

May 2016

Freeman Elementary

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May Events

- May 2nd: Kindergarten Round Up, 9:30am
- May 2nd: 5th Grade HWMS Tours
- May 3rd: 5th Grade HMS Tours
- May 3rd: Fundraising Award Assembly, 3pm
- May 3rd: Orchestra Spring Music Concert @ Nelson, 7pm
- May 5th: Band Spring Music Concert @ Nelson, 7pm
- May 6th: Field Day @ Colt Stadium, 9-3pm
- May 9th: Halstead Learning Center, 9-2:30pm
- May 10th: Early Numeracy Testing
- May 10th: State Assessment Bowling Party, 9am
- May 11th: Band/Orchestra Concert, 8:45 am, Gym
- May 11th: All-School Ice Cream Party, 3pm
- May 16th: Talent Show, 2 pm, Gym
- May 18th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
 - 8:30 Awards Assembly
 - 10:15 5th Grade Promotion Party
 - 11:40 EARLY DISMISSAL

Dear Parents,

This Summer marks an important time for changes at Freeman. Please read below about these exciting changes!



Safety for students and staff continues to be the number one priority at Freeman and this summer we will have interior cameras installed. They will be placed strategically in our school with monitoring capabilities in the entrance, hallways, cafeteria, gym, and library. This upgrade will complete the installation of cameras to allow for both exterior and interior monitoring at Freeman.



I am also excited to report that Freeman will have new windows installed as a result of the Haysville Bond Election. Due to the summer project schedule, teachers are being asked to pack up their classrooms and this is a huge endeavor. **We ask that if you have any spare boxes you are willing to share with staff, please bring them to our office. Our building will be closed for the summer beginning May 20th through August 1st.** If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please don't hesitate to contact our administrative office at 316-554-2200.



The last change I want to share involves staff changes.

We have resignations from Ms. Graves, 2nd grade teacher (*who is moving to Kansas City area*) and Mr. Stekoll, Technology teacher (*who is retiring*). Please help us say goodbye to these wonderful teachers. We will miss them!

GENERAL NEWS...The following information is from the Kansas State Treasurer's Office. Learning Quest would like to share about a K.I.D.S. matching grant program that encourages students and their parents to continue their education after high school through traditional universities, community colleges or technical colleges. The match is per student. Here is a link to their latest video encouraging kids to follow their dreams: <https://www.facebook.com/KSLearningQuest529/videos/vb.229320410535039/656856364448106/?type=2&theater>.



~ Dr. Donna Ferguson
Freeman Elementary Principal



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 18, 2016

Early Dismissal at 11:40 AM



TECH NEWS



With all of today's technologies, we're almost certain that your child spends a good part of their day looking at a digital screen (ie: computer, tablet, smart phone, TV). The 20-20-20 rule was invented to help reduce digital eye-strain and also relax tired eyes. Check out this infographic which was created to assist you and your child in less eye strain for a more enjoyable day!

<https://us.discovericli.com/blog/the-20-20-20-rule-preventing-digital-eye-strain>



Here's the 20-20-20 rule!

- Every 20 minutes, give your eyes a break and take your eyes off your computer.
- Look at something 20 feet away.
- For at least 20 seconds.

Remember, your child can often use a break from technology...encourage your child to get active and play! Enjoy the summer!



Preschool News

Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Shipman



**We are excited to have
Pre-K field day at Freeman!
Friday May 6th
9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M.**

We have several fun activities planned. They include: egg and spoon races, tricycle races, parachute fun, an obstacle course, and so much more.

**Please send your child to
school in comfortable
clothing and tennis shoes!**

*Parents are welcome to join us at
9 am and 1:30 pm in the gym.*



Music News

"Freeman students have had a wonderful year musically, and we're about to top off the year by having our annual 4th and 5th grade talent show. **This year's show will take place on Monday, May 16, from 2 – 3:15pm in the gym.** Parents are welcome to attend if able. Thank you for your continued support of music in our school!"

Please join us for the Spring music concerts this year. These concerts are a combination of all elementary schools and they are presented at Nelson Elementary School.

**May 3: Orchestra, Nelson, 7pm
May 5: Band, Nelson, 7pm**

Freeman will have our own last concert. This concert will be a combination of band and orchestra at May 11th, 8:45 am in the gymnasium!



~ Mr. Rust



WELLNESS REPORT by Coach Kelley

It's that time of season to move into the "Good Ole Summertime" and continue to keep active during this season. Family schedules change for the summer so it helps to schedule some type of activity or exercise class to maintain that fitness level you are striving for. Below are some tips of how to stay active this summer!

"Top Ten Activity Tips for Summer"



1. Join a Health Club or the Haysville Activity Center.



2. Take that swim class you always wanted to.



3. Sign up for a summer fun run or walk!



4. Time to dust off that bike in the garage and take a ride several times a week!



5. Gardening is a great exercise and the veggies always taste better out of the garden.



6. Join a summer bowling league. Plus it's always nice and cool in the bowling alley!



7. Schedule that family hike you always wanted to do in the spring but ran out of time!

8. Haysville has a fantastic Frisbee Golf Park, maybe we'll see you out there!



9. Summer softball leagues are everywhere, don't forget to join a team!



10. Only you know what you want in staying fit this summer, just "Get Moving!"



Health News



By Nurse Warren



Lost and Found is overflowing!
All items not claimed by May 18th will be donated to charity.

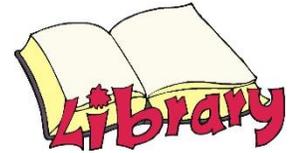


If your child has any medications in the Health Room, they will be sent home on the last day of school, unless other arrangements have been made.



Counselor - News

By Mr. McGee



It has been an awesome APRIL at Freeman Elementary!



Kindergarten discussed interests and how there are activities that they like and don't like to do at home and school.



First grade took the discussion further and talked about strengths that they have and how that relates to jobs that they could one day be good in.



Second graders explored different activities and interests that they wanted to learn more about as well as the six paths a person can travel for a job they are interested in.



Third grade took their exploration a step further during the month and interviewed both staff and family members about their careers and what educational requirements were necessary to reach the point they are now.

To begin April, 4th & 5th graders looked at different aspects of careers!



Fourth graders completed an interest inventory and continued their career exploration online using the Paws in Jobland Career Exploration software.



Fifth grade had the opportunity to see how much they have changed in the past year by retaking the interest inventory from 4th Grade and comparing their answers. The majority noted they had changed greatly in one year and they were tasked to explore how different careers have changed in the past decade both in small groups and family interviews.

BIONIC LEADERSHIP CREW

The BIONIC crew was hard at work LAST month. They started the month by preparing for our annual **Kids Against Tobacco (KAT) Day!** KAT Day wouldn't have been a success without their diligence and hard work. Throughout the day BIONIC members taught 4th Grade students about the hazards of smoking and chewing tobacco. At each station they provided interesting facts about the effects it has on the body, and discussed ways to avoid tobacco in the future.

BIONIC also attended a leadership retreat at the Prairie View Adventure Course. They developed their team work skills and leadership skills in a variety of heart racing activities.

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY...



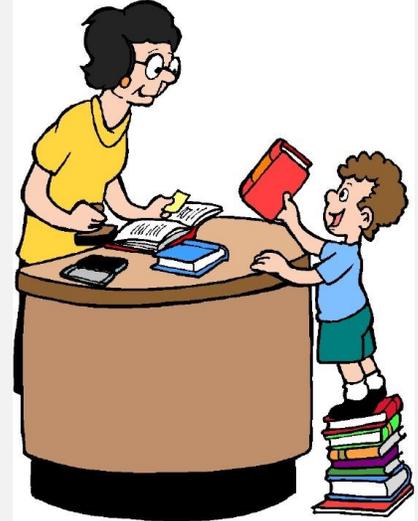
During the month of May all grade levels will begin their annual "Message to the Future" project. Each student at each grade level is tasked with leaving a message for the next grade level by answering questions on camera such as "What did you learn in ____ grade?" and "What advice would you give to the next class?"

Have a great May!

Mr. McGee
Freeman Elementary Counselor

Library News – By Mrs. Davis

May 6th was the LAST DAY for students to check out books for this school year!



The deadline for returning books and all materials to the library is May 13th.

Hey...Don't forget to read with your child over the summer! There are exciting reading programs at public libraries that you and your child can participate in! Having your child read 20-30 minutes a day will help them to keep their grade level reading skills.

Enjoy your Summer!

