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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Wow January was a busy month! We continue to move forward through this fast moving year. During the month, we had our STEM Night, Granola with Grandparents, our Book Fair, the Third Grade Literacy Breakfast and all the daily classroom activities. We also completed the second round of our State Assessments.

Our STEM Night was a huge success thanks to all the staff and parental support. Our teachers created many different hands-on activities that the children had a chance to make and play before they were able to take them home. Everyone saw how a circuit worked as well as how chemical changes occurred. Along with the Scientific activities there were many Mathematical games that were played.

Granola with Grandparents was a big hit and we had the pleasure to see many of our children's grandparents or caregivers attend this event. They were able to enjoy some granola bars and coffee before heading over to our Book Fair where they shopped for various pieces of literature. It was incredible to see all our students' grandparents and caregivers having a great time together choosing appropriate books – the smiles on everybody were very noticeable. Our Book Fair was an incredible success due to your generosity. Many families donated to "All for Books" which allowed some students who did not have enough money for their purchase the ability to receive the books anyway. Also, thanks to the unbelievable generosity of the Balet's family. Over 100 students who would not have been able to shop at our Book Fair were provided the opportunity because of this donation. They do this since Mr. Balet's family moved here from Puerto Rico with very limited funds and he remembers not being able to afford a book, so they do not want any child here to feel that way. We cannot thank them enough for this remarkable display of kindness.

Our Third Grade Literacy Breakfast saw many parents reading with their children and learning some vital ideas to use at home when they are reading together. We thank the Third Grade team and all the parents! We did not have a Family Fun Night in January, but there will be one coming up on February 10. Please look for more information about this event to so you can come out and enjoy with us.

We have our SAC and PTO meetings usually on the third Wednesday of each month, so please keep this in mind and try to attend so you can get the latest information about the various on goings of our school.

Please remember to have your children ready to exit the car in the morning car line on the passenger side and quickly as possible once you stopped in front of the school. Also, at pick-up, please do not park in the bus loop area or on any neighboring properties. You can simply come in the main entrance and pick your child up in front of the school. This keeps all the children safe and our neighbors happy.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation every day. We are all working together to raise the future leaders of our world.

A note from Ms. Rogers,



The FAST Reading assessment measures student performance of the B.E.S.T content standards. For all grade levels tested, the Reading tests assess what students know and can do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on the ELA Reading tests progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the text presented to the student at each grade level. Students are scored Above the Standard, At/Near the Standard, or Below the Standard in the following areas:

Reading Category	Grades	Content Covered
Across Genres & Vocabulary	3 to 10	Interpreting Figurative Language, Comparative Reading, Morphology, and Context & Connotation
	3 to 5	Paraphrasing & Summarizing
	6 to 10	Understanding Rhetoric
Informational Text	3 to 10	Structure, Central Idea, Purpose & Perspective, and Argument
Prose and Poetry	3 to 10	Literary Elements, Theme, Perspective & Point of View, and Poetry

The FAST Mathematics assessments measure student performance of the B.E.S.T content standards. For all grade levels tested, the Mathematics tests assess what students know and can do in the broad reporting categories listed below. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on the Mathematics tests progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the numerals and mathematical operations included at each grade level. Students are scored Above the Standard, At/Near the Standard, or Below the Standard in the following areas:

Grade	Reporting Category
3	Fractional Reasoning Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability Number Sense and Additive Reasoning Number Sense and Multiplicative Reasoning
4	Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability Number Sense and Operations with Fractions and Decimals Number Sense and Operations with Whole Numbers
5	Algebraic Reasoning Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability Number Sense and Operations with Fractions and Decimals Number Sense and Operations with Whole Numbers
6	Algebraic Reasoning Geometric Reasoning, Data Analysis and Probability Number Sense and Operations

What does your child's Achievement Level mean?		
Level 5	Meets State Standard	Mastery: Students who score in Level 5 demonstrate mastery of the B.E.S.T Standards for their grade. They are highly likely to excel in the next grade.
Level 4		Proficient: Students who score in Level 4 demonstrate proficiency in the B.E.S.T Standards for their grade. They are likely to excel in the next grade.
Level 3		On-Grade-Level: Students who score in Level 3 demonstrate on grade-level mastery of the B.E.S.T Standards for their grade. They may need additional support to excel in the next grade.
Level 2	Does not meet State Standard	Below Satisfactory: Students who score in Level 2 demonstrate a below satisfactory level of mastery of the B.E.S.T Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are likely to need substantial support.
Level 1		Inadequate: Students who score in Level 1 demonstrate an inadequate level of mastery of the B.E.S.T Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are highly likely to need substantial support.

After School Program

*Registration is Ongoing.....
Registration Fee: \$25 per child*

Afterschool creates a safe and nurturing environment during out of school hours aimed at teaching the whole child with guidance from The Department of Extended Learning.



The program includes

- ★ STEAM
- ★ SPARK
- ★ Art
- ★ Homework
- ★ SEL
- ★ Cooking
- ★ Counselor Run Clubs
- ★ Get Fit 4 Kidz
- ★ Yoga
- ★ Literacy Coalition

We offer two programs: Full Time (2pm-6pm) and Part Time (2pm-4pm). We accept Early Learning Coalition Certificates!

Please contact Cheri Rosen at 561-804-3130 or cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org with any questions.



Counselor's Corner

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Hello Parents
and Guardians!

FY23 National School Counseling Week is Monday through Friday, February 6-10, 2023, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of certified school counselors and highlight the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. The theme for FY23 NSCW is "Your School Counselor Believes in You."

The goal of this week is to raise awareness of the impact that K-12 comprehensive, evidence-based, and data-driven school counseling programs have on:

- Academic achievement, increasing on-grade-level reading, high school readiness
- College/career readiness (career awareness, college knowledge, increasing the graduation rate, and postsecondary success)
- Social-emotional learning (managing thoughts, emotions, and actions, relationship skills, responsible decision making, goal setting, persistence) for all students

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 22nd! 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 22nd to help end bullying!!





Parent Survey

*ESE & Gifted Parent Survey has opened as of February 1, 2023. Hard copies will be sent home or you can complete the survey at <https://www.esesurvey.com>! We are looking for 70% completion at Freedom Shores Elementary School.



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.

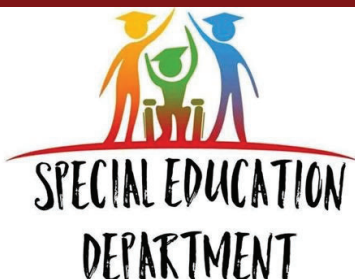
Down Syndrome Resources

<https://goldcoastdownsyndrome.org/>



IEP

*IEP meetings at this time will be virtual or in person. We ask that if you have been ill within 3 days that you choose the virtual option for staff safety. If you have a concern or would like to share new information with the ESE team please contact Dr. Sharrié Vereen, ESE Coordinator at 561-804-3110 or sharrie.vereen-thomas@palmbeachschools.org



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Freedom Shores Elementary

PTO INFO

Please make sure you
come to our Monthly
Meetings!

VOLUNTEER INFO

Thank you in advance for your willingness to donate your time and talents in helping not only your own student but also so many children and their hardworking teachers! Assistance is needed throughout the school year, and we are looking for volunteers.....

- at evening events like dances and Movie Night
- before school in the Eagle Buck Store and the Wonders of Learning Garden, Butterfly Garden, and edible Forest
- during school hours in classrooms and for field trips, School Picture Days and special events such as Author Visits, Book Fair, and the Holiday Shop and the Holiday Shop

To find out how to become a volunteer please email the Volunteer Coordinator at: freedomshoresvolunteers@gmail.com

Volunteers of Freedom Shores are on Remind
Remind is a free text messaging app that helps teachers, students, and parents communicate

- To get push notifications on your smart phone, go to rmd at / bcg8b7f
- To get text notifications, text the message @ bcg8b7f to the number 8 1 0 1 0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 15th – PTO MEETING at 5:30 PM

Feb. 15th –SAC MEETING right after



FOR MORE PTO INFORMATION:
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FOR MORE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:
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Dual Language & Esol

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.



ISTATION AWARDS

We have begun recognizing students from K - 5 by featuring them on FNN for their achievement in Istation. Students that were on Tier 1 or improved their tier during the month, received an award. Students that are below Tier 1 should be working on Istation at least 45 - 60 minutes a week, and this should be worked on at home in addition to the classroom.

ACCESS

Testing continues this month. All ELL students K-5 will be taking the ACCESS test between January 23rd - March 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Coffman-804-3109.

ISTATION PARENT PORTAL

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!

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. Concepcion at maibelis.concepcion@palmbeachschools.org.



Kindergarten:

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!



First Grade:

1st Grade Families...February may be short, but it is filled with topics, themes, and celebrations that will keep us busy all month long! Make sure your child is reading fiction and/or nonfiction books every night. Ask them questions to check for understanding. Encourage your child to write down their favorite part or something they learned and to draw a picture to support their thinking. Continue to have your child practice counting to 120 to strengthen those math skills!. Look in your child's communication folder every night and clean it out. Stay Connected!...check in with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.





Second Grade:

Hi second grade families!! Happy February, we cannot believe we have officially passed the 100th day of school! We had such a fun time celebrating becoming 100 days smarter. This month is black history month and we are so excited to learn about black culture and achievements made by important black individuals. This month we are learning about time and money! We have loved using what we know about money to shop at the Eagle Buck Store! In reading this unit is all about tales to live by. Ask your child about the Folktale Villago of the Moon Rain. In science, we are focusing on uses and forces of energy. Please remember to check your child's blue folder for important information and upcoming events. Don't forget to read 15 minutes each night with your child and sign and complete your reading log. Thank you so much for all of your support!

Third Grade:

Hello 3rd Grade Families! We have been working hard since we returned from Winter Break. The students completed their F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring 2 for Reading and Math, and teachers will be contacting parents for data chats to discuss each child's progress. In reading, students are continuing to learn about famous inventors and their contributions to technology. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each night. In math, students will be starting Unit 10: Understanding Fractions as Numbers. In this unit, students will be able to identify, represent, and write fractions in a variety of ways. Please continue to monitor your child's homework and tests. Lastly, we are going on a field trip to the Kravis Center on Monday, February 13. Permission slips will be sent home soon. Please continue to monitor your child's agenda and communication folder.



Fourth Grade:

Hello 4th grade parents/guardians! This month is Black History Month which we will be celebrating here around campus! Also, thank you for your consistent support with getting your children here on time, helping ensure your children are practicing homework/ reading logs each night and for staying in communication with the teacher. Lets continue having a fabulous school year!

Fifth Grade:

Thank you to all the families who came out to STEM night. It was a lot of fun as we went through the hands-on stations. This month we are having the Palm Beach Opera come to school for a presentation to our 5th graders. We will also be going to Johnson History Museum, so be on the lookout for the permission slips. In ELA we will read different works of fiction related to the theme of survival and will write journal entries. Currently in math we are learning more about fractions and how to multiply and will be going into dividing next. Force and Motion will be the next topics we will be learning about in science.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEARBOOK

The 2022/2023 Yearbook is now available to order. You can order the yearbook by returning the order form with your payment that was sent home with your child or by ordering online at:

<http://www.yearbooksspm.com/freedomshor/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

The yearbook will be delivered to the school towards the end of the school year and will be sent home with your child. If you order online or send in money with your child before February 20th, the cost is \$35.00. After February 20th, the online store will close and the only way to purchase a yearbook will be by sending in money or a check to the school with the order form and the cost will then be \$40.00. Parents of a 5th grade student will have a separate option to include a special message for their graduating child. Information about this was already sent home with your 5th grade child.



Reflex Math

Freedom Shores has purchased Reflex Math for students to gain more fluency on their math facts. Adaptive and individualized, Reflex is an effective system for mastering basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Parents can easily monitor their child's math fluency progress on Reflex with a Reflex Parent Reporting Account. Go to reflexmath.com/parent Follow The onscreen instructions to create your free account by entering your email address.



FIELD DAY!

We have some exciting news! This year we will have a FANTASTIC Field Day! We also will be doing something different. The students and the staff will all have matching shirts. This will be an expensive endeavor so we are asking for sponsors. The sponsors will have their names on the back of the shirts. There will be different sizes for the different tiers of sponsorship. If you are interested please email: audra.spurlin@palmbeachschools.org

SPONSORSHIPS

\$1.00 - \$500.00 2X3 BOX
\$501.00 - \$1000.00 3X5 BOX
\$1001.00+ 4X6 BOX

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER! 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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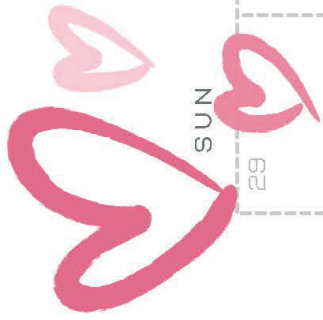
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FEBRUARY 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 FIRST DAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR CULTURALLY REPRESENTATIVE CLOTHES	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 EAGLE JAM 8:00AM	11
12	13	14	15 SAC & PTO 5:30PM MEDIA CENTER	16	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL- PDD DAY	21	22	23 Kona Ice Fundraiser during recess	24	25
26	27 Administration of INMAT-2 for 2nd Grade	28 READING LOGS DUE! RECOGNITION CEREMONY- KINDERGARTEN- 8:15AM 3RD GRADE- 9AM	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11