

Freeman Elementary



Home of the Falcons
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Upcoming Events

October

10/5 Get Moving
Monday!

10/8 Pride Assembly

10/9 **NO SCHOOL**

10/12 Parent Teacher
Conferences 4:15-
7:15PM

10/13 Parent Teacher
Conferences 4:15-
7:15PM

10/14 Parent Teacher
Conferences 4:15-
7:15PM

10/15 & 16 **NO SCHOOL**

10/20 Sonic Night 5-
8PM

10/22 Pastries with
Parents 7:30AM; HOPE
Family Night & Night at
the Library

10/30 Fall Parties 3:10

November

11/2 Get Moving
Monday!

11/5 Fall Picture Re-
takes

11/19 Family Night &
Night at the Library 6-
7:30PM

Awesome October Ahead for Freeman Families

We can't believe it's already October. The weather is already getting cooler, the Campus Homecoming parade was fun for the students to watch and field trips to the zoo and pumpkin patches are already underway. But there are still several weeks left in the month and we need you to know about some exciting and important events.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – if you haven't scheduled a time to visit with your child's teacher, please do so right away. Conferences will be Oct. 12, 13 and 14 from 4:15-7:15PM for grades Pre-K through 3rd.

Fourth and fifth grade teachers are doing conferences differently this year and will be located in the cafeteria Oct. 12 and Oct. 14 from 4-8:30PM. Parents are welcome to come and go for these teachers at any time and can visit with whichever teacher they prefer. We do ask if possible, visit time with these teachers be limited to 10 minutes to allow as many parents as possible to conference. Remember, there is **NO SCHOOL** Oct. 15 and 16. Those are conference release days.

Also during conferences, we will have coats from our last coat drive set up. If your child needs a coat, feel free to stop by the library to pick one out and take home. Colder weather is coming soon, so make sure your child is prepared.

Laura Kristek Memorial Coat Drive – Speaking of the coat drive, our annual drive will start again from now through Nov. 16. The coat drive was started by Freeman's previous nurse, Laura Kristek who passed away from cancer several years ago. The coat drive continues in her honor.

This year we are partnering with First Christian Church of Haysville which is conducting a coat drive for the children of USD 261. If you have a brand new coat or jacket to donate you can bring it to the school anytime 8AM-4PM or to the drop box at FCC. The coat drive will end at Family Night on Nov. 19. Children who need a coat can pick out one any time that night. Extra coats will be divided up among all the elementary schools in Haysville to help all kids in USD 261 stay warm.

Costume Parade – We will have a costume parade on Friday, Oct. 30 at 2:10PM. Kids will be allowed to bring a costume to change into for the parade, assembly, and class party. Students are **NOT** allowed to bring any accessories, special masks, or special shoes. Classes will snake through the school and end in the gym for our Pride Assembly. Parents are welcome to meet their student's class in the gym for the Pride Assembly starting at 2:30PM and to see our costumed kiddos. Fall parties will be in the classrooms starting at 3:10PM.

Morning Reminders – Just a reminder to families that students are able to enter the building starting at 8AM. If they are dropped off earlier than 8AM the child will need to wait in the foyer/breezeway in front of the office until 8AM. Also, school starts promptly at 8:25AM, students should arrive to school in plenty of time to eat breakfast (if they eat at school) and be in their classes by 8:25AM. Teachers take attendance, get a lunch count and start reading classes by 8:30AM so habitual tardiness by even five minutes does throw off the start of the day. We don't expect perfection, but please do your best to make sure your student is on time. If you need anything, please call Andrea or Hannah in the office at 554-2265. Thank you so much!



MUSICAL NOTES FROM MR. RUST

The fourth grader's recorder order has arrived and we have started practicing. It is truly an exciting time as well as a time for great learning! In the next 4 months students will be learning to read music in real time and starting with just a few notes before long they will be playing complete songs. Those students that didn't buy more than one instrument can expect to be able to take their instruments home for the first time to practice in about 3 weeks. By then they should have begun to commit to memory the foundations they will need to practice on their own.

The fifth grade is getting close to completing Unit One of the World Music Drumming curriculum we are learning. In this unit they have learned about music and culture of West Africa (specifically Ghana). For Unit Two our next stop will be the country of Liberia!

Upcoming Freeman Music Events (Mark your calendars!)

- ♫ November 18 (Wed.) -- third grade field trip to the Wichita Symphony's Young People's Concert.
- ♫ December 1 (Tues.) -- 3rd and 5th grade concert (In the Freeman gym starting at 6:30pm)

COACHES CORNER – COACH KELLEY

Healthy Kids = Active Learning Here at Freeman we are involved with the "Let's Move" movement to support our school in providing a comprehensive school physical activity program based on quality physical education to include all children during the school day.

What is "Let's Move!"?

- encourages a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity before, during, and after school to improve health and learning.
- is supported by national educational leaders.
- provides educators with tools to create an active learning environment.
- develops physically educated students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be physically active for life.

Quality physical education gives students opportunities to practice and enjoy physical activity both at school and other events. With this program we hope to provide students with the knowledge of movement and fitness concepts, health related fitness, personal and social responsibility, and to value the benefits of physical activity through their lifetime.

"Let's Move" has some facts about physical activity that make you think why physical activity is so important for everyone: "When a substantial amount of school time is dedicated to physical activity, academic performances meets and may even exceed that of students not receiving additional physical activity."

"95% of parents of children under 18 believe physical education should be part of a school curriculum for all students in grades K - 12."

We appreciate your support for our students in physical education class. All the students have done so well in being prepared for class each day by wearing proper sport shoes and socks. The students love to wear their sport shoes in class and know that they can move in physical education class in a safe manner.

We're excited at Freeman to have our school and students be a part of the "Let's Move!" Have a great workout! (SOURCE: www.letsmove.gov)



Please help your child remember to wear tennis shoes for gym class. The proper shoes keep your child safer as they run, jump, skip, dance and move.

Flip flops are fun for the sun, but not to run!



Counselor Tips of the Month

Relaxed: Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play soothing music and ask your child to be dressed and ready by the time it's over.

Energized: A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your youngster healthy choices.

Connected: Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask them to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt them with specific questions, such as: which multiplication table did you practice?

Prepared: Studying a little every day is the best way to learn new material. Help your youngster choose a time for homework when they are most alert and try not to change it.

Rested: A set bed time helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Suggest that your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories, or talk quietly with you.

Talking about PRIDE

In September, Freeman Elementary students began showing off what they have learned about P.R.I.D.E. – Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence. On the topic of respect third through fifth grade discussed what respectful behavior typically looks like with both friends and adults. They also learned about the consequence of disrespect and how it affects not only themselves but their friends as well. Kindergarten and first grade explored respect by reading, *Personal Space Camp* by Julia Cook. This story talked about the importance of personal space around other students and adults. Students were then asked to show what their personal space bubbles should look like around family, friends and strangers through artwork.

When students reached the topic of integrity, they agreed that honesty truly is the best policy. Third through fifth listened to the Aesop Fable "The Honest Woodcutter" and they discussed how honesty is often rewarded with kindness. They also role-played scenarios in which their honesty would be tested (ex. telling the truth after they had accidentally broken something at home). Kindergarten through second grade learned about what trust and honesty means and how lying can have consequences by listening to the story "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". They also talked about how asking for help in class if they do not understand is a form of honesty as well.

We will be wrapping up our P.R.I.D.E. lessons in October and moving on to our annual drug prevention lessons in honor of Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 26th-Oct. 30th).

BIONIC

The 2015-2016 BIONIC team has been selected! The new members to the leadership group are: Kayleigh Gordon, Aubrey Ledingham, Allissa Nesmith, Caitlin Stiner, Kaydence Williams, Emily Wright, Terry Akers, Broc Burgardt, Ian Davis, Sydney Forshee, Taylor Hubbard, Natalie Kielhorn, Justin Kyle, CJ Lyons, Hunter Poort, Kerston Sipes, and Rylie Trowbridge. Congratulations to our BIONIC team and we look forward to a fun semester.

BIONICS first project was to assist with Relay For Life. BIONIC members designed posters which were hung on the gym walls to promote the event. Members also assisted in the event by leading the Pre-K-4th graders in activities, taking pictures for the event, as well as handing out stickers and water bottles to students. Mr. Kelley and Mr. Rust send their thanks to the BIONIC members for their assistance in running the event.



Library News - Mrs. Davis

Night at the Library is BACK!

We had our first Night at the Library on September 24th with a PTA sponsored event the Watch D.O.G.S. It was a wonderful success and we are so happy and excited to begin our partnership with the Campus High School International Baccalaureate students to present this fun-filled literacy night that we've called Night at the Library.

This year we will again be hosting a monthly event as a night for families to come enjoy our library and some activities prepared and presented by the Campus IB students. There will be some time to read books about our theme, take an AR test, explore some wonderful reading websites, play some games, and do a craft or two, and of course, have fun!

The Night at the Library is designed to build community within our Freeman families and students and promote the importance and fun of reading. Each Night at the Library is for students and their families. This is a come and go event that begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:30 pm.

Here's the calendar for Nights at the Library for the rest of this year!

- October 22 — Halloween Theme
- November 19 — with Family Night
- December 3 — with Book Fair
- January 28 — Kansas Day Theme
- February 25— with Family Night
- March 31 — Surprise Theme!
- April 21 — with Book Fair



Come join us for our second year of Night at the Library. We hope you'll join us!

Notes from the Nurse — Mrs. Warren

HOW TO STAY GERM-FREE AT SCHOOL



Wash your hands after touching
dirty/germy surfaces

Wash your hands every time
you use the bathroom



Sneeze into your elbow
instead of your hand



Keep your hands to yourself

Be sure you don't cough, sneeze or
otherwise get spit onto the shared toys



Wash your hands before eating

Wash your hands as soon as you get home