

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCOTTIE SCOOP



A Message from Principal Lisa Phelan

With great excitement and anticipation, I welcome you all back to Freeman Elementary for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. As we embark on this new academic journey, I want to extend a warm and hearty welcome to our returning families and those joining our Freeman family for the first time.

The beginning of a new school year is filled with promise and potential. It's a fresh start, an opportunity for growth, and a chance to create lasting memories. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated faculty and staff have been working diligently to ensure our school is ready to provide your children with the best educational experience.

This school year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, character development, and fostering a love for learning. Our curriculum is designed to challenge and engage students at all grade levels, and we encourage them to explore their interests, discover their passions, and strive for excellence in all their endeavors.

I am grateful for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us create a positive and enriching experience for your children. Whether volunteering, attending parent-teacher conferences, or participating in school events, your active participation makes a significant difference. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Scottie Dash on September 29th.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions throughout the year. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

I wish you all a fantastic start to the school year!

Sincerely,

Lisa

Update Student Information on Family Access

Every year parents need to log into Family Access and update each students information, whether they are new students or returning. It is very important for your students' information to be up-to-date! There is a Skyward (Family Access) Parent Mtg on September 12th! Learn the ins and outs of Skyward!

Thank you for your help!



Important Dates

September 1	Opening Ceremony: Kent Smith Field First Home Football Game
Aug 30-Sept 1	WaKids Meetings for Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten
September 4	Labor Day—No School
September 5	First Day of TK & K
September 11-15	Scotties Be Nice Week
September 27	Late Start (10:15am)
September 27	FSD School Board meeting, K8 MPR, 6:00 pm
September 29	Scottie Dash 11:45am-2:30pm
October 5	FES Individual Picture Day



PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Dear Parents:

Freeman Elementary is a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) school.

PBIS provides a framework for encouraging positive behavior throughout the entire school and during transport to and from school on our school buses.

The goal of PBIS is to build positive relationships and teach respect for all students and staff at Freeman. We encourage a positive environment throughout Freeman Elementary by posting reminders of the schoolwide expectations:

- ◇ Be Respectful
- ◇ Be Responsible
- ◇ Be Ready to Learn
- ◇ Be Safe

When visiting the building, you will see these expectations posted in the hallways, gyms, multipurpose room and your child's classrooms. The students and staff are familiar with these expectations and strive to practice them in all areas on campus.

A behavior matrix in our student handbooks clearly outlines exactly what "respectful, responsible, ready to learn and safe" looks like in every setting during your student's day on campus.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Lisa Phelan

New Employees

Please help us welcome our new employees! Tawnya Becker (Transportation), Blair Lovatt (K-8 Counselor), Josh Robins (Para), Regina Simon (District Office), Isaac Swillie (Para), Brianne Wineinger (Secretary)

We thank our hard-working hiring committees for bringing on a great team of new Freeman employees.

Drop off/Pick up Reminders

Drop off: Please do not drop off before 7:50am. We do not have supervision before then.

Pick up: Please follow the line and continue to drive up the pick up line. Your child cannot get into the vehicle until you are front of the cone. If you are parent pick up, park in a parking lot (not the valet line) and walk down to get your child.

All of these rules are in place for the students' safety. We appreciate your cooperation!

Communications

The elementary school's primary method of communication for ongoing news and activities is *The Scottie Scoop!*, emailed home most Fridays throughout the school year. (also available on the school's internet page) Individual teachers also send information home in students' "Friday folders." Through these avenues, families should remain informed. Other unplanned communications will utilize School Messenger (emails/ telephone/ texts)

For districtwide instructional dates, breaks, late starts, etc., please see the attached calendar. This calendar is posted on the district home page at www.freemansd.org for future reference.

Easy Ways You May Support Freeman

Download the Box Tops App, Assign *Freeman Elementary* as your school, then scan receipts when you shop.

Connect your Fred Meyer Loyalty Card with Fred Meyer

Nutrition Services

The waiver from USDA Food & Nutrition Services that provided free lunches during COVID-19 has now expired. Free and reduced meals will be available to students who qualify as determined through the family's completion of the application for Free & Reduced Priced Meals. All families are asked to complete this application regardless of perceived eligibility. The data is used for qualifying for other programs. New applications for this school year are available through the link provided, and families will be notified following application. Elementary student meals are \$2.10 for breakfast and \$3.15 for lunch. Meals are open to all elementary students.

To complete the application: www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1484349669652&page=lunchapps

Meal Prices	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$2.10	\$3.15
Middle	\$2.20	\$3.35
High School	\$N/A	\$3.50
Adult	\$3.20	\$4.95

Thank you!

I want to thank Freeman parents for their donations to the 2023-2024 STEAM Program. I am overwhelmed and so grateful for your generous response!

Thanks to Mrs. Phelan, Glenn Hawk, and Matt Jessop there is a new supply closet in the STEAM classroom. I was able to organize all my supplies and get everything out of huge storage bins. Now I know exactly where to find supplies for all the awesome STEAM activities I have planned.

Mrs. A-R



September Breakfast

Tuesday the 5th: Churro
Wednesday the 6th: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday the 7th: Waffle WG

September Lunch

Tuesday the 5th: Chicken Nuggets
Wednesday the 6th: Chicken Alfredo
Thursday the 7th: Corn Dog
Friday the 8th: Grilled Chicken Burger

Sports, Activities and Clubs

Please see the following attachments for information about sports, activities and clubs:

- Hooptown Youth League
- Cub Scout Pack 420
- Robotics

Southeast Spokane County Fair,
September 22-24, Rockford, WA

Check out their website for all of the fun activities!

New Year, New Gear

Get some new Scottie Gear through Game One!

[Freeman All-School Spirit Wear Custom Apparel and Merchandise - Game One \(game-one.com\)](http://Freeman All-School Spirit Wear Custom Apparel and Merchandise - Game One (game-one.com))

Student Insurance

Each school has brochures available. Or please check out the link:

www.myers-stevens.com/enrollment-page/

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)



FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #358 2023 - 2024 School Calendar



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Significant Dates

August 28	Staff Orientation/Open House
August 29	Professional Development
August 30	First Day of School
September 4	Labor Day Holiday - No School
September 5	First Day of Kindergarten
September 27	Late Start PD
October 9	Professional Development - No School
October 25	Late Start PD
November 2 - 3	Conferences - No School
November 10	Veterans' Day Observed - No School
November 22	Early Release - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 23 - 24	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
November 29	Late Start PD
December 18 - 29	Winter Break - No School
January 1	New Year's Day - No School
January 12	Professional Development - No School
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 26	End of Semester/2nd Quarter
February 7	Late Start PD
February 19	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School
March 1	Snow Make-up Day - No School
March 4	Professional Development - No School
March 6	Late Start PD
March 28 - 29	Conferences - No School
April 1 - 5	Spring Vacation - No School
May 1	Late Start PD
May 24	Snow Make-up Day - No School
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
June 8	High School Graduation
June 13	8th Grade Promotion
June 14	Last Day of School - Early Release

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- Shaded Dates - No School
- Indicates Late Start/Professional Development Days
- * Indicates Parent Conference Days - No School
- ** Indicates Early Release - 12:30 pm
- School Begins & Ends

SCHOOL CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

Freeman School District implemented an upgraded digital payment service that went into effect on August 2nd, 2023. **Please note that when paying by credit/debit card a processing fee will be applied to the total.** Cash and checks will still be accepted without a fee. With the rising costs of processing fees, the annual amount the district has been paying to cover these fees is becoming significant and we do not believe is the best use of our public dollars.

- When paying online, each transaction will incur a 3% processing fee. (student fees, meal account payments, etc.)
- When paying in person by card, each transaction will incur a flat \$0.50 processing fee. *This includes Dawg House purchases*
- Please note that because of increased security with credit card processing, our new system no longer allows us to manually enter credit card numbers and take payments over the phone.

ATHLETIC EVENT TICKETING AT FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL

- **We will be using GoFan for digital ticketing for athletic events at Freeman High School.** Fans can purchase tickets online through the Freeman High School GoFan page or by presenting a card or mobile payment option at the ticket gate (also through GoFan). All major credit cards are accepted, along with Apple Pay and Google Pay. The associated fees with GoFan tickets will be \$1 + 3% per ticket.
- **You will still be able to use cash or check at the gate in person with no fee, but GoFan will be the only option for athletic event card payments moving forward.**
- All season passes and playoff games/tournaments will only be available to purchase through GoFan. Please visit <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23764> to purchase tickets and passes.

The new ticketing policy is something that our league is moving towards as a whole for consistency and to operate a more efficient and professional ticket gate while elevating the fan experience. Buying tickets online allows fans to access and share tickets easily by email or text and will cut down on ticket line time significantly when purchased ahead.

We encourage you to buy tickets online prior to reaching the facility. For your convenience, signage will be set up at the venue to help fans navigate an online purchase quickly and easily.

Freeman School District presents

WHAT IS SKYWARD?

HELP YOUR STUDENT

Keep track of
your student's
grades in real
time



**12
SEPT
2023**

**HOW TO USE SKYWARD AND
GOOGLE CLASSROOM TO
HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED IN
4-8TH GRADE**

- Meet FMS and FES Administrators and School Counselors
- Learn about Google Classroom and Skyward Family Access
- Have your parent account set up on site!

When and Where

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12, 2023 AT 6 PM

K-8 Multipurpose Room

Questions? 509- 291-7301 jmoyer@freemansd.org



HOOPTOWN YOUTH LEAGUE 23-24 SEASON

- Grades K - 6TH
- Recreational & Competitive Divisions
 - K-2 REC 6 game guarantee
 - 3-6 REC 7 game guarantee
 - 3-6 COMP 10 game guarantee
- No team needed - register individually
- Play with your friends and classmates
- Practice at your attending school
 - 1 practice a week for recreational
 - 2 practices a week for competitive

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER:



<https://hooptownusa.com/pages/youth-basketball-league>

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST 15

Player & coach registration opens

SEPTEMBER 15

Guaranteed registration deadline

LATE SEPTEMBER

Teams formed

OCTOBER (exact dates TBD)

Rec & Comp practice starts

OCTOBER 28th

Recreational teams start games

NOVEMBER 4TH

Competitive teams start games



#ADVENTUREON



Scouting is FUN!

Boys and Girls K-5 Welcome!!!

Join Cub Scout Pack 420!

Info night and sign up:

Thursday, September 14 @ 6:30pm

Chester Elementary School

Questions? Contact spokanepack420@gmail.com

Freeman Robotics Calendar *ell*

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- Aug - Dec ● Tue & Thur Practice - 2:45-5:10pm
- Oct - Dec ● Mon & Wed Practice - 2:45-5:10pm
- Nov ● Practice 2:45-5:30pm
Pizza 5:30-6:00
Present at Board Meeting 6:00-6:20
- Dec ★ Tentative date for Reginal Competition

During the 14 week season Freeman Robotics teams will:

- Build & Program robots to solve different missions
- Brainstorm a project that aligns with the 2023 theme
- Develop a presentation to share with judges
- Compete at the regional competition
- Work hard & have fun



MASTERPIECE

