

THE FREEDOM POST

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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

WOW! Spring Break came and went! We hope everyone had a restful and refreshing vacation. March was a very exciting month because we had many different events happen. We held our recognition ceremonies and we saw more students receiving honors for their hard work and perseverance. Some of our Fifth Grade Safety Patrols got to experience Washington, D.C. Also, in March we completed all of our ACCESS testing for our children who speak other languages and rounded out the month with our Field Day. Finally, we had an incredible Family Fun Night at Five Guys.

Our students were identified by their teachers for academic achievements they attained during the second semester. We saw the children being recognized for bringing up their grades in at least one subject area while not going down in any; while others received the Honor Roll award for earning all Proficiencies or Exemplary marks on their report cards; and we had some earn our highest honor of the Principal's Honor Roll which means all Exemplary marks on their report card. Other accomplishments were also highlighted at these ceremonies. There was a great turn out and it was fantastic to see so many proud parents.

What an experience our Fifth Grade Safety Patrols had. They got to go away to Washington D.C on their own (only with our school chaperons) to visit all the fantastic exhibits and museums in our Nation's Capital. We missed them, but it was a memory they will have for a lifetime.

March was also highlighted with our Field Day. This was our third annual Field Day and it was such a fun and successful day for the children. We incorporated our House system into Field Day by all the points each House earned tallied so there was an overall winner. The children were all able to participate in various activities, competing to earn as many points as possible for their House. It was really great to see all the children laughing and having so much fun!! Congratulations to Altruismo who accumulated the most points during Field Day. We were also recognizing Nukumori for being our Second Semester overall point winner by having purple decorations and snacks throughout the day. All the other Houses are trying to catch Nukumori for the overall House winner for total points for the year. This race is close and any House could win that title.

Our Family Fun Night at Five Guys was a great success. Many families came out to support our school and interact with others from our Eagle's family. We appreciate all of your efforts to make this night so fantastic. Please keep an eye out for our next Family Fun Night event since these are always entertaining and enjoyable.

Now we need to turn our focus on having the children do their very best and focus on their academics. They need to pay attention in class and continue practicing as much as possible so they can give their best performances on the upcoming State Assessment. They are all working hard, but they have to continue putting forth their best efforts so their success will be seen.

As we move further into our school year, we truly appreciate all of your assistance and support. Please remember that school starts at 8:00, so please have your children here before the start time so they don't miss any academic instruction. Also, during drop off and pick up have your children exit the car on the passenger side so they can be on the curb and out of danger. Also, please be considerate to our neighbors and do not park on their property. Our car line does not take that long and will keep our children safe. We would like to recognize how our teachers and staff are all working very hard to make it possible for all of the children to learn and grow academically. Thanks for all your continued support.

A note from Ms. Rogers,



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the:

Kinder STAR Early Literacy on 4/16/25 and Math on 4/23/25
1st and 2nd Grade STAR Reading on 4/15/25 and Math on 4/22/25

The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and your school will provide information about how to access the results.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Kimberly Rogers at Kimberly.Rogers@palmbeachschools.org.

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at <https://flfast.org/fsa.html>.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.



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Freedom Shores Afterschool Newsletter



Announcement

Freedom Shores Elementary After School,

We offer a variety of activities!

Students will have the chance to have snacks with their friends, play great games and sports outside, complete their homework, and do fabulous enriching arts and crafts activities. Students also have the chance to participate in clubs they choose.

After School Registration for FY 26 will be available online April 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$35 per child

Please Register Here!

<https://palmbeachcountyschools.reg.eleyo.com/child-care/1/afterschool-programs/site/431/freedom-shores-elementary>

Summer Camp Registration

Interested in Freedom Shores Summer Camp
FY25?

<https://palmbeachcountyschools.reg.eleyo.com/child-care/2/camps/site/610/freedom-shores-elementary>



Counselor's Corner



Hello Parents and Guardians!

The Guidance Department is excited to leap into the month of April. Spring is here and we have several ways we would like to encourage our students to stay positive and prepare them for what's coming! Our students will begin with FAST testing! Students are learning through classroom guidance several relaxation exercises to help them release stress or anxiety they might be experiencing. Some relaxation exercises that we are teaching our students are deep breathing, deep muscle relaxation, simple meditation, and visual imagery. We will continue to support our students by teaching them study skills, test preparation skills, and coping skills for test anxiety. As school counselors, we would like to encourage our soaring eagles and support them during this time of testing. Along with giving our soaring eagles the techniques to help them with anxiety or stress, we are also encouraging them to come to school every day and on time. Especially now, teachers are preparing our students so that they are knowledgeable and ready to take on the FAST and ready for the next grade level. We will continue to give brief mini-lessons on attendance so that students are reminded of how important it is to come to school. Every day is a day full of learning and preparation. With your help, we can help your child feel confident and successful during this time.



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Students Join Us For Multicultural Breakfast Club



Guidance RM 133

Every Thursday Morning

7:30-7:55am

KG-5th are welcome

Don't forget to bring your breakfast!

Freedom Shores Elementary is hosting



We are looking for volunteers to help us showcase careers to our future leaders!

***Thursday, April 10th
From 8:00-10:00 a.m.***

Here is your chance to share your story and inspire the next generation!

How to get involved:

1. **Be a speaker at career day:**
Volunteer your morning and give one, two, and/or three 30 minute presentations.
2. **Recommend a speaker for career day:**
Do you know someone who would be a great speaker for our students? Please provide us with their information (back of flyer) and we will reach out to them.

For any questions don't hesitate to reach out to: Mrs. Briceno
@561-804-3103 or email at
vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org

****Presentations will promptly start at 8:15. We will be providing all speakers with a light breakfast starting at 7:30 in the Media Center****

Greetings from the Special Education Department at Freedom Shores!



The Parent As Liaison (Pal)

*The Parent As Liaison (Pal) is Ms. Mary Black, you can reach her at: mary.black.c@palmbeachschools.org for assistance navigating during the ESE process. More information on Pals can be found here <https://www.fdlrsalpha.org/parent-services>.

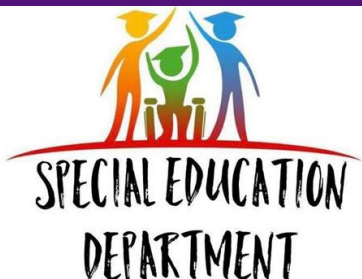


Child Find

*Child Find offers information and FREE SCREENINGS for children 3-5 years of age who may have difficulty with learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking, and/or hearing. To begin the process, please call staff at: (561) 434-7337.



If you have a concern or would like to share new information with the ESE team please contact Dr. Sharrié Vereen, ESE Coordinator at 561-804-3110 or sharrie.vereen-thomas@palmbeachschools.org



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The ESE Parent Survey is now open! This year's survey has been reduced to 10 questions and should only take you a few minutes to complete. The survey is only available online and can be translated with the dropdown menu in the top left corner to Spanish, French, Portuguese, and a few others. Additional languages can be made available upon request.

Please use this link to access the survey:

https://fldoepaads.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PG600mhqGEGljl

ESE PARENT SURVEY

WE NEED PARENT FEEDBACK!

GREAT NEWS

The Florida Department of Education wants to hear from YOU!
The ESE SURVEY has been updated and you only need to respond to few questions.
Please click on the link below.



ESE SURVEY LINK:

https://fldoepaads.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_881xTFo6E6C6ZJI

For more information, contact:

Lisette Martinez, FDLRS Parent & Family Services (561)434-8377

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Lisette Martinez

FDLRS Parent & Family Services

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Freedom Shores Elementary PTO

Presidents Message

I hope this message finds you well! Your involvement in the PTO is vital to our success, and I encourage you to get involved, share your ideas, and participate in upcoming events. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our children. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please reach out!

REMINDER: 10 Volunteer hours are REQUIRED 2 weeks prior to chaperoning on any field trips and you will not be aloud to volunteer in your Childs classroom.

Best, Mrs. O'Brien

Important Dates:

April 16th

SAC/PTO Meeting
7am

April 17th

Kona Ice during
recess

April 21st-25th

Volunteer
Appreciation week

April 24th

Take your child to
work day!



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Dual Language & Esol



Continue to show all your hard work on your exams this month. Remember your strategies are the same in English and Spanish, take good care of yourself by getting a good night's rest every day and eating healthy, and most importantly, BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!! You can do this :)

Don't forget to keep reading and make your station in Spanish!!



Parent University/PLC Meeting- We will be having our second ESOL Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria entitled "Resources for U". Mrs. Dankwardt and Ms. Contreras' Dual Language classes will be performing. Please plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you there!



Kindergarten:

Hello families! Spring has sprung and we are starting the final two months of school. There is still plenty of learning left before the end of the school year. Please remind your child to still give his or her best effort in school. In reading, students continue working on building letter-sound relationships and phonemic awareness skills through engaging in meaningful small group lessons and independent activities. Students will continue to learn how to monitor all aspects of reading to engage in and understand texts as a whole. Students will continue to read predictable decodable words using letter/sound relationships. They will also continue reading decodable passages and books.

In math, Students will continue to work on their number sense skills (counting/writing quantities, composing/decomposing). Also, we will continue to explore 2D shapes, 3D shapes, and measurement.

At the end of April, our kindergartners will take their final state test in reading and math. It is very important for students to enjoy a healthy breakfast before school and arrive to school by 8:00 am. It is also advisable that they have a good night's rest. This state test will show their academic growth and mastery of our state standards. This will be their time to shine and show how much they have learned.



First Grade:

Happy spring 1st grade families! We hope you see how much your child has been improving and growing so far this year! They've been working so hard in all academic areas. We are very proud of the efforts the students are putting forth! Please ask them what they are learning in class each day, encourage them to read every night at home and to complete all assignments given to them. In reading, we are focusing on the Past, Present, and Future. At home, discuss why the past is important. In writing, we are creating How to's (for example: How to take care of a dog, How to make a sandwich, How to brush your hair, etc...). At home, talk about how to do things step by step to help with their writing in class (oral language). In math, we are going to identify the value of coins/money . We are going to be practicing the value of different coins and counting by 1's, 5's , 10's, 25's . Please , practice at home how to count money. In science, we will be learning about Earth's natural resources. At home, name and find natural resources (land (soil, rocks, minerals), water, air, plants, and animals). In social studies, we will be looking at ways people and things change over time. At home, discuss and think about the past, present, and future. Thank you for all your support!

Second Grade:

Happy April from Second Grade! We are getting ready for 3rd grade as we inch closer to the end of the school year! In math we are learning about measurement and 2-D shapes. In reading we are continuing to investigate the past and learning about how the past has shaped our future. Ask us about primary sources! Please remember to check your child's blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!



Third Grade:

Happy Spring! As the weather warms up, we celebrate the growth in our school community. This month in reading, we will explore History, Culture, and Geography: Communities Then and Now, followed by Earth Science: Weather and Climate. In math, we will start the unit on Multiply Greater Numbers. Please encourage your child to practice multiplication facts on Reflex Math.

As we near the end of the school year, please remember:

The last FAST (PM3) assessment is coming up (05/01/25 - ELA FAST PM3 & 05/07/25 - MATH FAST PM3). Ensure your child completes all homework and minimizes absences.

Thank you for your support with homework, monitoring your child's agenda and communication folder, staying connected with teachers, and ensuring prompt arrival each day. Your involvement makes a difference!

Fourth Grade:

4th grade parents. upcoming in April we have:

- 4/2 BEST writing test
- 4/2 Bread Fundraiser begins
- 4/7 Pep Rally!!!
- 4/10 Career Day
- 4/14 Progress Reports post to Portal
- 4/14 St. Augustine field trip
- 4/17 Kona Ice at recess
- 4/24 Take your child to work day

With testing coming up, please be sure to stay in communication with your child's teacher and checking their folder daily for homework and other information going home.

Thank you!!



Fifth Grade:

We are completely prepared to be taking our state assessments this month and next month. Please make sure that each night before the tests that your child gets a good night of sleep and in the morning eats a healthy breakfast. Each one of our classrooms has been reviewing all needed skills not only for the state assessments but also to make sure we are prepared for middle school. The second payment for Islands of Adventure will be due soon, a letter will be coming home with your child.

School Info



Angela Quezada Padron
Author/Illustrator

This April 4th Freedom Shores presents Angela Quezada Padron a Latina author-illustrator known for her diverse and heartwarming children's books. Growing up in New Jersey with summers in the Dominican Republic, she developed a love for storytelling and art. With 30 years of experience as an educator, she holds multiple degrees, including an MFA in Illustration and an EdS in Reading. Angela is also a freelance writer, illustrator, and consultant for educational publishers. In her free time, she enjoys creating art, playing music, watching nature shows, and collecting shells near her home in southwest Florida.

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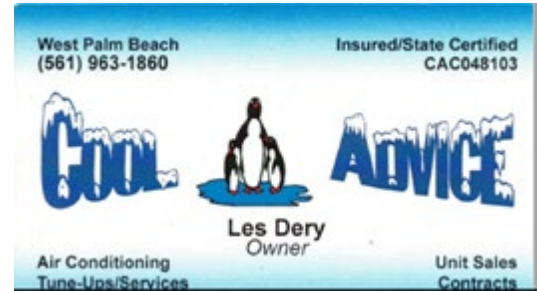
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