John C. Fremont School

John C. Fremont, for whom this school is named, was a famous early day explorer in California. In 1844 he traversed the San Joaquin valley from northwest to southeast as an official explorer for the United States government. He was active in inciting the "Bear Flag Republic" revolt in California. He was a United States Army officer, attaining the rank of General before his retirement. He became a politician at the national level in his later years.

The school which serves elementary age children, is located at 1005 West Weldon. The site was purchased in 1924 and the first permanent building was erected in 1927 when Dr. Walter R. Hepner was Superintendent. It had six classrooms and a kindergarten. The original structure was declared unsafe and replaced some years ago.

It is first listed in the Fresno Unified School District directory of 1925-26 when it was housed in "portable" temporary structures.

Photos from Field Act Report of Buildings Constructed Prior to April 1933 (September 1965)