

THE FREEDOM POST

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Elementary School
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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to all the hard work from all of our children and staff last year our school is rated a B!! We will be continuing with all of these efforts to keep growing academically. We opened the school year, in an exciting way this year with our first every Parent Pep Rally to help continue to build our new House System and to get the children and parents more involved. All of our new students and Kindergarteners were sorted into houses with our new wheel. In addition to the House sorting, we began having all the students take their first FAST and iReady assessments. These assessments give us a benchmark for where they are academically beginning their grade. We can also see if they had any summer loss. We are also having a friendly competition for the class at each grade level with the highest percentage of student who work on iReady for the 45 minutes each week and receive a mastery percentage of 70% or higher.

Our car line in both the morning and the afternoon needs your attention. School begins at 8:00 sharp so please make sure your children are here before then so they are ready to begin their studies. Also, dismissal starts at 2:05 so please be here earlier or at least by then to pick up your child. This will help greatly with the speed of the line. Please remember that when merging in the car lines we need to be nice and allow one car at a time to merge. Also, having your children ready to exit the car in the morning on the passenger side would help to greatly speed up the drop-off. Our fantastic PTO who purchased the dismissal program call CurbSmart that we use. This system uses the placards given out with the numbers on them to call your child from their class to the pick-up line. Having the placard hanging in your front window with the number facing out helps us to input the number. Please remember to be considerate to our neighbors and do not park on their property or in our bus loop. If you come through the car line and always pull up as far as you can, the line will move quickly and the children will be safely loaded into your cars.

As always, we are looking to increase our parent involvement so our School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTO meetings will be held in the mornings so you can come to the meeting prior to dropping your child(ren) off at school. The meetings are the third Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 am in the Media Center. Please make every effort you can to attend these meetings so your input can be heard and acted on. You can become more active in your child's education by attending these meetings and the other school functions. Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to working with your children.

Thanks for all your continued support!

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.

What if my student is performing below grade level?

This situation can happen, and teachers and schools have many strategies and programs to help accelerate your student's learning. Having this information can help you, your student, and their teachers have the right conversations to make the needed progress.

What can I do to help my student?

- Discuss these results with your student. Celebrate their strengths and progress, and collaborate with them on planning how they will reach their goals.
- Reach out to your student's teacher to get more ideas and resources to support your student in specific domains and/or skills.
- If your student uses i-Ready Personalized Instruction, review their progress on the student dashboard and support their learning at home with these tips

Where can I get more information?

Visit the Family Center for additional information and helpful guidance and tools for supporting your student at home.



Please Remember!
Tuition and ALL past due fees due
the 15th of each month to avoid a
late payment fee and possible
termination from the program

Registration now available online!

Registration Fee: \$35 per child

Please Register Here!



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Hello Parents and
Guardians!

Welcome Freedom Shores Students and Parents! To begin, we would like to introduce ourselves to the Freedom Shores Family. We are Mrs. Briceno and Mrs. Heitz, and we will be your child's guidance teachers and school counselors. To start off the beginning of the school year, we will be promoting Attendance Awareness. Did you know that kids who miss too much school are less likely to be reading on grade level by 3rd grade? By working with students, parents, and teachers on promoting daily, on-time attendance you are supporting the District's strategic focus on increasing reading on grade level by 3rd grade. Parents, we encourage you to help us by reminding your child to go to bed early so they can get a good night's sleep, and attend school every day and on time! We are also implementing our school expectations, social contract and SOAR guidelines throughout our classroom guidance. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Your School Counselors,
Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceno





HAPPY NATIONAL
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HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

Greetings from the Special Education Department at Freedom Shores!

We are looking forward to a great year as we navigate all that is to come. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and allowing us to be a part of the team to support them emotionally, academically and behaviorally. We ask for your continued patience and communication moving forward.

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>.

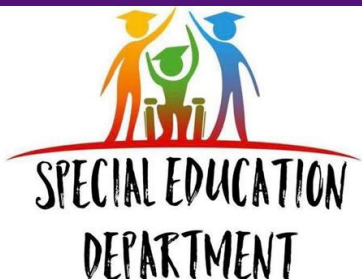


Child Find

*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! As we kick off another school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our families. 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:

September 4:

Volunteer Training
5PM

September 18:

SAC/PTO Meeting
7AM


September 26:


Kona Ice During
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Dual Language & Esol



To all of our new and returning families, ¡Bienvenidos!
Welcome! Bienveni!

We are very excited and looking forward to working with
your children this year :)

We would like to invite you to join the School Advisory
Council (SAC). This council is responsible for making
important decisions about your child's education and we
want you to participate in this process. The meetings take
place the third Wednesday of the month, in the Media
Center at 7:00 a.m. immediately followed by PTO meeting
at 7:30 a.m.

If you need assistance or have questions about the ESOL or
Dual Language Programs, please contact the ESOL team:
Nelly Coffman - ESOL Coordinator, Maibelis Concepcion- Dual
Language Coach, Vanessa Briceño - Bilingual School
Counselor. Our language Spanish and Creole speaking
facilitators are here to assist you in communicating with your
child's teacher. You may reach them at 561-804-3123.

Kindergarten:

The Fabulous kindergarten teachers are excited about the new school year and watching our children SOAR. We have been reviewing our procedures and rules. Ask your child about their classroom's social contract and our promise to each other to always do our Personal Best while at school. Please review all papers that come home in the communication folder daily. Don't forget to sign the communication log nightly and send it back with your child. Remember to read with your child every day! We look forward to reviewing our curriculum and our daily routine at Open House/ Curriculum Night on September 4th from 6- 7:30 p.m.



First Grade:

Hello first grade families. The first weeks of schools have flown by. We love getting to know your child each and every day! Our DEAL lessons (Drop Everything And Lead) have been very meaningful, so please make sure your child arrives on time for school every day! In ELA, we will be in Unit 1: Plants and Animals Grow and Change. At home, your child should find a cozy spot and read for 20 minutes every day. In science, we will be discovering what science is by using our senses to observe and describe objects. In social studies, we will be learning about American history/chronological order. At home, discuss the sequence of things you do (first, second, third, etc...). In math, students will gain a deeper understanding of 2 and 3 dimensional shapes . At home, play math word puzzle games (make figures using shapes, create a picture using a variety of shapes learned.). If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Happy Fall!

Second Grade:

Second grade has had an awesome start to the new school year!! We have loved getting to know all the students and families. The students have done an incredible job reviewing the schoolwide SOAR procedures and have even earned some Eagle Bucks themselves. Morning Meetings have been our favorite time to learn about our classmates so please make sure students are on time each day. In ELA we are so excited to finally be in our first unit. We have been reading about emperor penguins and their habitats. In Math, we are finishing up chapter 1 and have learned all about adding and subtracting up to 20. We have all been learning about how become scientists and use our inquiry skills to answer questions about the world. Please remember to check your child's communication folder each night. Looking forward to an amazing September!!



Third Grade:

Hello Third Grade Families!

August marked a wonderful return to school! We celebrated our students as they reconnected with friends and jumped back into learning.

Here are some important dates for September:

F.A.S.T. PM₁ Testing:

Reading: September 4

Math: September 10

Pop! Fundraiser:

Donations are due by September 9, 2024. Your contributions help support our school programs and activities.

Please continue to monitor your child's agenda and communication folder for updates. We are grateful for your ongoing support in making our school a fantastic place for learning and growth. Your involvement is crucial, and we look forward to collaborating with you throughout this school year. Together, we can help our students SOAR!

Fourth Grade:

Hello and welcome back fabulous 4th grade parents! This month there will be NO SCHOOL Monday the 2nd due to Labor Day, Thursday the 5th is ELA FAST, Wednesday the 11th we take MATH FAST, Thursday the 19th will be Donuts with Dad, progress reports will be available on SIS Monday the 23rd, Wednesday the 25th is Jersey day and Thursday the 26th Kona Ice will be here at school during recess so bring funds! Also, every MONDAY students may deck out in their house colors for FREE and on Fridays students can wear jeans and a school spirit shirt for \$1. Thanks for all your support!!



Fifth Grade:

Welcome to the last year of elementary school! Since coming back to school, the students have been working hard on learning our procedures in 5th grade. The students have taken the first iReady Diagnostic in Reading and Math for the school year. We will be completing our first Progress Monitoring tests for ELA and Math in the next two weeks. Your child should be sharing their agenda with you nightly as this is a great way to keep open communication between home and school. Hope to see everyone at our Open House night on Wednesday, September 4th.

FREEDOM SHORES GARDEN CLUB



FOR GRADES 2-5: JOIN US IN THE GARDEN HERE AT FREEDOM SHORES AND BE A PART OF CLEANING UP, REGROWING, AND KEEPING THE BEAUTY OF OUR MULTIPLE GARDENS. WE WILL BE WORKING IN THE GARDEN FROM 7:30-7:50AM EACH NON-RAINY SCHOOL MORNING. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE PERMISSION SLIP. GARDEN CLUB WILL START SEPTEMBER 9TH. LOOKING FORWARD TO "GROWING" WITH YOU!

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Donor Choose

Help teachers and donate school supplies

We are reaching out to our Freedom Shores Family for your support for some of our teachers. The following teachers have created a DonorsChoose project and they are looking for some additional funding. We would greatly appreciate any support that you could provide to these teachers.

Please click teacher to Donate:

[Ms. Tedesco](#)

[Ms. Puente](#)

[Ms. Ceci](#)

[Ms. Coupet](#)

[Ms. Allegro](#)

[Ms. Rodriguez](#)

[Ms. Brodi](#)

[Ms. Klisiak](#)

[Ms. Szachor](#)

[Ms. Castro](#)





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School	3 3rd Grade ELA FAST	4 4th & 5th Grade ELA FAST 5pm Volunteer Training 5:30 Title I Mtg 6- Curriculum Night	5	6 Dollar, No collar	7
8	9 Rep your house!	10 3rd Grade Math FAST	11 4th & 5th Grade Math FAST	12 1st & 2nd Grade STAR ELA	13 Vision & Hearing screening- K, 1 & 3 Kinder Star ELA Dollar, No collar	14
15 Beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month	16 Vision & Hearing screening- K, 1 & 3 Rep your house!	17 1st & 2nd Grade Star Math	18 7am- PTO/SAC Meeting Kinder Star Math Flag of Heritage Day (Represent your country of heritage by wearing their flag colors)	19 Donuts with Dad	20 Dollar, No collar	21
22	23 Progress Reports in SIS Rep your house!	24	25 Sports Jersey Day (Wear your favorite jersey to represent your favorite Hispanic sport team)	26 Kona Ice during recess	27 Dollar, No collar	28
29	30 Rep your house! RCA House Meeting 4th grade zoo field trip					

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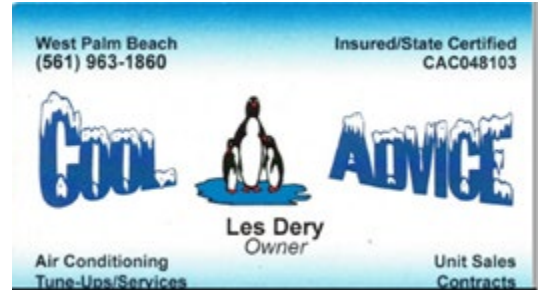
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