

# Freeman Middle Scoop – 3-13-26

FMS Office Hours are 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Doors are open to students at 8 am.

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This week, Freeman Middle School celebrated Classified Employees Week by honoring the dedicated Cooks, Custodians, Para Educators, Librarian and Secretary who serve as the backbone of our daily operations. These essential team members act as the "glue" of our community, building life-changing relationships with students and ensuring every classroom and hallway is a supportive place to learn. Their tireless problem-solving and constant foresight provide the foundation that allows our students to thrive both academically and socially. To show our deep appreciation, our teaching staff delighted these coworkers with a "rainbow of treats" and student produced signs of gratitude. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed team whose heart and hard work make our school a true home.

## A Recap of Our March 9<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day

While students enjoyed a day off this past Monday, March 9th, our dedicated staff of teachers and para educators were hard at work sharpening their skills and collaborating on new ways to support student success. From leveraging cutting-edge technology to deepening our commitment to equity, it was a high-energy day of growth.

Here is a look at what our teachers focused on during their workshops:

Staff kicked off the morning with a choice of sessions designed to meet the evolving needs of our classrooms:

- **Equity in Action:** Dan Thompson shared strategies for grouping students to ensure every voice is heard and every student is held accountable.
- **The AI Frontier:** Kelly Neely, Joe Nunley, and Jim Straw led a hands-on session on using **Gemini AI** to tailor lessons for diverse learners, helping teachers save time while personalizing instruction.

As the day progressed, the focus shifted to classroom environment and movement:

- **Neurodiversity:** Amanda Kazmi provided essential training on "Autism Basics," offering practical tools for supporting students with autism in every grade level.
- **Moving to Learn:** Angela Frye demonstrated how "Active Practice" can get students moving physically while they review academic content—a hit for keeping energy high!

In the final workshop block, staff split into elementary and secondary-focused groups:

- **Elementary (FES):** Olivia Counts led a demonstration on UFLI and Heggerty interventions to further strengthen our foundational literacy programs.
- **Secondary (FMS/FHS):** Jeff Smith and Kaela Holm facilitated deep discussions on communicating with older students through the lens of equity, kindness, and clarity.

In the afternoon, teachers returned to their respective buildings to tackle specific goals. Our high school staff analyzed **CEE data**, the middle school prepared for **Student-Led Conferences**, and the elementary teams organized **data for profile meetings**. Every building spent time focusing on **Universal Accommodations**, ensuring that our lessons are accessible to every single learner.

**A Heartfelt Thank You:** We want to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff presenters who shared their expertise! Thank you to Dan Thompson, Kelly Neely, Joe Nunley, Jim Straw, Amanda Kazmi, Angela Frye, Olivia Counts, Jeff Smith, and Kaela Holm.

Special thanks to **Lisa Frasier** for hosting our lunch sessions and ensuring everyone was fed and fueled for a productive day.

We are so proud of our educators for their commitment to lifelong learning. These new strategies are already making their way into your child's classroom!

## **Spring Student-Led Conferences**

Student Led Conferences will be Thursday, April 2nd (8am – 7 pm) and Friday, April 3rd (8am – Noon). All students are currently working on their presentations. Conference Scheduler is now open.

If you are unable to attend on the conference days (April; 2nd & 3rd), or if you are unable to sign into [Family Access](#), contact the FMS office at [FMSoffice@freemansd.org](mailto:FMSoffice@freemansd.org) or 509-291-7301. We can assist you in accessing Skyward and/or schedule your conference outside these two days. Your students' conference is graded through their ELA class based on preparation and communication skills.

### **Conference Meals**

Help us treat our amazing educators and staff to **breakfast and dinner** during conference day! Scan one of the QR codes or click the links below to sign up and help make their day extra special.

Breakfast --> [Freeman PTSG: Conference Breakfast Bar on 04-02-2026](#)

Dinner --> [Freeman PTSG: Italian Night Conference Meals on 04-02-2026](#)



## CONFERENCE MEALS



*Breakfast Bar*



*Lasagna Dinner*



**WE'RE HAVING A  
BOOK  
FAIR!**

**4/1 - 4/2**  
FREEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Freeman K-8 Library  
14626 S Jackson Rd  
Rockford, WA 99030

### Student Shopping

April 1st

12:15-3:30

Send your student shopping the easy way with e-wallet!

### Family Event

April 2nd

8:00-6:30

Join us before or after your student's conference. **Thursday only** - don't miss out on the fun! Join us for the Best. Day. Ever!

Click [Freeman School District Book Fair](#) to add money to your students Book Fair eWallet.

The online book fair will be available from April 1<sup>st</sup> until April 14<sup>th</sup> using the above link.

### Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Ms. Chaddock is bringing the book fair back to our school, and we need volunteers to help make it a success. Click the link below to sign up for a shift—thank you for helping us make this a great event for our students!

[Freeman PTSG: Book Fair Volunteers](#)

### Daily Announcements Recap

- **Final Mentorship:** Our 8th graders wrapped up their last **WSU Mentorship** visit of the year on Friday with a case study on Diabetes.
  - **Honor Band & Choir:** Congrats to our musicians who represented Freeman at the **Northeast B Honor Band & Choir** event on Friday evening!
  - **Game Day Policy:** A reminder for fans—report to the Commons by **2:55 PM** for study hall. No roaming campus or trips to the store!
  - **SLC Work:** Keep those Chromebooks charged! We are continuing **Student Led Conference** prep during AM Activity schedules.
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### The Upcoming Week:

**Monday** – Math Is Cool Practice

**Tuesday** - Donuts w/ Young Life (8 AM); Lego Club (Lunch); **Basketball vs. Cheney** (Red Team dismissed @ 2:10; Blue Team @ Home)

**Wednesday** - **Late Start**; TK-8 ASB Meeting (10:20 AM); Math Is Cool Practice

**Thursday** - Basketball vs. Westwood (Red team dismissed @ 2:20; Blue Team @ Home)

**Friday** - SLC Work (AM Activity)

## SPORTS

### REMINDERS:

- Click [HERE](#) for the 2026 Girls Basketball schedule

**FINAL FORMS ATHLETE REGISTRATION:** <https://freeman-wa.finalforms.com/>

**REMINDER:** If your student is planning to stay and watch any of the MS home games/meets, they will be meeting in the MS Commons at 2:55 for a study hall. They will be released at 3:35 pm to go directly to the game. *If they stay for after school activities, the closed campus policy is still in effect. They will have school discipline if they go to the Freeman Store.*



### The Power of Listening

Listening is a powerful tool. It shows others that you respect them and value their opinion. In a world full of noise, taking a moment to truly listen can make someone feel seen and heard.

**Try This:** Practice active listening. When your child is talking, repeat what they said in your own words before responding. This shows that you were truly listening. Contact School Counselor Kayleen Archibald [karchibald@freemansd.org](mailto:karchibald@freemansd.org)

Get Connected with a Local Mental Health Therapist - If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace can help you quickly find treatment options matched to your needs regardless of the circumstance. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Freeman School District. Care Solace's team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language. Click [Care Solace](#).

### CALENDAR/SAVE THE DATES:

**March 13 – 2026 Northeast B Honor Band & Choir Concert**  
**The Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center @ 7 pm**

**March 18 – Late Start for Students**

**March 23 - FSD Board Meeting – PRTC Conference Room @ 6 pm**

**March 26 – Twelve Week Grade Checks sent home**

**March 30 & 31 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sexual Health Education**

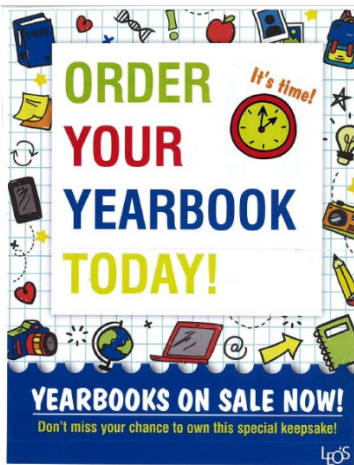
*Letter with more information was emailed on 3/11/26*

**April 2 – 3 – No School – Conferences**

**April 6 – 10 – No School – Spring Break**

## Important Fliers/Upcoming Events

Click to read the: [Freeman Focus Newsletter - Winter/Spring 2026](#)



The **Yearbook Flier** is coming home with your student on Tuesday. You can send in cash or check with your student or Click here: [To Make A Payment](#) or to see if you have already purchased a yearbook. You can also email or call the FMS office at [FMSoffice@freemansd.org](mailto:FMSoffice@freemansd.org) or 509-291-7301 with any questions.



[VFW Auxiliary National Art Contest](#)

[Make a Payment](#) – click to pay fines/fees and lunch balances

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

[FMS Office Reminders](#)

[FMS 25-26 Bell Schedules](#)

[SMS Text Opt-in for FMS Communications](#)

[Qustodio App - Monitor your Students Chromebook](#) by using this free app you will be able to Manage your student's screen time; Supervise your student's online activity; Access expert advice vis FSD Online Safety Hub

[Freeman Scottie Gear](#) to order your items.

[25-26 FSD School Calendar](#)

[26-27 FSD School Calendar](#)

[All Freeman SD Fliers](#)

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