

Falcon Newsletter January 2026

Important Dates

Jan 1-6 - Winter Break - No School

Jan 5-6 - Teacher Workdays

Jan 7 - Students Return to School

Jan 8 - PTO meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Jan 8 - Special BOE meeting @ 7 p.m.

Jan 12-30 - Penny Wars (see pg 3)

Jan 19 - No School - MLK Jr. Day

Jan 26 - Monthly BOE meeting @ 7 p.m.

Jan 29 - CKH Assemble @ 3:30 p.m.

Jan 30 - 3rd grade Informance

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for a refresher on
the attendance policy

Freeman Elementary School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day here & there may not seem like much,
but absences add up!

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 2 DAYS A MONTH...

- They will miss 20 days in a year
- They will miss 1,200 MINUTES of math over the school year.
- They will miss 1,800 MINUTES of reading & writing over the school year.
- And they will miss over 1 year of school by graduation.

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 4 DAYS A MONTH...

- They will miss 40 days in a year
- They will miss 2,400 MINUTES of math over the school year.
- They will miss 3,600 MINUTES of reading & writing over the school year.
- And they will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.



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This month, we're focusing on respect, which comes in many forms: respect for life, for property, for parents, for elders, for nature, and for the beliefs and rights of others.

Respect includes being courteous and polite, as well as respecting yourself by avoiding self-criticism. We can model respect for our children regarding how we speak to and treat them. Respect is not only an important character trait, but it can also be a source of real joy! Respect implies a certain appreciation, which makes us more aware of other people's needs and feelings.

Engage: Honor Each Other

As a family, create Honor Board where family members and friends can write affirmations to the person of honor. (Make sure each family member gets to be honoree.) The Honor Board can be made of construction paper, poster board, or a blank piece of paper. Once the board is complete, encourage the family member to display it so they can see it often and remember the great things others see in them.

Empower: Practice Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes. Ask each family member to share a story about a time they made a mistake (at school, work, home, etc.) and discuss what lessons they learned. Share this quote: "How can we show honor for each other, even when we make a mistake or disagree?" Process each person's response and thank everyone for their willingness to share. Challenge each other to respond to mistakes this week with love and respect.

Excel: Honor Those Who Serve

Celebrate members of your community who lead through service to others. Write "Thank You" notes to someone that has helped or served your family. Consider people in your community like veterans, teachers, nurses/doctors, ministers, bus drivers, police officers, firefighters, mail carriers, etc. Deliver these notes with a special treat.



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We declare a **PENNY** **WAR**

January 12th - 30th



The Rules...

Each grade has a milk jug to drop pennies into between Jan. 12 & Jan. 30. Each penny is worth a point, \$1 bills are worth 100 points. The top 3 classrooms will win an ice cream party.

But...

Classes can sabotage each other by trying to deduct points from other classrooms by dropping silver change into other classroom's penny jug.

Quarters - subtract 25 points
Dimes - subtract 10 points
Nickels - subtract 5 points
Dollar coin - subtract 100 points



Points will be
tallied weekly to
see who is winning

All proceeds will go to support the

