

# FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# SCOTTIE SCOOP

FEBRUARY  
20, 2026

## UPCOMING DATES

- FEB 20 5:30-7:30pm = PTSG Family Glow Dance (FES Gym)
- FEB 23 4:15-5:30pm = FES/FMS Musical Rehear. (K8 MPR)
- FEB 24 2:45-4:00pm = 4<sup>th</sup> Math is Cool (Comm. Clsrm.)  
2:45-4:00pm = 5<sup>th</sup> Math is Cool (Mr. Gady's room)  
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- FEB 25 2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (Comm. Clsrm.)  
4:15-5:30pm = FES/FMS Musical Rehear. (K8 MPR)
- FEB 26 2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Clsrm.)  
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- FEB 27 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math is Cool Competition!
- MAR 1 Open Enrollment for 26-27 School Year Opens
- MAR 2 2:45-4:15pm = FES Musical Rehearsal (K8 MPR)
- MAR 3 2:45-4:00pm = 4<sup>th</sup> Math is Cool (Comm. Clsrm.)  
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- MAR 4 2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (Comm. Clsrm.)  
2:45-4:15pm = FES Musical Rehearsal (K8 MPR)
- MAR 5 2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Clsrm.)  
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- MAR 6 Snow Make Up Day - No School

## 2026-2027 NEW ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will open for Transition to Kindergarten (TTK), Kindergarten and New Students on March 1st. Please note, Transition to Kindergarten students must be 4 on August 31, 2026 or earlier and Kindergarten students must be 5 on August 31, 2026 or earlier. Please see flyer for TTK and Kindergarten Roundup details.

**\*\*If you have a current TTK student, he/she does not need to go through Roundup.\*\***

## CONGRATS MR. ALLEN!



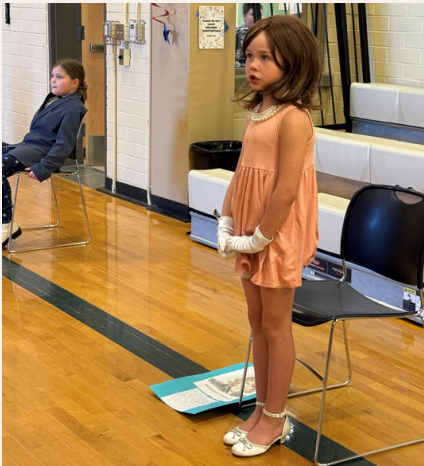
A big CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Mr. Allen! He is our new FES Principal, starting this upcoming school year! Thank you to all of our parents, community members, students and staff for the support during this entire process. We would appreciate the continued support as we make the transitions for both Mrs. Phelan and Mr. Allen.

## MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> SNOW DAY MAKE UP-NO SCHOOL

Due to severe weather conditions, the Governor declared a state of emergency, which resulted in school closures on December 17, 2025. The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has approved the Freeman School District's Emergency Waiver Request for that day. As a result, there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 6, 2026. Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding. Please e-mail or call the FES Office with any questions.  
FESOffice@freemansd.org or (509) 291-4791

# PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY WAX MUSEUM SUCCESS!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders always do such a great job teaching us about the Presidents (and now First Ladies) every year and this year did not disappoint! Everyone looked so great and did such a good job presenting their facts. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who attended. Thank you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Reed. A GIANT thank you to Carli Kadzejs for always doing an amazing job of leading and continuing this program!



<p><b>ELEMENTARY</b></p> <p><b>BREAKFAST: \$2.20</b></p> <p><b>ADULTS: \$3.20</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Scone ----- Cereal &amp; Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Banana Bread ----- Cereal &amp; Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bagel Mini Cinnamon ----- Cereal &amp; Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Egg McFreeman ----- Cereal &amp; Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cinnamon Roll w/Icing ----- Cereal &amp; Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>
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<p><b>ELEMENTARY</b></p> <p><b>LUNCH: \$3.60</b></p> <p><b>ADULTS: \$5.00</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Pancake Syrup ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chili con Carne Cinnamon Roll ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Assorted Pizza ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hamburger ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk</p>
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Please click on this [MENU LINK](#) if you would like to see full menus from our website.



Just a reminder: Please do not pack any caffeinated or energy drinks in your students' lunch.

## SCOTTIE GEAR YEAR AROUND

The PTSG has opened an online store where you can purchase Freeman Gear all year long. The company is called BCI Creative. Check it out! The link is below and a flyer is attached!

[PTSG Online Store](#)

## SPOKANE CHIEFS TICKETS

Click on the link below to purchase tickets for the upcoming Spokane Chiefs School Night Hockey Game on Friday, February 20th! First 2000 kids (12 and under) get a free Zipper Pull! A portion of the Freeman ticket sales comes back to the school!

[Spokane Chiefs Tickets LINK](#)



## COUNSELING CORNER

with School Counselor  
**Kayleen Archibald**  
[karchibald@freemansd.org](mailto:karchibald@freemansd.org)

### Respecting Differences

The world is full of people who are different from us, and that's a good thing! Teach your child to celebrate and respect everyone, no matter what they look like or what their beliefs are. This helps them be more empathetic and open-minded.

Try This: Read books with your child that feature characters from different backgrounds and cultures. Talk about what makes each character special.

## FEBRUARY-AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

February is African American History Month. Each week please check out these fun facts!

### Music & Cultural Expression

- **Jazz:** Began in New Orleans using rhythm and creativity.
- **Gospel:** Music of hope and faith from African American churches.
- **Blues:** Storytelling music expressing feelings.
- **Hip-Hop:** Started in the Bronx as a way to share stories.

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES!

See attached flyers for more information!

- \*Cub Scouts
- \*PTSG Family Glow Dance
- \*Spokane Chiefs School Night
- \*VFW Art Competition (K-5th)
- \*Care Solace Flyer



## FSD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

October, 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of our commitment to your child's online safety, we want to let you know about an important update. Freeman School District has partnered with Qustodio, the world's leading provider of online safety solutions.

As devices play an increasing role in children's education it is crucial that we put safeguards in place. Your child already benefits from internet filtering technology which blocks inappropriate web content on their school-owned Chromebook. This is also mandated by US legislation.

Freeman School District is going one step further. We are granting every parent a free Qustodio Parental App account. Qustodio will give you important insights into your child's online activity on their school Chromebook. You can use it to review and manage activities on other devices in your home too.

**With Qustodio, you'll be able to:**

- Manage your child's screen time
- Supervise your child's online activity
- Access expert advice via [Freeman School Districts Online Safety Hub](#)

Qustodio is a valuable partner that prioritizes privacy, safety and rights of students and parents worldwide.

**Activate Your Free Account**

On the following page, you will find simple instructions to register your account. Please be sure to use the same email address we have on file for you when registering to connect to your child's device.

We are excited to work with you and Qustodio to help our students develop healthy and safe online habits. Please visit [Freeman School District's Online Safety Hub](#) for more information about Qustodio, access to expert advice and additional resources.

**Freeman does not provide support for Qustodio; instead, Qustodio offers support for their own product. Please email inquiries to: [myschool@qustodio.com](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com)**

Freeman School District  
Information Technology

[myschool@qustodio.com](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com)

<https://freemansd.onlinesafetyhub.io>

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Opt-In from your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

**Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:** SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See

## FMS AND FHS NEWSLETTERS

Want to find out what's going on in the Middle School and/or High school? Check out their weekly newsletters as well!

[Freeman Middle Scoop](#)  
[FHS Friday Flyer](#)



**FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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### WE ARE LAUNCHING DISTRICT-WIDE SURVEYS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (CEE).

**Who is participating, and when?**

- Staff, October 17-29, 2025
- Students, October 20-29, 2025
- Families, Winter-2026

**Why are we doing this?**

- Your feedback helps us:
- Strengthen our Strategic Plan
  - Guide Professional Development for educators
  - Shape the supports and resources we provide across the district

**How does it work?**

Surveys are confidential and take just a few minutes.

Family links will be shared by email and available on the district website.



The Center for Educational Effectiveness

SUCCESS WITHOUT FEEDBACK IS AN ACCIDENT.

**Linewize | Qustodio**

TEAMWORK MADE EASY

### App for Parents & Families

Technology makes a direct impact on children, their families, and their learning environment. For children to learn and grow as digital citizens in our increasingly connected world, we must first lay out the foundations of online safety, digital literacy, and wellbeing.

Through our school district's partnership with Linewize, our online safety and wellbeing provider, we are able to extend visibility and safeguarding controls on to parents and guardians.

**Visibility on student activity and device insights**

**Security coverage for in and out-of-school hours**

**Expert advice and guidance on digital threats and trends**

**Pause button to regulate digital activity**

Parents and guardians can also extend protection to personal devices with family-focused digital wellbeing features that adapt to different needs as their child grows:

- Filter and block feature for content and apps**
- Location tracking and panic button feature**
- Visibility on browsing history, social media, and screen time**
- Calls & messages tracking to monitor suspicious activity**
- Time limits and screen-free schedules**
- Tailored reports and alerts for inappropriate content**

Works on the following devices:

Multi-parent access and management available

Qustodio is COPPA compliant and does not share personal data with third parties.



**How to get started**

1. Scan the QR code or visit [qustodio.com/my-school](https://qustodio.com/my-school)
2. Create your account using the email address your school has on file
3. Get real-time visibility

For any queries, contact us at [myschool@qustodio.com](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com)



# #ADVENTURE ON!

with  
**CUB SCOUTS**

Embark on fun outdoor adventures, learn new skills, and make awesome friends along the way! For Grades K-5.

**PACK  
420**



**Mondays @ 6:00P**



**Questions? Contact:**  
Bethany Latner  
(509) 280-6101



**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
3606 Schafer Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206



# VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest

## Illustrating America

### 2025-2026

VFW Auxiliary National is pleased to present this national art contest to introduce, encourage and recognize young artists with patriotism through art. Entries will be judged on patriotic themes and technique.

#### VFW Auxiliary National Level Awards

##### Grades K-2

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

##### Grades 3-5

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

##### Grades 6-8

First place: \$100 gift card  
Second place: \$50 gift card  
Third place: \$25 gift card

#### Contest Eligibility

- Students do not have to be related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member to participate
- Students in grades K-8 by March 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial or home school program in the United States, its territories and possessions, or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools.
- Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent resident (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen.
- Foreign exchange students, students aged 15 or older are **not** eligible.
- Previous winners of VFW Auxiliary National Illustrating America Art Contests are **not** eligible for the same grade division of which they are a previous national winner. However, the students may enter the subsequent grade division.

#### Contest Rules

- Entry must be completed during the current school year.
- Entry must be two dimensional.
- Entry must be on canvas or paper.
- Canvas entries must be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board.
- Paper entries must be reinforced with heavy paper.
- Do **not** frame art with wood, metal, plastic or glass.
- Mats may be used, including mounted and floating mats.
- Entries may **not** be smaller than 8"x10" and **not** larger than 18"x24" **including** mat.
- Acrylic, chalk, crayon, ink, marker, pastel, pen, pencil, tempera, watercolor, glitter or other media may be used.
- If the American Flag is used, it does **not** need conform to the Federal Flag Code in relation to colors, numbers of stars and stripes and other pertinent rules of the code.
- Coloring sheets, digital art and photography are **not** accepted.
- Completed typed or printed legible entry form including parent and/or guardian signatures.
- Students' name, age and grade level must be printed on back of art entry.

VFW Auxiliary National reserves the right to modify these rules and eligibility without notice.



# VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest

## Illustrating America

### Contest Entry Form 2025-2026

Please print or type. Incomplete and/or illegible entry forms will disqualify the entrant.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Media used: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I hereby grant permission for the artwork of the student listed above to be published in the VFW Auxiliary National Magazine, website and social media and to be used for any and all promotional purposes by the VFW Auxiliary National organization. VFW Auxiliary is not responsible for entries which are lost, late, illegible, damaged, incomplete, misdirected, stolen, or reproduced. All scores are final as received from the judges. All contestants must agree to abide by the contest rules. Falsifying information on the entry form or any violation of these rules shall cause immediate disqualification and forfeiture of the award.

#### Participating/Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary contact information

Contact Name: Michelle Madonna Contact Phone: (509) 230-2958

Contact email: michellemadonna@msn.com Auxiliary No. 1435

To avoid entrant disqualification, this section is to be filled out completely by VFW Auxiliary at each judging level. VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters only accepts Department level first-place winning entries.

Participating/Sponsoring VFW Auxiliary Name & No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of: \_\_\_\_\_

**March 31:** Student entries due to participating/sponsoring VFW Auxiliary for judging.

Authorized VFW Auxiliary verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**April: (Optional)** First place winner from each participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary VFW Auxiliary due to VFW Auxiliary District for judging.

Authorized VFW Auxiliary District verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**April 15:** First place winner from each participating sponsoring VFW Auxiliary or optional VFW Auxiliary District judging due to the VFW Auxiliary Department for judging.

Authorized VFW Auxiliary Department verification signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork is the property of the student and must be returned immediately to the address listed above if not advancing to the next level.

**May 5:** First place winner from each VFW Auxiliary Department must be received at VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters for judging.

**July/August:** All students will be notified of entry status via email provided on entry form. Selected winning entries in each grade division may be announced on VFW Auxiliary National social media pages and an image may be shown at the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

**August/September:** All art entries received at VFW Auxiliary National will be returned to students and awards mailed to the address provided on the entry form.

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To get started, scan the code or visit this link:

[caresolace.com/freemansd](https://caresolace.com/freemansd)

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.

