



# THE FREEDOM POST

A Monthly Publication of Freedom Shores Elementary School  
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## A Message from the Principal Mr. Sabatino

We hope everyone had a fantastic Holiday Break and stayed healthy!! As you know, the COVID numbers have been increase, so we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe here at our school.

We are continuing with our programs with our Science Night in January. We want the children to continue learning and having their experiences. We started back with our Literacy Breakfast and in December, our First Grade team held theirs and it was very successful being enjoyed by many parents and children. We will be continuing with this tradition and Second Grade will hold theirs in January. Please look for information about this in the future.

In addition, coming in January will be our diagnostic testing. This is a chance for the children in grade 3-5 to show all they have learned to this point in the year. We will learn areas that we need to focus more on with each child. We know our children will shine during this testing period.

We want everyone to know that we are following all the recommended guidelines to keep everyone at our school as safe as possible. The District is also starting a testing program to make it easier to have the children screened for COVID in an effort to keep the virus out of our schools. Keep an eye open for more information about this as well.

Thanks for all your continued support

## A Message from Assistant Principal Kimberly Rogers

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are currently taking the District Diagnostic. This is like a "practice" FSA Test. This test will show teachers what the students know and what they need remediation on. Teachers will utilize the data and create groups to reteach students on the standards they did not master. Reach out to your child's teacher to see how they did.

## 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](http://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](mailto:cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org)



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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](mailto: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>

### Dual Language & ESOL News:

Just a reminder that the choice schools application is open until January 28<sup>th</sup>. If 5<sup>th</sup> graders are interested in applying to Okeehetee Middle school to continue their DL education, applications must be in by that date. If you need assistance with the application process, you can go to Okeehetee or we can help you here at FSE as well.

Website for

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Applicants will be chosen by a lottery selection, which occurs in the spring. DL Middle Schools are Okeehetee, Palm Springs, LC Swain, Lake Worth, & North Grade.

The testing window for ACCESS begins on January 24th and ends on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All ELL K-5 students will take the ACCESS language proficiency test during this time period. The test measures the student's progress in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Individual student report scores will be sent home at a later date. More information is coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Coffman.

*Queridas familias del programa bilingüe / Dear Dual Language program families,*

*Queríamos compartir con ustedes nuestro [District Dual Language Parent Newsletter/ Boletín del distrito para padres con niños\(as\) en el programa de instrucción en dos idiomas](#). (haga clic en el enlace para acceder). Recuerde que aprender un segundo idioma toma tiempo, tenga paciencia. Si Usted no habla el segundo idioma, ¡No se preocupe! Hay muchas maneras que puede apoyar a su hij@. En el boletín encontrará muchas sugerencias fáciles que puede implementar en casa.*

*Please click on the [link](#) to access our Dual Language District newsletter. It is full of fun activities and suggestions which are easy to implement at home and continue to foster the love of learning a second language outside of the classroom. Remember, learning a language takes time - be patient. If you do not speak the 2nd language, do not worry! There are still many ways that you can support your child. :)*

### ESE News:



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

**\*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](mailto: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](mailto:sharrie.vereen-thomas@palmbeachschools.org)**

### Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year to all of our Freedom Shores Families! We would like to start the new year with encouraging our students to set goals to come to school everyday and on time.

We would like to thank all of our donors that provided gifts for our Giving Tree students in need and brought joy to them during the holiday season. The children were so happy and grateful!! All of you are AMAZING!!

## **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](mailto:jennifer.a.quinn@palmbeachschools.org), and contact [freedomshorespto@gmail.com](mailto:freedomshorespto@gmail.com) to get involved. Our general meetings are monthly following the SAC meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

**Food Truck – Crazy Cuban Flavor 1/19 5:30 – 7:30**

## **Eagle Buck Store:**

Our school store is up and running and looking for donations. If you're interested in helping fund it, feel free to make a monetary donation, and we are always also looking for regifted items (mildly used items that you think would "sell"), or donations of new items, could be toys, fun items like prizes, school supply type items, anything you think the students would enjoy. Thank you in advance for your donations. You can send them in with your child, or drop them off at the front desk, c/o Mrs. Budjinski.



### **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.



We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair January 21st -28th. Our Book Fair offers eWallet, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online or in person orders will benefit our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/freedomshores>

# ★★★IMPORTANT DATES★★★

## JANUARY 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 3rd-5th Science Fair projects are due	19 Science Night 6:00 – 7:30 SAC/PTO Meeting 5:30 Food Truck 5:30 – 7:00	20 Sign Language Club	21 Book Fair Starts	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Last Day of Book Fair	29	30
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**Kindergarten News** – Happy New Year from the Kindergarten Teachers! We hope you all enjoyed your winter break! With each New Year we reflect on the year before and determine goals for the New Year. Our Kindergarteners are working hard to reach their weekly & trimester goals. Weekly our goal is to complete 45 minutes of i-ready or i-station and at least 45 minutes of SuccessMaker a week in school. At home their goal for school is to complete their homework and read a book each night. This trimester our Kindergarteners goals are to be reading independently at a level C. If you need recommendations or have any questions on level C books, please ask your child's classroom teacher and they would be happy to help you find ways to support your child in reaching their reading goal. As always thank you for your support!

**1st Grade News** - Welcome back families and students! We hope you had a fun and relaxing time off! As we begin the New Year be sure to continue to work on the skills we are learning on a daily basis. Also, be sure to review any skills we have already learned. We missed you all, we are excited to be back! *In reading*, we will continue with Unit 4: Perspectives in Literature: Stories Have a Narrator (Dec 13 - Jan 21). Then, we will begin Unit 5: Technology and Society: Technology at Work (Jan 24 - Feb 18). At home, read fiction/nonfiction texts and ask yourself questions about what you've read. *In writing*, we will be writing about our opinions. At home, give your child a choice (play inside or outside) and have them explain why they would choose it, then write about why. *In math*, we will focus on Unit 8: Understanding Place Value. At home, review writing and saying numbers 1-20 and practice skip counting by 5's and 10's to 100. *In science*, we will be focusing on Unit 5: Matter and Its Properties. Be on the lookout for STEM night (1/19)! At home observe, describe, and identify different objects. *In social studies*, we are beginning Unit 4: World of Work...discussing the difference between goods, services, and how to save money. At home, discuss how you can save money and set a goal. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We are here for you! Thank you for all your support!

**2nd Grade News** – Welcome back second grade Eagles, we are excited to be back after the break and are looking forward to the rest of the school year! Please, mark your calendars for Jan 19, 2022, the school will be holding the Science Night from 6:00 - 7:30, we hope to see you there. The second grade will be presenting Life cycles and we will be located in the kindergarten's hallway and finally parents, please remember that your kids should be reading at least 20 minutes per day, this includes reading to self, reading to you, and being read to in any language.

**3rd Grade News** – Happy New Year 2022, Freedom Shores Families! 3rd grade has SOARed through 2021! We are setting goals and continuing to monitor progress towards them. All students need 45 min. and 0.03 gains per week for Successmaker Math, and 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. 3rd grade will be taking both the ELA and Math Diagnostics this month. We will share the data as soon as it is available. Writers will be taking the Palm Beach Performance Assessment for Informative writing. In Reading, we are exploring genres of fiction: stories old and new! During Math, we are solving multi-step word problems using the four operations. We're looking forward to observing, classifying and describing some physical properties of matter in Science. We can't wait to see all the Science Fair projects the students have done. We hope you'll join our Science Night on Wednesday, January 19th! 3rd grade really enjoyed learning and celebrating Winter Holidays Around the World in December! This month, we will identify places and regions around the world. We will also honor, celebrate and learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s accomplishments and contributions! 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** – Happy New Year and welcome back! Hope everyone had a nice relaxing break and are ready to kick off the new year! Things to remember: ELA Diagnostic Thursday January 6 and Friday January 7, Tuesday January 11th PBPA Writing Test, Math Diagnostic Thursday January 13 and Friday January 14, STEM Night January 19th Wednesday 6-7:30, Science Diagnostic Thursday January 20 and Friday January 21st. Reminder to check agendas daily, as well. Thank you for your continued support!!

**5th Grade News** – Happy New Year and Welcome to 2022. As we come back from our winter holiday break, we will be completing the Winter Diagnostics in Reading, Math, and Science. These tests are very important and help to guide the lessons up until the state testing to make sure we are all well prepared. Scores can be viewed in Performance Matters and teachers will be meeting with the students to talk about their scores and looking at how everyone did on each of the state standards. We hope you can come and join us for some hands- on fun at our Science night on Wednesday, January 19th.




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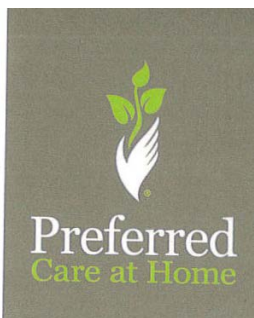
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