

Freedom Elementary Newsletter

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Word of the Week

Honesty

Truthfulness.

October 10, 2025

Kim Shahan, Counselor
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Quote of the Week

"A lie may take care of the present, but it has no future."

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

2025

October-Breast Cancer Awareness Month- Wear Pink on Fridays

October 13- Indigenous Peoples' Day- No School
October 14-17 – Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)
October 27- Red Ribbon Week Kick Off!
October 29- Book Fair Preview Begins
October 30- Book Fair Family Night 3:45-5:45
October 31- Fall Parties

November

November 3- Book Fair BEGINS!
November 4- Book Fair Family Night 3:45-5:45
November 6- Veterans Day Assembly 10:00 & 1:30
November 7- Book Fair ENDS
November 7- Veterans Day Parade 1:30
November 10- School Holiday- NO SCHOOL

HELP US PREPARE FOR VETERANS DAY

Please send in a **DIGITAL** picture of your soldier with your student's first and last name in the email. Please email pictures to klmorris@lawtonps.org
NO HARD COPIES.

BOO!
Fall Fest

OCTOBER
24TH

18:00-20:00

MUSIC | GAMES | FOOD

GREEN GYM
FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOSTED BY FREEDOM PTA

FREE
Breakfast
& **Lunch**
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Red Ribbon Week Activities

October 27 – “Red-y to say No to Drugs” – **wear RED!**

October 28 – “Team Up to Stay Drug-Free!”—**Twin Day**

October 29 – “Be Wild About Life, Not Drugs!”—**wear animal print**

October 30—“Be a Hero—Say No to Drugs!”— **Dress up like your hero**

October 31- “Success Starts with Being Drug-Free!”— It’s Career Day! **Students can dress up as their future career.**

Let’s have FUN and be DRUG FREE!!



VETERANS DAY ★★★ PARADE ★★★

NOVEMBER 7TH AT 1:30

OUR ENTIRE FREEDOM SCHOOL
FAMILY WILL LINE THE DRIVE TO
HONOR AND CELEBRATE THOSE
WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE
CURRENTLY SERVING

THE PARADE ROUTE WILL BEGIN BY THE POLO FIELD ON GRUBER RD.
AND WILL FOLLOW A POLICE ESCORT TO FREEDOM ELEMENTARY.

3rd-5th Grade Parents
Save the Date
State Testing April 14th~ May 15th

Book Fair INFO!

Gift Card Guide

FOR PARENTS

Literati gift cards are a safe and easy payment method for kids, and they also make great gifts for teachers and librarians. You can even send them as donations to our school to help ensure every student can shop the book fair!

You can purchase gift cards online at [Literati.com/Store](https://literati.com/store). If you choose to create an account, you will be able to view all gift cards associated with a given email address, merge old balances to a new card, edit details like recipient name, transfer a card to a different email address, and more!

Gift cards will be delivered via email and can be used for online orders or printed out for easier in-person checkout. To redeem, enter your code manually or present it at the register. Leftover balances may be used at future Literati Book Fairs or throughout the year at our school's Literati Store.

PURCHASING GIFT CARDS

- 1 Go to [Literati.com/Store](https://literati.com/store) and connect to our school.
- 2 Select the “Gift Cards” tab at the top of the page.
- 3 Choose a gift card amount and click **Add to Cart** to continue.
- 4 Select who the gift card is for and enter recipient details. Click **Continue** to proceed to checkout and complete the purchase.
- 5 Once the purchase is complete, check your email for your gift card. Print it out if you'll be using it at the in-person book fair!

Literati BOOK FAIRS

Contact us at 727.201.1109 or LIFSupport@literati.com



Hi Marie Smith,

You have received a Literati Book Fairs gift card from Penny:

Thank you for all you do! We can't wait to see what books you'll add to the classroom library.

\$40.00

Recipients will see who sent the gift card.



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