

Freeman Elementary



Home of the Falcons
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Upcoming Events

September

9/3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17 &
18 Hearing & Vision
Checks

9/7 **NO SCHOOL**

9/10 Dad's & Kids Pizza
Night 6-7:30PM (in gym)

9/14 Get Moving
Monday!

9/15 Sonic Night

9/18 Relay for Life;
Immunizations & health
assessment deadline

9/22 Fall Pictures

9/25 **NO SCHOOL**

October

10/5 Get Moving
Monday!

10/8 Pride Assembly

10/9 **NO SCHOOL**

10/12 Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-8PM

10/13 Parent Teacher
Conferences

10/14 Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-8PM

10/15 **NO SCHOOL**

10/16 **NO SCHOOL**

What Families Need to Know...

School Hours - School hours have changed slightly this year to 8:25 am to 3:50 pm for Grades K-5. Pre-K half day students attend from 8:25AM-11:25AM for the morning and 12:50-3:50PM for the afternoon session.

Notify the School, When... Please remember to notify the school by 8:45 am when your child will not be in school because of illness or appointment. Our phone number is 554-2265. Also, please make sure your child goes to the office to sign in if they arrive after 8:25 am. Additionally, if you have a special message that needs to be delivered to your child before dismissal, please notify the office by 3:15 pm to assure all messages are delivered before school is let out. We will give attendance recognition two times a year, winter and spring.

Tuesday Folders - We will send home regular weekly communications in Tuesday Folders. Please be sure to check the contents of the folder each week and then have your child return the folder promptly on Wednesday. If you represent an organization which may be sending notes home with students, please be sure these notes are approved for distribution by the central office and that they arrive at school before Monday to be sent home on a Tuesday.

Safety Drills - Safety is important at Freeman Elementary School. Staff and students have spent the past few weeks reviewing procedures for emergency drills. Schools are required to hold monthly fire drills and periodic tornado drills. We have also practiced other drills such as "Shelter in Place". The students have done a wonderful job showing PRIDE behavior during these drills.

Volunteer Background Checks - Any person wanting to volunteer in our building or chaperone field trips must have a volunteer background check conducted. This is a standard procedure for our district and it helps to secure the safety of all of our Freeman students. Please pick up a Volunteer Application/Background Check form from the office, complete, and return the form to the office or your child's teacher. Please do not wait until the day before an activity to turn it in, as processing sometimes takes several days. We would enjoy having as many volunteers as possible for this school year. Your help in getting volunteer background check forms in a timely manner is appreciated.

FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT- Release of Directory Information

If you do not want Haysville USD 261 to disclose directory information from your child's education records, you must notify the District in writing by August 26, 2015 or within two weeks of enrolling your child. If at any point in the school year, you change your mind about disclosure of information, you must follow the notification procedures listed here. Please send such notification to: Liz Hames, Communications Director, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, KS 67060 AND to the principal of your child's school. If a written notification of refusal to release directory information is not received by the District, USD 261 assumes there is no objection to the release of the directory information as designated.

NO SCHOOL reminder...

Just a quick reminder that we will not have school on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday. We hope you have a fun and relaxing time with family and friends.



MUSICAL NOTES FROM MR. RUST

It's recorder time! The 4th grade students will begin playing recorders in September. This is a little earlier than in the past. The hope is we will get to play even more exciting and educational music if we get a little more time to prepare. We have placed an order for recorders for students that opted to pay for one and it should be arriving in the next several weeks.

There will be a new award given out monthly to one Freeman class (grades K-5). The new award will be called, "Drumming up PRIDE". The award will actually be a drum that the winning class will be allowed to keep for the month following their being awarded it. It will be given out to the class that shows the most PRIDE in music class throughout the month, so students should be trying extra hard to have the chance to win!

COACHES CORNER – COACH KELLEY

Welcome Back to School and Physical Education Class for 2015-2016. We're looking forward to the new school year with our students and staff!

We had our "Back to School Swim Bash" on Thursday August 13th at the Haysville City Pool. The students did a great job of swimming and displaying some of their other super water skills that day! It was a fun and safe day for all and the weather was fantastic.

In September Freeman School will be participating in the American Cancer Societies "Relay for Life" event for this school year. The students enjoy this event so much and helping out their community by caring for others who have cancer. We will be sending more information out in the next couple of weeks for this big event.

"Get Moving Monday" is also back this year! We will have our first "Moving Monday" on September 14th. This is a chance for all of our students and staff to take one day of the month to focus on fitness and eating healthy. More news to come later.

We would also like to thank all of the students and parents for wearing sport shoes and socks to PE class. We strive for all students to be safe during PE class and when students wear the correct sport shoes and socks it makes a big difference in keeping our students safe in their activities.

Once again we're looking forward to the new school year and having your students in Freemans Physical Education classes. Have a great workout!



Haysville District Online Resources

For your convenience, the Haysville School District has a great website which is easily navigated for parent and student information. Please take time to check out the district's website and blog at <http://www.usd261.com>.

In addition to the Freeman page, there are calendars, Myschoolbucks.com (for adding lunch money), information about transportation, policies and more.

Also, please **utilize your parent access in Power School so you can see your student's information such as grades, specific assignments and messages from teachers.** You will want to check out our Facebook and Twitter district sites at www.facebook.com/haysvillepublicschools, and www.twitter.com/usd261.

If you have any questions, please contact contact Andrea Anglin or Hannah Woodring in the Freeman office at 554-2265.

Counselor Tips of the Month

- 1. Set a Routine.** Routines help children know what to expect and when. When they know when an event or activity is upcoming it causes them less stress.
- 2. Sleep!** Sleep is crucial for a child's growth and development. A child's brain needs at least 10 hours of sleep every night in order to be recharged and ready to learn the next day.
- 3. Support positive study habits.** Have a specific area in the house where your child can do homework each evening.

A brand new school year has begun at Freeman and with it many new faces have arrived. The new students will be featured on our New Faces at Freeman poster. The poster encourages returning students to reach out and welcome the new students in their class.

Classroom guidance

The weekly classroom guidance sessions have begun for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Each class meets for 30 minutes per week. The month of August has been focused on giving the students a chance to get to know their classmates. We did a number of activities that let students discover new and interesting things about each other during the first two weeks.

Kindergarten and first grade have begun to work on developing listening skills this month through the use of the story *Listen and Learn* by Cheri J. Meiners. The story provides students a variety of ways to show off their listening skills. This includes looking at the speaker, thinking about what they hear, and how to ask questions.

Second through fifth grade students will cover **P.R.I.D.E.** They will learn over the next few weeks what Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence are and the ways they can show each one not only in school, but outside of it as well.

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports)

Students and staff reviewed our PRIDE expectations in August through the use of PBIS stations throughout the school. Students should come to school every day and be prepared to show their **Freeman P.R.I.D.E.!**

- Preparation
- Respect
- Integrity
- Discipline
- Excellence



8 WAYS TO ASK YOUR KIDS HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY (WITHOUT ASKING "SO, HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?")

- #1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)
- #2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- #3. If you could choose who would you like to sit by in class? (Who would you NOT want to sit by in class? Why?)
- #4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
- #5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
- #6. If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
- #7. How did you help somebody today?
- #8. How did somebody help you today?

Library News - Mrs. Davis

I'm so excited to start another school year with you. We've got some amazing books for you in the library. One of the great things we do in Kansas is the William Allen White Award. William Allen White was the editor of the Emporia Gazette and in 1952 an award was established for him honoring great children's books. This is the oldest state-wide children's choice book award in the United States. This year there are eleven books on the list for grades 3-5 and we have all the books you can check out! The titles are:

- The Great American Dust Bowl by Don Brown
- A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin by Jen Bryant
- Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech
- Locomotive by Brian Floca, last year's winner of the Caldecott Award for Best Illustrations in a Children's Book
- Gingersnap by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Words with Wings by Nikki Grimes
- Mary Walker Wears the Pants: The True Story of the Doctor, Reformer, and Civil War Hero by Cheryl Harness
- White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan
- Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Parrots over Puerto Rico by Susan L. Roth
- Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse by Tamera Will Wissinger
- We also have four titles on the list for grades 6-8 for you to check out! The titles are:
- Doll Bones by Holly Black
- The Mad Potter: George E. Orr, Eccentric Genius by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- One Came Home by Amy Timberlake
- Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool, who is a local author who lives in Wichita!



These are some great stories and if you read just two titles from one of the lists you are eligible to vote for your favorite and help pick the William Allen White Award Book for 2016. Last year's winner, my favorite, was Malcom at Midnight by W. H. Beck. Voting is in April so start your reading now! I've read them all and I've already picked my favorite! Let's read together and see what Freeman's favorite WAW is for 2016! Happy Reading, F.R.O.G.S.!



More important info!

Picture Day – September 22

Our Fall Individual Picture Day is Tuesday, September 22nd. These pictures will be used for the 2015-2016 school yearbook. Individual pictures will be taken starting at 8:30 am in the gym. We will be sending home picture envelopes soon.

Welcome to Anna Calven... We would like to welcome Anna Calven our newest hire to Freeman Elementary. She is our new gifted teacher!

Note from the Nurse – Deadline to provide immunization records and health assessments is **Sept. 18th**.

Scouts - Girl Scout Leader in on Monday, August 31, 2015. Robin was here to visit with students in the cafeteria during lunch. **Boy Scout Leader was in on August 21, 2015.** Ty visited with classrooms in Grades 1-5. This was a great opportunity for our Freeman students to learn more about scouting, making friends and having fun!