

The Scottie Scoop!

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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First Place, District 9, Youth Essay Contest Washington State Veterans of Foreign Wars **Wyatt Boring**



I imagine, a world where you have no freedom of choice, or you're taxed unfairly. What if you were treated like you were less than others while under the rule of a single king? That would be reality if it weren't for our Veterans. Veterans deserve our respect and appreciation for many reasons, here are a few.

- ◆ The first reason why Veterans are important to us is because they helped form the country into what it is today. Veterans gave us the freedoms that are so dearly loved in our unique country. Veterans also gave us the rights that our ancestors believed we all deserve.

- ◆ The next reason that veterans are so important to us is because they were selfless. Veterans risked their lives and fought to protect people they don't even know. Veterans have also faced challenges and experiences that we will never understand. Those experiences affect Veterans for the rest of their lives.

From the American Revolution through World War I & II, Vietnam to present day Iraq, and Afghanistan with the War on Terrorism, Veterans have been there for us. Because of these sacrifices, Veterans deserve our respect and appreciation. Those are some of the reasons why Veterans are so important to us and why I want to serve my country some day. Afterall, the word *Veteran*, more than any other, represents honor and the fulfillment of duty.

Thank you, Wyatt, and Congratulations!

February 20	Presidents Day, No School
February 22	Chess Club, 3:00 pm
February 27	FSD Board Meeting, K8 MPR, 6:00 pm
March 1	Late Start, 10:15 a.m. (Teacher PD)
March 2	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm
March 3	ITK STEAM Night (for ITK Parents/Students), K8 MPR, 4-6:00 pm
March 6	School Day (Snow Make-up Day for Nov 30)
March 8	District PD—No School
March 13	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm
March 15	PTSG Meeting, FES Community Classroom, 5:00 pm
March 21-May 8	Conference Scheduler Opens, 8:00 am
March 27-31	Chess Club, Fes Community Classroom, 3:00 pm
March 29	Freeman Fit for Bloomsday (see page 5)
March 30	Spirit Week
March 30-31	Class Photos, FES (am)
	STEAM Fair
	FSD Board Meeting, K8 MPR, 6:00 pm
	Thursday Conferences, 8:00 am-7:00 pm
	Friday, 8:00 am-noon



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gearing up for Kindergarten

Will you have a kindergartener
enrolling Fall 2023
(age 5 by 8/31/23)?

(Interest also accepted for Inclusive
Transitional, Kindergarten, ITK,— age 4 by
8/31/2023)

If so, please alert the elementary office with
student name, birthdate and your email
address so we may follow up with you.
(509) 291-4791

Those currently
attending Freeman's
preschool or ITK do
not need to call.

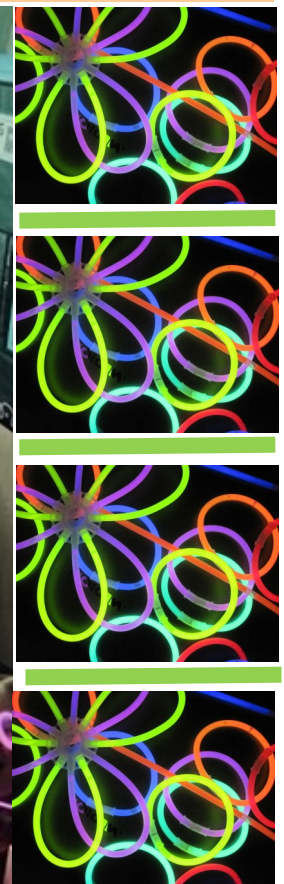
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Mrs. Nelson's and Mr. Reed's second-graders performed speeches as US Presidents at February 17's Presidents Wax Museum program.

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2023 will occur on February 20. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act—an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day now is popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

Source: history.com



Mrs. Dexter's third-grade class celebrates Valentine's Day with a Glow Party!

Meet a few of our Specialists



Sharron Aune-Ruland, or Mrs. A-R, has loved teaching for 34 years! At Freeman, she has taught second- and third- grade traditional classes, and now is teaching Kindergarten through fifth grade STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Music).

Recalling her own childhood, her nicknames were Shar Bear, Short and Scrawny Aune (pronounced Awney).

On her bucket list is to be able to teach STEAM until she retires. Another is to eventually volunteer in her grandsons' classrooms at Freeman.

Two fun facts about Sharron:

She taught her first cousin in her third year of teaching in LaCrosse, and has been blessed to teach his two children here at Freeman.

Olivia Counts is our Title/LAP Reading Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Counts' childhood nicknames were Livvy, Liv and Olive.

Two activities on her bucket list include a trip to Hawaii in the early spring to see the whales breach, and, when her children are older—a trip to a Seahawks game!

Two fun facts about Mrs. Counts include that she has fished in Seward, Alaska, and this spring she is having her second baby!



Katie Doneen is our Library Coordinator. Her childhood nickname was Katie the Lady.

On her bucket list is to travel outside of the US and to run a 5K race.

She has a Golden Retriever named Jerry, and Ms. Doneen loves Italian food.

...so we need to find her a 5K race in Italy!





Freeman School District

Report It

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

SUBMIT USING OUR APP



FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

EASY WAYS TO REPORT



Visit the website
<http://1528.alert1.us>



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1528@alert1.us



Call to report your tip
[509.291.8031](tel:509.291.8031)



Text your Tip to
[509.291.8031](tel:509.291.8031)

REPORT ON:

- BULLYING
- INTIMIDATION
- HARASSMENT
- WEAPONS
- DRUGS
- OTHER



Our District Code is: 1528

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.

DO YOU KNOW OUTSTANDING YOUTH?



HELP US RECOGNIZE STAND OUT YOUTH DOING GREAT THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY NOMINATING INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FOR A 2023 CHASE YOUTH AWARD IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- ARTS & CREATIVITY
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- COMPASSION
- CULTURAL AWARENESS
- INNOVATION
- LEADERSHIP
- PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
- SOCIAL ADVOCACY
- JAMES E. CHASE ADULT AWARD

MORE INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORM AT
CHASEYOUTHSPokane.org/CYAWARDS

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 23, 2023



Kindergarten through 6th Grades

Fit for Bloomsday Registration



We are happy to announce Freeman's
"Fit for Bloomsday Program" happening this spring.

March 21 through May 4, 2023
Tuesdays and Thursdays
2:45—4:00 p.m.



(excluding March 31, due to conferences, and the week of Spring Break)

Feel free to bring the family, or if you'd like to volunteer, we would love helpers!

Our goal is to prepare kids to run or walk Junior. Bloomsday (April 16) and Bloomsday (May 8) while teaching the importance of fitness, nutrition and safety. Special coupons are provided to participants by Riverfront Park, Mobius and the Garland Theater to help motivate kids to stick with the program for all 10 weeks.

Important: your child must be picked up at 4pm in the elementary parent pickup area after each session.

Questions or comments please email Mrs. Thompson at athompson@freemansd.org.

Cut on dotted line and return registration to school office.

Name of Student/s: _____

Teacher/s: _____ Grade Level/s: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ Yes, I'd love to volunteer!

☐ both days

☐ one day a week

☐ only particular days during the 10 weeks:

All volunteers must complete the
online volunteer application
and be approved prior to the start of
Fit for Bloomsday.

www.freemansd.org/Page/3132

Looking forward to seeing all our Bloomies at the first practice!
Mrs. Thompson

Yellow School Bus Trivia



The official school bus color was adopted for North America in 1939. It was National School Bus Chrome, now called (in US and Canada) National School Bus Glossy Yellow. It has an official color code to ensure all school buses are fundamentally the same (three slight variations exist). The reason for the "Chrome" name was the color pigment was originally *chrome yellow* and contained lead.

Paint experts from DuPont and Pittsburgh Paints even weighed in on the selection. The project exploration was covered by a \$5,000 grant (value today \$100,000) from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The color was selected because black lettering on it was most legible in semi-darkness and because the color stands out at a distance and also was unusual enough to be associated with alerting people that children were nearby.

Dr. Cyr, a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, is the person who organized a conference to establish the uniform design, construction and safety standards in America, including the exterior body color. He became known as the "Father of the Yellow School Bus."

(source: Wikipedia)

For Inclusive Transitional
Kindergarten Students
and Parents



ITK STEAM NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING!

THURSDAY MARCH 2ND

4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: K-8 MPR

S- SCIENCE

T- TECHNOLOGY

E- ENGINEERING

A- ART

M- MATH & MUSIC

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 4PM FOR A MUSIC
PERFORMANCE BY OUR STUDENTS

RSVP: EMAIL ADONEEN@FREEMANSD.ORG
OR AKAZMI@FREEMANSD.ORG BY 2/17/23



"Access" to Family Access

Grades are currently posted to
Family Access for Semester 1 and Term 2.

Begin at www.freemansd.org

- Select *Family Access* (upper right corner)
- At login screen, use your assigned login and password. If you do not know it, use "Forgot Your Login or Password" to be reset.
(you also may call the office, 509-291-4791).

Note: the email address used should be the one used when registering your child for school.


I ♥ Reading

Silverwood


Read 2 Ride Program

- Watch for reading logs sent home by teachers this week!
- Have your child log 10 hours of reading between now and March 29.
- Earn a free ticket to Silverwood.
(Park opens April 30)

School Meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20  Presidents Day No School	21 Dutch Waffle Cereal & Goldfish ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Gala Apple Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	22 ----- Cereal & Goldfish Bagel and Cream Cheese ----- Fresh Orange Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	23 Egg McFreeman ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	24 Cinnamon Roll w/Icing ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Pear Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk

—Breakfasts—

20  Presidents Day No School	21 Chicken Alfredo Bread Sticks ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Gala Apple Broccoli Chocolate Milk White Milk	22 Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Banana, Raw Corn Chocolate Milk White Milk	23 Hot Dogs ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Pear Cauliflower Chocolate Milk White Milk	24 Chicken Burger ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Fresh Orange Baked Beans Chocolate Milk White Milk
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—Lunches—