

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCOTTIE SCOOP

FEBRUARY
27, 2026

UPCOMING DATES

- 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 = 4th Math is Cool (Comm. Clsm.)
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- MAR 4 2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (Comm. Clsm.)
2:45-4:15pm = FES Musical Rehearsal (K8 MPR)
- MAR 5 2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Clsm.)
5:30-7:30 = Mat Dawgs (FHS MPR)
- MAR 6 Snow Make Up Day - No School
- MAR 9 Professional Development Day - No School

MARCH 6TH 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

2026-2027 NEW ENROLLMENT

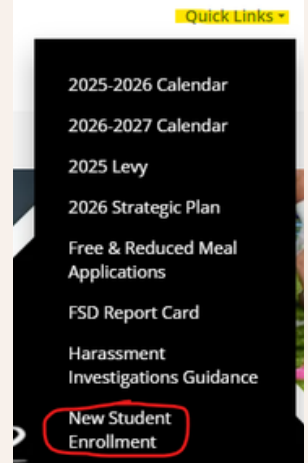
March 1st

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 below for TTK and Kindergarten Roundup details.

****if you have a current TTK student, he/she does not need to go through Roundup, nor do they need to re-enroll.****

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT (any school)

If your family is new to our district, please go to our website: www.freemansd.org to enroll your student for next year. Click on Quick Links, then choose New Student Enrollment or use the Register Now! link below.



If you already have a student at Freeman, please log in through Family Access to enroll your new student. See images below:

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

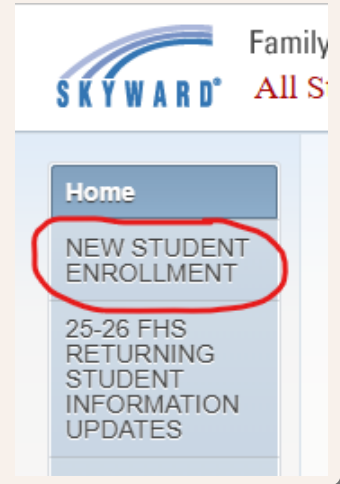
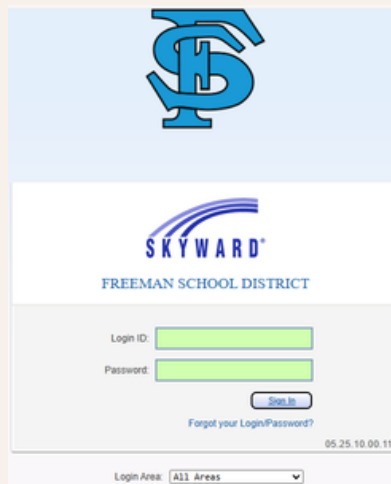
TTK & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP!

APRIL 23

1:00 - 6:00PM

Call to Schedule Your Appointment!

509-291-4791





5TH GRADE MATH IS COOL SEND OFF!

Our 5th graders gave the 5th Grade Math is Cool Team a big send off today! They are off to their competition! They ran through a tunnel and had some great signs made by fellow classmates to wish them luck! Go get 'em Freeman Math is Cool!



FES FOOD DRIVE!



Freeman Elementary Food Drive
March 16th–27th

Freeman Elementary has been incredibly generous the past two years! Because of your support, the food bank currently has a two-year supply of Top Ramen and Cup-a-Soup, as well as a steady supplier for canned corn and green beans.

This year, we are going in a different direction to better support the food bank's current needs.

 **Week 1: Breakfast Foods**

We will focus on breakfast staples such as:

- Flour, Sugar, Pancake mix, Peanut butter and jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal, Applesauce, Canned peaches, etc.

 **Week 2: Dinner Foods**

We will focus on dinner staples such as:

- Flour, Sugar, Crushed tomatoes, Spaghetti, Mashed potatoes, Mac and cheese, Tuna, Canned chicken, Stew, Chili, etc.

Our goal is to beat 3,000 pounds, which is what we have collected in previous years!

Even better – a company called CHS will match dollar for dollar the pounds of food we bring in. That means your donations will have double the impact!

This food drive is organized by our fifth-grade classes, and we need your help. We will have friendly competitions between classes from TK through 5th grade.

As you are grocery shopping, please keep our food drive in mind and watch for sales.

Please do not send expired food. Fifth-grade students will be checking all items for expiration dates.

Thank you for supporting this important community outreach effort and for always showing such generosity!
– Freeman Elementary Fifth Grade Classes

ELEMENTARY
BREAKFAST: \$2.20
ADULTS: \$3.20

2	Breakfast Cookie ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	3	Pancakes Sausage Patty ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Gala Apple Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	4	Mini Filled Bagel ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Fresh Orange Chocolate Milk White Milk	5	Banana Bread ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	6	NO SCHOOL Snow Day Make Up
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ELEMENTARY
LUNCH: \$3.60
ADULTS: \$5.00

2	Corn Dog Tater Tots ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	3	Totchos ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	4	Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	5	Chicken Alfredo Bread Sticks ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	6	NO SCHOOL Snow Day Make Up
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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](#)

FREEMAN BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Be on the lookout for more information regarding the Freeman Book Fair! It is coming back to the school this Spring!



APRIL 1st & 2nd



COUNSELING CORNER

with School Counselor
 Kayleen Archibald
karchibald@freemansd.org

Using Our Words, Not Our Hands

When a child feels angry or frustrated, it can be tempting to use their hands to hit or push. Teach them the importance of using their words instead. This helps them express their feelings healthily and solve problems without hurting others.

Try This: Practice using "I feel" statements when a child is upset. Instead of saying, "You made me mad," help them say, "I feel angry when you take my toy."

EXTRA ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES!

See attached flyers for more information!

- *South Hill Little League
- *FES Food Drive
- *VFW Art Competition (K-5th)
- *Freeman Book Fair
- *Cub Scouts
- *Care Solace Flyer

FEBRUARY-AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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

Food & Family Traditions

- Soul food celebrates family, love, and sharing.
- Common foods include cornbread, sweet potatoes, greens, and black-eyed peas.
- Many African American foods have roots in West Africa.
- Rice, okra, peanuts, and yams are foods passed down through generations.



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

Freeman School District
Information Technology

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
PRIDE | COMMITMENT | CARING

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
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



Spokane South Little League

Registration for the upcoming 2026 Little League season is now open!

To register go to:



<http://sports.bluesombrero.com/spokanesouthlittleleague>

Challenger – Ages 4-18

For physically and mentally challenged players to enjoy the game of baseball using the buddy system -**\$50**

T-Ball – Ages 4-6

Designed to be a player's first intro to baseball. FUNDamentals are emphasized. Safe fun for all children -**\$100**

Single A (Coach Pitch) - Aged 6-8

Recreational – Players are taken to the next level. Coach pitch & safety balls make the game fun and enjoyable -**\$130**

AA-Kid Pitch – Ages 8-10

Recreational – This is the first level where players pitch -**\$160**

AAA - Ages 9-11

Competitive league – Designed to be a true “minor” league, preparing players for the Majors - **\$190**

Majors – Ages 10-12

Competitive league – The final step in Little League - **\$210**

Key Dates for the upcoming season:

February 28th - Registration Close

March 7th - Majors Tryouts

March 23rd - Schedules Announced

March 30th - Practice Begins

April 20th - Opening Day

For more information email us at:

spokanesouthlittleleague@gmail.com



To keep up with the latest in SSSL, follow us on Instagram @spokanesouthll



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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#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



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3606 Schafer Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

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It's okay to ask for help.



Save our number! (888) 515-0595

Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers, substance use treatment - regardless of their circumstance.

This service is available through your school district at no cost to you.

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

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.

