

THE FREEDOM POST

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OCTOBER 2024

A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Well, this school year started very smoothly and in a great way! We sorted all of our new children into their Houses and explained the House system to them. We also completed the first round of our State Assessment, the FAST. We will be using the results to better target our instruction for your children throughout the year.

The sorting ceremonies were for all of our new children in Kindergarten as well as any new child to the other grades. Points have been awarded to the students for various positive actions they demonstrate throughout the school. You can see the most recent point earner for each house on the television screen in the main hallway thanks to the hard work by Mr. Ovcen. We also had our newly formatted House meeting where the highest earning student from each house got to spin our wheel to earn bonus points for their house.

Our classes all took the FAST assessment and the result will help to drive the instruction of the classes. Instruction will be focused in areas of concern while progressing through the grade level standards as well. During our Curriculum Night, the different concepts that are covered during the year were shown to the parents and explanations were given for the on goings in the classrooms. This is important for all of our parents to know so they can continue to assist the children while they are at home.

Our first Math Parent Night is coming up on the 9th of October. This will be a very impactful event to help parents learn and understand the mathematical concepts. This will help the parents assist their children with homework and improve their mathematics.

Please help us by develop your children to the highest levels by having your children to school on time daily and in uniform so the days can flow smoothly. The school day begins promptly at 8:00 am so by having your child/children to school earlier than that would help set them up for a successful day. Also, when dropping your child/children off on the car line please pull up as far as possible and have them ready to exit the car, with their backpacks, on the passenger side. This will keep the line moving quickly and allow everyone to enter the school safely and on time. Drop off can only be done in front of the school. Please do not park in our bus loop or on any of our neighbors' property.

Thanks for all your continued support!

A note from Ms. Rogers,



3rd, 4th and 5th FAST comprises three progress monitoring (PM) windows:

- PM1 – This administration occurs at the beginning of the school year and provides teachers with baseline scores that allow them to track their students’ progress learning the B.E.S.T. Standards from PM1 through PM3.
- PM2 – This administration provides teachers with mid-year scores to compare to their students’ baseline scores from PM1.
- PM3 – This administration provides summative scores that accurately measure students’ mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year.

FAST and B.E.S.T Achievement Levels

The following images illustrate each achievement level and provide the scale score ranges for each level by grade/course for FAST and B.E.S.T. EOC assessments. Achievement levels range from Level 1 to Level 5. Achievement Level 3 indicates on grade level performance across all assessments.

3rd, 4th and 5th

FAST and B.E.S.T. Achievement Levels

Well Below Grade Level	Below Grade Level	On Grade Level	Proficient	Exemplary
Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	May need additional support for the next grade/course	Likely to excel in the next grade/course	Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course

Kinder, 1st and 2nd please visit <https://flfast.org/resource-list/en/renaissance-star> for more information.



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!

Hello Freedom Shores Parents! The month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month! Bullying behaviors encompass aggression, cyber-bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence. These behaviors are considered to be peer abuse and contribute to the challenges that can disrupt a student's ability to learn and undermine our District-wide efforts to maintain a safe and positive school climate.

Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceno will also teach about bullying during your child's Fine Arts in Guidance. Here is a list of activities we have planned for National Bullying Prevention Month:



- **October 7 -Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention #BlueUp**
- **October 7-11 -Make friends with someone you don't know at school week**
- **October 14-18 -STAND UP for others week**
- **October 16 -Unity Day -Wear and Share Orange**
- **October 21-25 -Don't let anyone eat alone week**
- **October 28-November 1st -Meet with students & discuss "How can we improve the culture at our school?"**

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23rd-29th

Wednesday 10/23- Dress with Bling or Sparkles- give your brain a chance, don't give in to drugs- Altruismo
Thursday 10/24- Dress in Pink or Hearts- show kindness to your body and be healthy- Nukumori
Friday 10/25- Dress for Success- successful people stay drug free- Protos
Monday 10/28- Wear Red- Say NO to Drugs- Four Houses, One Family
Tuesday 10/29- Dress up as a hometown hero or superhero- it takes courage to say no-Isibindi
Take a stand with us by participating in a week of theme days to keep Freedom Shores DRUG FREE!





**Freedom Shores will be hosting the
Common Sense PARENTING Program by**



Freedom Shores has a fantastic opportunity and is hosting the Common Sense Parenting Workshop from Boystown at no cost to you. A flyer went home with your child, please complete it and return to school as soon as possible if you are interested. Seating is limited for this program which runs six weeks, on every Thursday starting on October 10th from 5:30 - 7:30pm in our Media Center. Every participant will receive a workshop book and workbook absolutely free. Please contact Mrs. Briceño if you have any questions at 561-804-3103 or email at vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org



Greetings from the Special Education Department at Freedom Shores!

*October is Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia Awareness Month. Resources can be found here: [fndusa](#) or [understood](#) or [readingrockets](#)

Did you know that students with IEPs at Freedom Shores have access to audiobooks through:



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>.

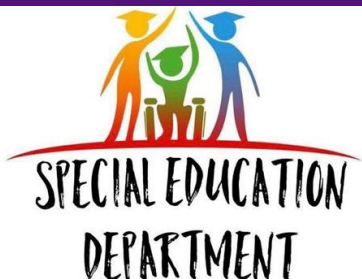


Child Find

*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.



**IEP meetings at this time will be virtual or in person. We ask that if you have been ill within 3 days that you choose the virtual option for staff safety. 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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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:

October 16th

SAC/PTO Meeting
7AM

October 17th

Ice Cream
During Recess!

October 24th

Harvest Dance
5:30-8:00pm



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Dual Language & Esol



September 15th - October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month - Ask your child what he or she is learning about Hispanic Heritage in class this month! Be ready to dress up Wednesday to celebrate your culture.



Has your child ever told you they don't have any books to read in Spanish at home?

We have a solution! Our online Spanish reading program Istation Español is accessible to your family at home! This program grants our students access to thousands of books and interactive games in Spanish. Extra reading practice in Spanish should be done at home daily to continue to strengthen your young learner's proficiency.

If your child has met his/her Istation requirement for the week, there are more Spanish texts available online now more than ever! Please ask your Spanish teacher for grade level appropriate sources.



LAS Español assessment will start during the weeks of October 21 to November 15, 2024. As a Dual Language school, all second to fifth grade Dual Language students take the LAS Español assessment every year to allow for a strong linguistic profile on each student. The LAS Español assessment informs instruction and monitors language proficiency in Spanish.

Notification of English Language Program Placement or Continuation letters were sent home to the students regarding their initial placement or continuation in the ESOL Program for this school year. Parents please sign the letter and return it to your child's teacher or to Ms. Coffman.



Kindergarten:

October is here and our young SOARing Eagles are settled in their classrooms ready to learn. This month in reading our kindergarteners are learning how to monitor their reading by asking and answering questions about what we are reading in class. During reading they are also learning to search for and use information from the illustrations to cross-check and self-correct their thinking about reading. In math, our students will understand and apply number recognition and counting. Please help your child practice their student computer log-in at home. They must know how to log into their portal through the district web page. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact their teacher. Also, please ensure your child completes their homework, including reading at home for at least ten minutes. If your child is unable to correctly write their first name please practice at home with them.

Kindergarten Field Trip- The Zoo October 21



First Grade:

Happy October 1st Grade Families! Our students are learning and growing every day. We are so proud of them. Please look at your child's communication folder every day for the daily behavior log, and homework assignments. In reading, we will be in unit 2-Many Kinds of Characters. At home, read for 20 minutes every night. Ask and answer questions about a text to increase your child's comprehension. In math, we are learning how to use different strategies to solve addition problems. At home, encourage your child to count on (+) objects to increase fluency. Also, be sure to use our interactive platform "Relfex Math" for extra fun practice. In science, read books about animals/plants and talk about the facts that were learned. In social studies, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage. Take some time to recognize the contributions and influence Hispanic Americans made to the history, culture, and achievements for the US. Thank you for always being so supportive!

Second Grade:

Happy October from Second Grade! We are so excited for the fall season to finally kick off! In math we have been learning about using different strategies to add numbers up to 100. In reading we have been learning about how characters face their problems. Ask us about Molly the Milkmaid! Please remember to check your child's blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!



Third Grade:

Hello 3rd Grade Families!

Last month, our students completed the first unit in Benchmark on Animal Adaptations and also took their first math assessment. They have been focusing on their multiplication facts and learning how to use these facts to solve division problems. Our next math unit will cover geometric terms and quadrilaterals. In science, we will continue our exploration of plants and the environment.

We are excited about our first field trip to the Sandoway Discovery Center. Please ensure that you sign your child's permission slip and return it as soon as possible.

Remember to check your child's folder and agenda each night for homework, notes, and important forms. Lastly, please keep an eye out for information this month regarding our Storybook Parade.

Fouth Grade:

Happy October!

Important dates this month:

- Monday, October 14th No School
- Wednesday, October 16th Unity Day (wear orange!!!)
- Thursday, October 17th Ice cream truck during recess
- Thursday, October 24th - Friends of Everglades IN SCHOOL field trip, Harvest Dance with Ice cream truck 5:30-8PM
- Wednesday October 30th - individual Fall pictures!!

Please continue checking folders daily for homework, communicating with your childs teacher and getting your children to school on time by 7:55am. Class begins at 8:00am! Thank you all for your continued support!



Fifth Grade:

5th grade has been working very hard in class and learning lots of new concepts. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time, as we start right at 8:00 am! We have completed our first FAST assessment of the school year for both Reading and Math. The results will help teachers know skills to work on with your child. In ELA we have been working hard on annotating our reading passages and we have been practicing how to type our writing. In math we have been working with decimals. For science we have been studying different animal adaptations.. If your child is a Safety Patrol, they should have brought home a pink paper that talks about the DC trip this year. Please remember the deposit of \$200.00 is due by October 18. Safety Patrols are also fundraising coupon books, Papa John Pizza cards and candy. Remember anytime you have money it comes to Ms. Klisiak. We are going on a field trip on October 8th to the Kravis Center.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2 Custodian Appreciation Day Hispanic Inspiration Day (Celebrate your favorite latin artist by dressing like them)	3 No School	4 Dollar, No Collar	5
6	7 Wear your house colors!	8 3rd grade field trip- Sandoway 5th grade field trip- Kravis	9 7am- 8am Walk to School Day Hispanic Culture Attire (Wear traditional clothing from your country) 3rd grade field trip- Sandoway 6pm Parent Math Night	10 3rd grade field trip- Sandoway	11 Dollar, No Collar	12
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School Info



We have a few upcoming events. If you dont have the time to dontate your time and would like to donate in a differ way. Please click the links below. Thank you in advance for all you do.

Click [HERE](#) to donate for our Veterans Day Breakfast.

Click [HERE](#) to donate for our Harvest Dance.





BIG shout out to Private Oceans for donating to our STEM Lab!!! Mr. Marshall donated not only his time but a saltwater fish tank, live rock, a clown fish, a shrimp, sea snails, a gobi fish and many anemones!!!! We have our very own "private ocean habitat! Thank you!! If you are looking for your own private ocean give Marshall a call.



**Want to give a HUGE thanks to our sponsors/business partners for their donations towards our Donuts with Dad event in September!
Dunkin, Aqua HomeCare, iThink Financial, and Hotworx**

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER! If you have a business and would like to advertise in our newsletter or have a banner on campus, Call or Email Audra at (561) 804-3114 audra.spurlin@palmbeachschools.org

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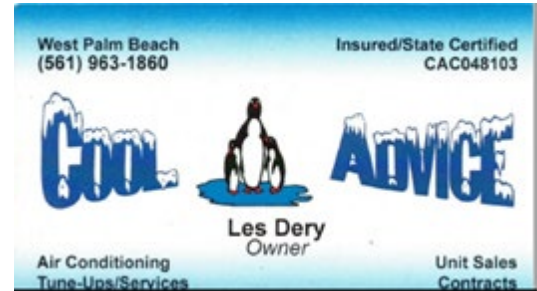
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