

# FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## SCOTTIE SCOOP

DEC 13,  
2024

### Robotics Regionals

We had a great weekend hosting the Eastern Washington Robotics Regionals on Saturday and Sunday! There were 36 teams over the two days! We appreciate Audrey Shaw, Isobel Alsup, Graham Offereins and Wyatt Boring for volunteering to help run the very smooth competition! Our Freeman Teams, the Krackens and Scuba Sporks, competed hard and fell just short of qualifying for State. Great job to our teams and community for hosting the event!

### Scottie Gear!

Hopefully you got some fun stuff through the PTSG Spirit Gear sale. If not, Game-One website has Scottie Gear year around. Please follow this [LINK](#).

### FBLA Freeman Blankets

These make great gifts or just a great addition to your home for the winter weather!



FBLA is selling these huge, cuddly, soft blankets while supplies last. They are \$70. Drop in to the high school office during regular office hours (M-F 7:45am - 3:15pm) to purchase yours. Cash, check or card accepted.

### Counseling Corner with School Counselor Stacey Rawson srawson@freemansd.org

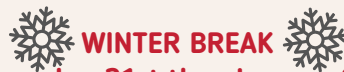


**SETTING GOALS:** Encourage your child to set achievable goals for themselves, whether in academics, hobbies, or personal growth. Help them break larger goals into smaller, manageable steps. Discuss their aspirations and what they need to do to work toward them. Create a vision board or chart together to track progress and celebrate milestones. By setting and pursuing goals, they develop a sense of purpose and motivation, learning valuable skills for planning and self-discipline.

Questions about this or other ways to support your student socially or emotionally? Contact School Counselor Stacey Rawson.

### Upcoming Dates

DEC 13	PTSG Craft Night 4:30-6:30 in FES Gym
DEC 16-20	Holiday Spirit Week (see below)
DEC 16	Tree of Sharing donations due
DEC 17	HS Basketball at Home
	4th Grade Float Mtg @6:00pm FES CC
DEC 18	HS Band/Choir Winter Conc. @7:00 HS Gym
DEC 20	Classroom Holiday Parties
	End of 1st Semester



**WINTER BREAK**

December 21st thru January 6th  
Students return to school January 7th

### HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

DEC 16TH	HOLIDAY CHAOS (Wear a bunch of Holiday colors)
DEC 17TH	DRESS LIKE A FAVE HOLIDAY CHARACTER (Red)
DEC 18TH	PJ'S/ONESIES (Green)
DEC 19TH	REINDEER vs ELVES-antlers, noses, ears... (White)
DEC 20TH	HOLIDAY "UGLY" SWEATER (Blue)

### Upcoming Community Activities

Please see attached flyers for more information!  
**CRAFT NIGHT: TONIGHT!!** Come to the FES GYM and leave with 10 fun holiday crafts.  
**FLOAT COMMITTEE:** 4th graders who want to be a part of the Parade Float Committee.  
**BOOK FAIR:** through Barnes and Noble  
**SANTA EXPRESS:** at the Spokane Valley Mall

### Online Safety Hub

Please follow this [LINK](#) to go to our Online Safety Hub. This is a great resource for parents to understand the different apps that your children have or want to have, so you can make informative decisions about your child's online presence. See attached flyer for more information.

Join this fun group of parents, teachers and staff to help bring amazing events and programs to our school!

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 5:30.



Jack Clerget and Karra Jo Hill won the opportunity through the Harvest Hoe Down raffle, to be Principal for the Day with Mrs. Phelan. They did a teacher observation, a walkthrough in the Elementary School with the District Administration Team and had lunch.



## Grant Recipients

Congratulations to Mrs. A-R and Mrs. Schweiger for receiving classroom grants from the Spokane Area Retired Educator's Association.

## VFW Essay Winner!

Penelope Munck earned 1st place and Adeline Mueller earned 3rd place in the Veteran's essay contest put on by the VFW Post 1435. Isla Northrop also earned 3rd place, but was unable to attend the ceremony.



Taylor Trantham, our K8 Counseling Intern, teaching Ms. Davey's class a PACE Character Trait lesson on Caring.



## Spring Musical!

Calling all 3rd-5th graders who would like to audition for the FES Spring Musical. Please see the flyer below and more information attached at the end of the Scoop.



Join this fun group of parents, teachers and staff to help bring amazing events and programs to our school!

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## Happy Holidays Freeman Community!

Our Annual Tree of Sharing provides local families with extra assistance around the holidays- in the form of gifts, gift cards and meals. If you would like to donate a gift or gift card to a Freeman family this holiday season, please use this link: [SHARING](#)

There you will find our Tree of Sharing wish list with specific gifts requested by Freeman families. Once you select a gift on the list, please purchase it and turn it in at the Freeman Elementary School office. All gifts should be new, unwrapped and labeled with the gift number. Please purchase and deliver to FES by **Monday, December 16**. Additionally, you can support Freeman families by donating a gas or grocery gift card using the same wish list link above. These gift cards are distributed throughout the year as needs arise. If you have any questions, please contact K-8 school counselor Stacey Rawson at (509) 291-4790 or [srawson@freemansd.org](mailto:srawson@freemansd.org).

Have a wonderful Holiday Season, and THANK YOU for your generosity.

Please see attached flyer for more information!

## Nutrition Services

<b>BREAKFAST</b> Elementary Kids: \$2.20 Adults: \$3.20	16 Breakfast Cookie ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Craisins Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	17 Dutch Waffle ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk Gala Apple	18 Mini Filled Bagel ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Fresh Orange Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	19 Egg McFreeman ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	20 Cinnamon Roll w/icing ----- Cereal & Goldfish ----- Pear Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk
<b>LUNCH</b> Elementary Kids: \$3.50 Adults: \$5.00	16 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	17 Mozzarella Bread Sticks ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	18 Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	19 Assorted Pizza ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk	20 Cheeseburger ----- Alternate Lunch ----- Chocolate Milk White Milk

Freeman School District Nutrition Services (FSD-NS) will always feed students one full breakfast and one full lunch every day, regardless of free, reduced or paid status, and regardless of funding on a student's account. Even if a student has a negative balance on their meal account, FSD-NS will always serve a full meal if requested by the student.

However, please note that regardless of eligibility (F/R/P), if a student's meal account has a negative balance, FSD-NS will not serve a la carte items\* to that student (chips, drinks, Rice Krispy Treats, individual milk or juice, etc.). We will serve these students a full breakfast or lunch if requested.

Additionally, if a student wants a second serving of breakfast or lunch, there needs to be funds on the students account to pay for the second meal/entrée. If you have questions about FSD-NS procedures, feel free to reach out to FSD-NS Director, Kent Bevers: [kbevers@freemansd.org](mailto:kbevers@freemansd.org)/509-291-7510

\*A la carte items are not offered at breakfast or lunch to elementary students, with the exception of milk.



JOIN FREEMAN PTSG FOR  
*Kids Holiday  
Craft Night*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:30- 6:30 PM

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY GYM



FREE EVENT FOR FREEMAN STUDENTS!

Includes 10 "make and take" holiday crafts and a  
photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

*Hot Cocoa and Cookies provided*



**FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# TREE OF SHARING



**Spread holiday joy this season by giving gifts to a Freeman family in need .**

**\*\*We still need at least 50 more gifts and 30 more gift cards!\*\***

Turn in your purchased gifts from  
the sign up list to FES by  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

## SELECT A GIFT TO GIVE:

[CLICK HERE](#)

**For More Information :  
509-291-4791 or  
srawson@freemansd.org**





WINTER 2024

# FREEMAN FOCUS

## **A Letter to Our Community...**

As we enter the holiday season, we are very thankful for the support our students and staff receive from our parents and community. Whether it is staying involved with your child's learning, the support our students receive in their activities, the cards, emails, food and gifts for our staff, or when someone says "thank you", these are all important and meaningful to our students and staff. We are extremely appreciative of this support! THANK YOU!

This time of year also brings inclement weather. Thank you for ensuring your child is appropriately prepared for the elements. We have procedures to communicate with you and your family regarding inclement weather. Our Freeman Tree of Sharing help support those less fortunate and we also have support for our families as well. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Rawson if your family or a family you are aware of needs help.

We appreciate your continuing support and encourage you to visit our website at [www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org) for current information and updates.

PRIDE, COMMITMENT, CARING—WE ARE FREEMAN!

Sincerely,  
Randy L. Russell, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

## *- 2024 Veterans Day Celebration -*



*Friday, November 8th, was a very special day in Freeman as we celebrated Veterans Day. Veterans, active duty service men and women, parents and community members joined our students and staff for a fantastic celebration - thank you to all of our Veterans!!!*



## **What's Happening at Freeman**

- 12/18 5-12 Winter Choir Concert - 7:00 pm - Freeman High School
- 12/23-1/3 No School - Winter Break**
- 1/6 No School - Teacher Professional Development Day**
- 1/20 No School - Martin Luther King Day Observed**
- 1/27 FSD Board Meeting - 11:00 AM - PRTC
- 2/5 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
- 2/17 No School - Presidents Day Observed**
- 2/27 FSD Board Meeting - 6:00 PM - PRTC
- 3/7 No School - Snow Make Up Day**
- 3/12 2-Hour Late Start - Bell @ 10:15am
- 3/24 FSD Board Meeting - 6:00 PM - PRTC

**Check out Freeman's website for athletic dates, times and places**

**[www.freemansd.org](http://www.freemansd.org)**

# Join the Freeman Community Float!

Let's make 2025 unforgettable!

We're inviting **4th grade kids and their families** to help design and participate in our community float. It's a great once in a lifetime opportunity only **4<sup>th</sup> graders** get to participate in and showcase creativity, teamwork, and community spirit!

## Why Join?

- Be part of an exciting project!
- Represent our amazing community in several parades!
- Make fun memories with friends and family!

## Informational Meeting Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, December 17th
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Community Classroom – Freeman Elementary

At the meeting, we'll share:

- ✓ Float theme and design ideas
- ✓ Timelines and costs
- ✓ Roles for kids and parents
- ✓ "FUN"draising

**We love creative minds, helping hands, and lots of excitement!**

 **Join us at the Informational Meeting to Learn More!** 

For questions, contact Sue Pray at 509-347-6062 or [suelpray@gmail.com](mailto:suelpray@gmail.com)

Let's make this float the best one yet!! We can't wait to see you there!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in our after-school musical program! This program is open to all 3rd-5th graders who have a passion for singing, dancing, and acting.

**About the Musical:** Our after-school musical program will feature an engaging and age-appropriate production that will allow your child to showcase their talents on stage. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to explore their creativity, build self-confidence, and make lasting memories with their peers.

**Schedule:** Rehearsals will take place Tuesday and Thursdays after school, starting January 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not be requiring all involved be at every practice. Modified practice times will be given after roles are decided. We understand the importance of balancing academics and extracurricular activities, so rehearsals will conclude promptly to ensure that students have ample time for homework and other commitments.

- Tryout date: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>
- Rehearsal Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Time: 2:45 to 4:15 pm
- Location: K-8 MPR

**Commitment:** Participating in the after-school musical requires commitment and dedication. We kindly ask that parents support their child's involvement by ensuring regular attendance at rehearsals. If there are any scheduling conflicts, please communicate them with us in advance.

**Performance Dates:** The culmination of our hard work and dedication will be showcased in a few spectacular performances on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Save the dates, as this will be a wonderful opportunity for friends and family to witness the incredible talent of our young performers.

**Registration:** To enroll your child in the after-school musical program, please fill out the attached registration form and return it to the school office by January 16<sup>th</sup>. Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your child's spot as soon as possible. Once you've registered, I will send home tryout information.

**Parental Involvement:** We encourage parents to get involved in supporting the musical production. Whether it's assisting with costumes, set design, or providing snacks for the performers during rehearsals, your contributions will make a significant impact on the success of the program.

We are looking forward to an enriching and exciting after-school musical experience for all involved. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [athompson@freemansd.org](mailto:athompson@freemansd.org) or 509-291-4791.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thompson

## After-School Musical Program Registration Form

### Student Information:

- Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information:

- Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information:

- Emergency Contact Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### I'd like to volunteer (circle one or more that you're interested in):

Costumes

Stage props/ stage backdrop

Snacks

### Commitment and Consent:

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to the following terms and commitments for my child's participation in the after-school musical program:

1. My child will attend rehearsals regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:15 pm.
2. In case of scheduling conflicts, I will notify the organizers in advance.
3. I give consent for my child to participate in the final performances scheduled for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday, March 28, Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. I understand the importance of parental involvement and agree to contribute to the success of the program in any way I can.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



PRESENTED BY



100% of Proceeds Benefit  Vanessa Behan

SANTA EXPRESS is a holiday retail store for kids ages 4-12 (encouraged), many of whom make this shopping experience part of their Holiday tradition. With the assistance of an Elf, kids shop for everyone on their list from a wide selection of gifts priced from \$1 to \$12.

While your kids are shopping, visit our GIFT BOUTIQUE which is filled with home and holiday decor, gifts, stocking stuffers, and much more!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*For more information or a link to sign up as a Santa Express volunteer, please scan the QR code or visit our website at [santaexpress.org](http://santaexpress.org)*



### LOCATION

Spokane Valley Mall

Main Floor by Macy's

(Use Azteca Entrance)

### STORE HOURS

November 29 - December 22

Monday - Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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# 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](#)**

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](#)** 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](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com)**

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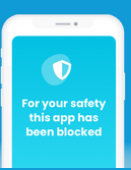
## App for Parents & Families

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.

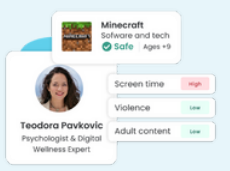
Through our school district's partnership with Linewize, our online safety and wellbeing provider, we are able to extend visibility and safeguarding controls on to parents and guardians.



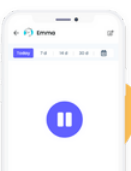
**Visibility on student activity and device insights**



**Security coverage for in and out-of-school hours**









**Expert advice and guidance on digital threats and trends**



**Pause button to regulate digital activity**

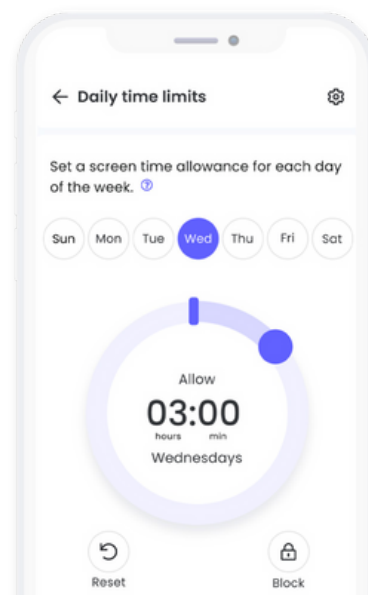
Parents and guardians can also extend protection to personal devices with family-focused digital wellbeing features that adapt to different needs as their child grows:

-  **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](https://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](mailto:myschool@qustodio.com)