

THE FREEDOM POST

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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

WOW! Spring Break came and went! We hope everyone had a restful and refreshing vacation. March was a very exciting month because we had many different events happen. We held our recognition ceremonies and we saw more students receiving honors for their hard work and perseverance. We had our Fifth Grade Literacy Breakfast where that team read a book in English and Spanish and shared some valuable strategies for reading with your child while at home. Also, in March we completed all of our ACCESS testing for our children who speak other languages and rounded out the month with our Field Day.

Our students were identified by their teachers for academic achievements they attained during the second semester. We saw the children being recognized for bringing up their grades in at least one subject area while not going down in any; while others received the Honor Roll award for earning all Proficiencies or Exemplary marks on their report cards; and we had some earn our highest honor of the Principal's Honor Roll which means all Exemplary marks on their report card. Other accomplishments were also highlighted at these ceremonies. There was a great turn out and it was fantastic to see so many proud parents.

We thank all our Fifth-Grade families who came out to participate in our Literacy Breakfast. These families enjoyed a light breakfast while listening to a story. The Fifth Grade team presented the book in both English and Spanish while modeling some reading techniques that are helpful to use at home while reading with your child/children. The families who attended all left with a copy of the book that was read. We appreciate all of your support with these events. We make them beneficial to all families and allow you to assist your child to increase their academic performance.

Truly, March was also highlighted with our Field Day. This was our second annual Field Day and it was such a fun and successful day for the children. We incorporated our House system into Field Day by all the points each House earned tallied so there was an overall winner. The children were all able to participate in various activities, competing to earn as many points as possible for their House. It was really great to see all the children laughing and having so much fun!! Congratulations to Nukumori who accumulated the most points during Field Day. We were also recognizing Nukumori for being our Second Semester overall point winner by having purple decorations and snacks throughout the day. All the other Houses are trying to catch Nukumori for the overall House winner for total points for the year. This race is close and any House could win that title.

As we move further into our school year, we truly appreciate all of your assistance and support. Please remember that school starts at 8:00, so please have your children here before the start time so they don't miss any academic instruction. Also, during drop off and pick up 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!

After School Program



Registration is Ongoing.....Registration Fee: \$25 per child
2023-2024 afterschool registration is now available online. <https://palmbeachcountyschools.reg.eleyo.com/>
pick 2023-2024 school year and don't forget to choose Freedom Shores Elementary.

Registration for SY25 will begin 4/17 at 7pm

Tuition:
April tuition and ALL past due fees due April 15th to avoid a late payment fee and possible termination from the program.

Summer camp registration is filling up fast.
\$75 registration fee per student
\$200 a week per student
click on the link to register..... be sure to pick "Freedom Shores Elementary"
<https://palmbeachcountyschools.reg.eleyo.com/>

Humor Corner

Why is everyone exhausted on April 1st:
Because they've just finished a 31 day March!

Which monster loves April Fool's jokes?
Pranken-stein!

What do you call a bear caught in April showers?
A drizzly bear!

How does a flower make a bike go?
With its petals!

How do trees go online?
They log in!



Email Cheri Rosen at cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org
with any questions, comments or concerns.



Counselor's Corner



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Hello Parents and Guardians!

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 FAST testing will continue this month. 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. 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 FAST and are 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.

**Your School Counselors,
Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceno**



Applications Open for 2024 Youth Services Department Youth and Family Counseling Mental Health Family Day Camp

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department – Youth and Family Counseling Program is accepting parent applications for its Mental Health Family Day Camp until April 12, 2024.

The Mental Health Family Day Camp will offer a full day of therapeutic workshops and outdoor activities for families with children ages 5-17 on May 18, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Okeechellee Nature Center, located at 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL, 33413.

Topics covered at the event will include self-care, emotional management, communication, and social skills, among other family fun topics! Clinical therapists will conduct the therapeutic workshops. Lunch and snacks will be provided to registered participants.



To register, please visit

<https://survey.pbcgov.com/s3/Mental-Health-Family-Day-Camp-Information-Request>.

For more information, please email YSD-Yfc-4pts@pbcgov.org or call 561-242-5714.

For more information on the 'Get Your Green On' campaign and other related events please visit <http://getyourgreenon.org/>.



*Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia Awareness - Resources can be found here: <https://fndusa.org/> or <https://www.understood.org/en>.



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.



The 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey window is open! The survey is open to all parents of children with an IEP receiving ESE services from preschool through grade 12. The survey will be open through June 30, 2024.

For the students attending Extended School Year (ESY) the times have been provided- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm; (Monday through Thursday) Monday, June 10 - Thursday, July 18, 2024! Students can only attend if they return their registration to Dr. Vereen. Thanks in advance.

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PTO & VOLUNTEER

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered and already completed their 10 Volunteer hours (you can still do more- we love the help!) We are always in need for more volunteers, see steps on how to sign up below:

- Have your ID scanned through the Raptor/VIPS system.
- Complete a volunteer application on the VIPS Count tracking system computer.
- Complete District Volunteer Training and Orientation(The Volunteer Coordinator will provide the training)

REMINDER- You can NOT volunteer in your own Child's classroom. Also, 10 volunteer hours are REQUIRED prior to chaperoning a field trip or helping with field day.

You must complete the volunteer orientation prior to volunteering on any district campus!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17th - PTO/SAC Meeting at 7am

April 18th - Kona Ice

April 18th - Volunteer Breakfast 8:15am



BACK TO
School

SCAN FOR HELPFUL PARENT LINKS

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Will be updated as information comes out

Dual Language & Esol



Continue to show all your hard work on your exams this month. Remember your strategies are the same in English and Spanish, 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 :)

Don't forget to keep reading and do Istation in Spanish!!!

Congratulations to Rodrigues Almondes, Jose Henrique in 5th grade for winning our March Istation contest for most growth!! Woohoo!! There were a lot of students close in the running. Way to go students!! I can't wait to see who takes the lead in April!

Parent University/PLC Meeting- We will be having our second ESOL Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria entitled "Resources for U". Mrs. Morrin and Dankwardt's Dual Language classes will be performing. Please plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kindergarten:

Hello families! Our kindergarteners have been working hard this month to be good students and friends. We are thankful for our students and for your support! In, reading, students continue working on building letter-sound relationships and phonemic awareness skills through engaging in meaningful small group lessons and independent activities. Students will continue to learn how to monitor all aspects of reading to engage in and understand texts as a whole. Students will continue to read predictable decodable words using letter/sound relationships. They will also continue reading decodable passages. In math, Students will continue to work on their number sense skills (counting / writing quantities, composing / decomposing). Also, we will explore the unit on 2D and 3D shapes. At the end of April, our kindergartners will take their final state test in reading and math. Students must enjoy a healthy breakfast before school and arrive to school by 8:00 am. It is also advisable that they have a good night's sleep. This state test will show their academic growth and mastery of our state's standards. This will be their time to shine and show how much they have learned.



First Grade:

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. In reading, we are focusing on the Past, Present, and Future. At home, discuss why the past is important. In writing, we are creating How to's (for example: How to take care of a dog, How to make a sandwich, How to brush your hair, etc...). At home, talk about how to do things step by step to help with their writing in class (oral language). In math, we are going to identify and analyze 2D and 3D shapes. We are also going to begin understanding how to make and identify halves and fourths. At home, name and identify different shapes you see around your house. In science, we will be learning about Earth's natural resources. At home, name and find natural resources (land (soil, rocks, minerals), water, air, plants, and animals). In social studies, we will be looking at ways people and things change over time. At home, discuss and think about the past, present, and future. Thank you for all your support

Second Grade:

Hello Second Grade Families!! It is so hard to believe we are in the last few months of the school year! Excitement is in the air as we continue to have such a wonderful year of learning. This month we are focused on getting ready for our last round of STAR tests. April 23rd we will be taking our ELA test and April 25th is our math test. Career day is April 3rd and we are so excited to learn about the different community members and how they help us. Please remember that Wednesday April 10th is a holiday. Continue to check your child's communication folder everyday and remember school starts at 8:00!



Third Grade:

Happy Spring, 3rd Grade Families! We hope everyone had a restful Spring Break. This month, in math, students will continue learning about Time, Customary Metric Measurement, and Multiplying Greater Numbers. In ELA, we will continue Unit 7 "Communities Then and Now", and start Unit 8 "Weather and Climate" later in the month. With F.A.S.T. PM3 quickly approaching on May 1 (ELA) and 9 (Math), please make sure your child is completing all assigned homework and that you are checking their agenda/folder nightly. These are important skills that will be assessed on PM3.

Fouth Grade:

Hello again fabulous 4th grade parent/guardians!! Upcoming this April we have our BEST writing test Tuesday the 2nd, Career Day Wednesday the 3rd from 8-10 am, progress reports post to the portal Friday the 12th, Reading iReady Diagnostics Tuesday the 16th and Wednesday the 17th, Kona Ice Thursday the 18th, Thursday the 25th is take your child to work day (the best day!!) and thats it for April!! The end of the year is near with big reviews and tests coming up so please continue to bring your child to school on time daily, completing homework and communicating with your childs teacher to ensure your child is striving for success!



Fifth Grade:

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 have 5 Guys Family Night on Friday, April 5th. Hope to see you all there enjoying a nice dinner. The second payment for Islands of Adventure will be due soon, a letter will be coming home with your child.

School Info



April 23, 2024 - state testing in Reading

April 25, 2024 - state testing in math.

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

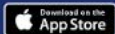
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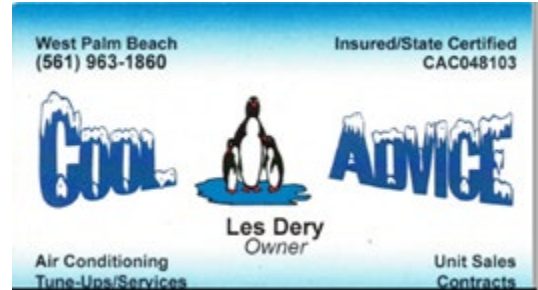
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TO:



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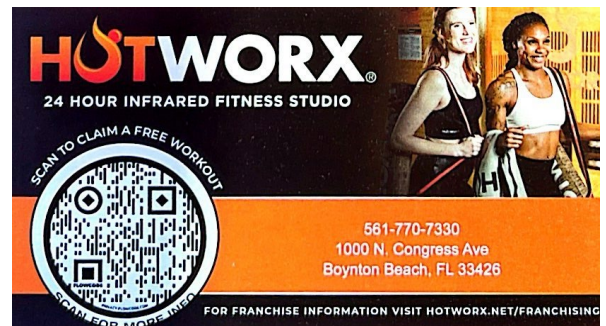
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Autism Awareness
&
Acceptance Month

APRIL 2024

School Library
Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Assistant Principals Week! Thank you Ms. Rogers	1 Come decked out in your house colors	2 4th & 5th BEST Writing Test Cap & Gown PK/ Kindergarten Pictures	3 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day Career Day	4	5 Dollar, No collar	6
7	8 Come decked out in your house colors 8:30am - Kindergarten Round up 6:00 pm- Kindergarten Round up	9	10 Spring Holiday- School Closed	11	12 Dollar, No collar	13
14	15 Come decked out in your house colors 5th grade Iready reading diagnostic	16 4th grade Iready reading diagnostic	17 7am- PTO/SAC Meeting	18 8:15 am Volunteer Breakfast Kona Ice during recess	19 Dollar, No collar	20
21 National Volunteer & Afterschool Professional Week. We appreciate Ms. Cheri, Ms. O'Brien & Team!	22 Come decked out in your house colors *Earth Day* 5th grade Iready math diagnostic	23 K-2 ELA Star Test	24 Administrative Professionals Day 6- ESOL Parent Night	25 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day! *Absences will be excused*	26 Dollar, No collar K-2 Math Star Test	27
28	29 Come decked out in your house colors	30				