



THE FREEDOM POST

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A Message from the Principal Mr. Sabatino

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. Since we returned from break, we have completed our diagnostic testing and are using the results to improve our children academically. We want to welcome our new second grade teacher Mrs. Zdzieba, our new Spanish CLF Mrs. Herrera and our new Paraprofessional Mrs. Rodriguez. We are so excited that they have become part of our Eagles Family.

We continued our "Evening of Reading" event for our Second Grade classes. Families registered for this event and a copy of the book being read in both English and Spanish was provided. Mrs. Castro and Ms. Persky read to our families and addressed various reading concepts that can be used at home while reading with your children while the rest of the second grade team assisted with everything else. We will be continuing with this event for all the other grade levels as the year progresses. Third grade will have their "Evening of Reading" on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 or immediately following the conclusion of our PTO meeting.

We also brought back our Science Night on campus. This event was a huge success, bringing out many families who got to participate in various scientific experiments from different grade levels. The Krazy Cuban food truck was at our campus on this night as well so families were able to purchase some great food and enjoy it with our families. We are continuing this with our Mathematics Night on Wednesday, February 16. Make sure you come out and attend this fantastic event.

Another exciting event that occurred was the visit from Avacodo from SuccessMaker. He came around our school and visited with the children. He is a character who appears in the Math program the children all use so they were able to actually see him in person.

Thanks for all your continued support,

A Message from Assistant Principal Kimberly Rogers

Wow! What an amazing turnout at the Bookfair! A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Tejada for setting this up and also to the staff and parents that volunteered their time there.

Mrs. Tejada's goal was for every student at Freedom Shores to get a book. She kept a running list throughout the week. I would like to personally thank the families in the carline that donated money. That money went towards the purchase of books for the students that could not afford one.

Friday afternoon when the Bookfair was ending, Carol and Jeffrey Balet, parents of a Kindergarten student, made a large donation to cover the remaining amount to ensure all students left that week with a book in their hands. Carol shared with me that when her husband's family moved here from Puerto Rico and they did not have a lot of money. He went to the Bookfair and remembered the feeling of not being able to afford a book. Jeffrey told his wife Carol he did not want Freedom Shores students to experience that feeling. We cannot thank the Balet Family enough for their generosity. The look on the students' faces was priceless.

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 www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs

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.
November 1st installment or total due 11/1, 2nd installment due 11/15.
Register for remind (see desk for details).
Contact Cheri Rosen, Director with any questions!
cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org

Be on the lookout for Spring Break Camp news!!!!



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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**.

AUTISM SPEAKS WALK

Please join our Freedom Shores Team on Sunday, March 6th at The **Autism Speaks Walk** at the Meyer West Palm Amphitheater! Registration/sign in begins at 9 AM and the walk starts at 10 AM. You can register to join our team at no cost, at

<http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/FreedomShoresElementary>

Any questions please email:

alexandra.cristina@palmbeachschools.org

Dual Language & ESOL News:

ESOL

ACCESS Testing- Testing continues this month. All ELL students K-5 will be taking the ACCESS test between January 24th -March 12th. Letters were already sent home. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Coffman- 804-3109.

Parent Conferences- Teachers are scheduling 2nd semester parent conferences. If your phone number has changed, please send the updated number to your child's teacher.

Dual Language

Istation Awards – We have begun recognizing students from K – 5 for their academic achievement on Istation. Students that are **below** Tier 1 should be working on Istation at least 40 – 60 minutes a week, and this should be worked on at home in addition to the classroom.

Do you know what tier your child is on? If not, there are two easy ways to find out! First, ask your child's Spanish teacher or as a parent of a student in the Dual Language program, you have access to the online Istation Parent Portal!

Istation Parent Portal - To begin, go to <https://www.istation.com/istationhome>. The first time you log in, you will be prompted to select your student's school. Type in the school information. (This will only be done once.) Then, type in your student's login information as provided by your teacher and click Log In. This Login is different from the school district login. If you need help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's Spanish teacher or Ms. Torres at maria.e.torres@palmbeachschools.org or 561.804.3108.

Dollar for Collar –Remember that your \$1 donation on Fridays is split among 4 different organizations on campus including buying materials for our DL classrooms! Thank you for your help!!

ESE News:



***If you have a student with an IEP and you are interested in the McKay Scholarship Program-** <https://go.stepupforstudents.org/ftc-interest-2022-2023>

***Parent Meeting FDLRS/Parent University** <https://www.fdlrsalpha.org/parent-services/parent-university>

***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 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 remain virtual, unless requested otherwise. If you have a concern or would like to share new information with the ESE team please contact Sharrié Vereen, ESE Coordinator at 561-804-3110 or sharrie.vereen-thomas@palmbeachschools.org**

Counselor's Corner



National School Counseling Week 2022

The theme is School Counseling: Better Together Monday, February 7 through Friday, February 11, 2022, is to focus public attention on the unique contribution of certified school counselors and to highlight the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. The goal of the week is to raise awareness of the impact that the continuum of Kindergarten to Grade 12 comprehensive, evidence-based, and data-driven school counseling has on:

- Academic achievement, on-grade-level reading, high school readiness
- College/career readiness, graduation rate, post-secondary success
- Social-emotional learning with emphasis on thoughts, emotions, and actions; relationship skills; responsible
- decision making; goal setting; persistence for all students

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.



PTO:

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 jennifer.a.quinn@palmbeachschools.org, and contact freedomshorespto@gmail.com 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 taking donations - lightly used toys, new items, or monetary donations. Please help us keep this positive reward system going for our students.



Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 23rd! Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways; making the need to Lift Each Other Up and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. Wear pink on February 23rd to help end bullying!!

STEM Lab/Science News

Happy New Year! We welcomed students back with a new lab pet, Pixel the leopard gecko. We are very excited to watch him grow and learn more about him!



Remember that grades 3rd-5th Science Fair projects are due to classroom teachers by Jan. 18th. Can't wait to see all the projects!

Also, Science Night will be Jan. 19th 6:00 – 7:30pm. Please come see and participate in what each grade level is learning about in science. This is always a fun night of learning for everyone!

Garden Club News

There's a lot of growth happening in our school garden! We are learning there's a lot of work involved with keeping our gardens clean and maintained.....so much weeding! Our hard work is starting to pay off with the successful growth of: radishes, string beans, kale, carrots, swiss chard, turnips, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, parsley, dill, and eggplant! Can't wait to see what else "pops" up!

Sign Language Club

Sign Language Club is starting Thursday 1/20 for grades 2-5, and any younger students who have a deaf friend or family member, looking forward to getting the signing eagles signing again and learning about different languages and cultures.



The Kid's Heart Challenge is coming to Freedom Shores!! Our Goal this year is \$2000. Envelopes for donations will go home on Friday, February 4th. Money is due on Friday, February 25th. Please help the American Heart Association and Freedom Shores by getting donations.

If we reach our goal, Mrs. Webb will get a gift certificate to US Games for playground equipment. Help make this event a success and start collecting your Monsters today!

Thank you for your support,

★★★IMPORTANT DATES★★★

FEBRUARY 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4 Heart Challenge Starts	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 SAC Meeting 5:30 PTO Meeting 6:00 Krazy Cuban 5:30 - 7:30	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 PINK SHIRT DAY!!	24	25	26	27
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Kindergarten News – We can't believe we have passed our 100th day of school already! Kindergarten had a blast counting 100 items, stacking 100 cups, creating with 100 items and much more! In math this month we will be composing and decomposing numbers 11-19.

Our Kindergarteners will be working on Unit 5 in our Reading program. In this unit, students read and learn about the different kinds of technology that we use at home and school. They will develop the following Enduring Understandings:

- Technology is changing how we work, learn, travel, and live.
- We can use technology to interact with others in new ways.

We will be learning the following sight words; and, you, big, with, good, all and our. Please practice these at home too! See your child's teacher to request a complete list of our sight words.

Valentine's Day is coming up! We will be celebrating the friendships we've made this year on February 14th. More details to come.

Please make sure to sign your child's folder & have your child complete their homework each night. As always thank you for your support!

Please continue to stay cautious and keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Stay healthy!

Much love, The Kindergarten Teachers

1st Grade News - February may be short, but it is filled with topics, themes, and celebrations that will keep us busy all month long! Let's Stay Connected...check in with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Look in your child's communication folder every night and clean it out. In reading, we are focusing on Technology at Work. We will answer the question: *How can technology make a difference in our lives?* In writing, we are focusing on the expository process. We are writing about technology in our homes. In math, we will be learning about how to compose two-digit numbers. In social studies, we will be learning about: saving and buying. In science, the big idea is: Matter in Motion. The essential question is, *"How do objects move?"* **SCIENCE NIGHT** was a huge success, thank you for those that attended. Please continue to read with your child every night and ask them what they are learning in school!

2nd Grade News – Hello Parents, Cool weather is here, and we ask that parents be sure to send their children to school properly dressed for outside recess. Also, during this month, our students will be celebrating Black History Month. This is a month to remember Africans' achievements and recognize the central role they have played in the history of the United States. Please, remember that your child should be reading at least 20 minutes per day.

Ask your child about what they are reading

3rd Grade News – Happy February, Freedom Shores Families! 3rd grade has SOARed into 2022! We are setting goals and continuing to monitor progress towards them. All students need 45 min. and 0.03 gains for Successmaker Math & 45 min. and 70%+ accuracy for iReady Reading, weekly. Their success in reaching these goals is being encouraged and celebrated! Teachers and students are monitoring this growth as we track progress. Writers are practicing and planning for informative prompts in response to texts they read. In Reading, we are determining a character's point of view through Stories Old and New: Exploring Genres of Fiction! During Math, we are working to understand fractions. We're looking forward to seeing you on Math Night: Wednesday, February 16th! In Social Studies, 3rd graders will study Black History this month. During this time, students are invited to learn about African American inventors, scientists, athletes, entertainers, and the rich history of African American culture. 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!

4th Grade News –Hello fourth grade families!! February is Black History Month, which we will have ongoing activities and lessons about throughout the day. Be sure to ask your child who or what they've learned about each day! Wednesday, February 16 we will have our first ever-Real Life Math event here at FSE; hope to see everyone there! Friday, February 18th, students will have the chance to buy Kona Ice during recess again. Also, remember to check agendas daily for homework and parent/teacher communication. Thank you for all of your hard work and support, as always!!

5th Grade News – Last month we had our STEM night, and boy what a great turnout. It was loads of fun with all the hands-on learning that was occurring that night. We have finished completing our winter diagnostics and now we will be using this data to help with our instruction to make sure we are prepared for the upcoming state tests this spring. On Wednesday, February 16th we will be having a math night. Come out to have some hands-on fun while practicing your math skills.

Officer Tom showing his **CARING** side....



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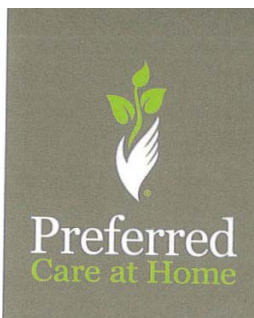
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