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SCOTTIE SCOOP

OCTOBER 3,
2025

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 3	Mini Cheer Camp Performance (Football game)
Oct 7	Rockford FD #11 Fire Safety (TTK & K) 2:45-5:15pm = Robotics (K8 MPR)
Oct 8	2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (CC) 5:30-6:30pm = PTSG Meeting (CC)
Oct 9	2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (CC) 2:45-5:15pm = Robotics (K8 MPR)
Oct 10	8:00am = Conference Scheduler Opens Transition to Kindergarten Field Trip
Oct 14	Spirit Week (see page 3 for dress up days)
Oct 15	2:45-5:15pm = Robotics (K8 MPR)
Oct 16	2:45-4:00pm = Girl Scouts (CC) 2:45-4:00pm = Chess Club (CC)
Oct 22	2:45-5:15pm = Robotics (K8 MPR)
Oct 23	10:45am-2:45pm = 4 th Grade Field Trip
Oct 24	8:00am-7:00pm = Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00am-11:40am = Parent-Teacher Conferences

RETURNING STUDENTS INFO. UPDATE

Only about 50% of our students' information has been completed for the Returning Student Updates. It is very important that you do this every year! All students new and returning need their information verified and updated. Please log into your family access account and update/review your students' information. It is so important for us to have updated information including contact information and health updates. If you have no changes, the process should be very quick!

See the links below for instructions on how to sign into family access and a link to family access.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Please click any of the following links for more information:

[Family Access Instructions Link](#)

[Family Access Link](#)

[FSD Volunteer Application Link](#)



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
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WE ARE LAUNCHING DISTRICT-WIDE SURVEYS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (CEE).

Who is participating, and when?

- Students, October 20-29, 2005
- Families, Winter-2026
- Staff, October 17-29, 2025

Why are we doing this?

Your feedback helps us:

- Strengthen our Strategic Plan
- Guide Professional Development for educators
- Shape the supports and resources we provide across the district

How does it work?

Surveys are confidential and take just a few minutes.

Family links will be shared by email and available on the district website.



The Center for Educational Effectiveness

'SUCCESS WITHOUT FEEDBACK
IS AN ACCIDENT.'

COUNSELING CORNER

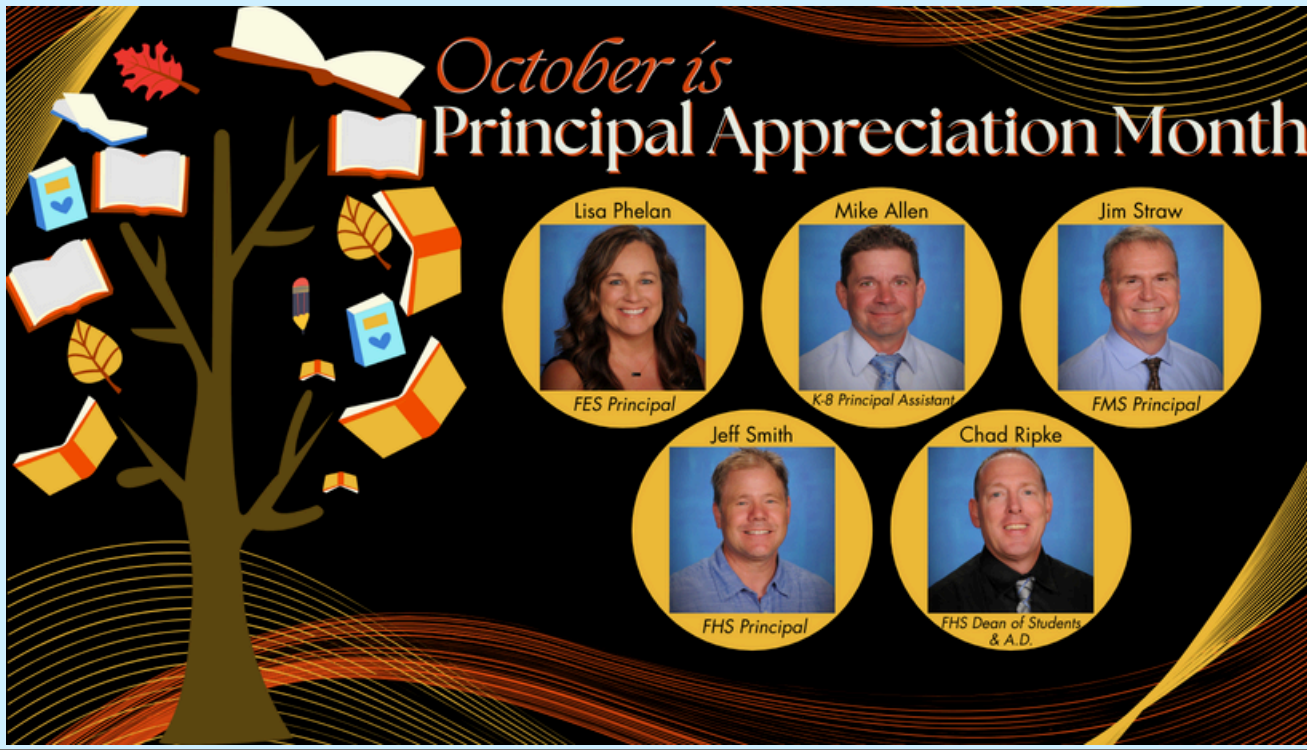
with School Counselor
Kayleen Archibald

karchibald@freemansd.org

My Personal Bubble

Just like we have our own space, everyone has a "personal bubble" that is their own. Teach your child to respect others' personal space and to use their words to set boundaries for themselves. This helps them understand and respect physical boundaries and makes others feel safe and comfortable around them.

Try This: Practice using phrases like "I need a little space, please" or "Can I have a hug?" This gives them the language they need to set boundaries.



MEET YOUR FREEMAN ELEMENTARY STAFF!

WE ARE ASKING OUR STAFF, "WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT FREEMAN?" AND "WHAT ARE 2 FUN FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF?"



STACEY COYNER
FOURTH GRADE

I LOVE TEACHING WHERE MY CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL. TWO HAVE GRADUATED AND TWO ARE STILL ON CAMPUS.

MY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS HAD 24 STUDENTS. I HAVE TWO DOGS AND THREE CATS.



DESIREE HENDRICKSON
FOURTH GRADE

I LOVE THE GENERATIONAL FREEMAN COMMITMENT TO FOSTER COMMUNITY, WITH LOVE AND GENEROSITY. I LOVE THAT I GET TO WORK WITH MY FRIENDS!

I PLAYED THE PICCOLO IN MY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, COMPETING IN PARADES AND FOOTBALL HALF-TIME PERFORMANCES. I ALSO HAVE BACKPACKED OVER THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.



ANGIE SMITH
FOURTH GRADE

FREEMAN HAS BEEN MY TEACHING HOME FOR 27 YEARS, MY FIRST JOB OUT OF COLLEGE! I TRULY LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS EVERY DAY AND BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH MY STUDENTS.

I'M AN AVID MYSTERY READER, A PROUD HALF-MARATHON RUNNER, AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO COOK!



DWAYNE GADY
FIFTH GRADE

I LIKE FREEMAN BECAUSE OF THE GREAT KIDS AND RICH HISTORY OF SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY. THAT SUPPORT SET THE FOUNDATION THAT MADE FREEMAN WHAT IT IS TODAY.

I FARM AND RANCH WITH MY FAMILY. I RODE A CAMEL IN MOROCCO AND WATCHED A BULLFIGHT IN SPAIN. WHEN I WAS IN 4TH GRADE, I PLAYED THE PIANO ON A LOCAL SHOW CALLED STARLIT STAIRWAY.



ANN ROMEY
FIFTH GRADE

I LOVE THAT FREEMAN IS NOT JUST WHERE I TEACH —IT'S WHERE MY FAMILY HAS GROWN. MY HUSBAND AND I RAISED OUR DAUGHTERS HERE, AND NOW I HAVE THE JOY OF SEEING SOME OF MY GRANDCHILDREN AT FREEMAN AS WELL. LIVING AND TEACHING IN THIS COMMUNITY MEANS SO MUCH BECAUSE IT TRULY IS SPECIAL.

I USE TO RACE CANOES WITH MY DAD. I WAS IN A RESCUE YELLOW JACKET COMMERCIAL WITH MY FAMILY.



ALICIA THOMPSON
FIFTH GRADE

I LOVE FREEMAN BECAUSE IT'S MORE THAN A PLACE TO LEARN—IT'S A SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT GROUNDS YOU AND MAKES YOU FEEL PART OF A COMMUNITY UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

I TRIED OUT FOR AMERICAN IDOL (OF COURSE CHOSE TEACHING OVER FAME :) AND I LIVED IN AUSTRALIA FOR A FEW MONTHS.

Spirit Week Fall 2025

Oct 13 - Oct 17



<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Color Choice</u>
Monday	Pajamas vs. Red Carpet	Red
Tuesday	Twin/Triplets/Quads, etc.	Orange
Wednesday	Decade (Past or Future)	Green
Thursday	Softball Moms vs. Baseball Dads	Black Out White Out
Friday	Scottie Spirit	Blue

SYL PRESENTS

TRY LAX

5-6:30PM
DWIGHT MERKEL
SPORTS COMPLEX

12
OCTOBER
SUNDAY

EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS AND LEARN LACROSSE FUNDAMENTALS IN A FUN, LOW-PRESSURE ENVIRONMENT!

SPOKANE YOUTH LACROSSE

- Open to Current Kinder-5th
- Learn about both Boys and Girls LAX
- No Equipment Needed

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SPOKANEYOUTHLACROSSE.COM

MATH IS COOL COACHING OPPORTUNITY!

We are so grateful for our 4th and 5th grade Math is Cool coaches Kelly and Angela Jahns, from last year! they built a great program for our students. This year they will continue to coach our 5th grade team, so we have an opportunity to have a new 4th grade coach. if you are interested and have any further questions, please send Kelly Jahns an email

Kelly.Jahns@yahoo.com.

Coach's Commitment:

- *conduct practices about 3 times per month after school
- *prep for each practice can take about 2 times as much time as in practice
- *prepare a small homework assignment for after each practice
- *plan math games/activities in addition to working on math topics
- *have a different parent volunteer to organize snacks
- *regional competition date is a Friday in March
- *state competition (if qualified) is a Saturday in May
- *remember that Math is COOL!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES!

- See attached flyers
- *Fall Chess Registration
- *Youth Lacrosse
- *Freeman 4-H Club
- *2 VFW Essay Contests!

PTSG EVENTS

Please follow this [membership link](#) or the qr code below to become a member of our amazing PTSG Group. Get involved in all of our fun activities! All are welcome to join the ptsg meetings. They meet the 2nd wednesday of every month in the FES community classroom from 5:30-6:30pm. next meeting is Wednesday, october 8th.

Become a member

SCAN Here

Thank You for Supporting the 2025 Scottie Dash!

The Scottie Dash is a combined effort of the Freeman K-8 ASB and the PTSG, and we are proud to share that 100% of the money raised goes directly back to Freeman students and activities. Due to early donations and your generous support, students are already enjoying the new GaGa Pit—purchased early so it could be ready for play this fall.

After expenses are covered, each class (TK–8) receives 1% of the total fundraising to their class account, which follows students/class through their years at FES, FMS, FHS and ultimately their Senior Trip. The remaining funds are divided with 25% going to the PTSG and 75% to the K-8 ASB, ensuring student leadership groups can continue organizing meaningful events and activities for all Scotties.

The Scottie Dash not only raises vital funds but also builds community spirit, encouraging teamwork, school pride, and student leadership. The excitement on race day was matched by the overwhelming generosity of our families, staff, and neighbors, making this event one of the highlights of the year.

A heartfelt thank you to our business sponsors for their incredible support:

Albrecht Law, Broadway Heights Dental, Bulldog Baseball Camps, Dave's Hot Chicken, Dragon Fly Works, Hawley Family, Hops N Drops, Inland Empire Golf Academy, iSmile Orthodontics, Lakeland Immediate Care, L&M Truck Sales, Maids of Movher, Next Level Cladding, The Law Office of Witherspoon, Brajich & McPhee, Russell Family and Scott Family Orthodontics.

Thank you to every student, family, and community member who participated—your support makes a lasting impact for Freeman students today and in the years to come!

Due to your generosity, we were able to award a wide variety of prizes, including:

- *3 Dick's Bike Certificates (\$200 each)
- *Apple Ear Buds & Portable Speakers
- *Gift Cards (Target, Amazon, DQ, Swell Coffee)
- *Lego sets (Disney Stitch, Botanicals, Creator)
- *Pizza Parties
- *Scottie Blankets & a Gourmet Gift Basket
- *Squishy Mini Footballs



NUTRITION SERVICES

If your student(s) were on the free/reduced price meal program last year, and we do not have a new application for SY 2025/26, please complete and submit a new application to Freeman SD Nutrition Services.

Applications can be downloaded/printed from: [Free/reduced Application link](#)

Applications can also be completed online through Skyward Family Access in the Returning Student Update Information. Additionally, applications may be picked up from the school district or sent home with students.

ELEMENTARY
BREAKFAST: \$2.20
ADULTS: \$3.20

6	Garlic Toast ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	7	French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk Gala Apple	8	Mini Filled Bagel ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Fresh Orange Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	9	Banana Bread ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	10	Cinnamon Roll w/icing ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Pear Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk
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ELEMENTARY
LUNCH: \$3.60
ADULTS: \$5.00

6	Meatball Sub ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	7	Chicken Alfredo Bread Sticks ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	8	Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	9	Stromboli, Italian ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	10	Chicken Burger ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk
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Just a reminder: Please do not pack energy drinks or soda in your students' lunch.



FSD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

October, 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of our commitment to your child's online safety, we want to let you know about an important update. Freeman School District has partnered with Qustodio, the world's leading provider of online safety solutions.

As devices play an increasing role in children's education it is crucial that we put safeguards in place. Your child already benefits from internet filtering technology which blocks inappropriate web content on their school-owned Chromebook. This is also mandated by US legislation.

Freeman School District is going one step further. We are granting every parent a free Qustodio Parental App account. Qustodio will give you important insights into your child's online activity on their school Chromebook. You can use it to review and manage activities on other devices in your home too.

With Qustodio, you'll be able to:

- Manage your child's screen time
- Supervise your child's online activity
- Access expert advice via [Freeman School District's Online Safety Hub](https://freemansd.onlinesafetyhub.io)

Qustodio is a valuable partner that prioritizes privacy, safety and rights of students and parents worldwide.

Activate Your Free Account

On the following page, you will find simple instructions to register your account. Please be sure to use the same email address we have on file for you when registering to connect to your child's device.

We are excited to work with you and Qustodio to help our students develop healthy and safe online habits. Please visit [Freeman School District's Online Safety Hub](https://freemansd.onlinesafetyhub.io) for more information about Qustodio, access to expert advice and additional resources.

Freeman does not provide support for Qustodio; instead, Qustodio offers support for their own product. Please email inquiries to: myschool@qustodio.com

Freeman School District
Information Technology

myschool@qustodio.com

<https://freemansd.onlinesafetyhub.io>

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FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLAR PROJECT

Freeman School District is excited to be working with Partners for Rural Washington and Zero Emissions Northwest who helped us secure a grant through the Washington State University Energy Program for the installation of a 100 kW solar ground mount system with projected installation in January 2026. Freeman has been exploring alternative ways to save energy costs, and this Solar Project is 100% grant funded and comes at no cost to our School District or taxpayers. The solar energy production will allow us to reinvest money back into programs for our students.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The ground mount solar panels will produce 100 kW of power and will be located east of the Transportation Building
- This project is 100% grant funded and comes at NO cost to the Freeman School District or our taxpayers
- This alternative energy source will allow us to reinvest utility costs back into student programs



SMS Text Opt-In

SchoolMessenger®

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number: 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Notice](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



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 48393, 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/en for more info.

FMS AND FHS NEWSLETTERS

Want to find out what's going on in the Middle School and/or High school? Check out their weekly newsletters as well!

[Freeman Middle Scoop](#)
[FHS Friday flyer](#)

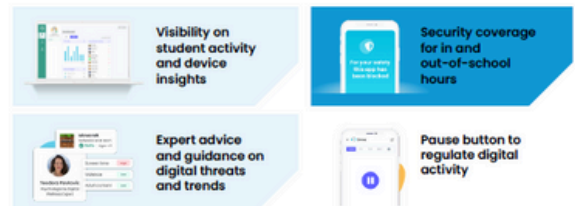
LineWize | Qustodio

TEAMWORK MADE EASY

App for Parents & Families

Technology makes a direct impact on children, their families, and their learning environment. For children to learn and grow as digital citizens in our increasingly connected world, we must first lay out the foundations of online safety, digital literacy, and wellbeing.

Through our school district's partnership with LineWize, our online safety and wellbeing provider, we are able to extend visibility and safeguarding controls on to parents and guardians.



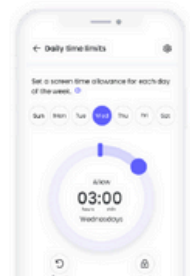
Parents and guardians can also extend protection to personal devices with family-focused digital wellbeing features that adapt to different needs as their child grows:

- Filter and block feature for content and apps
- Location tracking and panic button feature
- Visibility on browsing history, social media, and screen time
- Calls & messages tracking to monitor suspicious activity
- Time limits and screen-free schedules
- Tailored reports and alerts for inappropriate content

Works on the following devices:



Multi-parent access and management available



Qustodio is COPPA compliant and does not share personal data with third parties.



How to get started

1. Scan the QR code or visit qustodio.com/my-school
2. Create your account using the email address your school has on file
3. Get real-time visibility

For any queries, contact us at myschool@qustodio.com



Freeman School CHESS CLUB

Sign up for Autumn 2025 Grades 2-8

SCHEDULE: After School, Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm

8 Weeks: Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov 6, 13, 20 Dec 4



Professional Chess Coach Dennis Pirello provides lectures, videos, and exercises, then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club also competes against other clubs in regional tournaments held on Saturdays (this is an optional activity). Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship, April 25, 2026, Tacoma, WA.

See tournament and camp schedule: www.inlandchess.org

TUITION ~ \$90 for 8 weeks. Each session is one hour. *Registration form below.*

Tuition pays for: **A.** coaching fees, **B.** coaching supplies, **C.** end of semester awards, **D.** insurance, coach development, and administration costs. Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email.

Installment payments are accepted and limited scholarships are available.

Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play (free of charge).

Cut > _____

REGISTRATION for Freeman School Chess Club ~ Autumn 2025

Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

2nd Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

Chess Skill: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced Played in tournament? ___ Yes ___ No

ALLERGIES and/or SPECIAL ISSUES: _____

IMPORTANT: As required by safety best practice and school and insurance policy, parents are required to pick up students on time and must sign the check-out registry. Coaches have other teaching obligations and must not be delayed. Non-parental pick-up must be confirmed in writing.

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____
(or Guardian)

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____
(or Guardian)

Address: _____ City _____ WA ZIP _____

___ \$90 Chess club tuition for 8 weeks. Partial payments are accepted. Scholarships are available.

___ \$15 **OPTIONAL** Tournament style chess set for study and play at home.

___ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to www.chesskid.com a child safe study and play website.

___ \$22 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to Chess Magnet School, a child safe study website.

Total: \$ _____ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Mail registration to Inland Chess Academy, leave them with the school office, or bring them to first day of Chess Club.

Inland Chess Academy ~ Licensed, insured WA state non-profit, 501c3, educational organization.

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chess@inlandchess.org www.inlandchess.org facebook.com/inlandchess

NOTICE to PARENTS: Scientific research proves the study of chess enhances academic performance, increases overall brain functions, and builds positive behavior. In order for students to realize the enormous benefits of chess, daily study is required. Research shows that a minimum of 20 minutes of daily study yields significant academic and behavioral benefits. Inland Chess Academy offers two optional child-safe websites programs for home study: Chess Magnet School and ChessKid, at discounted prices. Also available are home study workbooks. Please support chess study at home.

Contact chess@inlandchess.org or phone 509-822-9800

The Inland Chess Academy's curriculum is built on research proven methods developed by chess masters and educators, and recommended by the United States Chess Federation (USCF).

Beginner - Beginners learn and demonstrate the basics of chess play, chess rules, and etiquette.

Intermediate - Students learn algebraic notation, playing with a clock, an understanding of strategies for opening a chess game, major tactical techniques, and basic endgame theory.

Advanced - Students develop advanced competitive strategies including an opening repertoire, positional strategies, tactical combinations, endgame play, and methods of applying sport psychology to their games.

All students gain knowledge of chess history, chess news, and grow their appreciation of chess. Students are encouraged to play in regional and state tournaments for individual and team awards. *Tournament schedule:* www.InlandChess.org

The Inland Chess Academy is building a vibrant chess community:

- ~ Regional tournaments for students and parents, twice monthly on Saturdays.
- ~ Camps on holidays, spring break, and during summer.
- ~ Tutoring and special interest study groups.

"Chess is the only activity for our youth where they are expected to sit quietly and think long thoughts." JJ Dill II

Inland Chess Academy An insured and licensed 501c3 WA non-profit educational organization.

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Interested in Joining 4-H?

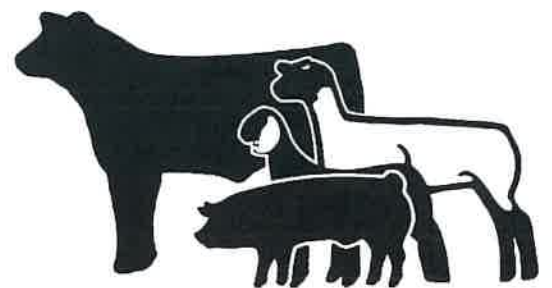
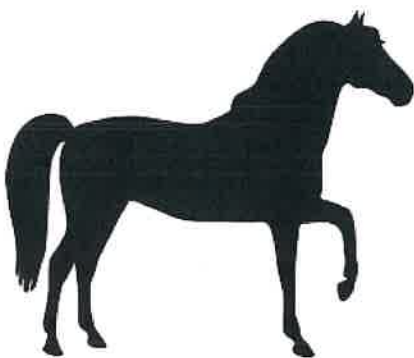


FREEMAN 4-H Club is Hosting its Annual Kick-Off Meeting!

When: Sunday, October 12th @ 4:00pm

**Where: Kiesling Acres Horse Barn
11917 S Kiesling Rd, Valleyford, WA 99036**

Who: Open to all youth ages 8-18.
(Must be 8 years old by Oct 1, 2025 to participate this year)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON



Youth



Essay



Official Entry Form
Youth Essay Program Grades 3-4-5
2025 - 2026

THEME: "How I Respect the American Flag"

Grade Level: _____ Word Count: _____

Date Due to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: **October 31st**

PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be completely filled out and accompany the essay.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Students Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____ Parent email: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Parent Phone: _____

To be completed by a person instructing student

Instructor's Name _____ location _____

Address of School or Home _____
To be completed by Post/Auxiliary

Name & Number of Sponsoring Post/ Auxiliary: _____

Address: _____

Chairman's Name: _____ District Number: _____

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE POST/AUXILIARY LEVEL

Disclaimer Notice:

The district does not sponsor this event/activity/ offer and the district assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration for the privilege to distribute these materials, the _____ School District No. _____ shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including all costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Auxiliary
Department of Washington
State Youth Essay Program Rules and Regulations
Grades 3-4-5**

1. Participants must compose their own essay.
2. The essay must be clearly handwritten, typed or computer prepared.
3. Judging will be under the guidance set by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Judging will include 30 points for addressing the theme, 30 points for clarity of Ideas, 40 points for Theme Development.
4. Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Any student from any school in the State of Washington may enter the program by contacting a local Post or Auxiliary for rules and Official Entry form. Home Schooled students are also eligible.
5. A copy of the Official Entry form must accompany the essay. All sections of the official entry form **MUST** be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level. Entry forms **MUST** be signed by a parent.
6. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Washington. If copies are desired, you must make your own. Chairman will not return essays.
7. Contest begins at the start of the school year.
8. Length: Not to exceed 250 words.
9. Student's Name, City, or School **MUST NOT** be on the essay, only on the entry form.
10. Essay must stay within the prescribed subject matter and there can be **NO** added color or artwork.
11. Essay written in poem form **will not be accepted.**
12. The Post or Auxiliary sponsoring the school **MUST** do the judging at the local level.

Essays due to local Post/Auxiliary by: October 31st

Any Essay not **received** by the deadline **will not** be accepted.

Please submit 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 3rd grade, 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 4th grade, and 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 5th grade to your District for judging by Nov. 15th.



2025-2026 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN

Post 1435



Evelyn Newbigging
PP Winner 2025

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 31, 2025

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students
- enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "**How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?**"
- National Prize is currently **\$5,000**



bit.ly/4bPruk0



HOW TO ACCESS THE PLATFORM

A **whitelist** or **allowlist** is a list or register of entities that are being provided a particular privilege, service, mobility, access or recognition. Entities on the list will be accepted, approved and/or recognized. Institutions that want to work with Scholar's App must whitelist the following domain: *.scholarsapp.com/* - each institution can do so by reaching out to their IT department or IT manager.

We are working on gaining an **allowlist** status with your State Department of Education, but if you're unable to access the platform, please use your personal device at home or on a public network to apply.

SECURITY POLICY

Scholar's App set of security features:

- ScholarsApp complies with the SOC 2 Type II standard for security and offers a GDPR-compliant data processing agreement (DPA).
- Advanced DDoS protection - ScholarsApp combines in-house security systems with Cloudflare to block attacks.
- Vulnerability testing - ScholarsApp uses automated code testing, vulnerability testing (including OWASP Top 10), and continuous monitoring technologies.
- Penetration tested - ScholarsApp conducts pen tests annually (at minimum) following the comprehensive OWASP WSTG.
- State-of-the-art encryption - Your data is safeguarded in transit with TLS and at rest through RDS AES-256.
- Secured with AWS - ScholarsApp is built on AWS, which supports 143 security standards and compliance certifications.

PRIVACY POLICY

Scholar's App is CPA (Consumer Privacy Act) compliant whereby the consumer has the right to limit use and disclosure of sensitive personal information. CPA provides personal information rights and protections for consumers, defined as natural persons. Scholar's App is compliant on not disclosing personal information to a third party for monetary consideration meaning we do not sell your personal information to third parties. CPA gives consumers the right to know what personal information Scholar's App are collecting and how that information is being used.

Scholar's App have two legal responsibilities toward consumers: they must inform consumers in advance regarding data collection and respond to a consumer's request to know what has been collected.

Inform Consumers

Scholar's App has posted our CPA-compliant privacy notice here: <https://privacy.scholarsapp.com/privacy-policy> and provides consumers what categories of personal information are being collected and for what purposes.

Consumer Request

Consumers can submit a request to know what personal information Scholar's App has collected from them. For a 12-month period preceding the request, Scholar's App must disclose the category of personal information it has collected, categories of sources, business or commercial purpose for collecting information, categories of third parties that Scholar's App shares personal information, and the specific pieces of personal information it has collected about that consumer. Scholar's App must provide this information free of charge, but only after verifying that the consumer is who they say they are.

Halloween

ALL MONTH LONG

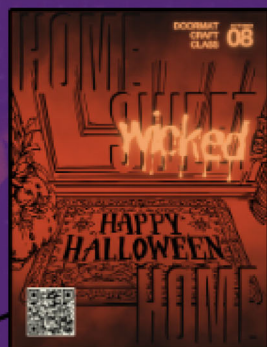


Join the HUB Sports Center this October as we transform Halloween into HUB-O-WEEN!

We'll have family-friendly activities to our Fright Night Volleyball Tournament to our main event, the Field of Screams! So come hang out, play, and celebrate with us.....

IF YOU DARE!

HUB-O-WEEN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Wicked
Welcome
Mats**

October 8th



**Fright Night
Volleyball
Tournament**

October 10th



**The
Field of
Screams**

October 17th &
October 24th



**BOO-gie
Nights
Dance Class**

October 23rd



**Dink or Treat
Pickleball
Social**

October 30th