

THE FREEDOM POST

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Elementary School
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MAY 2025

A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are moving through the year and time keeps flying! Final preparations are being worked on in our classes so the children can perform their best on all their assessment. We also continued with many fun events such as our Kindergarten Kick-Off, Career Day, tip a teacher, take your child to work day, our volunteer breakfast and our ESOL Parent Night.

We are looking forward to our children all showing off what they learned throughout the year when they take their end-of-the-year assessments. We are all so proud of how hard they are all working and we can't wait to see the results of their efforts.

During our Kindergarten Kick-Off we were able to see many new families who will be attending our school and we met their children who will be joining our Eagles Family. Our career day was a great success with many members of our community giving their time to talk to our children about their careers. The Tip a Teacher Night at Texas Roadhouse was a very successful fundraiser put on by our PTO and this was an extremely fun evening. Our staff came together to wait on many tables to raise money for our school. One of the most fun days was our Take Your Child to Work Day where many staff members brought their children to work so they were able to see what is actually done throughout the day. They all went home exhausted! We thanked our volunteers by having a breakfast in their honor so we could show how appreciative we are of all they do for our school and children. Finally, we had our ESOL Parent Night where many community businesses and associations came in to highlight what they have to offer as free resources.

Our upcoming Family Fun Night is at Chuck e Cheese. We love seeing all of our families come together at these events to support our school. They are always fun and entertaining.

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 participate in the third administration (PM3) of the Grade 3,4, or 5 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments on:

3rd Grade ELA on 5/1/25 & Math on 5/7/25
4th & 5th Grades ELA on 5/2/25 & Math on 5/8/25

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 from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit:

<https://www.fl DOE.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>.

If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test items and released tests at certain grades/subjects are available at: <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Kimberly Rogers at 561-804-3105.

For more information about the FAST 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.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, smart glasses, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. Phones will be collected for the day and kept in a secure location. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used. Calculator use is prohibited for Grades 3–5 FAST Mathematics.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.
- **Testing Irregularities**—In the event a testing irregularity occurs in your student’s testing room, as part of a school investigation, your student may be asked questions to provide clarification of the incident. In addition, your student may be required to retake the assessment if a suspected irregularity is reported that may affect the validity of the test results.



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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 Freedom
Shores Families!

We finally made it to the end of the school year! To close out the school year, Mrs. Heitz will be preparing your 5th graders for the transition from elementary to middle school. We know that it will be a big change for them and we want to make sure any questions they have are addressed. During classroom guidance, Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceño, will also discuss summer safety with your child. Topics will include: staying safe online, staying healthy, and keeping their brains stimulated. We look forward to seeing all your kids next school year and we hope you and your family enjoy the summer break!

Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceño
Freedom Shores School Counselors

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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>.

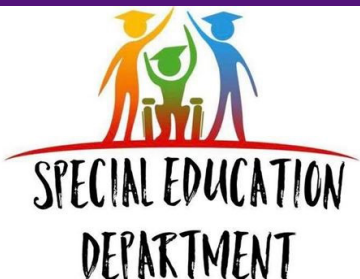


Child Find

*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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Dear Parents/Guardians.

We have had a wonderful and successful school year. The ESE Department has worked very hard in rendering the appropriate services to your children and we have enjoyed working with them. It is now time to discuss Extended School Year (ESY) Summer School. This year ESY will be at Citrus Cove Elementary. 8400 Lawrence Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33436

Transportation will be provided for students that have it during the regular school year and information will be sent closer to ESY beginning.

The summer school teacher will contact all parents on June 15, 2025 if you have registered your child by sending the registration form into Dr. Vereen.

**Dates: June 16 - July 17, 2025
(No school on June 19th & July 3rd)**

Times: Monday– Thursday; Time: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

May

2025



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:

May 21st

SAC/PTO Meeting
7am

Voting for new board members!

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Dual Language & Esol



Summer School will be offered this year for select second and third grade ELL students who are eligible for the program. Registration forms and Summer School fliers will be sent home. Summer School dates are June 16th- July 17th, Monday-Thursday- 8:30- 1:30.



We suggest you take advantage of the reading and tutoring programs offered by the public library. During the summer break we urge you to keep your child interested in learning; visit the public library with your child often.

Remember that you can find fun learning activities for your child in all areas, reading, math, science, etc. on the District website www.palmbeachschools.org under Learning Tools.

To keep your child practicing their writing skills, have your child write letters to family and friends and keep a journal.

We look forward to seeing your children next school year. Make it a great summer!



Continue to show all your hard work on your exams this month. Remember your strategies are the same in English and Spanish . Language skills and knowledge are transferable between languages. Take advantage of cognates, and give your all. Make sure to 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 :)

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Kindergarten:

Wow, we can't believe that the end of the school year is here and we are looking at summer vacation! It's amazing how fast a school year can go when we have so many academic achievements that our students were able to accomplish. We want to extend a personal THANK YOU to our kindergarten families for the amazing support throughout the school year. It does not get said enough, but does not go unnoticed. Having a strong ending to our school year will be a great springboard into First Grade! Again, THANK YOU for everything you have done to help make this school year another success story!

Save the Date, May 28th Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 a.m.



First Grade:

Dearest Families...

The wonderful spring weather is the perfect opportunity to spend family time together outside. Encourage your children to leave behind the video games and the television and get active. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind. Your child will feel better and perform better in school. In honor of Mental Health Month... be a little more understanding, laugh more, and most importantly, be kind<3

Second Grade:

Happy May from Second Grade! We are ready for 3rd grade! In math we are reviewing our 2nd grade standards and getting a head start with the 3rd grade standards. We are starting to multiply! In reading we are learning about Earth changes. Ask us about how we react to changes in nature ! Please remember to check your child's blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!



Third Grade:

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to encourage our students to finish 3rd grade strong! We are incredibly proud of the academic progress they have made, and we are confident they will show all their hard work on the last F.A.S.T. assessments of the year.

There is still plenty of learning taking place this month, so please remind your child to keep up with their homework. This will help set them up for success in 4th grade.

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in August!

Fourth Grade:

4th grade parents/guardians,

Congratulations, we have made it to the last month of the school year!!!! In our last month of 4th grade before your littles become big 5th graders, we have:

- May 2 - ELA FAST test
- May 8 - Math FAST test
- May 9 Muffins with MOM 7:15am
- Week of May 12 Math iReady testing
- May 21 SAC/PTO meeting 7am
- May 22 Talent Show 5:30-7pm
- May 23/24 ELA iReady Test
- May 27 Band Concert 8:45-9:45am
- May 30 Report Cards post to gateway portal AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KIDS!!!

Thank you for being supportive, kind and helpful parents. We couldn't have had a successful school year without you!










Fifth Grade:

We are officially in our last month of not only the school year but of 5th grade. Students have been getting ready for the state tests which we take this month. Your child will be bringing home a letter about the Moving On ceremony which will take place on Thursday, May 29 at 9:00 am in our school cafeteria. After the ceremony, the students will be enjoying lunch and a dance with their classmates. The lunch and the dance are only for the students in 5th grade. Thank you all for a wonderful school year and best of luck in middle school! Once an Eagle always an Eagle!!



MAY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3rd FAST ELA	2 4th & 5 th FAST ELA Dollar, No Collar	3
 Teacher Appreciation Week	5 5th Iready ELA KG Iready Math Wear your house colors!	6 5th Iready ELA KG Iready Math	7 3 rd & 6 th Math FAST	8 4 th & 5 th Math FAST	9 7:15am - Muffins with Moms Dollar, No Collar 3pm- Chuck E Cheese Night	10
11 	12 Wear your house colors!	13 3 rd Iready ELA	14 3rd Iready ELA	15 4th Iready Math 5th Science FAST Wear green for mental health awareness 6pm - 7pm Gifted Showcase	16 4th Iready Math Dollar, No Collar	17
18 	19 1st Iready Math 2nd Iready ELA Wear your house colors!	20 5 th grade trip to Islands of Adventures 1st Iready Math 2nd Iready ELA	21 7am- PTO/SAC- Media Center	22 5th Iready Math 4th Iready ELA KG Iready ELA 5:30pm - 7pm Talent Show	23 5th Iready Math 4th Iready ELA KG Iready ELA Dollar, No Collar	24
25 	26 No School	27 8:45am - 4 th & 5 th band concert	28 9am-Kindergarten graduation	29 9am- 5 th grade moving on ceremony	30 8:30- PK graduation Dollar, No Collar 	31
	Have a safe and healthy summer! Iready, Reflex and Istation will be available for use online. Read daily for 30 minutes. See you all back on August 11, 2025.					

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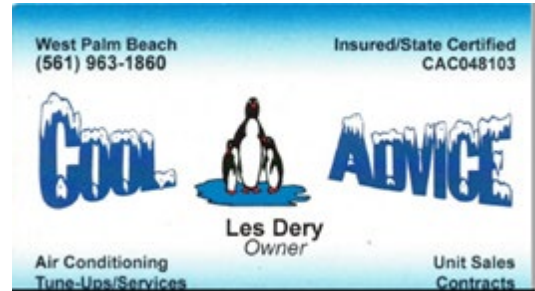
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