new laptop computers that they will be responsible for during the school year until they graduate. At Graduation, the laptops will be given to the students as we cycle new computers through the program. This has proven to be a cost saving experience as computer repair needs decrease significantly while production increases. Our school's technology department has been goal driven in providing opportunity for all students to display their respect for other students, adults, and property while utilizing technology to improve learning and instruction across the curriculum.

Mrs. Nieveen explained the State testing situation and how the state has yet to release the results, and that we can expect more rigorous testing from the state moving forward. We will know more as the State irons out its changes.

Mrs. Seih and Mr. Sokol discussed the creation of a Spirit video, a product of our PBIS program going school wide. The video includes clips of students describing their own definitions of Sportsmanship, Pride, Inspiration, Responsibility, Involvement, and Team. The administrators discussed the importance of including students in the implementation process of promoting the CHOICES culture we are establishing, and we are seeing the students begin to buy-in to the Freeman core values. Mr. Rumsey discussed the progress on the StopIt program, where students will be given opportunities to learn more about digital citizenship when displaying poor choice behavior with improper use of technology.

The most important part of the meeting occurred when community members collaborated with students and faculty on furthering our mission to create a stronger school identity regarding our CHOICES initiative. Freeman stakeholders worked together in groups to share ideas on what impact choices have on our students and our community. The information retrieved from this discussion is critical to helping the school administration make better informed decisions based on what was viewed as valuable from all Freeman Public School Students, Faculty, and Community members.

The next community Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) meeting will be March 26 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Teri Nieveen and she would be happy to give you more details. We welcome anyone that is interested in helping our school better serve the people of our community.

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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>November 1-3</u>		
Wednesday:	Omelet	Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwich, Peas , Fruit
Thursday	Muffin	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>November 6-10</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Br. Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti, Meat sauce, Breadstick, Lettuce & Dressing, Fruit
Wednesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread & Butter
Thursday:	Donut	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Quesadilla, Broccoli, Vegetable, Apple Crisp
<u>November 13-17</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburger, Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Wednesday:	Donut	Chili or Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ, vegetable, Fruit
Thursday:	Muffin	Turkey , Mashed Potato, Sweet Potato, Roll & Butter, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza, Lettuce, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>November 20-24</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Fruit
Tuesday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Roll & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday:	NO SCHOOL	
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	
<u>November 27-30</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Ribbette, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Donut	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Breadstick, Lettuce, Fruit
Thursday:	Muffin	Chicken Noodle Soup. Sandwich, Peas, Fruit

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	18	\$2.75	\$49.50
7-12 Lunches:	18	\$3.00	\$54.00
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	18	\$0.40	\$7.20
K-12 Breakfast:	18	\$1.75	\$31.50
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	18	\$0.30	\$5.40
K-2 Afternoon Milk:	18	\$0.35	\$6.30
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. ***