



Freedom Elementary

Freedom Flyer - October Edition



Homecoming Parade - October 7

Come and celebrate along with our Charger and Eagle families. The parade will make its way from Lone Star Elementary at 4647 Shiver Road to Central High School. We will head north on Trace Ridge Parkway, and then east on Heritage Trace. **Honor Guard students and students who won the parade lottery and will be taking part in the parade alongside their parents can meet at Freedom at 4:30 to help decorate the trailer before we head to Lone Star.** Please feel free to bring a bag of treats for your student to throw.

Adventure Dash!

Parents, we are beginning our Adventure Dash fundraiser this month. The fundraiser kickoff will be on October 1, and our Dash Day will be October 10th during co-curr times. If you'd like to



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watch your students run the dash, please check in at the office prior to going to the field to observe the dash. Thank you for your participation. Keep an eye out for communication regarding challenges and Dash highlights. .

Arrival Note:

Instruction at Freedom begins at 7:55am. Please make sure your child is in the building with enough time to get to their room before the tardy bell rings at 7:55. Beginning on the Monday after Fall Break (10/21) **if you arrive after that, you will need to park and walk your child to the front door and sign him or her in at the front desk.** This will ensure students' safe arrival.

Clubs are Here!

At Freedom we are excited to give our students additional enrichment opportunities in the form of teacher-run clubs. If you submitted your child's club preferences last week, you should be receiving communication regarding the club your child will be in. **Clubs will begin meeting after Fall Break. Please remind your children of the clubs they are in, and remind them that they will have a different dismissal process on their club day.** We do not have space for every student to be in a club, but those students who are not in a club this semester will be prioritized for club placement next semester.

Parent Conferences

As we wrap up the first 9 weeks, teachers are reaching out to meet with parents for conferences. We are looking forward to meeting with you all to discuss your students' success and outlook for the next 9 weeks. Please keep an eye out for that communication from your teachers.



Important Dates -

October 1 - Adventure Dash Kick Off

October 10 - Adventure Dash

October 11 - No School

October 14-18 - No school for Fall Break

October 22 - Fall Pictures

October 25 - Trunk or Treat (5:30pm-7pm)

October 28-November 1 - Red Ribbon Week

October 31 - Storybook costume day - Students who want to dress up will need to dress in a school appropriate costume from a storybook. Students should also bring a storybook to share with their class.

PTA Volunteer

- Volunteer Sign ups are open for Adventure Dash and Picture Day.
- Sign ups for Trunk or Treat will come out soon along with info for donating candy and non-food items.
- Donations for the Birthday Cake Drive are open and can be dropped off in the lobby.

Cake Supply Drive- We are currently hosting a cake supply drive to assemble "Birthday Celebration" care packages for students in need that might not get a birthday cake at home. We will have a donation station set up in the school lobby for physical donations, we also have an Amazon list. Please reach out to FreedomPTAfundraising@gmail.com with any questions.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D4XRUKZAVHHV?ref_=wl_share

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FA4AA29A4FF2-51480232-cake>

All info can be found at FreedomEaglesPTA.org.



Red Ribbon Week is October 28 - November 1

Red Ribbon Week is a time for us to dress up and promote being Kind to Our Mind and living drug free. Your students will be able to dress up to celebrate the week. More information on dress up days will be coming your way soon.

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 25

Please come join us as we enjoy our annual Trunk or Treat at Freedom Elementary. Our event will start at 5:30pm and we will wrap up the fun at 7:00pm. We'll have games and treats. Dress up in your Halloween costume and come with a sack to carry your treats. We are looking for families who are willing to decorate a trunk and hand out candy.

Here is the link for the [Lunch Menu for the month of October](#)

The information below was in previous newsletters and pertains to Arrival / Dismissal procedures, PTA (please join if you haven't), bell schedules, and technology usage.

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.



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Meals at Freedom:

To create a meal account to add money for your children's lunch, please visit this site:

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/KELLERISD>

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 [SchoolCafe.com/KellerISD](https://www.schoolcafe.com/KellerISD).

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: <https://www.kellerisd.net/fres>

Twitter: @FRES_Eagles

Facebook: Freedom Elementary

Keep up with Freedom Elementary's PTA at www.freedomeaglespta.org



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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: <https://www.freedomeaglespta.org/join>

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.



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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 Ipads 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.