



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 is staying safe and doing well. Through February, we have continued our Literacy Breakfast event with our Third Grade classes. Families were able to come into our school and enjoy some breakfast while listening to a story being read. The Third Grade team also demonstrated some ideas that could be used while at home reading to help improve the children's levels. There was a great turn out and the families who attended all left with a book. Our Fourth grade will have their Literacy Breakfast on Friday, March 25 at 7:15 am in our Cafeteria. Let us see if we can get an even better turn out for this one.

Another fantastic event that held at our school in the month of February was our Math Night. Many families came out, walked our halls, and were able to see the various mathematical problems while trying to give solutions. Each grade level presented a concept that they were learning about or have already learned. There were questions relating to measurement, line plots, time, sorting, estimation, addition and subtraction and finally money. In the Music, room where money was being practiced our Second Grade team created store so while learning about money items were purchased. There was a terrific turn out for this event and everyone seemed to truly enjoy themselves. Our PTO also set up a food truck to be here so many families enjoyed some dinner while they were here.

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. 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

A Message from Assistant Principal Kimberly Rogers

I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and comes back to school rested for upcoming testing in April.

Parents please remind your students to look in the main hallway and on the side of the stage in the cafeteria for "lost" items. There are a lot of jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Parents please do not park on the church's property during drop off and pick up.

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 3/1, 2nd installment due 3/22. Register for remind (see desk for details). Contact Cheri Rosen, Director with any questions! cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org

Spring Break Camp registration is open! The cost is \$160 for the week per student.



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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:

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 maria.e.torres@palmbeachschools.org 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 maria.e.torres@palmbeachschools.org .

Loggerhead Marinelife Center - Estamos muy emocionados con la espera de nuestra primera **excursión** en español! Las clases de párvulos a 2o grado vamos a ir al centro de vida marina Loggerhead en marzo. Allí vamos a convertirnos en pequeños científicos y usar lo que hemos aprendido en la clase de ciencia para explorar el mundo marino.

We are so excited about our first Spanish K - 2 field trip to Loggerhead Marinelife Center in March! We will be using what we have learned in science class and turn into young scientists for the day as we dive deeper into the world of marine life.

ACCESS Testing- Testing will be completed this month for our K-5 ELL students. Individual student reports will be sent home in the Fall.

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 <http://www.esesurvey.com>.

*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.

*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

Is your family living with another family, or living in temporary shelter? If so, the district has a program called McKinney-Vento that will provide your family with resources and assistance. Contact the school counselors to start the process.

If your child is in need of clothes or uniforms, please let us know. We have a limited number of uniforms available for our students. Also, we have a resource called the Giving Closet and they provide clothing for students in need.

The upper grades have been working on ways to calm down in guidance. Ask your child about ways they can calm down when they have a strong emotion. They have been practicing belly breathing, counting and using positive self-talk.

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 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 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!

STEM Lab/Science News

Our new class pet Pixel is adjusting well to school life! The students are excited to watch him grow alongside our other pet, Lizzy the bearded dragon. We've watched our caterpillars develop through their life cycle and some classes were able to be a part of their release into our butterfly garden. Lastly, we have a few tadpoles left that we are watching grow into frogs. Life cycles are EGG-CITING!!

Garden Club News

We have been working hard in our butterfly garden by remulching and replanting. We have also been enjoying watching all the vegetables grow! We have just added sweet red peppers, eggplant and more strawberries to the beds and planted some hibiscus. Always a good "THYME" in Garden Club!



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.

★★★ IMPORTANT DATES ★★★

MARCH 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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★★★ SPRING BREAK ★★★						
21 NO SCHOOL	22	23 SAC Meeting 5:30 PTO Meeting 6:00	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Kindergarten News – Our Kindergarteners will be working on Unit 6 in our Reading program. In this unit, students will read folktales from diverse cultures and compare the messages or lessons within them. They will develop the following Enduring Understandings:

- People tell traditional stories, like folktales, to teach important lessons.
- Stories can teach us that ordinary people can accomplish big things, especially when they work together.

We will be learning the following sight words; for, no, one, jump and girl. Please practice these at home too! See your child's teacher to request a complete list of our sight words.

We will be working on two Units this month in Math. Unit 11; Numbers to 100 and Unit 12; Identifying and Describing Shapes. At home, you can go on a walk together and point out objects you see. Ask your child, "What shapes do you see?" Go on a shape hunt, search for squares, circles, etc. Count how many sides or corners each shape has that you find in your home or on your walk.

Just a reminder to 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 - First Grade Families, WOW...It's March already!! It is great to see the amount of growth the students have made. Thank you for all the efforts you have put in at home to help your child here at school. A few reminders: check your child's folder every night, ask them how their day was, and encourage them to find a cozy spot and read. Math Night was a success! Hope everyone that attended had fun and learned something. Let's keep up the good work! Hope everyone has a safe and healthy spring break! We all deserve it!

2nd Grade News – Second grade welcomes Spring with open arms! This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week with different activities. Remember that it is imperative that our students be at school on time every day to ensure that they are getting the best education possible. Please understand that even a few minutes late can significantly impact how a student's day begins.

3rd Grade News – 2022 is MARCHing right along, Freedom Shores Families! 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 comparing and contrasting across texts! During Math, we are working with fraction equivalence and comparison, then moving into solving time, capacity, and mass problems. Thank you for participating in Math Night! The students and parents enjoyed the hands-on activities! In Social Studies, 3rd graders researched and studied Black History. During this time, students were 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! Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

4th Grade News – Hello again, fabulous fourth grade parents/guardians!! March is a busy busy month for us! Heads up for Spring Break March 12-21 for students, its Womens History Month, Daylight savings starts (YAY), and St. Patrick's Day. Reminders, as usual, to check student folders and agendas for daily communication and assignments. Thank you for your continued support!!

5th Grade News – What a great turnout for math night. It is so great to see so many families attending our nighttime events as it is a great way to share our love of learning. We are starting to get ready for our state tests which start in April for us. In class we are going to be going into adaptations in science, and are learning about volume in math. For writing we are working on perfecting our essays so we will be successful on the writing state test. In reading we are finishing up reading Esperanza Rising which we all have loved to read. Your child should have brought home a paper about the end of the year 5th grade trip to Islands of Adventure.


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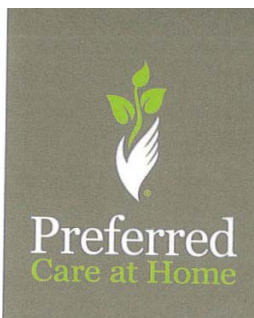
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