

Freedom Elementary Newsletter

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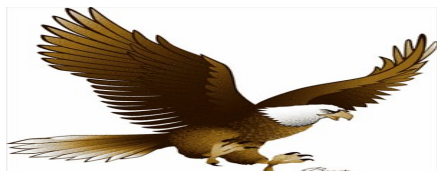
Word of the Week

Friendship

Caring for and trusting others.

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Quote of the Week
"Tell me your friends and I'll tell you who you are."



Welcome!!

We are so excited to have so many new families and returning students. The Faculty and Staff would like to welcome you to Freedom Elementary School. We are eager to get this school year started! As we work together to ensure that your children have a successful year, please know that we encourage and welcome your support and participation in the everyday routine. Working together for the success of your children will help them reach their full potential in the areas of academics, social, and emotional growth. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher by calling the school office.

Let us all work together for the future of our students and to have a great year!!

LPS Guiding Principles
At Freedom our teachers and staff are dedicated to the following:

- We equitably serve our students' needs as career-bound citizens.
- We celebrate our diversity within a culture of shared professional ideals.
- We foster investment in Freedom through communication, collaboration, and transparency.
- We promote healthy and fit lifestyles as we learn, do, and teach.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Freedom Elementary School is to educate all students to achieve their highest level of academic performance, fostering the development of a positive self-esteem, as well as creating healthy/fit career bound citizens.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision at Freedom is to provide a safe and secure environment that motivates and empowers ALL students.

Friendly Reminders from the Office Staff

- Please call by 9:15am if your child will be absent. 580-713-0060
- If possible, please schedule appointments for before school or after school.

Transportation Changes...

- If you are going to make a transportation change, please call & let us know prior to 3:00pm. 580-713-0060
- Students will be sent home per their usual way, unless the school is notified either in writing or by phone.
- We appreciate your help in making sure all students get home in a safe and timely manner!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

September

- September 6 – Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- September 9- PTA FUN RUN!!
- September 17 – Constitution Day (Wear red, white or blue)
- September 17- Virtual Day for Students

October

- October 11- Parent Teacher Conferences 4pm-7pm
- October 18-22 – Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

November

- November 11- Veterans Day Observed (NO SCHOOL)

2019 A-F School Report Card - Parents are encouraged to access the Oklahoma School Report Card Website and view our 2018-2019 School A-F Report Cards. The Lawton School Report Cards are available at the following website address:
<https://oklaschools.com/>

If you do not have internet access at your home, you may request a copy of the school report card at the principal's office.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. Doors will open at 8:25 a.m. for all students to go immediately to their classroom. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, parents will not be allowed to enter the building past the main entry area unless volunteering or have a scheduled appointment, which includes morning drop off.

Covid-19

If a student has symptoms of COVID-19 or symptoms per the LPS Communicable Disease Policy the parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student immediately. Please make sure your phone numbers are updated. The student will be isolated with a mask/face covering while waiting to be picked up. When you arrive at Freedom, you will go to the front entrance and let them know you are there. A staff member will walk your child to the door. ID must be shown when picking up your child.

Lawton Public Schools Communicable Disease Policy

For the protection of all school children and staff, students should be kept home or will be sent home in the following situations:

- Students with a fever of 100 degrees or more will be sent home and can return when the student is fever free for a 24 hr period without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Students with any nasal discharge and/or persistent coughing accompanied by fever will be sent home and can return when fever free for a 24 hr period without the use of fever reducing medications.
- Students with vomiting and/or diarrhea will be sent home and can return when the student has not had an episode for a 24 hr period without the use of medication.
- Students with any type of rash will be sent home. A rash is defined as an eruption of oozing of the skin. Students can return the following day if the rash is no longer visible. If the rash remains then a clearance must be obtained by a physician stating the diagnosis and they are clear to return to school.
- Students with any inflammation of the eye or lid will be sent home and can return to school when a clearance has been obtained by a physician.

FREEDOM MASK MANDATE



MASKS MUST BE WORN INSIDE AT ALL TIMES

Freedom Maker Space



Scan QR code below



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



PTA WELCOME LETTER

Welcome Back Students & Parents



LAWTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?*

- CHRONIC ABSENCE: 18 OR MORE DAYS PER YEAR
- WARNING SIGNS: 10 TO 17 DAYS PER YEAR
- GOOD ATTENDANCE: 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES PER YEAR

*THIS APPLIES TO FULL YEAR STUDENTS

#AttendanceMatters

#SchoolEveryDay