FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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mallen@freemansd.org

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Attendance Line: 509-291-7425
Transportation: 509-291-5555

FESOffice@freemansd.org
Use this office e-mail for attendance or bus notes

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SCOTTIE SCOOP

NOVEMBER 13, 2026

UPCOMING DATES

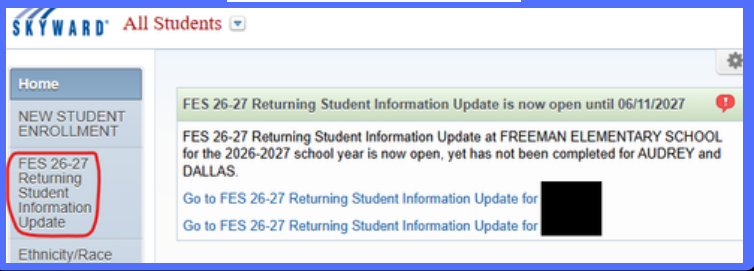
NOV 16 2:45-4:00pm = PTSG Meeting (FES Lrg Conf Room)
2:45-4:00pm = 4th/5th Math is Cool (Comm. Classroom)
NOV 17 2:45-4:00pm = Musical Auditions-3rd-5th Grades (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
4:00-5:00pm = Musical Parent Meeting (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 18 2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (Comm. Classroom)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)
NOV 19 2:45-4:00pm = Musical Auditions-3rd-5th Grades (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
4:00-5:00pm = Musical Parent Meeting (Mrs. Thompson's Classroom #134)
2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (Comm. Classroom)
2:45-5:15pm = Robotics Practice (K-8 MPR)

November 16th - 20th
Happy Thanksgiving Break!
No School

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.
Our goal was 100% complete by September 30th and we still have a little ways to go! Please get onto Family Access and complete it tonight! If nothing has changed, you still need to get on and complete all of the steps.

FAMILY ACCESS LINK



HAPPY NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST WEEK!



THANK YOU JOANNA YEARTA!

School psychologists play a vital role in supporting students' learning, behavior, and mental health.

FREEMAN FLOAT-4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Hey 4th and 5th graders! How would you like to be on the Freeman Float Committee and have a great memory for life? We still need a few more participants, so we are extending the deadline for the essay to Monday November 30th. Please see the Essay Contest form at the end of the Scottie Scoop or ask your teacher for one. Not only have we extended the deadline, but we are also extending it to 5th graders. Complete the form and turn it back into your teachers. Then you will find out if you were chosen to be on the Freeman Float Committee.

MOMENTUM INK

Freeman PTSG Spirit Wear

PLEASE READ

*Turnaround time is 12-14 BUSINESS days AFTER e-store closes.

*Please expect at least 3 weeks for embroidered items to arrive once the store closes.

*DUE TO LOW INVENTORY AND SHIPPING DELAYS IN THE APPAREL INDUSTRY, YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A DELAY IN RECEIVING YOUR ORDER. PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR YOUR ORDER TO PROCESS AND BE DELIVERED.

*Due to shortages at our vendors' distribution centers, items purchased sometimes are not in stock when the store closes. If this happens, a comparable item will be ordered to replace your item(s).

*At checkout, there is a $3.00 processing and handling charge.

All Sales Are Final. No Returns or Exchanges.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to https://freemanspiritwear26.itemorder.com/
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday November 15th, 2026 (11:59pm PST)**

D1 - FF Port & Co Core Cotton Tee. PC54 $15.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt PC78Y $25.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt. PC78 $25.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt PC78YH $30.00	D1 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC78H $30.00	D1 - FF Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. ST251 $40.00
D1 - FF Sport-Tek Youth Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. YST251 $40.00	D1 - FF ATHLETIC FLEECE HOODIE $40.00	D2 - FF Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. ST251 $40.00	D2 - FF Sport-Tek Youth Sport-Wick Fleece Short Sleeve Hooded Pullover. YST251 $40.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC78H $30.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Core Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt PC78YH $30.00
EMB 1 - District Women's Perfect Weight Fleece Cropped Crew DT1105 $30.00	EMB1 - District Women's V.I.T. Fleece Hoodie DT6101 $30.00	EMB 1 - New Era Standard Fit Snapback Trucker Cap NE4030 $25.00	EMB 2 - Cuffed Beanie - 1501KC $20.00	EMB 3 - Trucker 2 Colors $23.00	EMB 3 - Women's Alice Half-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt - TD077 $42.00
D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Fan Favorite Tee. PC450Y $15.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Tee. PC450 $15.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee. PC450LS $20.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt. PC850 $25.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Fan Favorite Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC850H $30.00	D2 - FF Port & Co Youth Fan Favorite Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt. PC850YH $30.00



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

SCOTTIE GEAR!

Check out some new Scottie Gear! We have 2 different places to order Scottie Gear. Please click on each flyer to get to their online stores.

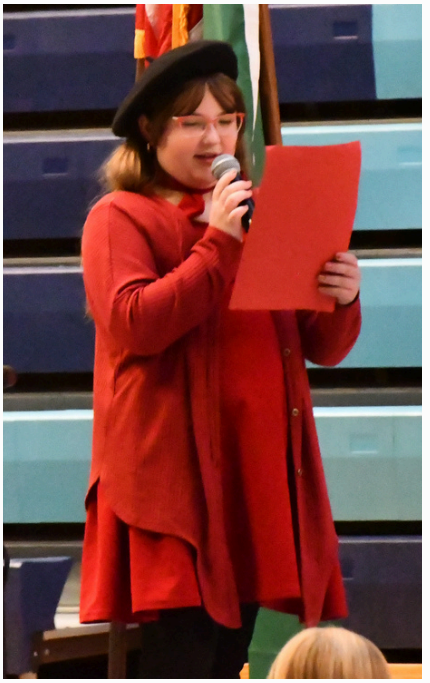
***Momentum Ink (Deadline Nov. 15th)**

***Laurel Design (Deadline Nov. 23rd)**

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

What a wonderful Veteran's Day Celebration. Thank you to all who served in the military and our community who showed up to support. Several 3rd through 5th graders wrote and presented heartfelt letters to our Vets! We always look forward to this amazing event each year. Our high school leadership class did a great job!









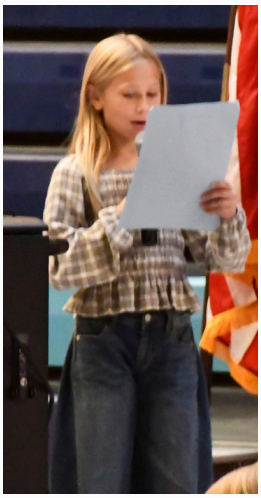












BARNES & NOBLE

BOOKFAIR

Supporting

FREEMAN SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Join us for a fun day of books, holiday shopping and student performances while supporting our FSD libraries!

IN-STORE EVENT DATE
Saturday, December 5th

CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Our Choir will be singing live at 10:30 AM!

DONATE A BOOK
Help enrich our FSD libraries by purchasing and donating a book during the fair.

GIFT WRAPPING TABLE
Stop by our wrapping table to get your purchases holiday-ready!

IMPORTANT SHOPPING TIPS
TO ENSURE OUR SCHOOL GETS CREDIT

1 SHOP IN FREEMAN GEAR!
Have your student wear their Freeman gear to the store! Ms. L and our volunteers will be handing out voucher codes to families wearing school apparel.

2 MENTION US AT CHECKOUT
Per store policy, Barnes & Noble cashiers **will not ask** if you are shopping for the book fair or if you have a voucher code. **Please be sure to present your voucher or mention the book fair to the cashier at checkout** so our school receives credit for your purchase!

3 SHOPPING ONLINE?
Dec. 5th – 10th
Visit barnesandnoble.com, add items to your cart and at checkout scroll to the very bottom and check the box "Apply Bookfair ID" then enter our Bookfair ID **12983870** and click Apply.

Beat the holiday shopping rush and support our students and libraries at the same time.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Catholic Charities EASTERN WASHINGTON

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Volunteers of America



CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Celebrating **80** wonderful years of providing holiday assistance to families in need!

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center | 404 N Havana, Spokane Valley, WA 99202

December 10-17, 2026

December 10 and 11 | 10am-2pm
December 12 | 9am-3pm
December 14 and 15 | 3pm-7pm
December 16 and 17 | 10am-2pm
(Closed on Sunday, December 13)

Required Documentation
The following documentation is required to receive assistance:

Children (17 yrs. and younger)
Bring Proof of:
Child's Name
Child's Date of Birth or Age

(Examples of acceptable documentation)
- Birth Certificate
- Child's Insurance Card
- Letter from school, DSHS or daycare
- WA Apple Health Statement

Adults (18 yrs. and older)
Must Provide:
Photo ID (copies acceptable)
Proof of Physical Residence

(Examples of acceptable documentation)
- Bills
- Rental Agreement
- Photo ID may be State-Issued, Passport, or Military

No Pre-Registration Required!

ChristmasSpokane.org
Follow us on Facebook
@christmasbureauspokane

Disclaimer: This is not an activity of any school or school district. Distribution of this material and the use of district facilities does not constitute an endorsement or sponsorship of the event.

NUTRITION SERVICES MENUS AND UPDATES

The FSD Nutrition Services web page is now live. You can find documents and links relating to FSD Nutrition Services on the Freeman School District website under Departments. Click the following link to be taken directly to the Nutrition Services web page: Nutrition Services LINK

BREAKFAST

Elementary
Breakfast: $2.35
Lunch: $3.90

Adults
Breakfast: $3.20
Lunch: $5.00

Milk
$0.60

Daily Breakfast Options:
*Cereal Variety
*Fresh Fruit Variety
*Goldfish Crackers
*1% LF Milk
*Fat Free Chocolate Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 Breakfast Cookie Or Cereal	17 French Toast Sticks w/Sausage Or Cereal	18 Mini Cinni's Or Cereal	19 Banana Bread Slice Or Cereal	20 Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal

LUNCH

Daily Lunch Options:
*Alternate Lunch
*Salad Bar
*1% LF Milk
*Fat Free Chocolate Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 Nachos Or Alternate	17 Chicken Nuggets Or Alternate	18 Chicken Alfredo Or Alternate	19 Turkey Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes & Roll Or Alternate	20 Corn Dog w/Tots Or Alternate



Preparing for Winter Weather: School Delays, Closures & Safety Procedures

Rather than waiting until the moment arrives when early morning adjustments must be made, this information is being shared in advance. Please familiarize yourselves with the inclement weather information below.

Communication

If weather impacts the school day, we aim to communicate with staff, students, and families about changes to the normal school day operations by 6:00 a.m. through the following systems:

- Automated emails, texts, and voice messages-please ensure your contact information in Skyward is accurate and Freeman SD is not blocked.
- The Freeman School District website and our Facebook & Instagram pages
- Local news stations (note: their reports may not always be accurate — please rely on Freeman messaging first)

Weather Monitoring

When snow or inclement weather is in the forecast, we will monitor weather and road conditions at night and into the early morning hours.

- Transportation Director and staff drive roads and bus routes early in the early morning to assess conditions.
- Maintenance crews begin plowing and clearing parking lots and sidewalks before staff and students arrive. Even with these efforts, icy spots may remain—please use extra caution!
- Before any decision is made, Superintendent Lisa Phelan will work with Everett Combs, Transportation Director to determine if a 2 hour late start or cancellation is necessary. Safety of students, staff, and community is our number one priority.

Delays and Cancellations

Our goal is always to keep schools open when possible. Please remember that road conditions can change quickly and after decisions have been made; we do the best we can with the information we have at the time of the decision deadline of 6:00 a.m.

- Two-Hour Delay: School begins at 10:15 a.m. Breakfast will not be served. Staff should report when they can safely do so.
- Cancellation: All school programs, activities, athletics, and other events are canceled for the entire day and evening, even if conditions later improve. The day will be made up on the next scheduled make-up day (March 4th or May 28th).

Safety Tip: Walk Like a Penguin!

- Wear shoes with slip-resistant soles.
- Take short steps and keep your arms slightly out for balance.
- Hold onto your vehicle when getting in or out.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping keep our Freeman students, staff, and families safe this winter!

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Starting Semester 2, if we do not have some form of communication from the parents and your kids sign in alone, it will stay an unexcused absence. Please come in with them, call in or send a note when they are signing into the school.

You must excuse your students' absences and tardies within 10 school days. We will no longer accommodate parents calling months late asking to excuse all of their kids' absences.

It is considered a tardy if they are less than 15 minutes late in the morning. Please know that if your student misses more than 15 minutes in the first half or second half of the day, it is considered missing half a day. These half days can add up to a lot of absences. We understand that kids have appointments and other situations come up, but we want you to be aware of how this can affect their attendance.

It is part of our Attendance process to send out letters to parents regarding their student's attendance each year. Please know that this is to keep open communication between the school and the parents. Please reach out with any questions.



SCOTTIE GEAR!

Check out these 2 websites for year around Scottie Gear! Just click on each image to see the available Scottie Gear!

Also, if you are attending any home games, the Freeman Athletic Booster Club is often selling Scottie Gear at the games. They have in person stock and you can leave the game with merchandise.

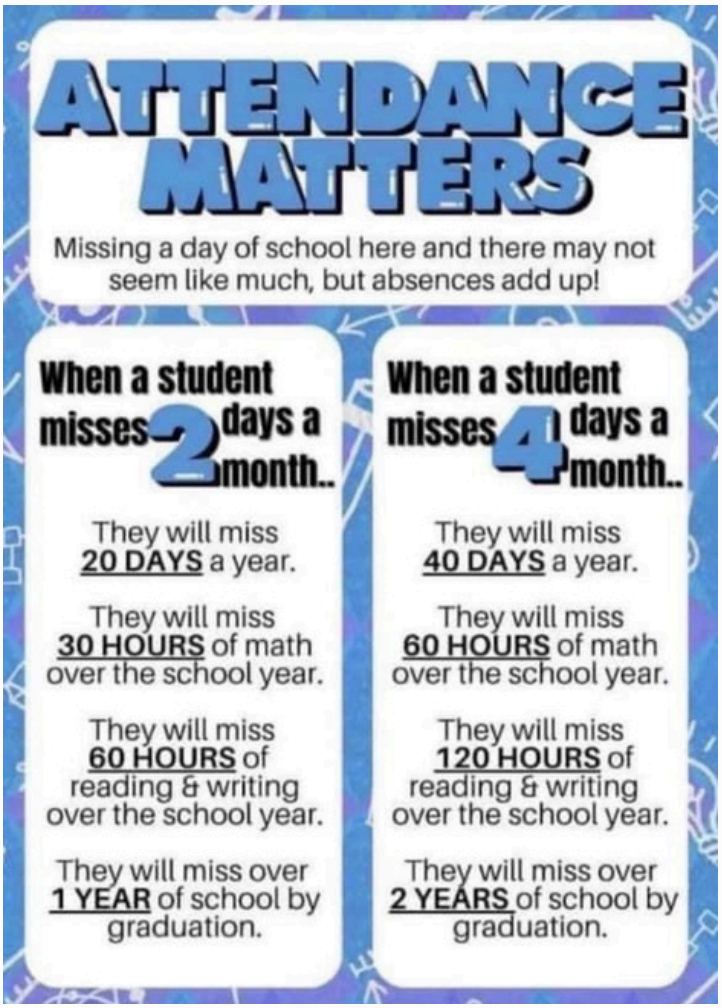
BSN SPORTS | SIDELINE STORE

FREEMAN SCOTTIES

FREEMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

GAME ONE

STUDENT SERVICES



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 School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights, Title IX, and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator: Lisa Phelan, lphelan@freemansd.org, (509) 291-3695, 15001 S Jackson Rd. Rockford, WA 99030 (Updated 2026)

FREEMAN COMMUNITY FLOAT ESSAY CONTEST

PERMISSION FORM

The Freeman float is a fun, long standing tradition in our community that our 4th graders get the honor of participating in. Please consider allowing your 4th grader to enter this contest for a chance at a spot on the float. We promise the opportunity to build lasting memories while serving the community in a fun and meaningful way!

☐ Yes, my child has my permission to enter the essay contest.

☐ Yes, if my child's essay is chosen as a winning essay, my child and I will commit to the production of the float. I understand this may include evenings or weekends of planning meetings and several hours of our time to build, staple, hot glue, duct tape, make costumes, shop for supplies, do electrical work, and complete other construction projects the float may require.

☐ Yes, if my child is chosen, he/she will be available for the parades and wear the appropriate costume that supports the theme of this year's float (yet to be determined).

☐ Yes, I give my child permission to be photographed for local newspaper articles and permission to be seen on TV should the Spokane Lilac Parade be televised.

☐ Yes, if my child is chosen, my child and I will work one or more shifts preparing and selling root beer floats or other items at the school dance and Harvest Hoedown.

☐ Yes, if my child is chosen, my child and I will work the number of shifts required to ensure full staff is available in the food booth at the SE Spokane County Fair.

☐ Yes, if my child is chosen, my child and I commit to fundraising as needed to ensure the necessary funds will be available for the following year's float. I understand that fundraising modalities will be decided upon at the initial planning meeting. I will come prepared to commit to dates needed to accomplish these fundraising efforts.

☐ **Yes, I will attend 75% of the meetings. If I do not participate, my child will not be able to ride on the float.**

Parent / student information

Parent Signature _____ Parent Name Printed _____

Child's Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Teacher _____

Date _____

Please contact me if you have any questions:

Coordinator Susan Pray **Phone** 509-347-6062 **Email** suelpray@gmail.com

FREEMAN COMMUNITY FLOAT ESSAY

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON THE FREEMAN COMMUNITY FLOAT

Essays are due to your teacher by November 6, 2026

Student name _____ _____

Don't forget to make sure your name is on the paper and your parents' signature.