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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Note Date Change** Homecoming Parade/Game/Dance: Friday, October 13
5:30/7:00/9:00pm**

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SKIP FLU CLINIC

Public Health Solutions will be at Freeman on Tuesday, October 3 for the annual SKIP Flu Clinic. Once again, the nasal mist will not be available. Injectable vaccine is all that will be offered. Consent forms and more information will be sent home with the elementary in late September. Forms are also available in both offices.

PK-12 Picture Retake Day: Thursday, October 5

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Monday, October 16 & Wednesday, October 18 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Author Visit: Wednesday, October 18

Fall Photo Day: Wednesday, October 18

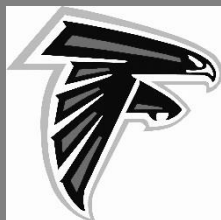
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 OCTOBER	2 4:30pm Football- JH Southern 5:00pm Softball- JV Freeman vs. Cass County Central 6:30pm Football- JV Southern 6:30pm Softball- Varsity Freeman vs. Cass County Central	3 4:30pm Volleyball- JH Johnson County Central vs. Freeman 5:30pm Volleyball- G/JV Mead Jr. / Sr. 6:30pm Volleyball- G/Varsity Mead Jr. / Sr.	4 ECNC Volleyball Seeding 9:00am-11:30am College Fair @ Southeast Community College 10:00am Art Field Trip @ Omaha 4th Grade Field Trip Filley/Beatrice	5 Parent's Night @ FHS - North Gym TBD Softball- Varsity Auburn vs. TBD 8:00am-12:00pm K-12 Picture Retake Day 6:00pm Volleyball- G/JV Syracuse 7:00pm Volleyball- G/Varsity Syracuse	6 TBD Softball- Varsity Auburn vs. TBD 7:00pm Football- Varsity HTRS	7 9:00am Volleyball- JH Pawnee City
8 TBD Volleyball- G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 5:00pm Football- JH Conestoga 6:30pm Football- JV Elmwood-Murdock 7:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ Freeman Media Center	9 TBD Volleyball- G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 4:00pm Volleyball- JH Palmyra	10 TBD Softball- Varsity Hastings vs. TBD 8:00am-1:00pm PSAT Testing	11 TBD Softball- Varsity Hastings vs. TBD TBD Volleyball- G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD	12 Parent's Night @ FHS - Athletic Stadium End Q1 1:00 Early Out - Staff In- Service TBD Softball- Varsity Hastings vs. TBD 5:30pm Homecoming Parade/Pep Rally 7:00pm Football- Varsity Palmyra 9:00pm- 11:59pm Homecoming Dance @ FHS - North HS Commons	13	14
15 4:00pm-8:00pm Parent- Teacher Conferences 6:30pm Football- JV Johnson County Central	16 5:00pm Volleyball- G/Varsity Elmwood- Murdock vs. Multiple Schools	17 8:00am-1:00pm Author' Visit 8:30am-12:00pm Fall Photo Day 4:00pm-8:00pm Parent- Teacher Conferences 7:00pm ECNC All-Conf. SB Selection @ Louisville High School	18 5:00pm Volleyball- G/JV Louisville 6:00pm Volleyball- G/Varsity Louisville	19 No School 7:00pm Football- Varsity Wilber-Clatonia	20	21
22 1:00pm-2:00pm Student Assembly @ FHS - North Gym 2:15pm-3:15pm Student Assembly @ FHS - North Gym	23 FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis, IN 5:00pm Volleyball- G/Varsity Conestoga vs. Multiple Schools	24 FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis, IN	25 FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis, IN 7:00pm 7-12 Fall Concert @ FHS - South Gym	26 Pre-ACT TBD Football-Varsity TBD vs. TBD FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis, IN	27	28
29 TBD Volleyball- G/Varsity Tri County vs. TBD	30 TBD Volleyball- G/Varsity Tri County vs. TBD	31				

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RANDY PAGE



October 2017

No School Days

October 20
November 3
November 22-24
December 23-31
January 1-3
February 9
March 2
March 10
March 30
April 2

Early Dismissal

October 13
December 22
January 25
April 27
May 7

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Sure Signs of Fall

The beans are turning, the Junior High Band has played at Apple Jack, and school budgets have been turned in to the proper agencies. The transition from vacation and summer activities is now complete as focus has been transferred to class, study, practice, and game schedules. The routine of the school year now has a foundation and students, parents, and staff have all done a wonderful job of adapting to the school schedule. Along with our schedule comes Freeman's intentional focus on "CHOICES" and the concept that we are all responsible for our decisions and how we choose to interact with others and the many options that are put in front of each of us throughout every day.

I do want to take some time to update the community regarding Freeman's 2017-2018 budget as well as review the outcome of Freeman's 2016-2017 budget. For the fiscal cycle at Freeman that ended on August 31, Freeman Public Schools was able to match revenue and expenses to within \$35,000 in a \$5.4 million budget. District revenue exceeded expenses by about \$35,000 in the past fiscal cycle resulting in growth to the General Fund in the same amount.

The numbers for Freeman's overall budget are very similar to last year from a local perspective. Freeman's General Fund levy for 2017-2018 will be 74.67 cents per every \$100 of valuation. This levy will generate \$4,019,931.31 in revenue for the district. Last year the General Fund levy was 76.1 cents and generated \$4,012,628 in revenue. Freeman Public Schools will also levy 11.2 cents for our Bond Fund in the upcoming fiscal cycle. This fund pays both principal and interest on the two bond issues Freeman is currently responsible to pay. Last, Freeman will levy 4.55 cents to the Special Building Fund in the upcoming school year to provide for the short-term and long-term planning and projects that support our facility. The three funds combine to create a local levy of 90.42 cents for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a reduction of 1.8 cents from last year's levy of 92.2 cents. If you ever have any questions regarding the Freeman budget please contact my office at 988-2525 ext. 103, I would be happy to explain in further detail.

The transition into the school year has been fantastic! I want to take this opportunity to send out a huge "Thank You" to Freeman's senior class who have set the tone for this new school year. The leadership of our seniors has been a key to getting this year off to such a positive beginning. Just wanted you to know I noticed, so do many other people! We know someone is always watching us, looking up to us, or looking at us for answers, way to represent!

It is my pleasure to serve you, our communities, and our school system. Thank you for the opportunity and for sharing your children with Freeman Public Schools. Go Falcons!

Randy M. Page, Superintendent

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017 7:00 PM Central

Freeman Media Center 415 Eighth Street

Adams, NE 68301

Chad Harms: Present

Mike Klein: Present

Anthony Meints: Present

Doug Parde: Present Marcella Rademacher: Absent Myron Schoen: Absent Present: 4, Absent: 2.

Chad Harms: Absent Doug Parde: Absent Present: 2, Absent: 4.

1. Opening Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order

1.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the previous meeting and claims in the amount of \$500,276.23 passed with a motion by Doug Parde and a second by Mike Klein.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Commendations were extended to High School Student Council students that recently attended ECNC Leadership conference, elementary students have elected the first Elementary Student Council, and a thank you was extended to staff that made updates to the Freeman webpage.

3. Reports

3.1. Communication from the Public

3.3. Technology

Mr. Delhay reported on the FPS website, status of Chromebooks, staff tablets and replacement APs.

3.5. School Improvement

CIP community meeting is planned for Monday, September 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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 approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented. Motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Doug Parde.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5.3. Consideration and possible action to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Activities Fund.

Motion to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Activities Fund passed with a motion by Chad Harms and a second by Mike Klein.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. Discussion Items

Area membership meetings....

State School Board Convention....Nov 15-17

7. Announcements

7.1. Next regular meeting: Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Media Center

**SLOPPY JOE DINNER
FREEMAN MUSIC BOOSTERS
Friday, October 13, 2017**

\$5.00

Sloppy joe sandwich or hotdog

Chips

Cookie or Brownie

Tea or Water

Serving immediately following

Homecoming Parade to 7:00pm

High School Commons/Lunch Room



Elementary Basketball Association

Commissioners: Jim McLaughlin and Kristin Kroeker

For all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who are interested in learning the fundamentals of basketball in a team oriented atmosphere. The EBA season will complement the other leagues that your son/daughter may be a part of. We will teach them basic ball handling, advanced ball handling, individual scoring moves, and shooting workouts that they can do on their own to help improve their skill level, therefore enhancing their overall game.

When: On Saturday morning beginning Oct. 21st and ending on Dec 9th. (NO EBA Nov. 25th)

The Oct. 21st and Oct. 28th skill sessions will be one hour and fifteen minutes going from 8:00-9:15 am.

A schedule of the games will be handed out after each student has been placed on a team. After the first two weeks EBA will go from 8-10 am.

Concepts: This is viewed as a developmental league focused on the development of the player.

- 6-8 Members per team, depending upon numbers.
- Teams will be coed this year to increase the number of teams.
- 2-3 high school basketball players will coach each team.
- No full-court pressing except for the last minute of the game.
- No zone defenses
- Each game will consist of four quarters with the clock stopping the last two minutes of each half.

Cost: The cost of the league will be \$30. Checks can be made payable to Freeman EBA.

Concerns: -Other youth basketball leagues should not interfere with EBA.

- Please let me know in advance if your son/daughter cannot make it to a practice/game. There will be enough players on each team to make-up for a player missing.

-----**Detach and send back with your child**-----

By Oct. 18th

Student Name _____

Grade _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle) - YM YL AS AM AL AXL

_____ Please sign my son/daughter up for EBA

_____ I would be interested in learning more about having my son/daughter participate

Parent _____

Phone # _____

New TeamMates Coordinator at Freeman

As of October 1, TeamMates of Freeman will have a new coordinator, Mrs. Kristina Jensen. Mrs. Jensen will be working with both new and established matches, providing mentor trainings, and helping with chapter events. Mrs. Teri Nieveen will continue as assistant coordinator.

The TeamMates Board of Directors wishes to thank Mrs. Robin Sugden for her services as TeamMates Coordinator for the Freeman chapter the last few years. The Board appreciated her passion for the Freeman chapter.

We have boys and girls currently waiting to be matched with a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, you may email Mrs. Jensen at kristina.jensen@freemanschools.net or Mrs. Nieveen at tnieveen@freemanschools.net. You may also apply directly at www.teammates.org. Make a positive difference in the life of a child and become a mentor!

Author to Visit Freeman

Once again Freeman is hosting an author this fall. On October 18, Carmen Agra Deedy will be speaking to the elementary. Deedy is a refugee from Cuba and grew up in Georgia. For over two decades she has been an award winning children's author. Deedy will be presenting three forty-five minute sessions to the students: 9:00, 10:15, and 12:00. Parents and community members are welcome to attend any of her sessions. Funding for Carmen Agra Deedy includes grants from the Hevelone Foundation and the Freeman Foundation.

Title 1 Reading Meeting

On October 16, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a meeting regarding the Title 1 reading program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encouraged to attend. Title 1 service supports classroom teaching. It does not take the place of the lessons in the classroom, but it builds on the skills taught in the classroom and gives the student more time to work on the basic skills needed for classroom success. Title 1 support is offered 15-30 minutes daily four days a week at the elementary level. Anyone wishing to know more about the program may attend the meeting or may contact Mrs. Teri Nieveen.

CIP Committee

What does CIP stand for? CIP stands for Continuous Improvement Process. The Freeman CIP Committee is a committee of people that work together to make Freeman Schools a place that develops students into educated, respectful, and responsible citizens. The members that comprise the Freeman CIP Committee include staff, administration, schoolboard, students, and community. Staff members and administration meet monthly while both the fall and the spring meeting include all members. Next year will be Freeman's external visit, which is a state evaluation. The CIP Committee will begin preparation this year for that visit. If you are interested in serving on the CIP committee, call the school or contact Mrs. Teri Nieveen.

How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?

Parents (Observers) can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see assignment due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

- Observers will need to create a Canvas account using Freeman's Canvas URL: <https://freemanpublicschools.instructure.com/login/canvas>
- Click "Parent of a Canvas User?" at the top right of the screen.
- To observe a student, you must know the student's Canvas username and password.
- The student must be enrolled in the course and must accept the course invitation before you can sign up to observe the student. If you receive an invalid username or password message during the signup process and the student's credentials are correct, check with the student to verify that he or she has received and accepted the course invitation.
- Once you have an account, you may be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app. Access to the Canvas Parent app is controlled by the student's institution. If you already have an account from your student's institution as an observer, you can always view student information through the Canvas Parent app.

BE A WINNER - - GET THE FACTS NOT THE FLU

Public Health Solutions would like everyone to have the facts regarding the flu shot. Every year we hear people say they got influenza from the flu shot. This is not a fact. The flu vaccine is a dead virus and you cannot get influenza from the shot. The true fact about the flu shot is that it will improve your chances of not getting the flu or just a very mild case if you should be exposed to flu. People who do not get the flu shot and get the flu usually miss work or school for 7 to 10 days.

As many of you have probably already heard, the vaccine will only be available by shot again year as the CDC is still concerned about the effectiveness of the FluMist. This means no flu mist will be available.

Public Health Solutions would like to encourage you to still help to “Protect the Ones You Love” by getting immunized against the flu. Healthy school age children may not experience complications to flu, but could risk exposing a sick elderly grandparent or baby brother/sister to the virus. The elderly and infants under 6 months of age are at a greater risk to have serious complications. With flu season almost here, Public Health Solutions District Health Department will again be offering flu immunization clinics for students at your school.

Prior to the start of clinics, students will bring home consent forms and fact sheets explaining the importance of getting the flu immunization. As parents or guardians, you are encouraged to read the information carefully, complete and sign the consent form and send it back to school with your student.

One lucky student will be a double winner! Not only will they have gotten protected against the flu by getting a flu shot they will also be entered into a drawing. Public Health Solutions will enter all students who return a completed permission form AND get the flu shot the day of the school clinic into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. One lucky name from each school district will be drawn at the end of the school clinic day.

Make your school a winner! Encourage friends to participate in getting a flu shot to help increase the school rate of participation. All schools that increase their 2016 rate of participation by 10% will also be entered into a drawing. One lucky school will receive a \$200 gift card to be used towards whatever the school wishes.

Public Health Solutions District Health Department will be at your school on October 3rd.

For more information, contact your school health office, or Public Health Solutions at 402-826-3880.

STUDENTS AT FREEMAN ARE CONTINUING TO PRACTICE PBIS

(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). This philosophy shifts the focus of behavior management away from a reactive, negative approach to a more proactive, positive one. This system is research validated and focuses on all environments where teaching and learning occurs. The best time to intervene is when the problem behavior is not occurring – safety laws prevent and reduce accidents like preventative medicine prevents or reduces illness; positive behavior support prevents and reduces behavioral problems. This year we have added the word SPIRIT to our list of buzz words to help remind students what behavior is expected at all extracurricular activities. S-sportsmanship, P-pride, I-inspiration, R-respect, I-involvement, T-tradition. As always, we expect students to be active participants at all athletic events. This means students should be in the stands or bleachers cheering and supporting the team, not under bleachers or running around the facilities. We want to create a positive, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone attending events.

SUZY’S SWEETS & MORE SOUP SEASON KICK-OFF!

Adams Community Center

Monday, October 9

4 - 7 p.m.

Freewill donation soup tasting to benefit
TeamMates mentoring program

At Freeman Public Schools

Check us out on Facebook!



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>October 2-6</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Ribbette & Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Donut	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Muffin	Chili Dog, Bun, Green Beans, Fruit, Cinnamon Roll
Thursday:	Sausage & Biscuit	Sloppy Joes, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Chicken Quesadilla, Lettuce & Dressing, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>October 9-13</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Hamburgers, Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Donuts	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Biscuit & Sausage	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	Muffin	Fiestada, Corn, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>October 16-20</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Burrito, Chips & Cheese, Salsa, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Donuts	Mandarin Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Vegetable, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Chili, or Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ, Vegetables, Fruit
Thursday:	Omelet	BBQ Meatballs, Mac-n-Cheese, Roll & Butter, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
<u>October 23-27</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Muffin	Chicken Patty, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Bread & Butter, Fruit
Wednesday:	Pancakes	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit
Thursday:	Donut	BBQ Pork, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Friday:	Omelet	Pizza , Corn, Vegetable, Fruit
<u>October 30-31</u>		
Monday:	French Toast	Pork Patty, Bun, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit
Tuesday:	Pancakes	Taco,, Rice , Refried Beans, Salsa, Fruit

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

	Days	Price	Total
K-6 Lunches:	21	\$2.75	\$57.75
7-12 Lunches:	21	\$3.00	\$63.00
K-12 Reduced Lunch:	21	\$0.40	\$8.40
K-12 Breakfast:	21	\$1.75	\$36.75
K-12 Reduced Breakfast:	21	\$0.30	\$6.30
K-2 Afternoon Milk:	20	\$0.35	\$7.00
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. ***