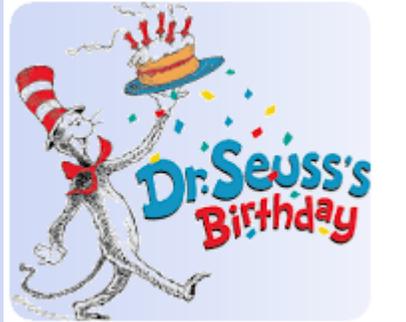


The Scottie Scoop!

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Issue: February 28, 2023



Thursday, March 2
Dr. Seuss' Birthday
National
Read Across
America Day



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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we conducted the evacuation February 24, then assisted students getting to their buses and home.

The circumstance resulted from a broken pipe in the ceiling above one of our classrooms following our frigid temperatures.

We are pleased that our warning systems were effective, emergency responders were prompt, and our training for drills proved successful.

Your children did a fabulous job!

Lisa Phelan, Principal

March 1	Late Start, 10:15 a.m. (Teacher PD)
March 2	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm ITK STEAM Night (for ITK Parents/Students), K8 MPR, 4-6:00 pm
March 3	School Day (Snow Make-up Day for Nov 30)
March 6	District PD—No School
March 8	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm PTSG Meeting, FES Community Classroom, 5:00 pm
March 13	Conference Scheduler Opens, 8:00 am
March 15	Chess Club, FES Community Classroom, 3:00 pm
March 21-May 8	Freeman Fit for Bloomsday (see page 5)
March 27-31	Spirit Week
March 29	Class Photos, FES (am) STEAM Fair
March 30	FSD Board Meeting, K8 MPR, 6:00 pm
March 30-31	Thursday Conferences, 8:00 am-7:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am-noon
April 10-14	Save the Date—Elementary Food Drive for Palouse Food Bank



gearing up for Kindergarten

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

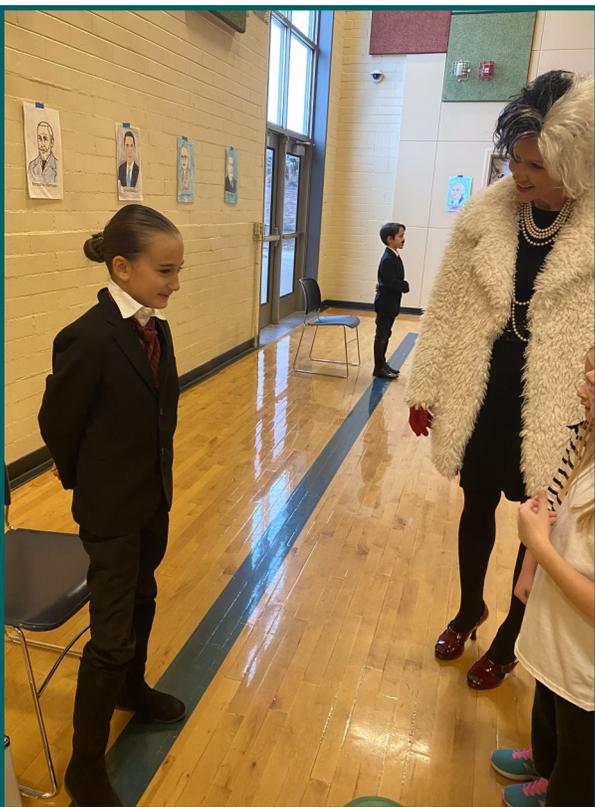
[Interest also accepted for Inclusive Transitional Kindergarten (ITK) age 4 by 8/31/2023]

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.

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: Randy Russell, russell@freemansd.org, (509) 291-3695, 15001 S Jackson Rd. Rockford, WA 99030 (Updated 2021)

**Mrs. Cochran's
2nd Grade
Students Deliver
Speeches of
American
Presidents
at the
Annual
Presidents Wax
Museum**



Meet our Athletic/PE Staff



Mr. McKeown or “Mr. M” teaches elementary PE. His childhood nickname was “JR.”



Two things on his bucket list are to coach a State Championship Team, and also to travel to Nashville. Michael loves the outdoors—golfing, snowboarding, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys listening to live music.

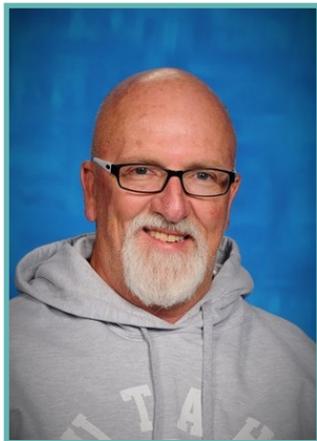


Mr. Schneider teaches Kindergarten through Sixth Grade PE and also 6th Grade Health. His childhood nickname was “Z.”



He says, before he dies (the real meaning of a bucket list), he’d like to watch his daughters grow up and explore more of the world. He also mentioned that for a very brief period in time, he was the youngest person alive. Mr. Schneider has acted in over 30 plays.

Meet our Transportation Staff



Mr. Randall describes his role as Pupil Transporter. His childhood nickname was “Arty.”

On Mr. Randall’s bucket list is to hike the Grand Canyon, and to take in historical sites back East. Two fun facts about him are he collects antique bottles...and he loves insects!



Art Randall



Mrs. Lashaw serves as a school Bus Driver. Her childhood nickname was “Babs.”

On her bucket list is (...or was) to retire at age 50 (oops—missed that one 😊). Two fun facts about her are, she coached Cheer at Freeman for seven years, and, according to her, she loves to fly by the seat of her pants!



Barb LaShaw



Mrs. McNally is a Bus Assistant on Bus #19. She helps with loading & unloading wheelchair students and helps them get to/from school. She also assists special needs students on their rides.

Mrs. McNally’s childhood nickname was “Suz.” Her bucket list includes a cruise to the Mediterranean, and also hopes of teaching a yoga class.



Suzanne McNally



Meet our Transportation Staff, cont'd

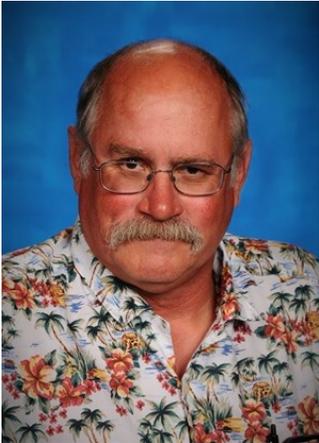
Mr. Plumbo serves as a Substitute School Bus Driver. His childhood nickname was "Ricky." On Rick's bucket list is to go to both Australia and New Zealand. Fun facts about Rick include that he grew up in Hawaii and loves to surf, and that he was born in England.



Rick Plumbo



Hal Patton



Mr. Berg is a Freeman Bus Driver whose childhood nickname was "Ricky." On his bucket list is to hike the Chilkoot Trail, a 33-mile recreational trail. He also wants to see Australia. Fun facts about Mr.



Berg include that he is from Alaska, and also that he used to work on aircraft, from B2s to bus aircraft.



Rick Berg



Kari Gemett

Mrs. Gemett is a Freeman bus driver. Her childhood nickname was "Trouble." On her bucket list is to visit Israel and also Noah's Ark.

Some fun facts about Kari are that her grandkids go to Freeman, and she graduated from Freeman in 1979.

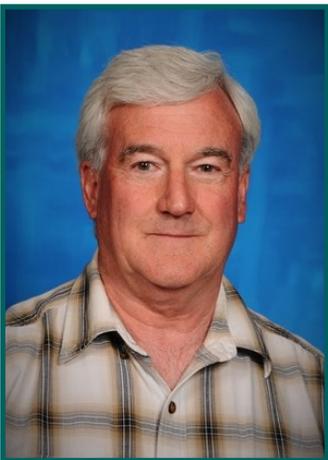


Mr. Patton is a Freeman Bus Driver whose childhood nickname was "Bubba." On his bucket list is to travel to Europe, and to camp across America.

A fun fact about Mr.



Patton includes that he has deep Southern roots. Also, his kids went to Freeman, and now his grandkids too!



Eric Eden

Mr. Eden drives a Freeman school bus. His childhood nickname was "Bear." On his bucket list is to go to Alaska. Two fun facts about him are that the forest is his happy place, and he's been a realtor for 43 years!



Ms. Kirkland is a Freeman Uber Chauffeur (aka School Bus Driver). Her childhood nickname was "Banjo." On her bucket list is to learn to play the fiddle, and to travel all 50 states in an RV (except Hawaii, obviously). Some fun facts about Mrs. Kirkland is she played "Rizzo" from Grease her junior year at Freeman. Also, she has lived in Valleyford all her life except during her stint in the Air Force after high school.



Kimi Kirkland

Meet our Transportation Staff, cont'd



Ms. Scott is a Freeman school bus driver. Her childhood nicknames were “Bear,” “Sarah Bells” and “Dewey.” On her bucket list is to become a rich farmer. :) Sarah graduated from Freeman in 2005, having attended Kindergarten through graduation. Now her children attend—ITK and 5th Grade.

Sarah Scott



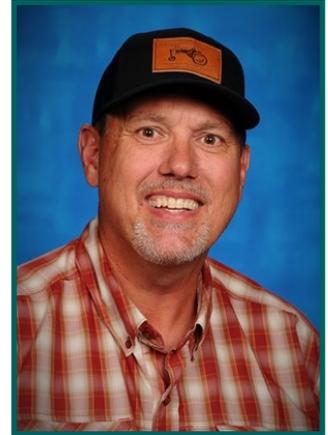
Mrs. Lally is a school bus driver. Her childhood nickname was “Piglet.” On her bucket list is to travel more and to play piano. Some fun facts about Paula include that she was a proud mother at 16, and that she loves to dance.



Paula Lally



Mr. McKee is a Freeman school bus driver. He didn't have a childhood nickname. On his bucket list is to visit all the national parks and to visit all European countries. Fun facts about Mark include that he is a US Navy Veteran, and that he worked at the National Security Agency as an Intelligence Analyst.



Mark McKee



Mrs. Miller is a transport specialist for Freeman. Her childhood nickname was “Mandy.” On her bucket list is to travel to Greece, and also to go sky diving. Two fun facts about Amanda is she has two grandsons, and she has a copper Jell-O mold collection.



Amanda Miller



Joe Pass

Mr. Pass fills in as a Substitute Bus Driver for Freeman. His childhood nickname was “Joey.” On Joe's bucket list is skydiving, and playing golf in Scotland. Two fun facts about him are that he is a retired Washington State Patrol motorcycle trooper, and he enjoys taking motorcycle trips out of state.



Mrs. VanSoest is a Freeman school bus driver. Her nickname, which she goes by, is “Anne.” On her bucket list is a boat cruise in Alaska. Two fun facts about her are that she is a ranch owner...and a very long-time Freeman employee.



Anne VanSoest



Heather Walker

Mrs. Walker is one of Freeman's Tiny-Human Transporters. Her childhood nickname was “Shoe Leather.” On her bucket list are visiting Ireland, and hang gliding. Fun facts about Heather are she enjoys crafts and crochet, and she loves to cook and bake.



Meet our Transportation Supervisors



Mrs. Trejbal is Freeman's Transportation Director, soon to be retired. Her childhood nickname was "Charlie."

On her bucket list is a Caribbean Cruise and attending the World Reining Horse Competition.

Some fun facts about Char include that she has been to all of the Hawaiian Islands (some twice), and that she has been a Freeman employee for 39 years, loving *almost* every minute of it. (Bus Driver, Assistant Transportation Director and Transportation Director).

This year she was named the 2022-23 Freeman School District Educator of the Year!



Char Trejbal



Everett Combs



Mr. Combs is our Assistant Transportation Supervisor/ Mechanic. His childhood nickname was "Rat."

On his bucket list is driving Route 66, and to rebuild his dad's 1966 Chevy Suburban that his father bought new. Something unique about Everett is, a favorite car he's owned was a 1974 Nova SS, Red with Black SS badging. In addition, he was stationed about two years in Germany in the Army.

Everett was recently named the new Transportation Director, beginning his new role this fall.



Ms. Edwards Kindergarten Class Celebrates 100 Days of School, with 76 to go!





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>



Email your Tip to
1528@alert1.us



Call to report your tip
509.291.8031



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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.

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



Thank you Mrs. A-R and Staff for Presenting Our
First Annual K-5 STEAM FAIR
Wednesday, March 29
1-2:30 p.m.

Your child's teacher will let you know where to see their displays.

We hope to see you there!

Please bring state identification and sign in at the office on arrival.



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Persistence, dedication and hard work

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Spring Conferences ITK-Fifth Grade

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



- This year, we will offer in-person conferences. The mask mandate will be lifted, so there are no specific protocols in place. Masks are voluntary.
- 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.

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 - March 26 (4:00 pm)

Conferences are scheduled in 20-minute intervals, with 5-minute pass times.

Student-led conferences will be offered in Mrs. Thompson's fifth-grade class. Otherwise, elementary students do not attend conferences unless specifically requested by the teacher.

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



School Meals

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday



1	Breakfast Pizza ----- Cereal & Goldfish Fresh Orange Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	2	Breakfast Cookie ----- Cereal & Goldfish Banana Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk	3	Cinnamon Roll w/icing ----- Cereal & Goldfish Pear Juice Variety Chocolate Milk White Milk
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—Breakfasts—

1	Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll WG ----- Alternate Lunch Banana Corn Chocolate Milk White Milk	2	Cheese Pizza ----- Alternate Lunch Gala Apple Broccoli Chocolate Milk White Milk	3	Hamburger ----- Alternate Lunch Pear Baked Beans Chocolate Milk White Milk
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—Lunches—



“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)