

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCOTTIE SCOOP

**AUGUST 28,
2026**

UPCOMING DATES

AUG 31 8:15am-2:45pm = 1st day of TK
SEP 1 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
(see attached flyer and registration)
SEP 2 3:00-4:00pm = Girl Scouts Parent Meeting
(see attached flyer)
SEP 3 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
SEP 4 No School
SEP 7 Labor Day - No School
SEP 8 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
SEP 10 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
SEP 14 3:10-4:10pm = PTSG Mtg (Community Classroom)
SEP 15 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
SEP 17 2:45-5:15pm = 1st Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
SEP 17 3:00pm = Special Education Community Play Day
(see flyer for more details)

"I LOVE U GUYS" FOUNDATION

Freeman School District is implementing The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's programs for crisis response and post-crisis reunification, which are used in more than 78,000 schools, districts, departments, agencies, organizations, and communities around the world. They are created through the research-based best practices of school administrators, psychologists, public space safety experts, families, and first responders.

SRP provides students and staff with clear, consistent language and actions to follow during a variety of safety situations. Using the same procedures throughout our district helps everyone know what to do and respond with confidence.

As part of our ongoing commitment to school safety, students and staff will participate in regular safety drills throughout the year.

These drills allow us to practice our response, reinforce expectations, and ensure students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to learn more about, I Love U Guys, you can visit <https://iloveuguy.org/#Hugs>

PHOTO OPT OUT



Every student now defaults to "YES" for participating in photos and photos being published in Freeman media like the Scottie Scoop, Freeman website, social media, Yearbook and classroom photo/activity updates. If you do not wish for your student's photo to be taken and published, please reach out to their building's office. If you do not contact us, then our understanding is that you are giving permission to take/publish their photos. If you have students in different buildings, please contact each building.

SUPPLY LISTS

Please click on the image below for the School Supply Lists Link.



STAY IN THE KNOW

Want to find out what's going on around the District? Click on the newsletters icon to find all of our newsletters including the District Freeman Focus, the Middle School Scoop and both the High School Friday Flyer and Bagpiper School Newspaper.



NEWSLETTERS

ALWAYS BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

We are always happy to have visitors. Please know you must have your Driver's License to check in and get a badge to be able to walk down our hallways when school is in session. If you have to check in your student late, we encourage you to let them walk to class on their own. It becomes a big distraction when they walk into class late, especially with a parent.

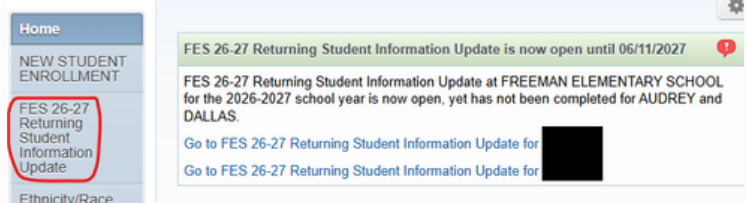
You also need your Driver's License to check your student out of school early...so always having your Driver's License at school is the best practice.

RETURNING STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

All returning students must have their information updated with their school each year. Please login to Family Access and complete the "FES 26-27 Returning Student Information Update" for each of your students.

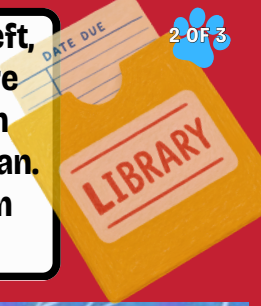
FAMILY ACCESS LINK

SKYWARD All Students





Do you see the worksheets, to the left, lying around your house? If they are completed, have your student turn them into Mrs. Chadduck, the librarian. They will get a special reward from her!



FRONT DOOR SIGNAGE

OUR SAFE LEARNING SPACE begins here

- Help us create a safe and distraction free environment for our students.
- AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY BEYOND THIS POINT.
- You will need a valid badge or be granted temporary access by administration. Photo I.D. will be required.

Notice to Families: You may notice new signage posted on windows/doors on our campus identifying the end of public access areas and the beginning of secured school property. In recent months, school districts across Spokane have experienced an increase in visits from individuals commonly referred to as "First Amendment auditors." They are unidentifiable and intentionally film and post on YouTube on public property to test how organizations respond.

These signs are not in response to a specific incident at Freeman but are a proactive step to help clearly define public and secured areas, support consistent safety practices, and assist visitors in understanding where access is permitted. Our priority is to provide a safe, welcoming, and uninterrupted learning environment for our students and staff while respecting the rights of all individuals. Thank you for your understanding.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

When a student misses 2 days a month.. - They will miss 20 DAYS a year. - They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year. - They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year. - They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	When a student misses 4 days a month.. - They will miss 40 DAYS a year. - They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year. - They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year. - They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.
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TRANSPORTATION INFO.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At our school, the safety and well-being of your children are our highest priorities. To ensure a smooth, secure, and stress-free dismissal process for everyone, we need to have clear, consistent communication regarding how your student gets home each day.

Please take a moment to review our daily procedures and the safety requirements for making any changes to your child's routine.

The 2:00 PM Communication Deadline

We deliver physical dismissal notes and updates to classrooms daily at 2:15 PM. To guarantee that your child's teacher receives the update before dismissal, all transportation changes must be submitted before 2:00 PM. Changes requested after this time cannot be guaranteed, as our staff is heavily focused on wrapping up instruction and preparing students for departure.

How to Report a Change

To ensure accuracy and safety, we cannot accept verbal instructions from students. If your child's normal afternoon routine changes (e.g., riding a different bus, going to after-school care, or being picked up by a different adult other than registered guardians, even emergency contacts will need a note), you must notify us using one of the three approved methods:

- Send a note to the classroom: Write a clear, signed paper note and place it in your student's folder or backpack to hand to their teacher in the morning.
- Send an email to the office: Email our main office administrative staff directly. fesoffice@freemansd.org Please do not email the teacher for changes. Classroom teachers may not get the communication before the 2:00 deadline.
- Call the office: Phone the front desk directly to speak with an FES office representative.
- Rotating Schedule of Dismissal: If your child's schedule changes daily, such as T/TH Parent Pickup and M/W/F Bus. You need to send a note of the communication each day. With the number of students in our school staff is unable to track multiple students' varying schedules.
- All changes must be made by listed parents and/or guardians. Students may not use cellular devices (phones or watches) to make alternate arrangements during the school day.

Required Information for Changes

When sending any communication, please always include:

- The student's full name and grade/teacher
- The specific change being made (e.g., "Parent Pick Up instead of Bus 4")
- The name of the authorized adult picking them up (if applicable)

Thank you so much for your partnership, understanding, and cooperation in keeping our students safe!

NUTRITION SERVICES MENUS AND UPDATES

Community Announcement: To our Freeman Families and Community, FSD Nutrition Services has made some changes over the summer. We have moved to a new, modern web-based menu platform. The new link to view menus is:

<https://menus.healthepro.com/organizations/2488>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kent Bevers, FSD Nutrition Services Director Ph: 509.291.7510.

26-27 BREAKFAST and LUNCH PRICES

Elementary
Breakfast: \$2.35
Lunch: \$3.90

Milk
\$0.60

Adults
Breakfast: \$3.20
Lunch: \$5.00

BREAKFAST LUNCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Pancakes with Sausage/ Cereal varieties	2 Hash Brown Stackers/ Cereal varieties	3 Taier Tot Breakfast/ Cereal varieties	4 NO SCHOOL
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Popcorn Chicken Bowl/ Alternate Options	2 Assorted Pizzas/ Alternate Options	3 Grilled Cheese Sandwich/ Alternate Options	4 NO SCHOOL

STUDENT SERVICES

AUTUMN
Special Education Community Play Day

Sept 17 3pm Freeman Elementary playground

Please join our Special Education Parent Advisory Council for our first community play day. Let's support each other and build community for our kids. Open to any family with a child receiving IEP or 504 services at Freeman School District and all other friends! Light refreshments will be provided.

SPONSORED BY
Freeman Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Fill The Gap

Fill The Gap provides weekend food supplies for youth in need during the school year.

Fill The Gap meal kits provide a mix of nonperishable, single-serving food items to cover four meals (breakfast and lunch), and two snacks over the weekend when school meals are unavailable.

For more information, or to enroll your student in this program please contact:
Kayleen Archibald at (509) 291- 4791 or karchibald@freemansd.org

OR scan the QR code to enroll now



CHILD FIND

Freeman School District provides FREE Child Find screenings to locate and identify children with delays or disabilities who may be in need of early intervention or special education services.

CONCERNS MAY INCLUDE:

- SPEECH OR LANGUAGE
- LEARNING AND UNDERSTANDING
- COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- SELF-HELP SKILLS (FEEDING, DRESSING, TOILETING)
- BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
- VISION OR HEARING

Any condition that may affect a child's ability to learn can be a basis for referral. To schedule your child's free screening-call or email Stacey Rawson, Student Services Director at (509) 291-4791 or srawson@freemansd.org

OPT INTO TEXT MESSAGES FROM FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stay connected and receive text messages from the school. This includes notification when the newsletters are ready, information messages and emergency alerts. Follow the QR code below and opt in

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 schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

Freeman Robotics 2026-2027

JOIN FREEMAN ROBOTICS!

STUDENTS AGES 9-14 | GRADES 4TH-8TH
WE'LL CODE, BUILD, SOLVE CHALLENGES, WORK
AS A TEAM AND HAVE A BLAST WITH FRIENDS!
OUR FIRST MEETING IS TUE SEPT 1 IN THE MPR
(LUNCHROOM)



THE 3 MAIN PARTS:

- **ROBOT DESIGN: BUILD AND PROGRAM A ROBOT FROM SCRATCH.**
- **ROBOT GAME: TEST YOUR BOT IN ACTION-PACKED, 2.5-MINUTE MISSION MATCHES.**
- **INNOVATION PROJECT: DIVE INTO THIS SEASON'S BIODIVERSITY THEME AND PRESENT YOUR BIG IDEAS TO JUDGES AT THE DISTRICT COMPETITION!**

CONTACT & VOLUNTEER INFO

EMAIL: FREEMANROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM

VOLUNTEER COACHES:

BARBARA BERG & CHRIS THOSATH

SEASON SCHEDULE & KEY DATES:

SEPT-DEC: TUE & THUR PRACTICE IN MPR 2:45 – 5:10 PM
(ACTIVITY BUS DEPARTURE 5:25 PM)

SEPT 26: SE SPOKANE COUNTY FAIR PARADE

OCT 29: PRESENT TO PARENTS 4:00 – 5:10 PM

NOV-DEC: WED PRACTICE 2:45 – 5:10 PM

NOV 30: MONDAY PRACTICE & PRESENT TO FSD BOARD
2:45- 6:30 PM | PRACTICE 2:45-5:30 | PIZZA 5:30 – 6:00
| PRESENT TO SCHOOL BOARD 6:00 – 6:20 PM
(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING DINNER)

DEC 13: ALL-DAY REGIONAL COMPETITION @ FREEMAN -
FREEMAN TEAMS COMPETE!

OUR CORE VALUES:

DISCOVERY • INNOVATION • IMPACT •
INCLUSION • TEAMWORK • FUN

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Freeman Robotics 2026-2027



GIRL SCOUT PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Join us to learn how your daughter can
become a Girl Scout!

Girl Scouts learn essential life skills, entrepreneurship,
outdoor competencies, and STEM capabilities through
hands-on activities and badge programs.

Meeting on September 2nd
at 3pm in
Community Classroom at Freeman School

Girls in K-5th grades are welcome

More Info:
Amber 707-599-5515

Freeman Robotics 2026–2027 — FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Registration Form

Age Eligibility: 9–14 years old | Required at Middle School: \$30 ASB Card + \$10 Transportation Fee

1. Student Information

- **Student Full Name:** _____
- **School:** _____ **Grade (Fall 2026):** _____ **Gender:** ☐ M ☐ F
- **T-Shirt Size:** ☐ YS ☐ YM ☐ YL ☐ AS ☐ AM ☐ AL ☐ AXL

2. Parent / Guardian Information

- **Parent/Guardian Name(s):** _____
 - **Cell Phone:** _____ **Home Phone:** _____
 - **Email Address:** _____
 - **Mailing Address:** _____
 - **Volunteer Support:**
☐ I am willing to serve as a volunteer ☐ I am willing to serve as a team coach
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3. Discipline Procedure (The 4-Count)

To ensure an orderly and positive experience for everyone, the following steps will be followed if behavior issues arise:

1. **Verbal Warning:** Child is warned that behavior must be corrected.
2. **Removal of Privileges:** Child will sit out of activities until behavior is corrected.
3. **Call to Parents:** A coach will contact a parent; student may be sent home for the day.
4. **Dismissal:** Student will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

Parents will always be notified at the end of the day regarding any behavioral issues.

4. Authorizations & Signatures

- **Image Release:** I consent to allow photographic/video images of my child to be used on social media platforms for Freeman Robotics and the school district.
- **Commitment Acknowledgment:** I understand that joining the FLL program requires a commitment to teammates, attending up to two evening meetings per week (increasing to three later in the season), and occasional weekend events during competition season.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358

2026 - 2027 School Calendar



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Significant Dates

August 17	Staff Orientation/Open House
August 18	Professional Development
August 19	First Day of School
August 24	First Day of Kindergarten
August 31	First Day of Transition to Kindergarten
September 4	No School
September 7	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 23	Late Start PD
October 22 - 23	Conferences - No School
November 4	Late Start PD
November 11	Veterans' Day Observed - No School
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 2	Late Start PD
December 18	End of Semester
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break - No School
January 4	Professional Development - No School
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
February 3	Late Start PD
February 15	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School
February 16	No School
March 4	Snow Make-up Day - No School
March 5	No School
March 8	Professional Development - No School
March 17	Late Start PD
April 1 - 2	Conferences - No School
April 5 - 9	Spring Break - No School
April 26	Professional Development - No School
May 5	Late Start PD
May 28	Snow Make-up Day - No School
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
June 5	High School Graduation
June 10	8th Grade Promotion
June 11	Last Day of School - Early Release

Shaded Dates - No School

Indicates Late Start/Professional Development Days

* Indicates Parent Conference Days - No School

** Indicates Early Release - 12:30 pm

School Begins & Ends

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