FALL 2024

FREEMAN FOCUS

A Letter to Our Community...

On behalf of our Freeman students, staff and school board members we would like to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year!

We are excited for the school year and for us to serve your children and family. Our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and wonderful community create a winning team to help each and every student in Freeman be successful - in school, in the workplace, and in life. In the Freeman School District, it is an honor and privilege to serve our community and we take great pride in helping our students succeed.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Freeman will continue focusing on serving our students, staff, families, and community; as well as, our *Freeman Guiding Question*: How will each staff member of the Freeman S.D. work collaboratively, as a P-12 system, to improve teaching and learning for every student?

We encourage you to connect with us (see back) for current information and updates. Thank you for your continued support of public education and the students of the Freeman School District!

We are very excited and look forward to a great 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,
Randy L. Russell, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Welcome to Our New And Returning Staff

Emily Nelson - 2nd Grade Teacher

Emily Lagreid - High School Secretary

Leah Heideman - Speech Language Pathologist

Jim Rae - CTE Metals and Woods Teacher

Tanner Schultes - Transition to Kindergarten Teacher

Kyle Monasmith - CTE Business & Marketing Teacher

Josie Moore - School Psychologist

Kaylynn Mendenhall - Para Educator

Tanya Felvarg - Para Educator

Rick Plumbo - Bus Driver

We may have a few additional staff members joining us after the beginning of the school year that are still to be determined as a result of retirement, non-continuing positions and resignations, as well as several new coaches.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

This is ***Amanda Kazmi's*** 3rd year teaching at Freeman as a TK SpEd teacher. Prior to coming to Freeman, Amanda had 12 years teaching in early childhood education. She grew up in Woodinville, WA, graduated from Cedar Park Christian School and then attended WSU and received her BA in Speech & Hearing Sciences. Amanda then completed a masters degree in Early Childhood Education & Special Education at University of N. Dakota. Amanda has two kids who attend FES.

This will be ***Gena Hawk's*** 11th year teaching at Freeman. Gena grew up in Greenbluff, WA, and attended Mt. Spokane High School. She earned her AA degree at SCC and then transferred to EWU and received her BA in Education. Gena has taught Kindergarten for Freeman the past ten years and will be joining the Transitional Kindergarten Team. Gena has one Freeman graduate and another kid currently attending FHS.

Tanner Schultes was a substitute teacher for Freeman last year along with subbing in other districts across various grade levels. She will be joining the Transitional Kindergarten team this school year. Tanner grew up in the Freeman Community and graduated from Freeman High School. She then attended Eastern Washington University and received her BA in Early Childhood Education and Special Education.

Tina Freter has worked at Freeman since the year 2000. She started in our Nutrition Services Dept. Tina later completed the requirements needed to become a para educator for the district. She went through the process and has received her Emergency Substitute Certificate and, when needed, has been a substitute teacher in the Transitional Kindergarten classroom. This coming school year, Tina will be our part time Para Educator Library Specialist and a para in the TK classroom.

PACE Character Traits

*September—**RESPECT** October—**RESPONSIBILITY** November—**CITIZENSHIP** December—**CARING***

What's Happening at Freeman

8/19	**District-wide Meet & Greet/Orientation/Ice Cream Social 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm**
8/19	TK - 5th Grade Class Lists Available (K-8 MPR)
8/19	6th -12th Grade Schedules Available 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
8/21	**First Day of School, Grades 1 - 12!**
8/21-23	WAKids - By Appointment
8/26	**First Day of TK & Kindergarten!**
8/30	**No School**
9/2	**No School - Labor Day**
9/5	FHS & FMS School Pictures
9/25	2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
9/27	Scottie Dash (during school hours)
10/3	Elementary Pictures
10/7	**No School - Professional Development**
10/24-25	**No School - Conferences**
10/30	2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15 am
11/11	**No School - Veteran's Day Observed**
11/25-29	**No School - Thanksgiving Holiday**
12/4	2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15 am
12/20	End of First Semester
12/23-1/6	**No School - Winter Break**

For the safety of our students, please do not park on Jackson Road.
Be mindful of the 20 mph Speed Zone, crosswalks, and when dropping students off at the elementary school parking lot.

2024-2025: FAMILIES TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Freeman School District Nutrition Services will again be charging full price for each meal for the 2024-2025 school year.
A Free/Reduced price meal application for the 2024-2025 school year is available on the district website: www.freemansd.org. (Example: If you are a family of 4 and your yearly income is under $40,500, you might qualify for free meals.)
Meal prices for 2024-2025 are:

FES: breakfast = $2.20 / lunch = $3.50
FMS: breakfast = $2.30 / lunch = $3.80
FHS: breakfast = $2.30 / lunch = $3.80

Upcoming School Board Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 6pm and are held at the Transportation Building Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, 8/28 - Board Work Session
Monday, 9/23
Wednesday, 10/23
Wednesday, 11/20
Wednesday, 12/11 - Board Work Session
Monday, 1/27

All board meetings will now be recorded and the link will be attached to the board minutes posted on our website.

Communication With Our Parents & Community

The Freeman School District strives to ensure we are connected to our parents and community. We have several communication tools available and we encourage you to use them to access information in the Freeman School District.

WEBSITE freemansd.org

READER BOARDS on campus

FACEBOOK Freeman School District 358

APP download from app store

INSTANT ALERT parents

PARENT FLYERS visit our website

PHONES Give us a call if you need anything

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