

THE FREEDOM POST

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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are now moving forward with all our holiday breaks behind us. We hope everyone enjoyed himself or herself and got some well-deserved rest. Our second State assessment has been given and we will be using this important data to drive our instruction for the remaining portion of the year.

Our STEM night will be on January 15 and this is a great chance for you to come into our school and see your children show off what they have been doing in the various Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical areas. There were different stations demonstrating various scientific concepts. It is a great night of learning and exploring.

Please remember to have your children ready to exit the car in the morning car line on the passenger side and quickly as possible once you stopped in front of the school. Also, at pick-up, please do not park in the bus loop area or on any neighboring properties. You can simply come in the main entrance and pick your child up in front of the school. This keeps all the children safe and our neighbors happy..

We have our SAC and PTO meetings usually on the third Wednesday of each month, so please keep this in mind and try to attend so you can get the latest information about the various on goings of our school.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation every day. We are all working together to raise the future leaders of our world.

A note from Ms. Rogers,



Understanding Your Student's *i-Ready Diagnostic* Results

What is the *i-Ready Diagnostic*?

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions for each student. As a student answers correctly, the questions get more difficult. As a student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. This adaptability allows the *i-Ready Diagnostic* to identify the strengths and opportunities for growth of each student.

Why is my student taking it?

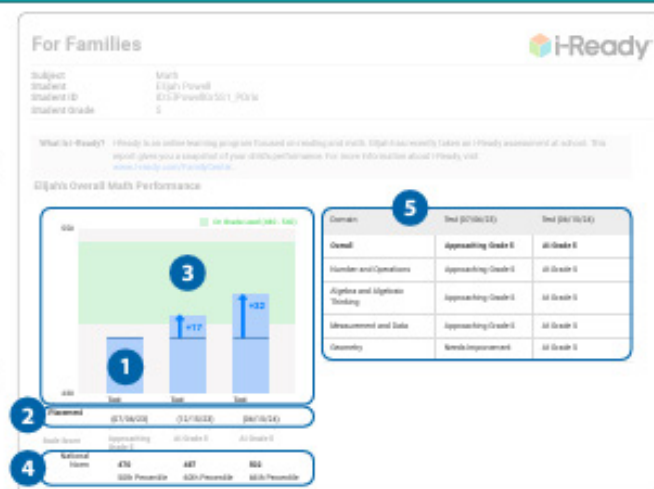
The purpose of the *i-Ready Diagnostic* is not to give your student a grade but instead to determine how best to support their learning. It will help your student's teacher(s) determine their needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the year.

How should I interpret my student's results?

How is my student doing overall?

The goal is for your student to be performing at or above grade level, which means they have mastered the skills students at that grade level are expected to master and are prepared to learn more advanced skills.

On the *i-Ready For Families* report, the **1** blue bar(s) on the graph and the corresponding **2** placement level(s) indicate how your student performed on each test in relation to their grade level, which is indicated by the **3** green shading. The **4** National Norm percentile below the graph indicates how your student performed in relation to students in the same grade level nationwide.



How is my student doing in specific learning areas?

Students have different areas of strengths and opportunities for growth. It is important to understand how your student did in more specific learning areas, which are called **domains**. The **5** domain table shows how your student did in specific domains and helps teachers know where to build on strengths and focus their support.

How is my student progressing over time?

The goal is also for your student to be making progress in their learning. After your student has taken more than one Diagnostic in the school year, you will see results for each Diagnostic, allowing you to see the progress your student is making both overall and in each domain.



Freedom Shores Elementary After School offers 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.

Registration now available online!

Registration Fee: \$35 per child

Please Register Here!



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Hello Parents and
Guardians!

Our next parent event is Granola with Grandparents.
We have a wishlist. If you would like to donate please
click the link below and drop off at the school.



Granola with Granparents [*Wish List*](#)



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>.

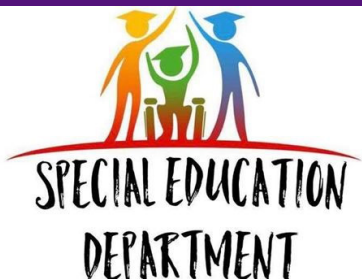


Child Find

*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 FAMILY EMPOWERMENT
SCHOLARSHIP WINDOW OPENS ON
FEBRUARY 1. PLEASE SEE INFORMATION HERE.**

PLEASE REVIEW THE WORD

CONSEQUENCES

**WITH YOUR CHILD. WE HAVE ATTACHED A SOCIAL STORY SO
THAT THE FAMILY CAN DISCUSS TOGETHER!**

**STEP UP FOR STUDENTS IS THE ONLY SFO
THAT ADMINISTERS THE SCHOLARSHIP TO
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.**



**FAMILIES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE NEW
WORLDS MATH MATH SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS FOR
THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR MAY DO SO THROUGH
STEP UP FOR STUDENT'S WEBSITE.**

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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. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Let me know what time you plan to come to assist, there is no set time that the teacher requested.

Best, Mrs. O'Brien

Important Dates:

February 19th

SAC/PTO Meeting 7am

February 20th

Ice Cream Truck
during recess



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Dual Language & Esol



ACCESS Testing- Testing continues this month. All ELL students K-5 will be taking the ACCESS test between January 21st -March 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Coffman- 804-3109.



Parent Conferences- Teachers are scheduling 2nd semester parent conferences. If your phone number has changed, please send the updated number to your child's teacher.

Istation Awards – We have begun recognizing students from K – 5 for their achievement. Students that were on Tier 1 or improved their tier during the month, received an award. Students that are below Tier 1 should be working on Istation at least 45 – 60 minutes a week, and this should be worked on at home in addition to the classroom.



Istation Parent Portal - Do you know what tier your child is on? If not, there are two easy ways to find out! First, ask your child's Spanish teacher or as a parent of a student in the Dual Language program, you have access to the online Istation Parent Portal!

To begin, go to <https://www.istation.com/istationhome> . The first time you log in, you will be prompted to select your student's school. Type in the school information. (This will only be done once.) Then, type in your student's login information as provided by your teacher and click Log In. This Login is different from the school district login. If you need help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's Spanish teacher or Ms. Concepcion at maibelis.concepcion@palmbeachschools.org.



Kindergarten:

Hooray, our fabulous kindergarteners are just over a 100-day SMARTER! As readers, we are continuously practicing and using the skill of decoding to read words. This means that students are thinking about what they are reading and checking to make sure that what they read matches the words on the page. This also includes recognizing any errors made and fixing them right away when reading. When reading, students are self-correcting and making sense of and understanding the story. This month we will focus on learning new sounds to apply when reading. Our young authors are working so hard to write about the texts we are reading. In math, we are continuing to practice our math facts, both subtraction and addition.



First Grade:

February may be short, but it is filled with topics, themes, and celebrations that will keep us busy all month long! Let's Stay Connected...check in with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Look in your child's communication folder every night and clean it out. It is imperative that the students complete homework and their reading log at this point. They should be reading everyday for 20 minutes in order to build their stamina.

In reading, we are focusing on Technology at Work and Stories teach Messages. Please read every night! In writing, we are focusing on the expository process. We are writing about technology in our homes. At home, read and write about the different types of technology you may have. In math, we will be learning about place value and how to add and subtract numbers to 100. At home, practice counting on the 100 chart. In social studies, we will be learning about: American History. In science, the big idea is: Matter in Motion. The essential question is, "How do objects move?" At home, guess what objects may sink or float. SCIENCE NIGHT was a huge success, thank you for those that attended. Please continue to read with your child and ask them what they are learning.

Second Grade:

Happy February from Second Grade! Lots of love and laughter is in the air! In math we are learning the new place value of hundreds. In reading we have been learning about different folktales, their themes, and different character perspectives. Ask us about “The Huemul Egg!” Please remember to check your child's blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!



Third Grade:

Last month, our third-grade students completed their second iReady Reading and Math Diagnostic, and we're proud of their progress! Teachers will use this data to customize instruction and prepare students for the upcoming state assessment.

Fourth Grade:

Happy New Year and happy February! Upcoming this month we have Feb 3rd the 100th day of school, Feb 7th Spring Pictures (students may dress up), Feb 12th Parent Math Night, Feb 14th Valentines Day, Feb 15th-21st Book Fair, Feb 20th ice cream truck during recess, Feb 27th Reports Cards post to Gateway portal, and that's a wrap! Next up, get ready for Spring Break! Please continue communication with your child's teacher to ensure success and continue checking nightly homework Monday through Thursday. Thanks for your support, as always!



Fifth Grade:

Welcome back to school! We hoped that you enjoyed your winter break. This month we will be having our STEAM night, hope to see everyone there! Science fair projects have been assigned in each 5th grade science class. Each teacher has shared the information and your child should be working on this before it is due in February. Please remember to check your child's agenda nightly as this is one way to keep the communication open between home and school. The agenda also should have your child's nightly homework written down.