

# The Scottie Scoop!

**FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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## Happenings

March 13	Conference Scheduler Opens, 8:00 am (through March 26)	
March 15	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day!	
March 21- May 8	Freeman Fit for Bloomsday (see page 4)	
March 24	PACE Assembly (by invitation)	
March 27-29	Spirit Week	
March 29	Class Photos, FES (am) STEAM Fair	
March 30	Silverwood Read to Ride Deadline	
March 30	FSD Board Meeting, K8 MPR, 6:00 pm	
March 30	Conferences, 8:00 am-7:00 pm	
March 31	Conferences, 8:00 am-noon	
April 3-7	Spring Break—NO SCHOOL	
April 10-14	Save the Date—Elementary Food Drive for Palouse Food Bank	



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.*

**ITK/Kindergarten Roundup & Orientation**  
April 14—More to follow.

## "Access" to Family Access Conference Scheduler Opens March 13



Begin at [www.freemansd.org](http://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.

## Spring Conferences—ITK-Fifth Grade

*Conferences provide perfect opportunities to learn about your child's academic progress and to discuss their future goals.*

**Conferences** are Thursday, March 30 8:00 am-7:00 pm and Friday, March 31, 8:00 – Noon. The **Conference Scheduler** in *Family Access* will be **open March 13 (8:00 am - March 27 (8:00 am))**

*Conferences are scheduled in 20-minute intervals, with 10-minute pass times.*

- More than one parent may attend. (Virtual meetings will be available on request for those who do not wish to attend in person.)
- Please log in to Family Access (beginning March 13) and use the Skyward module to schedule your conference based on preferences and availability.

*Student-led conferences will be offered in Mrs. Thompson's and Edwards' classes. Otherwise, elementary students do not attend conferences unless specifically requested by the teacher.*

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# Introducing

# Psychology, Designed Instruction, Therapy and Special Education Staff



**Mrs. Whitaker**, left, is Freeman School District’s Speech Language Pathologist. She serves students in the prevention, assessment and treatment of speech, language, social communication, cognitive communication and swallowing disorders.

Her childhood nickname was “Gracie,” from her middle name, Grace. Two activities on her bucket list are to see the Northern Lights, and to hike the Camino de Santiago.

Fun facts about Sara include that she is training for her first triathlon, scheduled for August this year. And, she enjoys running, yoga, skiing and spending time with her two dogs.



**Mrs. Meredith**, above, serves as Freeman School District’s Occupational Therapist.

On her bucket list is to participate with *Saving the Turtles* or at least swim with them in Hawaii. Also, she always has wanted to learn guitar.

Fun facts about Cari include that she has a tortoise named “Sheldon,” and that she and her husband love to hang out at their property and on



the sandy beaches of Lake Roosevelt with their four children and soon -to-be six grandbabies.



**Mrs. Moore**, left, is a part-time School Psychologist for our school district. Her childhood nickname was “Josie.”

Two things she’s never done, and plans to, are to cycle in Scotland and ski at Whistler.

Fun facts about Josie are that she has completed two half-ironman races, and she’s lived in five states—Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, New Mexico and Washington!



**Mrs. Yandt**, right, is our K-8 Designed Instruction teacher. Her childhood nickname was “SueSue.”



On Sue’s bucket list is to visit every state and identify (see) their state bird. Fun facts about Sue include that she makes her own greeting cards, and that she owns two classic, wooden boats.



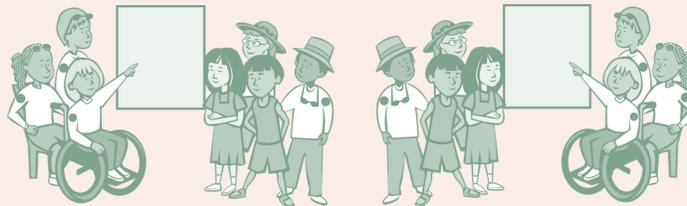
**Mrs. Berryman**, above, teaches K-5 Special Education.

Her childhood nickname was “Gwe-Pa-Mar Vickie” (or any combination of the first few letters of her eight siblings’ names).

On her bucket list is to learn to make authentic tamales, and also to see the Grand Canyon from a hot-air balloon...if she doesn’t ‘chicken out.’



Two fun facts about Vickie are that she loves to cook, especially for her entire family, and she enjoys gardening—they have a hydroponic greenhouse with plants already growing!



**Mrs. Bauer**, right, is a Paraeducator in Freeman’s Designed Instruction Classroom, with Mrs. Yandt. She works with students in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

She had several childhood nicknames: her dad called her “Dolly;” her uncle called her “Junior;” her cousin calls her “Anna Sue;” and her sister calls her “Sissy.”

On her bucket list is to go to England. (She is English from her maternal side.)

Some interesting facts about Mrs. Bauer is, she has been a genealogist since 1994...and she is the third Linda in her family!



Introducing

# Psychology, Designed Instruction, Therapy and Special Education Staff, cont'd



**Mrs. Daniel** is Freeman School District's Special Education Secretary. Her nickname is "ShayShay," after her first name, Shayla. On her bucket list is to travel to Bora Bora and stay in an overwater bungalow. She also wants to see an NBA game (and, more specifically, she would love to see Dallas Mavericks Luka Dončić play), *but would be happy watching any NBA team live!* Fun facts about Shayla completed school for ultrasound and was an ultrasonographer for eight years. Fun fact about that is...she was able to keep an eye on her two kids, Gabriella and Nash, when they were in her "belly!" Shayla loves summer! And, a perfect day is relaxing and playing in the water with her husband and kids.



**Mrs. Sweeney** is our Freeman School District School Psychologist and Special Education Director. Her childhood nickname from her mom was "Jöd," and her high school buddies called her "JodyFay." Two things on Jody's bucket list are to skydive, and to have a long visit in New Zealand/Australia. Some fun facts about Jody include that she has Boo-Goats (fainting goats) because she wanted to watch them faint...*over and over*. She also was President of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at University of Idaho.



**Ms. Murphy** serves as Freeman School District's Individual mental health counselor for ITK through grade 12. Kelly's childhood nickname was "Kell Bell." Two adventures on her bucket list are to hike the Pacific Crest Trail, and to serve senior rescue animals on her "someday" ranch (owning one also on her bucket list). Some fun facts about Ms. Murphy include that she brings her dog, Benny, to her counseling office because he is a great therapy dog! Also, she has four really fun, creative kids!



**Mrs. Walter** (PT, DPT, WCS) is the Physical Therapist for the Freeman School District. Her childhood nickname was "Tinker," as in the Irish Tinker Gypsies. Mrs. Walter was training to swim Alcatraz when she learned she was expecting her first daughter, so did not complete it. The goal remains on her bucket list. Also on her bucket list is to play the role of a diseased victim on an episode of Forensic Files! Two fun facts are that she was 23 years old when she had her first hotdog! And, Mrs. Walter is in a true adult beginner Irish Dance class...and they need more dancers to be able to learn an eight hand (Sundays at 11:00 am!).



MARCH | PACE CHARACTER TRAIT

## DILIGENCE

Persistence, dedication and hard work

**RCW 28A.155.020 ... Students with disabilities are those children whether enrolled in school or not who through an evaluation process are determined eligible for special education due to a disability. In accordance with part B of the federal individuals with disabilities education improvement act and any other federal or state laws relating to the provision of special education services, the superintendent of public instruction shall require each school district in the state to insure an appropriate educational opportunity for all children with disabilities between the ages of three and twenty-one, but when the twenty-first birthday occurs during the school year, the educational program may be continued until the end of that school year....**

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.freemansd.org/Page/3132)

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

Mrs. Thompson

## Coming soon—STEAM Kindergarten thru Fifth Grade Fair

Please join us at the First Annual Freeman Elementary School STEAM Fair, **Wednesday, March 29, 1-2:30 pm**. Parents may RSVP to their child's

teacher to permit the office to prepare some of the name badges in advance (when they are visitors from prior events this year).

Mrs. A-R is excited for families to enjoy approximately 380 students' STEAM projects from Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Projects will include:

- Kindergarten students will share their Kinder "garden," complete with plants, flower art, a flower clay creation and the parts of a plant.
- First Grade will share their Weather World, presenting the types of clouds, beautiful rainbows and their cloud experiment.
- Second Grade will display Landforms and Erosion projects and will have completed the identification and definitions of landforms, a painting of their favorite landform, clay creations of landforms and will be ready to challenge adult guests to help construct a model for preventing erosion. If your child has not already brought a shoebox-sized box to school, please send it as soon as possible.
- Third Grade will present its culmination project for their Native American Unit, complete with a diorama, poster or PowerPoint. They also are presenting written reports. A fossil will be available for guests to explore the science of Paleontology, then guests may help students be Archaeologists looking for a Native American artifact.
- Fourth Grade will share their natural disaster PowerPoint and display a natural disaster.
- Fifth Grade will share a STEAM experiment in the science of engineering or design. The Engineering Design Process and Scientific Inquiry will be used to present the project of their choice. Mrs. Romey will be sending home more information. Display boards may be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Office Depot, Staples or Michaels. Some have even been available at the Dollar Store.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Mrs. Sharron Aune-Ruland*  
[sruland@freemansd.org](mailto:sruland@freemansd.org)



## Elementary Food Bank Support

The Elementary is helping the food bank again this spring to help fill the shelves of the food bank for the summer. Our “All Hands on Deck Food Drive” is April 10th - 14th. Suggested items for each grade is listed below:

**Preschool** seasoning packets and cup-of-noodles  
**Kindergarten and First Grade** Dinner Food, Tomato products, noodles, instant mashed potatoes, spam, tuna, taco shells, refried beans, etc.

**Second and Third Grades** Lunch items—tuna, peanut butter and Jelly, mac and cheese, soups, etc.

**Fourth and Fifth Grades** Breakfast Food-oatmeal, pancakes, peanut butter, jelly and syrup, cans of fruit, etc.

**NOTE:** sugar, flour, brown sugar, cake mixes are welcomed  
 They have plenty of green beans and corn.  
 Please make sure *nothing is outdated* because the food bank must discard these items.

**Thank you!**

## 2023 Rockford Youth Baseball

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

### Practice starts the first week in May.

Rockford Youth Baseball will be starting soon and we are looking for **volunteers to coach**. If you are interested, please give us a call!

*Home fields are at HRC Park and/or the Rodeo Grounds in Rockford*  
**\*Freeman teams are created only after Rockford teams are filled.**  
*Away games are played in 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 19<sup>th</sup> to ensure placement, \$40 Registration Fee**  
**Due to limited space, we will not be accepting any latecomers this year**

**Mail completed forms to:**

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Heidi Johnson @ Rockford Town Hall 20 W Emma St (drop off)  
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Post through 4/14

