

# FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# SCOTTIE SCOOP

MARCH 13,  
2026

## UPCOMING DATES

- MAR 16 8:00am = Conference Scheduler is open!  
2:45-5:30pm = FES Musical Practice (FHS MPR)
- MAR 17 2:45-4:00pm = 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math is Cool (CC)  
2:45-5:30pm = FES Musical Practice (FHS MPR)
- MAR 18 10:15am = Late Start  
2:45-4:00pm = FES Girl Scouts (CC)  
2:45-5:30pm = FES Musical Practice (FHS MPR)
- MAR 19 6:00pm = CAST B Musical Performance (FHS MPR)
- MAR 20 5:00pm = CAST B Musical Performance (FHS MPR)  
7:00pm = CAST A Musical Performance (FHS MPR)
- MAR 21 2:00pm = CAST A Musical Performance (FHS MPR)  
4:00pm = CAST B Musical Performance (FHS MPR)
- MAR 23 6:00-8:00pm = FSD Board Meeting (PRTC)
- MAR 24 2:45-4:00pm = 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math is Cool (CC)
- MAR 25 2:45-4:00pm = FES Girl Scouts (CC)

**Book Fair April 1st and 2nd!**


**Parent-Teacher Conferences April 2nd and 3rd**

**Spring Break April 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

Did we feel loved and appreciated? We sure did! Thank you so much to Mrs. Thompson, her helper Sailor and SWELL Coffee for treating the FES Classified staff to specialty coffees this week! We received homemade cards and posters from students, yummy pies, donuts and treats from our other team members! Thank you for thinking of us and making us feel your support!



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULER!



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Login ID:

Password:

[Forgot your Login/Password?](#)

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Login Area: Family/Student Access

Gradebook

Attendance

Student Info

Food Service

Schedule

Graduation Requirements

**Conferences**

Portfolio

Health Info

### Conferences

Scheduled Conferences Report

[Print All Scheduled Conferences for Guardian](#)

██████████ (FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) [View Scheduled Times](#) | [All Conferences](#)

No conferences are scheduled for this student.



## Classified School EMPLOYEES Appreciation WEEK

March 9th - 13th, 2026



Conference Scheduler will be open at 8:00am on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>! Please log into Family Access and schedule your student's conferences for April 2<sup>nd</sup> or April 3<sup>rd</sup>! See images to the left for how to schedule.

1. Go to our website [www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org) and click on Parents & Community then choose Family Access.
2. Once you login, you will see blue tabs on the left side of the page. Go near the bottom of those tabs and click Conferences.
3. When in Conferences click on All Conferences and you will then see all of the available times for your teacher. Please select which time works for you!

# 2026-2027 NEW ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now 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 call the FES Office to schedule your TTK and Kindergarten Roundup time (509) 291-4791.

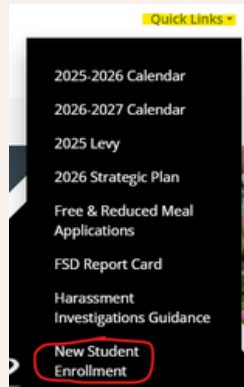
**\*\*If you have a current TTK student, he/she does not need to go through Roundup, nor do they need to re-enroll.\*\***

## NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT (any school)

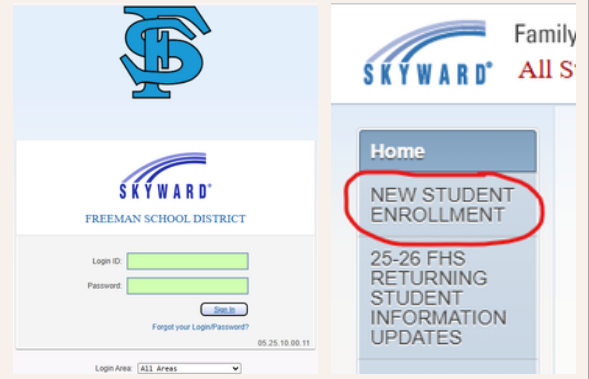
If your family is new to our district, please go to our website:

[www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org) to enroll your student for next year. Find Quick Links, then choose New Student Enrollment or use the **Register Now!** link.

**REGISTER NOW!**



**Already at Freeman? Please log in through Family Access to enroll your new student. See images.**



## BOOK FAIR

Please follow this [Book Fair LINK](#) for all of the details about the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair here at the Freeman TTK-8th Library!

We need YOU! Please click on this [BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEER LINK](#) to help! We always appreciate and greatly need your support in bringing these fun activities to our school!

## CONFERENCE MEALS!

Help us treat our amazing educators and staff to breakfast and dinner during conference day! Scan one of the QR codes at the end of the Scottie Scoop 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](#)

## FES FOOD DRIVE!

Freeman Elementary Food Drive  
March 16th-27th

"Attention Freeman Elementary! A very important message from Superhero Headquarters! 🦸♀️🦸♂️"

From March 16th through March 27th, our school is launching a Superhero Food Drive! But we can't do it without YOU.

Every can, box, or jar you bring is like a superhero power helping families in our community.

Think of it this way—cans are your super strength, boxes are your super speed, and jars are your super kindness! ✨

So start searching your kitchens, talk to your families, and bring in those donations. Let's see which class can unleash the most superhero power and save the day!

A little hint...Flour, sugar, pancake mix, and peanut butter are worth 5 pts each instead of 1.

Remember... not all heroes wear capes—some carry cans!" 🥫🌟

— Freeman Elementary Fifth Grade Classes

## TTK-8TH GRADE YEARBOOKS!

Yearbooks are for sale! Your student should have received a flyer/envelope to order a yearbook. Please complete the envelope with payment of either a check made out to Freeman School District or cash and return to either the Middle School or Elementary School. Yearbooks are \$25 each and orders must be returned to the school by May 7th!

You may also go onto [www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org) and hover over Parents & Community in the top right corner. A menu will drop down, please choose Make a Payment. Once you login you will see options to purchase the yearbook online.

If you believe you have already ordered a yearbook, please contact Joanne Moyer in the MS for confirmation.

[jmoyer@freemansd.org](mailto:jmoyer@freemansd.org) or (509) 291-7301.



**ELEMENTARY**  
**BREAKFAST: \$2.20**  
**ADULTS: \$3.20**

16 Breakfast Cookie ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Chocolate Milk White Milk	17 Breakfast Pizza ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	18 <b>LATE START</b> <b>Have a Healthy</b> <b>Breakfast at Home</b>	19 Pancake & Sausage Pancake Syrup ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	20 Omelet Biscuit ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk
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**ELEMENTARY**  
**LUNCH: \$3.60**  
**ADULTS: \$5.00**

16 Assorted Pizza ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	17 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	18 Grilled Cheese Sandwich ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	19 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	20 Chicken Burger ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk
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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](#)

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE!

**SUPPORT FREEMAN GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2526!**

**ORDER YOUR 2026 COOKIES NOW!**

<p><b>OUR 2026 COOKIE LINEUP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Adventurefuls® Caramel &amp; Brownie</li> <li> Lemon-Ups® Lemon Messages</li> <li> Trefails® Traditional Shortbread</li> <li> Do-Si-Dos® Peanut Butter Sandwich</li> <li> Samoas® Caramel &amp; Coconut</li> <li> Samoas® Caramel &amp; Coconut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Samoas® Caramel &amp; Coconut</li> <li> Tagalongs® Chocolatey Peanut Butter</li> <li> Thin Mints® Famous Chocolate Mint</li> <li> Exploremores® White Rocky Road-inspired with chocolate, marshmallow, almond</li> <li> Toffee-tastic® Crunchy Toffee</li> </ul>
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**PICK-UP DETAILS**

Date: April 3rd

Location: School Conferences

**HOW TO ORDER**

1. Scan QR Code
2. Select Favorites
3. Choose In-Person Delivery or Pick-Up

ALL BOXES \$6 EACH

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT: 707-599-5515



## COUNSELING CORNER

with School Counselor  
**Kayleen Archibald**

[karchibald@freemansd.org](mailto:karchibald@freemansd.org)

### The Power of "I Can"

When a child feels like a task is too big, a positive attitude can make all the difference. Teach them to focus on what they can do instead of what they can't. This helps them feel more confident and ready to tackle challenges.

**Try This:** Have your child name one thing they are good at. Then, ask them to name one thing they want to get better at, and brainstorm the steps they can take to achieve that.

## MARCH-WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**Women's History Month – Fun Facts for Our Students!**

March is Women's History Month! This is a time to learn about and celebrate amazing women who made a difference in history.

👊 Rosa Parks bravely stood up for fairness by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in 1955. Her actions helped change unfair laws.

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES!

See attached flyers for more information!

- \*Ukelele Parent Letter from Mrs. Beazer
- \*Rockford Youth Baseball
- \*FES Food Drive
- \*VFW Art Competition (K-5th)
- \*Freeman Book Fair
- \*Care Solace Flyer

## FREEMAN FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Please click on the link below to check out the latest Freeman Focus Newsletter from the District.

[FREEMAN FOCUS NEWSLETTER](#)



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**  
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](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)



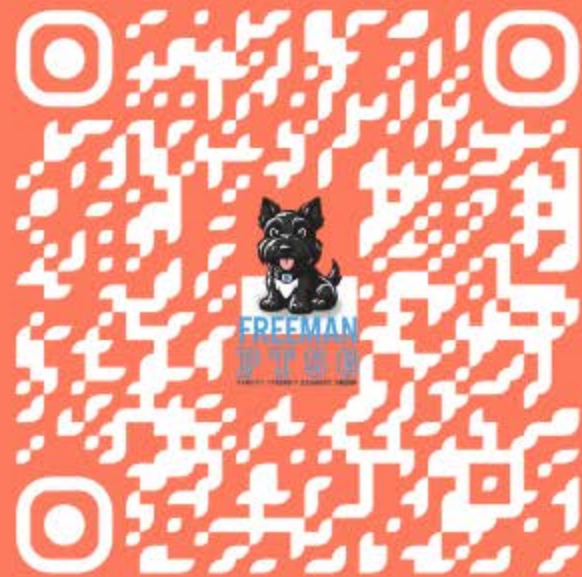
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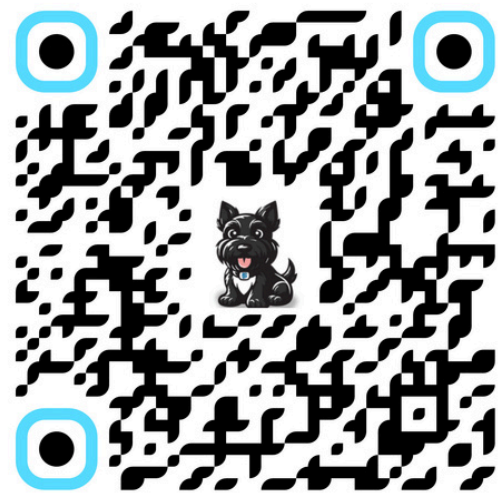


# CONFERENCE MEALS

Let's show our appreciation for the incredible educators and staff across the district by providing breakfast and dinner during the long conference day! Just scan one of the QR codes below to see how you can help make their day a little brighter!



*Breakfast Bar*



*Lasagna Dinner*





**Dear Freeman Families,**

In music, we have recently wrapped up our recorder unit, and I am very proud of the progress students have made on their instruments. They have worked very hard, and their growth is truly exciting to see. I encourage you to ask your child to play some of the songs they have learned—many are eager to share their accomplishments!

If your child wishes to continue practicing recorder at home, I highly recommend it. I am happy to provide level-appropriate sheet music upon request. Please also keep your child's recorder in a safe place. We will use recorders again as we prepare for our spring concert, and they will continue to be part of our music curriculum next school year.

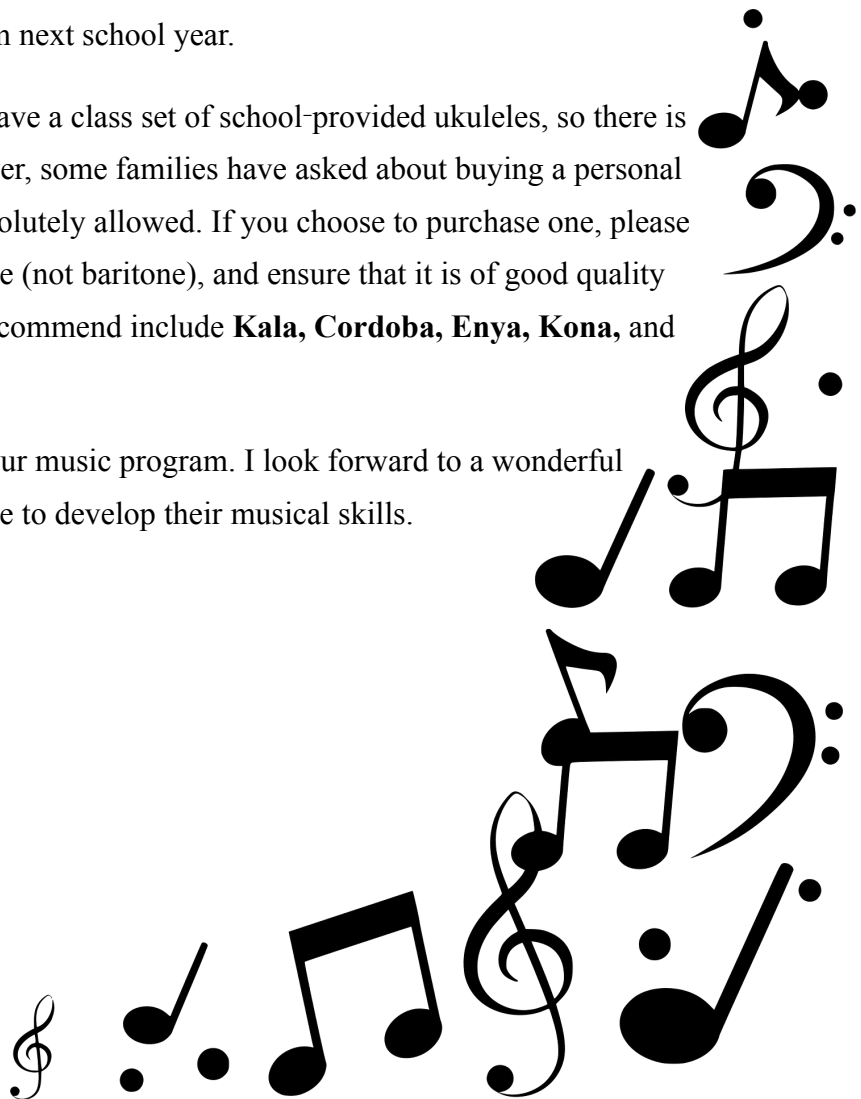
Our next unit will focus on ukuleles. We have a class set of school-provided ukuleles, so there is no need to purchase an instrument. However, some families have asked about buying a personal ukulele for their student to use. This is absolutely allowed. If you choose to purchase one, please select a **soprano, concert, or tenor** ukulele (not baritone), and ensure that it is of good quality and durable for classroom use. Brands I recommend include **Kala, Cordoba, Enya, Kona, and Ohana**.

Thank you for your continued support of our music program. I look forward to a wonderful ukulele unit and to seeing students continue to develop their musical skills.

Warm regards,

**Amy Beazer**

K-5 Music Arts Teacher







An addendum for 5th graders:

Recorders will not be used in middle school. If your child does not wish to keep their recorder, I recommend one of two options: save the recorder for a younger sibling to use in the future, or consider donating the recorder to the music program. It's very helpful to have extra recorders available for students who are unable to purchase their own, or to use when they get forgotten at home, or to replace the school's damaged or lost recorders.

Thank you for your support!



# 2026 Rockford Youth Baseball

T-BALL	Ages 5-6	Mon & Wed	6pm practice/5:30 games
CAPS	Ages 7-9	Mon & Wed	6pm practice/games (or following t-ball game)
MINORS	Ages 10-12	Tue & Thu	6pm practice/games

**Practice starts May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Games begin the first week of June**

*Home fields are at Shelley Altmeyer Park and/or the Rodeo Grounds in Rockford*

**\*\*Freeman teams are created only after Rockford teams are full\*\***

*Away games will be played in Worley, Fairfield and at Liberty School in Spangle.*

Call or go to [www.rockfordwa.com](http://www.rockfordwa.com) for a link to the REQUIRED forms

**\*\* (1) Registration, (2) concussion form, and (3) payment must be submitted before April 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure placement\*\***

**\$40 Registration Fee**

**Due to limited space and time, we will not be accepting any latecomers**

**Mail completed forms to:**

**ROCKFORD YOUTH BASEBALL**

c/o Nicki Seehorn @ PO Box 242 Rockford, WA 99030

[nseehorn@gmail.com](mailto:nseehorn@gmail.com) (509-998-6476)

or

**ROCKFORD YOUTH BASEBALL**

c/o Heidi Johnson @ Rockford Town Hall 20 W Emma St (drop off only)

PO Box 49 Rockford, WA 99030 (mail)

[hroecks@yahoo.com](mailto:hroecks@yahoo.com) (509-270-3311)





# Concussion

## INFORMATION SHEET



This sheet has information to help protect your children or teens from concussion or other serious brain injury. Use this information at your children's or teens' games and practices to learn how to spot a concussion and what to do if a concussion occurs.

### What Is a Concussion?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury—or TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. This fast movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging the brain cells.

### How Can I Help Keep My Children or Teens Safe?

Sports are a great way for children and teens to stay healthy and can help them do well in school. To help lower your children's or teens' chances of getting a concussion or other serious brain injury, you should:

- Help create a culture of safety for the team.
  - Work with their coach to teach ways to lower the chances of getting a concussion.
  - Talk with your children or teens about concussion and ask if they have concerns about reporting a concussion. Talk with them about their concerns; emphasize the importance of reporting concussions and taking time to recover from one.
  - Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
  - Tell your children or teens that you expect them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- When appropriate for the sport or activity, teach your children or teens that they must wear a helmet to lower the chances of the most serious types of brain or head injury. However, there is no "concussion-proof" helmet. So, even with a helmet, it is important for children and teens to avoid hits to the head.



**Plan ahead.** What do you want your child or teen to know about concussion?

### How Can I Spot a Possible Concussion?

Children and teens who show or report one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below—or simply say they just "don't feel right" after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body—may have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

#### Signs Observed by Parents or Coaches

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events *prior to* or *after* a hit or fall

#### Symptoms Reported by Children and Teens

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision
- Bothered by light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Confusion, or concentration or memory problems
- Just not "feeling right," or "feeling down"

**Talk with your children and teens about concussion.** Tell them to report their concussion symptoms to you and their coach right away. Some children and teens think concussions aren't serious, or worry that if they report a concussion they will lose their position on the team or look weak. Be sure to remind them that *it's better to miss one game than the whole season.*



[cdc.gov/HEADSUP](https://www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP)



## CONCUSSIONS AFFECT EACH CHILD AND TEEN DIFFERENTLY.

While most children and teens with a concussion feel better within a couple of weeks, some will have symptoms for months or longer. Talk with your children's or teens' healthcare provider if their concussion symptoms do not go away, or if they get worse after they return to their regular activities.

### What Are Some More Serious Danger Signs to Look Out For?

In rare cases, a dangerous collection of blood (hematoma) may form on the brain after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body and can squeeze the brain against the skull. Call 9-1-1 or take your child or teen to the emergency department right away if, after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, he or she has one or more of these danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Drowsiness or inability to wake up
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away
- Slurred speech, weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea, convulsions or seizures (shaking or twitching)
- Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- Loss of consciousness (passed out/knocked out). Even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously

### What Should I Do If My Child or Teen Has a Possible Concussion?

As a parent, if you think your child or teen may have a concussion, you should:

1. Remove your child or teen from play.
2. Keep your child or teen out of play the day of the injury. Your child or teen should be seen by a healthcare provider and only return to play with permission from a healthcare provider who is experienced in evaluating for concussion.
3. Ask your child's or teen's healthcare provider for written instructions on helping your child or teen return to school. You can give the instructions to your child's or teen's school nurse and teacher(s) and return-to-play instructions to the coach and/or athletic trainer.

Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Only a healthcare provider should assess a child or teen for a possible concussion. Concussion signs and symptoms often show up soon after the injury. But you may not know how serious the concussion is at first, and some symptoms may not show up for hours or days.

The brain needs time to heal after a concussion. A child's or teen's return to school and sports should be a gradual process that is carefully managed and monitored by a healthcare provider.

To learn more, go to [cdc.gov/HEADSUP](https://www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP)

Children and teens who continue to play while having concussion symptoms, or who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—have a greater chance of getting another concussion. A repeat concussion that occurs while the brain is still healing from the first injury can be very serious, and can affect a child or teen for a lifetime. It can even be fatal.



#### Discuss the risks of concussion and other serious brain injuries with your child or teen, and have each person sign below.

Detach the section below, and keep this information sheet to use at your children's or teens' games and practices to help protect them from concussion or other serious brain injuries.

- I learned about concussion and talked with my parent or coach about what to do if I have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Athlete's Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have read this fact sheet for parents on concussion with my child or teen, and talked about what to do if they have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





# 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.

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# 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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