

# Freedom Elementary Newsletter

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**Sara Breeze, Asst. Principal**  
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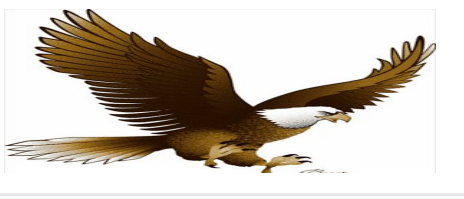
**Word of the Week**

**Character**

**What you are/do when  
no one is looking.**

September 03, 2021

**Quote of the Week**  
*“Ability will enable a man to get to the top, but it will take character to keep him there.”*



Register on **MYBOOSTER.COM**  
and search for Freedom PTA or  
use school code: 938-426

All students get to participate regardless of financial participation. Our goal as the PTA is to raise \$15,000 to go towards activities and events for the students of Freedom Elementary as well as our overall Academic Support Grant that we raise for the school each year.

## RAISE FUNDS, EARN REWARDS!

Students will receive individual prizes just for registering and sharing about the Fun Run!

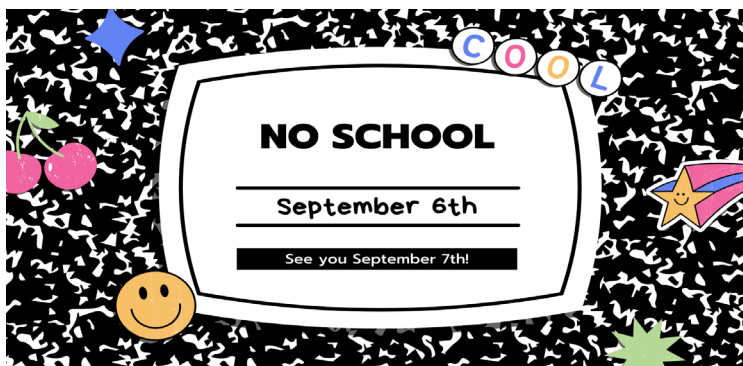
**Top Earning Class Per Grade:**

**Ice Cream Party + Teacher gets pied in the face**

If we reach our \$15,000 goal,  
the principal will also get a pie in the face!

**Top Earning Student Overall:**

**Earns a brand new bike!**



**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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

### September

September 6 – Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)

September 9- PTA FUN RUN!!

September 14- PTA General Meeting

September 17 – Constitution Day (Wear red, white or blue)

September 17- Virtual Day for Students

September 17- LPS Foundation Fundraiser Breakfast

### October

October 11- No School/Parent Teacher Conferences

October 18-22 – Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

October 27-Nov 5- BOOK FAIR!

### November

November 11- Veterans Day Observed (NO SCHOOL)

November 23-27- Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

**2019 A-F School Report Card - Parents are encouraged to access the [Oklahoma School Report Card Website](https://oklaschools.com/) 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.

**NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS**

2021-2022  
**CALL FOR ENTRIES!**

Learn more and get involved!  
[PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections)

**I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...**

EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF!

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION
- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS

## 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.

## 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.

# Maker Space

In need of: toilet paper/paper towel rolls, thin cardboard like cereal boxes and glass containers like baby food jars

## 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!

PTA General Meeting

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Freedom Elementary Supports

# LPS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST

September 17th

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