FALL 2022

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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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:

Colton Orrino—CTE Ag-Science/FFA Teacher

Bryce Hottman-Williamson—High School Special Education Teacher

Garret Sawyer—High School Health/Fitness Teacher

Zack Schneider—Elementary Health/Fitness Teacher

Joe Nunley – Middle School Science Teacher

Alicia Thompson—5th Grade Teacher

Mary Lee McJimsey – High School .6 Science Teacher

Ashley Doneen – Inclusive Preschool Teacher

Amanda Kazmi – Transitional Kindergarten

Tawnya Becker – District Office Support Specialist (DOSS)

Amber Ashmoore, Teresa Dickinson, Robin Gregory, and Awbrey May – Para Educator

TBD - Bus Driver

TBD - Choir Teacher

TBD - School Psychologist

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 a few new coaches.

Freeman Elementary was awarded a grant to explore and implement a Transitional Kindergarten program for four-year olds during the 2022/23 school year. Transitional Kindergarten will allow Freeman's early learners to experience books, math, and science and develop language and social-emotional skills before kindergarten. The Freeman School District is excited to provide such an opportunity for our community and looks forward to sharing more about the new program after the school year begins in August.

Freeman Elementary and the Freeman School District's Instructional Materials Committee (IMC) is pleased to announce the decision to adopt a new K-5 ELA core curriculum. The adoption process took just over a school year and involved staff, parents, and students in the process to choose Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Into Reading. The team will train together during the August professional development days to implement the comprehensive ELA program, replacing the 2008 MacMillan McGraw Hill Treasure program.

PACE Character Traits

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

What's Happening at Freeman

8/29 District-wide Meet & Greet/Orientation/Ice Cream Social 3:30 pm—6:30 pm
8/29 Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class Lists Available (K-8 MPR)
8/29 6th-12th Grade Schedules Available 4:30-6:30
8/31 First Day of School, Grades 1 - 12
8/31-9/2 - WAKids - By Appointment
9/5 No School - Labor Day
9/6 First Day of TK & Kindergarten!
9/9 FHS & FMS School Pictures
9/27 Elementary Pictures
9/28 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
9/30 Scottie Dash (during school hours)
10/10 No School-Professional Development
10/26 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
11/3-11/4 No School-Conferences
11/11 No School-Veteran's Day Observed

This summer has been extremely busy with technology upgrades, safety and security upgrades, parking lot seal coating, painting in the buildings, landscaping, and major field renovations and the FMS HVAC project.

NEW FOR 2022-23: FAMILIES TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Freeman School District Nutrition Services will be operating under the standard National School Lunch guidelines. Beginning August 31, 2022 students will be charged full price for each meal. A Free/Reduced price meal application for the 2022-23 school year is available on the district website: www.freemansd.org. Meal prices for 2022-2023 are:

FES: breakfast = $2.00 / lunch = $3.05
FMS: breakfast = $2.10 / lunch = $3.25
FHS: breakfast = $2.10 / lunch = $3.40

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.

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.

Thursday, 9/8
Tuesday, 9/27
Wednesday, 10/12 (Latah Creek Golf Course)
Thursday, 10/27
Tuesday, 11/29

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