

Freedom Academy's PTO CONNECTIONS

*Congratulations
to the following spelling bee winners:*

1st grade

1st—Kiana Merrill and Scott Anderson
2nd—Chelsee Snow
3rd—Livia Smith

2nd grade

1st—Kyler Zarate
2nd—Hintze Garrett
3rd—Sonny Makasini

3rd grade

1st—Eleanor Purves
2nd—Keylla Ortega
3rd—Andrew Todeschini

4th grade

1st—Lydia Day
2nd—Alexa Merrill
3rd—Katy Samuelson

5th grade

1st—Hannah Makasini
2nd—Kelsey Howard
3rd—Zach Eliason

6th grade

1st—Isaac Chock
2nd—Sophia Smith
3rd—Soren Peterson

7th/8th grade

1st—Amanda Howard
2nd—Gregory Fautot
3rd—Mauri Skabelund

School Spelling Bee (4th-8th only)

1st—Amanda Howard
2nd—Zach Eliason
3rd—Kelsey Howard

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:



MRS. MELANIE HENAGE

I am Melanie Henage. I am the part-time physical education teacher for grades K-6 at Freedom Academy. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in December 2008 in physical education with a minor in family life.

I love being active and having fun. I love all activities, but some of my favorites are: ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee golf, golf, skiing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, slalom skiing, basketball, soccer, and racquetball. My husband and I recently got our scuba certification, so now we can explore the underwater world.

I enjoy scrapbooking, cooking, crocheting, editing photos, and creating. I also love playing the piano and the oboe. I love to read and my favorite book is *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

My favorite foods are BBQ corn on the cob and mashed potatoes with gravy. We have a fabulous ice cream maker, so I LOVE homemade vanilla ice cream. My other favorite dessert is my great-grandmother's homemade peach pie - it's melt in your mouth delicious!!!

My goals for my students are:

- 1- Students find joy and desire to be physically active both in class and outside of class
- 2- Students discover at least one activity they love that they could continue doing throughout their lives
- 3- Students learn and know the importance of physical activity and personal wellness

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SPELLING BEE NEWS

Congratulations to the school winner, Amanda Howard, who will compete in the Utah Valley Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 27th, 9:00 am, at the Scera Theater.

The spelling bee committee would like to thank the following staff and parents, who helped judge the grade and school spelling bees: Staci Cowley, Merry Bird, Suki Rees, Traci Nielsen, Jed Bichsel, Michelle Farris, Mary White, Erik Jacobson, Alisse Shiles, Byron Christensen, Roseann Croshaw, Tammy Israelsen, Deena Lane, and Scott Clayson.

We would like to thank the following teachers, who were the pronouncers for the grade spelling bee: Karla Kay Snow (1st grade), Juanita Beavers (2nd grade), Cassie Gadd (3rd grade), Alisha Walters (4th grade), Tina Hansen (5th grade), Tim Ellsworth (6th grade), and Mary Alice Bender (7th/8th grade)

Our deepest appreciation goes to Jed Bichsel and Wayne Hurst, who did an excellent job setting-up for the 7th/8th grade spelling bee and also the school spelling bee. We would also like to thank our 7th/8th Language Arts teacher, Mary Alice Bender, for being the school spelling bee pronouncer. It was amazing to hear her pronounce those hard words!

SOON TO COME:
SPRING BOOK FAIR
THE WEEK OF
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
MARCH 1-5

Mark your calendar for our annual

SKATE NIGHT

Friday, February 26th, 5-9pm
At Classic Skating in Orem

Roller skates are free. You can bring
or rent scooters or roller blades

There will be \$2 dinner deals that night



ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS:

Would you like to put a special message
or picture in the yearbook for your
child's last year at Freedom Academy?

An order form will be coming home with
your child soon!

DID YOU KNOW
Our school can get money from empty
Capri Sun packets!



The drop off bin is in the lunchroom

Let's Help the People of Haiti

Join the students, teachers, and families of Freedom Academy in helping the earthquake victims in Haiti.

Our Goal: To raise at least \$1000 by February 3rd!!!

What You Can Do: Donate your loose change. Our goal is for each student to try and donate at least 50 cents.

Where: Checks and large bills should be taken to the school office, small change contributed to the classroom collection or deposit contributions being held by Student Council members and teachers with buckets as you're being dropped off before, and picked up after school.

