

Freeman Elementary School Newsletter

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Freeman Elementary School Mission Statement

At Freeman Elementary, our commitment is to empower individuals to be successful through high expectations in a place of pride where achievement is inspired by caring, effective instruction and respect.

I CAN! I WILL! I DO!

I can...be successful today!

I will... overcome the challenges I face today!

I do...accept responsibility for myself today!

-School Motto

Home of the Falcons



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UPCOMING EVENTS

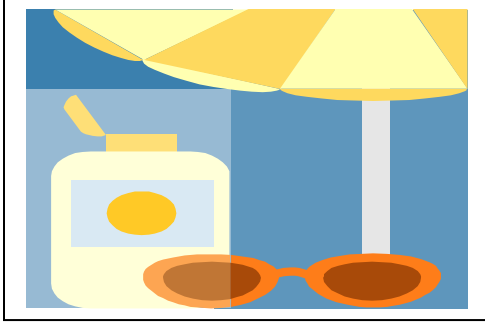


<u>May 4-8</u>	STAR testing
<u>Tues. 5/5</u>	4 th Grade Recorder Concert 8:45am to 9:15am in gym
<u>Mon. 5/11</u>	5 th Grade visit from Haysville Middle School
<u>Tues. 5/12</u>	1 st Grade Field Trip to Petco
<u>Tues. 5/12</u>	Band/Orchestra Tour 9:15 to 9:45 in the gym
<u>Wed. 5/13</u>	Spelling Bee @ 9:00am
<u>Thur. 5/14</u>	5 th Grade Track Meet with Nelson
<u>Thur. 5/14</u>	Orchestra Concert at Nelson @ 7pm
<u>Fri. 5/15</u>	Track & Field Day
<u>Mon. 5/18</u>	Talent Show 2:00pm - 3:15pm
<u>Mon. 5/18</u>	All District Band Concert at Nelson @ 7pm
<u>Tues. 5/19</u>	P.R.I.D.E. 9 Week Assembly & State Assessment Awards @ 8:45am
<u>Tues. 5/19</u>	P.R.I.D.E. Celebration Party 1:15pm - 3:15pm
<u>Wed. 5/20</u>	Staff vs. 5 th Grade
<u>Thur. 5/21</u>	5 th Grade Promotion - 10:30am - 11:15am
<u>Thur. 5/21</u>	Last Day of School - Dismiss at 11:30am



LAST CALL

We have lots of lost coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, and even a few lunch boxes in the Health Room that need to be claimed. Anything not picked up by the end of the school year will be donated to charity. All the items will be on display in the front foyer the last two weeks of school, but feel free to come by and go through the boxes in the Health Room at your convenience.



Spring Clothing

With the spring and summer weather approaching, please help your child watch the weather and dress appropriately. Short shorts, halter tops, and crop tops are discouraged. Please be sure that your child's clothing is well-fitted.

Mrs. Lane's Preschool class picking up trash on the Playground





P.R.I.D.E

Preparation

Respect

Integrity

Discipline

Excellence



Retirement

Janet Swagler and Rosemary Watkins will be retiring this year. Janet Swagler is a Title I Para and Playground Aide and Rosemary works in the Kitchen. Thank you, ladies for all your hard work at Freeman.

TITLE 1 TIDBITS

I have enjoyed working with students on math and reading this year in the Title I room! In May, be looking for a special June and July calendar to come home. It will have fun daily activities for math and reading you can work on this summer. Most of them are quick, easy ways to keep your kids thinking and reading.

I recently read an article by Richard Welsch about the best ways to help children improve their reading skills. Here are a few of the ideas that you can try at home:

1. Read the page/passage 3-5 times. Read it to a different person each time.
2. An adult or older child reads the book first. Then have the Title I student read it back to the first reader.
3. Listen to a book on tape or CD and follow along. Then read it alone.
4. Read the book together with someone instead of one at a time.
5. Read poetry and nursery rhymes.
6. After you read the book, go back and make flashcards of words you missed and practice them.

Have a great summer!

Summer News

There will be no summer school for elementary general education this year. Teachers will be providing information and activity packets for all parents to use over the summer in gearing up their students for next August. Please look for those to be coming home in our last Tuesday folder in May.

The Haysville Public Library is also available for summer activities.

The Boys & Girls Clubs will be offering a summer camp at the Haysville Middle School for students in Grades 6th – 8th. It will be from June 22nd to July 30th from 8am to 1pm Monday thru Thursday. The cost is \$30 which covers all 6 weeks. Registration is from May 4 – June 15th. For more information, please contact the Boys & Girls Club at 201-1890.



Just a Reminder

Please make sure we have your current address. The mail-in enrollment packets will not be forwarded.



Race and Ethnicity Forms

The federal government is adjusting the student data categories for race and ethnicity. We recently sent home a yellow form that needs to be filled out on each student. We need to have these forms filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. If you need another form, please contact the office at 554-2265.

Mail-in Enrollment

All current USD 261 students will use mail-in enrollment for the 2009-10 school year. Kindergarten and ECC students who attend Kindergarten Round-Up in April will also enroll by mail.

Mail-in enrollment packets will be mailed in early July and should be mailed back to the district office by July 24. Enrollment packets will include all forms, fee information, and supply lists for the coming school year. **All forms must be filled out and returned** in order to complete the enrollment process. Any outstanding fees should be paid prior to enrollment.

The district will conduct a one-day enrollment for students who are new to the Haysville school district. The 2009 New Student Enrollment will be held on August 6 at the Haysville Middle School, 900 West Grand, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Documents needed for enrollment include a copy of the student's state certified birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence in the Haysville School District. Acceptable proof of residence includes a current utility bill (gas, water, or electric only) showing the parent or guardian's name and a current rental or purchase agreement. Questions about residency should be directed to Debbie Coleman, 554-2200. Enrollment fees are due at the time of enrollment. They may be paid by cash, check or credit card (MasterCard or Visa).

Only students who are new to the district and are not attending a Haysville USD 261 school and kindergarten students who did not attend the Kindergarten Round-Up will enroll in person. All others will be enrolled by mail.

The Sedgwick Co. Health Dept. Mobile Unit will be on site at the New Student enrollment to offer immunizations from 1:30-6 pm. Both new students who are participating in the enrollment and current Haysville students who need to update their immunizations can use this service. Questions about immunizations should be referred to the District Nurse, 554-2200.

PTA NEWS

There will be a Pizza Hut "Fun"draiser Night on May 11th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Pizza Hut will donate 20% of your purchase on that night to the Freeman PTA.

Coach's Corner

2008-2009 School Year a Big Success!

It sure is hard to believe it's May already and the end of the school year is almost here. It seemed like when we were in school, the days didn't fly by this fast! As my wise parents told me, "it's because we are becoming older and the years only go by faster." That's scary!

Good news from our Jump Rope for Heart program this year! Our students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The students raised \$2,170.00 for the American Heart Association and helped celebrate the 30th anniversary of this fund-raising event. These donations raised during Jump Rope for Heart help fund research to fight heart disease and stroke and also support the American Heart Association's public and professional education programs. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America and stroke is No. 3.

This year's event was a huge success, and we doubled our amount from last year. Our goal at Freeman is to teach and help students lead a healthy lifestyle. We believe that participating in Jump Rope for Heart will help students see the benefits of jumping rope not just for themselves but also helping our community thru fundraising for a healthy cause!

Once again we would like to thank all the parents and students for participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year. Without you, none of this would be possible. Also, thanks again for letting your students be involved with fund-raising for this worthy cause, you truly make a difference!

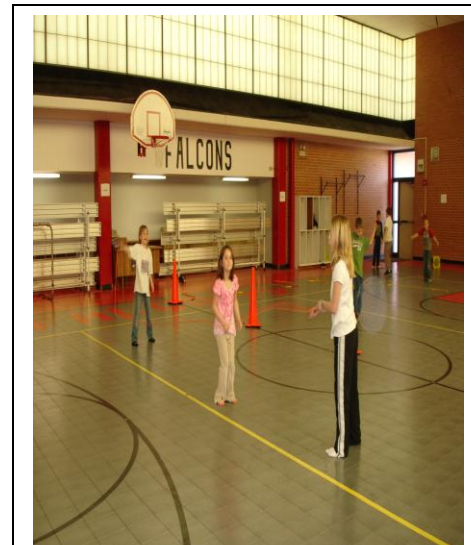
We hope that all of our students and parents of Freeman have a healthy and safe summer. Remember to encourage your children to be active this summer and play each day for at least 60 minutes. Also make sure they eat a variety of foods from the five food groups: milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, and meat. We look forward to seeing everyone again this fall for a new and exciting school year!

Have a great workout!

Coach Kelley

TRACK & FIELD DAY FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

Freeman Track & Field Day is scheduled for Friday May 15th, 2009. It will be held at Freeman on the west side playground sports area. Grade levels K, 1, and 2 will participate in the morning events. Grade levels K, 3, 4, and 5 will compete in the afternoon events. **Please have your student dress appropriately for field day.** Sports shoes with socks (no sandals please), sunscreen if it's sunny or bring a jacket if it's cool. Each class will go to lunch at their scheduled time in the cafeteria and have lunch like a regular school day. After all of the events are completed, there will be a staff vs. 5th grade Tug-of-War to end the day. Please bring your good "sportsmanship and teamwork" effort for this day of events! Thank you, Coach Kelley, for coordinating this school wide event.



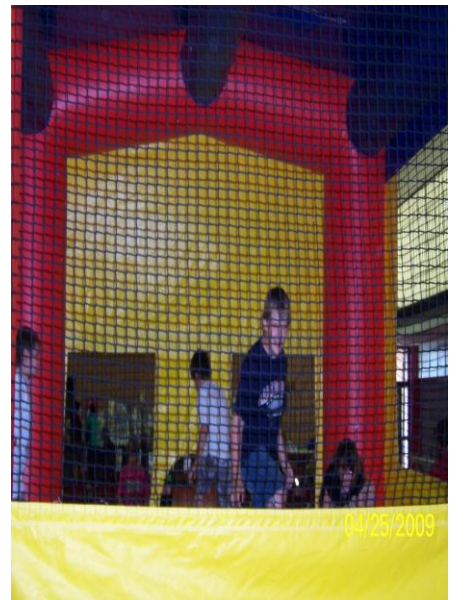
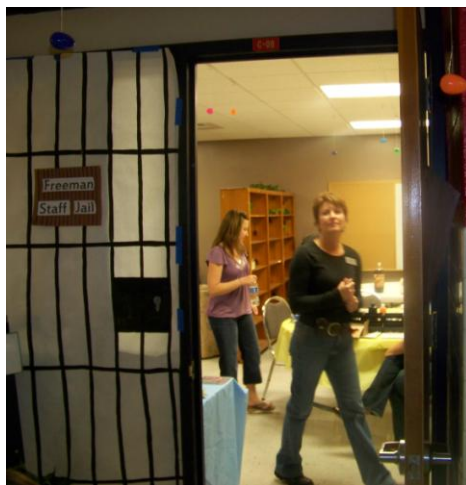
MUSIC PROGRAMS

There will be a 4th Grade Recorders Assembly on Tuesday, May 5th in the Freeman Gym from 8:45am to 9:15am. They will also be performing on May 18th at 2:00pm for the Talent Show at Freeman. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

The Band and Orchestra students will be performing on May 12th in the gym from 9:15am to 9:45am. There will be an Orchestra Concert on May 14th at 7pm at Nelson and a Band Concert on May 18th at 7pm at Nelson.

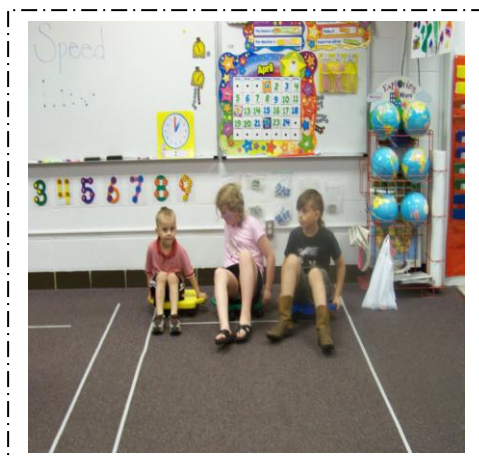


FREEMAN FUN NIGHT



For more pictures of Fun Night,
go to the District website at
www.usd261.com.

Thanks for all the help and support at Fun Night.
Lots of hard work and planning went into making
Fun Night a huge success.



COUNSELING NEWS

For the third year Freeman will be honored by the NCA at Campus High School. This year under the guidance of Rick Young, Automotive Technology instructor, made automotive repairs and used the money they earned to purchase and build 12 bicycles. One very deserving Freeman Falcon will be presented with his bike at the May 19th PRIDE assembly. This is an outstanding program at Campus and we are so grateful to them.

The Fifth Grade BIONIC leadership team has done **OUTSTANDING** work for Freeman this year and they continue their work into May. Many of the students have chosen to tutor or mentor during their recess times. This means they are giving their “fun” time to help others. They are also finding out how much fun it is to be helping someone out as well as how difficult it is to manage their own work and grades. During the tutor/mentor time the BIONIC kids help with homework, test preparation, and anything else the teacher wants.

The Fourth Grade BIONIC team is promoting **peaceful playground games** each Monday. We know it is important to have safe fun recesses where **EVERYONE** gets to play. This is also very important in preventing bullying. The students have formed teams of 4 or 5 students and selected a Monday to host a fun activity. They have written the announcements for Falcons on Air and will organize and run the activity. All fourth grade students are invited to play during their lunch recess. That’s leadership in action! We have played “Banana Tag”, Mother May I? and have plans for group juggle, limbo, and other fun games. In May they will be helping Mr. Kelley get ready for Field Day. PRIDE Café has been very successful this year. It seems that some classes are there every ten days. Remember that it takes 10 good behavior points to earn a certificate and a free dessert.

One class that seems to just be “bursting” with PRIDE is Miss Rowley’s first grade class. They seem to have won nearly every award this year—sometimes more than once. Great job!

As group work comes to an end, many students are working hard to get their Personal Peace Plan, Frequently Friendly, and I Can Handle it cards completed.

It’s been a great year and I hope you have a safe and relaxing summer.

Patty Wellman, Counselor
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Mentoring groups



Pride Café – Mrs. Carney’s (above)
Mrs. Garner’s class (below)

