FALL 2023

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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year!

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

Welcome to Our New Staff

Please help us welcome to the Freeman Family our new staff members; as well as a few staff that have new assignments:

Emily Nelson – 2nd Grade Teacher

Zack Schneider – Elementary Health/Fitness Teacher

Regina Simon – Accounting & Payroll Specialist

Brianne Wineinger – Elementary Secretary

Ashley Doneen – Inclusive Preschool Teacher

Everett Combs – Transportation Supervisor

Tawnya Becker – Transportation Coordinator

Tyler Olson – Para Educator (joined us in the Spring)

Josie Moore – School Psych (joined us during the Winter)

Blair Lovatt – K-8 School Counselor (working alongside Stacey Rawson)

Jennifer Griffith – Long Term Substitute Teacher – FHS/FMS CTE Art & Design

We will have a few additional staff members joining us at the beginning of the school year that are still to be determined, along with several new coaches.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Everett Combs will be starting this school year as our Transportation Supervisor/ Mechanic. He finished last year as the Assistant Supervisor/Mechanic. Everett came to FSD in 2002 after 10 years in the Almira SD as their Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor. Thanks to Everett, FSD has received Outstanding Inspections from WSP—2002 to 2023. Congratulations Everett!

Tawnya Becker will be joining Everett as the Transportation Coordinator for the upcoming school year. Tawnya has worked at FSD in several capacities starting in 1997 as an elementary secretary, taking a break from Freeman, coming back as a bus driver, and most recently as the District Office Support Specialist.

Todd Reed is Freeman's Technology Director. He joined the Freeman family in the fall of 2008 after serving as an IT Analyst for ESD #101. Todd has been an integral part of bringing next-level technology into our classrooms. Thanks to Todd's hard work we were able to obtain a 1:1 student to chrome book ratio across the district.

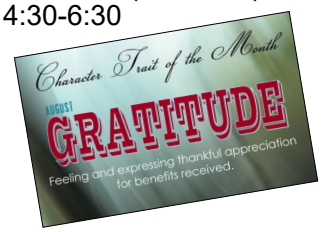
Joe Branon joined the IT department last school year as our Technology Support Specialist. Joe started at Freeman as a sub custodian in 2014 quickly moved into a permanent custodial position at the HS later served at FES. Joe has been a tremendous asset to Todd and the technology department, with a new repair and service model.

PACE Character Traits

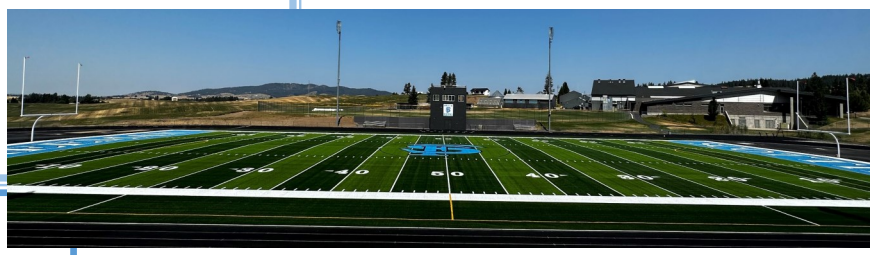
*September—**RESPECT** October—**RESPONSIBILITY** November—**CITIZENSHIP** December—**CARING***

What's Happening at Freeman

8/28 District-wide Meet & Greet/Orientation/Ice Cream Social 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
8/28 Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class Lists Available (K-8 MPR)
8/28 6th-12th Grade Schedules Available 4:30-6:30
8/30 First Day of School, Grades 1 - 12
8/30-9/1 - WAKids - By Appointment
9/4 No School - Labor Day
9/5 First Day of TTK & Kindergarten!
9/7 FHS & FMS School Pictures
9/27 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
9/29 Scottie Dash (during school hours)
10/5 Elementary Pictures
10/9 No School-Professional Development
10/25 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
11/2-11/3 No School-Conferences
11/10 No School-Veteran's Day Observed



This summer has been extremely busy with our FHS Football/Soccer Field Turf Project, our parking lot seal coating and painting, landscaping, and "DAWG Bowl" renovations. A special thank you goes to the custodial, maintenance and grounds crew, transportation, nutrition services, technology, and the secretarial staff who had done a terrific job to make sure we are ready for the first day of school. Thanks for all of your hard work and GO SCOTTIES!



2023-2024: FAMILIES TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Freeman School District Nutrition Services will again be charging full price for each meal for the 2023-2024 school year. A Free/Reduced price meal application for the 2023-2024 school year is available on the district website: www.freemansd.org. Meal prices for 2023-2024 are:

FES: breakfast = $2.10 / lunch = $3.15
FMS: breakfast = $2.20 / lunch = $3.35
FHS: lunch = $3.50

For the safety of our students, please do not park on Jackson Road.

Be mindful of the 20 mph Speed Zone, cross-walks, and when dropping students off at the elementary school parking lot.

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

Upcoming School Board Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 6pm and are held in the K-8 Multi-Purpose Room unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, 9/27
Wednesday, 10/25 (Latah Creek Golf Course)
Wednesday, 11/29
Wednesday, 12/13 - Board Work Session
Wednesday, 12/13

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