

# THE FREEDOM POST

A Monthly Publication of Freedom Shores Elementary School 3400 Hypoluxo Road, FL 33436 (561) 804-3100

**APRIL 2022** 

## <u>A Message from the Principal</u> <u>Mr. Sabatino</u>

We hope everyone had a restful and refreshing Spring Break. In March, we continued our Literacy Breakfast event with our Fourth Grade classes. Families were able to come into our school and enjoy some breakfast while listening to a story being read. The Fourth Grade team also modelled some ideas that would be helpful at home while reading with your child/children. There was a great turn out and the families who attended all left with a book. Our Fifth grade will have their Literacy Breakfast on Friday, April 22 at 7:15 am in our Cafeteria. Let us see if we can get an even better turn out for this one.

In March, we held our Award Ceremonies where the students were recognized for their achievements for the second trimester. The children were honored for their academic progress, following our Eagle's Way, showing positive character traits as well as excelling in our Moring Mile. During March our Fourth and Fifth Graders were honing their writing skills through many practice prompts given under actual circumstances. This was a great way for our children to show off their writing capabilities and the teachers learn where they can help the students make improvements in specific areas.

As we move further into our school year, we truly appreciate all of your assistance and support. Please remember that during drop off and pick up to 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

### <u>A Message from Assistant Principal</u> <u>Kimberly Rogers</u>

Your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) on the following dates:

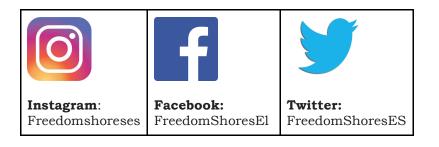
- 3rd grade ELA- April 5th & April 6th
- 4th & 5th grade Writing- April 7th (5th grade students with accommodations- April 12th)
- 4th & 5th grade ELA- May 3rd & 4th (5th grade students with accommodations-May 5th & 6th)
- 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Math- May 9th & 10th (6th grade & 5th grade students with accommodations-May 11th & 12th)
- 5th grade Science- May 16th & 17th

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <u>https://fsassessments.org/families.html</u> under the "Paper-Based Practice Tests" tab:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
- Student Presentations

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, smartwatches, and Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated. All electronic devices will be collected, locked in a secure location and returned after testing.
- **Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–6 Mathematics tests.
- Testing Rules Acknowledgment—All tests include a



#### **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

Many thanks go out to all the wonderful volunteers who have been working on behalf of our teachers and students throughout this school year! If you would like to find out how to help—whether before, during, or even AFTER school—or if you just want to stay informed on current events, please contact:

jennifer.a.quinn@palmbeachschools.org to be added to the **FSES Volunteers E-Mailing List**.

#### **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP!**

Kindergarten Roundup, come out to register your incoming kindergarteners as well as get to see what our Kindergarten Program, and FSES is all about. Register for a screening assessment, to help our teachers get an idea of what your child needs to focus on work as they enter elementary school. Time options are 8:30-9:30 AM and 6-7 PM, hope to see you there. Please spread the word to your neighbors, family, and friends.

#### Dual Language & ESOL News:

District Dual Language Parent newsletter <u>https://express.adobe.com/page/F9iOhgWfq4Du1/</u> Boletín del distrito para padres con niños(as) en el programa de instrucción en dos idiomas

**Student Designed Dual Language T-shirts -** Need a new Friday Shirt? We have a few DL T-shirts left! Please contact Ms.Torres for sizes. Email <u>maria.e.torres@palmbeachschools.org</u> or call 561.804.3108.

Si su hij@ necesita una **camiseta** nueva para los viernes, todavía nos quedan un par de tallas! Por favor contacten a la Sra.Torres para pedir llame al 561.804.3108 o al correo electrónico <u>maria.e.torres@palmbeachschools.org</u>.

Parent University/PLC Meeting- We will be having our second ESOL Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria entitled "Resources for U". One of our Dual Language Kindergarten classes will be performing. Please plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you there! Parent Conferences- It is important that you know how your child is doing academically. Teachers are in the process of scheduling second semester parent conferences. If your phone number has changed, please send the updated number to your child's teacher or call the front office.

#### ESE News:



**\*ESE PARENT SURVEY** 

We need your help to make Florida's 2021-2022 ESE Parent Survey a record success! You can complete the survey online at <u>http://www.esesurvey.com</u>.

\*If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 and you are interested in the McKay Scholarship Program- <u>Please find information on the district</u> <u>website here</u>. Deadlines vary for private and public school application window.

# **Counselor's Corner**

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 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will begin with FSA 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. Our 3rd-5th grade students will continue FSA testing for Reading, Math, and Science from April to May. 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 FSA 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.



# **School Advisory Council:**

Our SAC is looking for members. If you're interested in being involved in the inner workings, funding, curriculum, the safety of the school, getting involved, hearing the latest updates on test scores, and decisions made here at Freedom Shores, as well as having a say in fund allocation, and being a voice in the decision-making process that affects our student body, join us! We meet every month on the third Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the media center. Hope to see you there.





# <u> PTO:</u>

PTO is looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events and fundraisers. If you are interested, make sure to sign up as a volunteer with <u>jennifer.a.quinn@palmbeachschools.org</u>, and contact <u>freedomshorespto@gmail.com</u> to get involved. Our general meetings are monthly following the SAC meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

# Eagle Buck Store:

Eagle Buck Store is always accepting donations of new and mildly used toys, school supplies, games, and more, anything you think the students would enjoy earning as a reward would be appreciated.



# **DRESS CODE**

Dress Code Reminders - The students at Freedom Shores are expected to follow a mandatory uniform dress code on Monday through Thursday. Students who are not dressed in the proper school uniform should be sent to the office and the appropriate action will be taken. The mandatory school uniform dress code is as follows:

- All students will wear collared shirts with sleeves of any solid color.
- Pants, capris, skirts, jumpers, skorts, or shorts must be navy blue, black, khaki, gray, or brown. Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be long enough to touch the bottom of the fingertips, worn at the natural waistline and must be uniform style.
- No denim/jeans.
- Leggings/Jeggings may not be worn alone.
- **FRIDAYS ONLY**: Official Freedom Shores school spirit shirts and jeans, NO RIPPED JEANS. Students may also donate \$1 in order to participate in Dress Down Fridays, where they may wear their choice of appropriate clothing. Proceeds support the Eagle Buck Store, STEM Lab, DL Department and 5th grade class.
- Distracting or disruptive clothing and accessories are not to be worn.
- Per School District Policy, footwear must be completely enclosed in the toe and back for safety reasons. Sneakers and flat shoes are appropriate.

If your child is sent home with borrowed uniform clothes, please launder and return the next day. Thank you.

If ALL of the students in your child's class are in proper uniform, they will be awarded an eagle in their class!



#### **Notes from After-School**

Afterschool is still accepting registrations!! \$25 registration fee and registration packet due the day BEFORE you want your child to start. April 1st installment or total due 4/1, 2nd installment due 4/18. Register for remind (see desk for details). Contact Cheri Rosen, Director with any questions! cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org

Summer camp registration will be starting Monday, March 28th. Please look for a flyer coming home with your child. Registration fee is \$75 per child. Weekly fees are \$175 per child.

## News from the Cafeteria

Breakfast and Lunch continue to be FREE to ALL students! We have begun offering snacks for purchase at lunch such as Cookies for 25 cents, Ice Cream for 75 cents and Bottled Water for 50 cents.

Although we are taking cash at the registers, we encourage you to make a payment to your child's online meal account if you would like for them to be able to purchase snacks. You can find the online meal account link as well as other nutritional information at <u>www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs</u>

# $\star \star \star$ IMPORTANT DATES $\star \star \star$

# APRIL 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Family Fun Night - Five Guys 4 - 8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 No School!	16	17
18	19	20 SAC Mtg 5:30 PTO Mtg Following SAC	21 Spring Pictures	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Kindergarten and Pre-K Grad Pics	29	30	

<u>Kindergarten News</u> – Spring has sprung and our Kindergarteners are blooming! This month our Kindergarten students will complete Unit 7 in our reading program where students will read and compare selections about different holidays and celebrations around the world. They will develop the following enduring understandings;

1. We honor people who made positive contributions to the world with celebrations and holidays.

2. We celebrate holidays with food, parades, and/or being with friends and family.

The new sight words they will be learning in Unit 7 include: are, have, said and two. For a complete list of our sight words please see your child's teacher.

We have two months to strive towards our end of the year reading goal of level D or E readers.

Continue practicing their sight words at home, and read a book each night. Have your child find different sight words in the stories you read together. Ask your child questions about the story. What was the main idea of the story? Who are the characters? Where did the story take place? What happened in the beginning/middle/end of the story?

In math this month the units we will cover are 3D shapes and composing 2D shapes. Practice making shapes together with different media; pencils, crayons, paint or outside with sidewalk chalk!

In science our unit is on Day and Night. The children will discover what the sky can tell them.

Life is good in Kindergarten! Thanks as always for your continued support!

<u> $1^{st}$  Grade News</u> - 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. Be on the lookout for directions and the due date of the Timeline Project that the students will be asked to complete!

 $2^{nd}$  Grade News – Hello Second Grade Parents, It is hard to believe that spring has sprung, and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning. Our field trip to Loggerhead Marinelife Center was a success; students were able to gain a better understanding of live turtles, build cultural awareness and tolerance, and expose them to worlds outside their own.

April 15 Spring Holiday

And please don't forget that your kids should read at least 20 minutes per day. After reading, please ask your child about what they read. For example: explain the author's message in the story.

 $3^{rd}$  Grade News – Happy April and Happy Spring, Freedom Shores Families! We want to remind everyone that FSA time is here. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders get to show off all the knowledge they have learned throughout the year. Here are the dates for each test: 3rd grade ELA- April 5th & April 6th; 3rd grade Math- May 9th & 10th. Writers are practicing and planning for opinion prompts! In Reading, students are becoming research experts. During Math, we are solving perimeter and area questions and reviewing 3rd grade standards. Scientists are learning forms of energy, transfer of energy and transformations. Please remember to check the blue communication folder for homework and sign your child's agenda each day. Thank you so much for your continued support from home, it's appreciated!

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 $5^{\text{th}}$  Grade News – 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. This month we will be having our literacy breakfast on Friday, April 22 at 7:15 am. We hope that you can attend and learn some strategies to help your child to be a successful lifelong reader and you will also receive a free book <u>ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!</u> If you have a business and would like to advertise in our newsletter or a banner on campus, Call Audra in the office at 561-804 - 3114 if you are interested. Your support helps with production and printing costs.







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Benefits: \*Year long recognition in the Freedom Shores Newsletter-GOLD \*Certificate of Sponsorship to display-

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- \*Thank you letter from Freedom Shores Principal-BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD
- \* Invitation to the school events to promote your business- GOLD
- \* Recognition of Sponsorship on classroom door- BRONZE,SILVER, GOLD \* Copy of letter sent home to the parents of your adopted class
- announcing you or your business as the class sponsor.- SILVER, GOLD

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