

# **Freedom Elementary**

# **Freedom Flyer -** September Edition



# **MAP Testing**

During the month of September we will be giving your children the MAP test. This test assesses your children's skills related to reading, math, and phonics. This is not a test that students can fail. It is a short test that lets us know their strengths and areas for growth. As we get results, teachers will communicate them with you.

# **First Day for Parent Lunches**

**Starting on September 3**, you can come and join your students for lunch in the cafeteria. When you arrive, please check in at the lobby with your ID, and you will be able to sit with your child at one of the guest tables in the cafeteria. Please only pull your student, not your student and several friends, to the guest table to eat with you.



### **Freedom Values:**

For the past several months we've been working together to clarify our organizational values, and I wanted to share these with you. These values will guide our daily interactions with families and our students.

- We build connections with each student by providing opportunities to learn and relearn expectations and strategies with frequent communication.
- We offer consistent support, provide targeted interventions, and celebrate all growth for students.
- We partner with and promote engagement of parents through positive and honest communication about students' needs.
- We connect with each other by collaborating, being respectful, and creating a sense of belonging.

## **Important Dates in September**

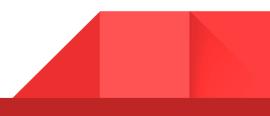
#### 9/2 - Labor Day / Campus Closed

9/5 - Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night - 6pm in Cafeteria. Please come join us for this event for dads and their kids. An RSVP was sent home last week. Please return it if you plan on attending. You'll get info about our Watch D.O.G.S. program and get a chance to sign up to join us on campus as your schedule allows.

9/19 - Grandparent Breakfast (last name starting with A-L) - A form was sent home for you to RSVP

9/20 - Grandparent Breakfast (last name starting with M-Z) - A form was sent home for you to RSVP

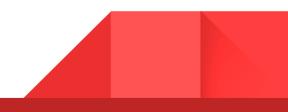
9/27 - 4th grade Parent Instructional Walk - We'll send an RSVP form for this event where 20 parents will have a chance to step into classrooms to see the great things we are doing at Freedom. (9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)





## August / September Cafeteria Menu -







## Arrival and Dismissal Note:

If you park along Bison Court to walk your kids across the street or to pick up your students after school, please use the crosswalk at Wall Price Keller instead of crossing in the middle of the street for your child's safety.

At dismissal, please have a car rider tag in your car if your child is a car rider. If you don't have your rider tag, we'll do an ID check before we release your child to you. If you arrive after 3:40 to pick up your child, you must have an ID or a car rider tag to pick up your child from the front office.

Keep an eye out for Reading Bingo. This program will be run by our librarian, Mrs. Bozone, and it is one of the ways we are working to get our students excited about reading. More information to come!

#### Free and Reduced Lunch -

If you qualified for Free and Reduced Lunch last year, please submit your application by September 25th. After that date families who have not re-applied will start being charged for meals.

#### All information below is repeated from our August newsletter.

#### Meals at Freedom:

To create a meal account to add money for your children's lunch, please visit this site: <u>https://www.schoolcafe.com/KELLERISD</u>

Breakfast - Breakfast will be served from 7:40 to 7:55 in the cafeteria. Students who qualify for Free and Reduced meals will receive breakfast for free, but students who do not qualify for assistance will need to purchase breakfast.

#### Apply for Free and Reduced Meals Online



Keller ISD is accepting Free and Reduced Meal Applications online for the 2024-25 school year. Families who qualify for free and reduced meals must apply to secure free or reduced breakfast and lunches for the upcoming school year. Free breakfast will only be provided to students who qualify for free and reduced meals. Students who do not qualify for this program will need to pay the full price for their breakfast. To apply for free and reduced meals, visit <u>SchoolCafe.com/KellerISD</u>.

If your child forgets to bring lunch to school, and you'd like to bring that lunch to school, please email your child's teacher and then drop the meal off at the front office. We are a closed campus, so we will not allow Door Dash or Uber Eats deliveries for your student.

For the first couple of weeks of school, we'll be teaching students our cafeteria procedures. **Starting September 3rd you are welcome to join your child for lunch**. To join your student for lunch, you'll need to check in at the kiosk in the front entry.

#### Keep up with Freedom Elementary

Stay up to date with important information and great things that are happening at Freedom. You can find us here:

Website: <a href="https://www.kellerisd.net/fres">https://www.kellerisd.net/fres</a>Twitter: @FRES\_EaglesFacebook: Freedom Elementary

Keep up with Freedom Elementary's PTA at <u>www.freedomeaglespta.org</u> Facebook and Instagram: Freedomeaglespta **Freedom Elementary PTA:** 

At Freedom Elementary, we love partnering with our parents. We know that a strong connection between our community and our school benefits our students. Please consider joining PTA. Your PTA membership funds go to help fund things like our fun community events, class parties, and teacher appreciation. Join here: <u>https://www.freedomeaglespta.org/join</u>

#### Bell schedule / early dismissal





**7:25 -** Our students who arrive at school on a **daycare bus or a Keller ISD bus** will start entering the building.

**7:40** - Doors open each day for **walkers and car riders**. Students should enter the building at the grade level doors on the north and south side of the building.

**7:55 - Students will be tardy** if they arrive after 7:55. At that time, please **bring students to the front office to check them in for the day**. Please make every effort to make sure students arrive on time as we begin our instruction once the tardy bell rings at 7:55.

3:00 - No more students will be released for early dismissal after 3:00.

**3:20** - At dismissal we will begin to release walkers from the east side of the building. All walkers will be taken to the Walker Tree on the south east corner of the campus. From that point they will head home. If you normally meet your child, but you do not arrive, at 3:40 he or she will be taken to the office until you arrive.

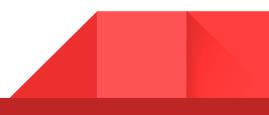
3:25 - Our car riders will be dismissed from the grade level door of your youngest child.

**3:40** - Dismissal ends. All remaining students are brought to the office. To get them, you will need to come to the front office with identification so that we may release them to you. Please plan to pick up your student during our normal dismissal window of 3:25-3:40. A timely dismissal will give our teachers the time they need to plan for your students' next great day of instruction.

If you need to pull your child from school early, please come to the front office to sign him or her out prior to 3pm. If you call ahead, that can help speed up the process. After 3pm students will take part in our standard dismissal process (3:20 for walkers, bus riders, daycare / 3:25 for car riders).

#### Technology at school

We know that as you send your children to school, you may want them to have a phone or a smart watch. Please know that while those items are not prohibited, students cannot use them during the school day. When students step out of their car or walk to the building, their phones and watches with communication capabilities should be off and in their backpacks. If you have





an emergency and need to reach your student, the best way to do that will be to call our main office at 817-744-4800. Bringing personal lpads from home is also prohibited. This is to ensure that our students are focused on instruction and not distracted with their devices.

We appreciate your support as we maintain a safe educational environment that is free from distractions for our students.

