



THE FREEDOM POST

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

Well this school year is off and running! We have completed the first round of our new State Assessment known as the FAST. We will be using the results to better target our instruction for your children throughout the year.

Check out our school building – it just got a makeover! After many years, our school just received a fresh new coat of paint and it looks amazing! In addition to the painting, we want to thank to our generous aftercare program and Ms. Cheri, who made it possible for us to begun mulching the front of the school and continue to improve our appearance.

Our classes are in full swing and the children are engaged in new academic lessons. Knowing that the children’s education is a team effort all of our teachers keep open lines of communication, so any questions you may have can be addressed as quickly as possible. During our Curriculum Night, the different concepts that are covered during the year were showed to the parents and explanations were given for the on goings in the room. This is important for all of our parents to know so they can continue to assist the children while they are at home.

Please help us by having your children to school on time and in uniform so the days can flow smoothly. The school day begins promptly at 8:00 am so having your child/children to school earlier than that would help set them up for a successful day. Also, when dropping your child/children off on the car line please pull up as far as possible and have them ready to exit the car, with their backpacks, on the passenger side. This will keep the line moving quickly and allow everyone to enter the school safely and on time.

We had our first Family Fun Nights last month at Five Guys Burgers and Fries. This was very successful and provided much enjoyment for those who attended. Please look out for our next Family Fun Night to help raise money for our school projects and to bond with other Eagle families.

Thanks for all you do

A Message from Assistant Principal Kimberly Rogers

Parents with students in grades 3-5:
Students just finished their first Progress Monitoring (PM) Test in ELA and Math. Each progress monitoring test covers the full “test blueprint,” meaning that all content expectations for that subject and grade level are assessed. Therefore, for PM 1 and PM2, your student may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. It is important for teachers and families to understand that score information is intended to provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2 respectively. These results are for informational purposes only and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations. If you have any questions regarding your child's score, reach out to their teacher.

Notes from After-School

Afterschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.

A registration packet and the \$25 registration fee are required the day BEFORE you would like your child to start.

Please email or call Cheri Rosen, Director with any questions or concerns at cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org or 561-804-3130



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Counselor's Corner

Hello Freedom Shores Parents! The month of October is **National Bullying Prevention Month!** Bullying behaviors encompass aggression, cyber-bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence. These behaviors are considered to be peer abuse and contribute to the challenges that can disrupt a student's ability to learn and undermine our District-wide efforts to maintain a safe and positive school climate.

Mrs. Heitz and Mrs. Briceno will also teach about bullying during your child's Fine Arts in Guidance. Here is a list of activities we have planned for National Bullying Prevention Month:

- **October 3 - Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention #BlueUp**
- October 3-7 - Make friends with someone you don't know at school week
- October 10-14 - STAND UP for others week
- **October 19 -Unity Day -Wear and Share Orange**
- October 17-21-Don't let anyone eat alone week
- October 24-28 -Meet with students & discuss "How can we improve the culture at our school?"

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 24th-28th

We're excited to announce the 2022 National Red Ribbon Week Theme, **Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free.** The theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free!

Monday- "We Are United Against Drugs!" **WEAR RED**

Tuesday- "Team Drug Free!" Wear your favorite Team Jersey

Wednesday- "Don't Get Mixed Up In Drugs" Wear Mix Match clothes & Crazy Hair

Thursday- "Don't Let Drugs Steal Your Dreams" Wear Pajamas

Friday- "Sock It to Drugs!" Wear your Wackiest Socks

Take a stand with us by participating in a week of theme days to keep Freedom Shores DRUG FREE!



CASHLESS SCHOOLS

This school year we are trying to become fully cashless. Please register to pay for fundraisers, fieldtrips and so much more.

<https://palmbeach.schoolcashionline.com/>

Currently, You can pay for Dress Down Fridays and Friday T-Shirts online.

WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

Thursday, October 12

Our annual Walk To School Day is almost here! Please join us on Thursday, October 12th as we walk and roll to school. We will

meet at the S.W. corner of Hypoluxo and Congress, where Hungry Howie's used to be at 7:15 am and begin walking at 7:30 sharp.

Also, there will be NO Morning Mile that day. All morning mile students please join us for the walk at 7:15.

ESE News:



*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 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



Dual Language & ESOL News:

September 15th - October 15th is **Hispanic Heritage Month** - Ask your child what he or she is learning about Hispanic Heritage in class this month!

Has your child ever told you they don't have any books to read in Spanish at home?

We have a solution! Our online Spanish reading program **Istation Español** is accessible to your family at home! This program grants our students access to thousands of books and interactive games in Spanish. Extra reading practice in Spanish should be done at home daily to continue to strengthen your young learner's proficiency.

If your child has met his/her Istation requirement for the week, there are more Spanish texts available online now more than ever! Please ask your Spanish teacher for grade level appropriate sources.

Notification of English Language Program Placement or Continuation letters were sent home to the students regarding their initial placement or continuation in the ESOL Program for this school year. Parents please sign the letter and return it to your child's teacher or to Ms. Coffman.

Donors Choose Corner:

Donors Choose is a website where teachers could post requests for classroom resources. This program has already fully funded 3 teachers' projects.

- Mrs. Fernandez - A Clean Classroom is a Safe Classroom
- Ms. Szachor - A Clean Room is a Safe Room
- Mrs. Allegro - Making Science Come Alive

We are looking for some help in funding:

- Mrs. Tejada's project - Hands-On Learning - MakerSpace
- Mrs. Castro's project - One Child - Two Languages
- Mrs. Fuller's project - Making Computer Learning Our Thing!

Please use this link to help out our teachers.

<https://www.donorschoose.org>

FY23 SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS

The Showcase of Schools will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds - Expo Center at 9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach, on Tuesday, October 18, from 4 - 8 PM. Over 125 elementary, middle and high schools offering Choice Programs, District representatives, and community organizations will be present to provide information regarding Choice and Career Academy Options for FY24. The Showcase of Schools is one of the most valuable resources for our families in providing them with information about the District's Choice Programs so they can make informed decisions when the application opens on Tuesday, November 1. This event is open to the public free of charge. Families may bring their Food for Families donation to the event for collection. Please inform students and parents about this event by posting the attached flyer, making announcements, including the details in your student and parent newsletter, school website, and if you wish, on your school marquee.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you in advance for your willingness to donate your time and talents in helping not only your own student but 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

To find out how to become a volunteer please e-mail 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 smartphone, go to r m d . a t / b c g 8 b 7 f
- To get **text** notifications, text the message **@ b c g 8 b 7 f** to the number **8 1 0 1 0**

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 and contact our volunteer coordinator at freedomshorespto@gmail.com to get involved. Our general meetings are monthly following the SAC meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

DRESS CODE

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!



★★★ IMPORTANT DATES ★★★

OCTOBER 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3 Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention #BlueUp	4	5 NO SCHOOL	6	7 Literacy Breakfast (Kindergarten) 7:15	8	9
Make friends with someone you don't know at school week						
10	11	12 Last Day for Flu Consents Walk and Roll to school	13	14 NO SCHOOL	15	16
STAND UP for others week						
17	18	19 Unity Day -Wear and Share Orange	20 Kona Ice	21	22	23
Don't let anyone eat alone week						
24 Wear Red	25 Wear your favorite Team Jersey	26 Wear Mix Match clothes & Crazy Hair	27 Flu Clinic Wear Pajamas	28 1 st Grade Literacy Breakfast Wear your Wackiest Socks	29	30
RED RIBBON WEEK						
31 Story Book Parade						

Kindergarten News – In math we have been comparing numbers 0-5 and are moving on to numbers 6-10. Have your child practice counting objects and writing their numbers 0-10. Some fun ideas to practice writing numbers include: forming their numbers with playdough, using a tray of sand or salt to write numbers, painting numbers with paint or painting numbers with water on the sidewalk, writing numbers with sidewalk chalk, and using a Kindergarten favorite “smelly markers”!

In science, our Kindergarteners have been exploring the world around them using their 5 senses. At home, take a listening walk together, write down or talk about the things you both heard. Play “I spy” and describe things for your child to find, or make microwave popcorn and discuss all 5 senses; sound, smell, touch, sight, and taste! We are looking forward to using our senses this month to explore some fall favorites; apples & pumpkins!

Please continue reading with your child each night, and have your child work on logging on to their computer. Have them practice entering both their username and password, our goal is for them to be able to do this independently. Please remember to check and sign your child’s communication folder each night. Thank you for all of your support at home!

1st Grade News - Happy Autumn 1st Grade Families! Our students are learning and growing every day. We are so proud of them. Please look at your child’s communication folder everyday for the daily behavior log and homework assignments. In reading, ask and answer questions about a text, this will increase your child’s comprehension. In math, encourage your child to count on (+) and count back (-) objects to increase fluency. In science, read books about animals and plants and talk about the facts that were learned. In social studies we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage. Take some time to recognize the contributions and influence Hispanic Americans made to the history, culture, and achievements for the US. Thank you for always being so supportive!

2nd Grade News – Happy October from Second Grade! We are so excited for the fall season to finally kick off! In math we have been learning about using different strategies to add numbers up to 100. In reading we have been learning about how characters face their problems. Ask us about Molly the Milkmaid! Please remember to check your child’s blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!

3rd Grade News – Happy October! The Storybook Parade is happening again this year on October 31st. Be on the lookout for more information from your child’s teacher.

Here is what we are learning in 3rd grade:

We are making our way through Unit 2 of Benchmark, “Ways Characters Shape Stories”. We’ll be reading fables, folktales, myths, and poems. Our focus in math is using multiplication to divide. Please practice with your child their multiplication facts 0-12 so they can develop automaticity. In science, we are learning about parts of a plant and photosynthesis, and in social studies, we will be learning about our government and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Parents, please remember to check students’ agendas and communication folders and to sign your child’s agenda every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child’s teacher. Thank you for your support!

4th Grade News – Hello again, 4th grade families! We have a few reminders for you for this month. No school Friday, October 14th, field trip to the Kravis center Tuesday October 25th, and report cards go home this month. Also, please remember to check your child’s folder and/or agenda nightly for homework and communication with their teacher. Thank you for all of your support. Let’s continue this fabulous school year!!

5th Grade News – 5th grade has been working very hard in class and learning lots of new concepts. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time, as we start right at 8:00 am! We have completed our first FAST assessment of the school year for both Reading and Math. The results will help teachers know skills to work on with your child. In ELA we have been working hard on annotating our reading passages and we have been practicing how to type our writing. In math we have been working on multiplying with decimals. In AMP math, the students have been learning rational numbers in all four operations. For science we have been studying different animal adaptations. On October 31st students can dress up as their favorite storybook character. We hope all the 5th graders come dressed up and represent the characters they like to read.

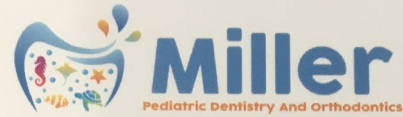


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