

Freedom Academy's

PTO CONNECTIONS

MITTEN TREE



This holiday we are sponsoring a Mitten Tree. Give your kids a chance to serve someone less fortunate by sending in a pair of gloves or mittens to decorate the tree in the school entrance. All mittens will be donated to the Food and Care Coalition before Christmas.

Teacher Spotlight:



Mrs. Rachel Owens
6th Grade

Have you ever combed a beach for seaweed and shells, only to have it completely covered with water a couple of hours later? Have you tasted ketchup potato chips? Have you walked into a classroom knowing that you wouldn't be able to speak any language but French? These are some of the experiences I grew up with living in New Brunswick, Canada.

My name is Mrs. Owens and I grew up five minutes from the Atlantic Ocean. I lived on a farm with 200 acres of trees. I was used to deer being in my backyard, as well as bears and all sorts of other animals. I loved walking barefoot on the beach, even when clams would squirt in my face. I would always bring home a couple of dead crabs, shark egg cases and lots of shells. When I turned 12, and for several years, I worked a summer job as an historical tour guide in a town called St. Andrews By the Sea.

I moved from Canada to Idaho when I was 18 to attend Ricks College. I received an Associates Degree in Special Education. I finished my Elementary Education Degree with a Social Studies emphasis at Utah State University. I have been a teacher for twelve years. This will be my third year teaching sixth grade.

I have three kids, Ryan, Tanner and Ashton. I love to take them to new places and explore new things. My hobbies include running, working out, playing ultimate Frisbee and drawing.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

FREEDOM ACADEMY FACULTY:

An anonymous giver has been passing out picture book copies of Christmas books to random first and second grade classrooms.

FREEDOM ACADEMY COMMUNITY:

This month, a group of students will be presenting a Reader's Theater to senior citizens at The Seville Retirement Residence.

If you're aware of an act of kindness, let us know by popping a note into the box on the front desk or emailing Christel Swasey at cswasey@pfa.cc

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*Raise Money For Freedom
Academy Without Selling*

We are starting a new and exciting fundraising program. Parents and families can now purchase gift cards through our school for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment. Freedom Academy will receive a percentage of each dollar purchased. Participating stores include:

WalMart
Borders
Amazon
Best Buy
Gap
Toys R Us

Going grocery shopping this week? Stop by the front desk to order your WalMart gift card! You spend the same amount while Freedom gets a cut. Win-Win!

Refer to the complete list of stores before you do your Christmas shopping!



Spelling Bee News

January 12th: Class Spelling Bees

January 14th: Grade Spelling Bees

January 20th: School Spelling Bee
(4th-8th grade)

See attached spelling list to get started.

"Thank You" RaieGene Robison
For your work
On the BOGO Book Fair!