



FREEDOM FIREBIRDS

Our Mission:

Freedom Traditional Academy is committed to providing a well-rounded educational experience in which students develop great citizenship and achieve academic excellence through rigorous, accelerated, and purposeful curriculum while supported by an engaged and involved family community.

Our Vision:

Preparing all students to be successful, productive citizens and lifelong learners.

Message from the Principal

Hello Firebird Families!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost at an end...only if the 3 digit temperatures were too! We are looking forward to seeing the kids again!!!

If you are new to Freedom, WELCOME! We are a small school where everyone knows your child's (and your) name. We are entering our 4th year and have so many things to celebrate! First, we are proud to say that we had the best state scores in the Surprise and El Mirage area for the 20-21 school year. BUT! We did even better in the 2021-2022 school year! Research shows that parent involvement plays a major role in student achievement. This is very obvious here at Freedom...parents are involved and dedicated in their child's education. Because of this, we can't thank our parents enough! And our students....they are the BEST! The students at Freedom are hard working, goal oriented, respectful, and kind young people who are destined to be a change agent in our world.

Did you know that at 211 degrees, water is hot but at **212 degrees**, it boils? With boiling water, comes steam. And with steam, you can power a train. This one extra degree makes a huge difference. This school year, our theme is 212 degrees. Staff and students will be creating one goal - their 1 degree that will propel success - and tracking their progress. After the first week of school, I encourage you to ask your child what their 1 degree is and what they will be doing to achieve this goal.

You are invited to Meet the Teacher night on Monday, August 1 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. During this time, you will learn a little about your child's teacher, what to expect during the school year, be able to ask questions, and tour the school. The Freedom Traditional PTA will also be on campus selling yearly memberships and spirit shirts. We look forward to seeing you there!

Before the school year begins, I would encourage you to download the Parent Portal. This

app will text you when your child has scored a C or less on an assignment or test and update you when grades have been updated. Even though our teachers will reach out to you when your child has a concerning grade, this will be a tool that will keep you updated in real-time.

We are looking forward to the 22-23 school year. GO FIREBIRDS!

For the Kids,
Connie Wolford

News from PTA



There are many PTA events planned for the Fall and Winter. Here's what is happening....

- Aug 9 at 6:00 pm: PTA Meeting (in the cafeteria)
- Aug 18: Peter Piper Pizza Night (off of Bell and Grand)
- Oct 3-7: Book Fair (More information to come)
- Oct 18 at 6:00 pm: PTA Meeting (in the cafeteria)
- Oct 28 from 5pm-8pm: Fall Festival
 - If you would like to volunteer, please email PTA at FreedomTraditionalPTA@gmail.com
- Nov 18 at 6:00 pm: Bingo Night (in the cafeteria)

Performing Arts



Have you seen our choir, band, and orchestra perform? They are PHENOMENAL and have a lot of fun practicing and performing. Band and orchestra are open to students who are in 5th through 8th grades. Choir is open to students who are in 3rd through 8th grade.

If your child is interested in participating in the performing arts, email Ms. McCloud at Katrina.McCloud@dysart.org and/or Mr. Swanson at Allyn.Swanson@dysart.org for more information.

Athletics



Girls Volleyball Schedule - All games will be located at Canyon Ridge Elementary School
Boys Soccer Schedule - All games will be located at Marley Park Elementary School

Upcoming Events



- Sept 5: Labor Day - No School
- Sept 6: Community Flag Ceremony (at 8:20am)
- Sept 9: 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony (at 9:00am)
- Oct 4: Community Flag Ceremony (at 8:20am)
- Oct 4: Spelling Bee (at 8:45am)
- Oct 5: Awards Assembles for 3rd-8th grades
- Oct 3-7: Parent/Teacher Conferences (School dismisses at 1pm on 10/6 and 10/7)
- Oct 10-14: Fall Break - No School
- Nov 1: Community Flag Ceremony (at 8:20am)
- Nov 10: Veteran's Day Assembly (at 9:00am)
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day - No School
- Nov 18: Turkey Trot
- Nov 21-25: Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec 14: Family Flag Ceremony
- Dec 15: Polar Express
- Dec 19-20: Early Release Days (School releases at 1:00 pm)
- Dec 21-Jan 4: Winter Break

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