

# THE FREEDOM POST

A Monthly Publication of Freedom shores  
Elementary School

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# A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Well this school year is starting with some great excitement! We completed sorting all of our children into their Houses. We also completed the first round of our State Assessment, the FAST. We will be using the results to better target our instruction for your children throughout the year.

The sorting ceremonies were conducted first for the fifth and fourth graders, then the third and second graders were sorted. We completed the ceremonies with the first graders and the kindergarteners. Our Pre-K students are on the houses of their teachers. These ceremonies were magical. The students created a chemical reaction which produced a colored foam that indicated the house they would belong to. Every student also went down the slide to become "slide certified". Points have been awarded to the students for various positive actions they demonstrate throughout the school. You can see the most recent point earner for each house on the television screen in the main hallway thanks to the hard work by Mr. Ovcken.

Our classes all took the FAST assessment and the result will help to drive the progressing through the grade level standards as well. During our Curriculum Night, the different concepts that are covered during the year were shown to the parents and explanations were given for the on goings in the classrooms. 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 develop your children to the highest levels by having your children to school on time daily and in uniform so the days can flow smoothly. The school day begins promptly at 8:00 am so by 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. Drop off can only be done in front of the school. Please do not park in our bus loop or on any of our neighbors' property.

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 be sure to be on the lookout for information about our next Family Fun Night. These fun events help to raise money for our school projects and allows all of our Eagle families bond outside of school.

Thanks for all you!!

# A note from Ms. 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.

# After School Program

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

*2023-2024 afterschool registration is now available online. <https://palmbeachcountyschools.reg.eleyo.com/> pick 2023-2024 school year and don't forget to choose Freedom Shores Elementary.*

Tuition:

Reminder... October first installment is due by: October 2nd

October second installment is due by: October 16th

November first installment is due by: November 1st



## *A little humor:*

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?

A= They are afraid of flying off the handle!

What do skeletons say before they begin dining?

A= Bone-apetite

What do witches put in their hair?

A= Scare spray

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?

A= Bamboo

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](mailto:cheri.rosen@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions.





# Counselor's Corner

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## Hello Parents and Guardians!

Freedom Shores has a fantastic opportunity and is hosting the Common Sense Parenting Workshop from Boystown at no cost to you. A flyer went home with your child, please complete it and return to school as soon as possible if you are interested. Seating is limited for this program which runs six weeks, on every Wednesday starting October 11th from 5:30 - 7:30pm in our Media Center. Every participant will receive a workshop book and workbook absolutely free. Please contact Mrs. Briceño if you have any questions at 561-804-3103 or email at [vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org)



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 2 -Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention #BlueUp**
- October 2-6 -Make friends with someone you don't know at school week
- October 9-13 -STAND UP for others week
- **October 18 -Unity Day -Wear and Share Orange**
- October 16-20 -Don't let anyone eat alone week
- October 23-27 -Meet with students & discuss "How can we improve the culture at our school?"

## **RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23th-27th**

Monday- "Peace Out to Drugs!" Wear Tie Dye

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

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

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

Friday- "Our School Chooses to Be Drug Free" Wear School Shirt or School Colors

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





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### **The Parent As Liaison (Pal)**

\*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**

\*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.



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



# Freedom Shores Elementary

## PTO & VOLUNTEER

PTO is hosting our first dance since March 2019  
(a little over 4 years ago)

The Harvest Dance will be on October 26th  
(details to follow!!)

We are so excited to bring dances back but we  
can't do it without you!! It takes a village! Please  
see our wishlist below any and all donations are  
greatly appreciated.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gf/guest-view/2BU769KLJ4D9Q>

Some information about volunteering:  
It is REQUIRED to have 10 Volunteer hours  
prior to chaperoning Field Trips or helping  
with Field Day! Also, you will not be able to  
volunteer in your own child's classroom.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 18TH – SAC MEETING at 7AM

OCT 18TH – PTO MEETING right after



**FOR MORE PTO INFORMATION:**  
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SCAN FOR HELPFUL PARENT LINKS

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Will be updated as information comes out

# Dual Language & Esol



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

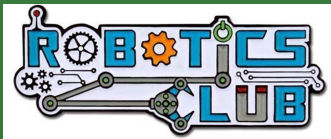
Has your child ever told you they don't have any books to read in Spanish at home?

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.





Attention 3rd grade students: Are you interested in building and programming Lego robots?

Please join us Thursday afternoons 2:30-3:30pm.

In this 6 week club we will:

- Build and program robots
- Practice engineering and critical thinking skills
- Develop problem solving and creative thinking skills
- Have fun!!

*Space is limited* but we will have two sessions. You may only join one session so that we can accommodate more students.

Session 1 (starting September 28 -November 2)

Session 2 (starting November 9- December 21)

Thank you,  
Mrs. Dery & Mrs. Puente

## Kindergarten:

October is here and our young SOARing Eagles are settled in their classrooms ready to learn. This month in reading our kindergarteners are learning how to monitor their reading by asking and answering questions about what we are reading in class. During reading they are also learning to search for and use information from the illustrations to cross-check and self-correct their thinking about reading. In math, our students will understand and apply number recognition and counting. Please help your child practice their student log-in at home. It is very important that they know how to log into their portal through the district web page. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact their teacher. Also, please make sure your child completes their homework, which includes reading at home for at least ten minutes. If your child is unable to correctly write their first name please practice at home with them.

## First Grade:

Happy October 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 every day for the daily behavior log, and homework assignments. In reading, we will be in unit 2-Many Kinds of Characters. At home, read for 15 minutes every night. Ask and answer questions about a text to increase your child's comprehension. In math, we are learning how to use different strategies to solve addition equations. At home, encourage your child to count on (+) objects to increase fluency. In science, read books about animals/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!



## **Second Grade:**

Happy October second grade!!! We can't believe we are getting into the fall season! This month we have some very exciting upcoming events such as the storybook character parade and red ribbon week. This month we are entering our second unit of benchmark where our focus is on characters facing challenges. In math, we are going over how to add two digit numbers using different strategies such as drawing our tens and ones, using a number line, as well as compensation. We have been working extra hard to earn points for our houses! Remember every Monday students can wear uniform bottoms with a house color shirt or accessories. Lets have pride in our houses! Please remember to check blue communication folders every night for important information and upcoming events!

## **Third Grade:**

**Hello 3rd Grade Families!**

We have been working very hard this past month of school! As we wrap September, we will have completed our first unit in Benchmark on Animal Adaptations. In math, your students have been working on their multiplication facts. Please continue to check your child's folder and agenda nightly for homework, notes, and important forms. Lastly, please look out for information this month regarding our Storybook Parade.

## Fourth Grade:

Happy October fabulous fourth grade parents/guardians! This month we have quite a bit to look forward to! October is National Principals Month, Monday the 2nd wear blue to support bullying prevention, Wednesday the 4th is Walk and Roll to school, Wed the 18th wear orange for anti bullying and its also Literacy Night at 6pm, Kona Ice at recess Thursday the 19th, the week of the 23rd is Red Ribbon week (stay tuned for a flyer on what we will wear to show support), and last but not least join us for the Storybook Parade Tuesday the 31st at 9:15am. Thank you for your continued support between teachers and your children by checking homework folders nightly and joining us for conferences! We appreciate you!

## Fifth Grade:

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 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. If your child is a Safety Patrol, they should have brought home a blue paper that talks about the DC trip this year. Please remember the deposit of \$200.00 is due by October 13.

# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Principals Appreciation Month	2 Custodian Appreciation Day <b>Wear Blue</b> for World Day of Bullying Prevention	3	4 Walk & Roll to school day	5	6 Catalog Fundraiser begins	7
8	9 Represent your house!	10 World Mental Health Day	11 Boystown Common Sense Parenting Program 5:30pm	12	13	14
15	16 National Boss' Day Represent your house!	17	18 Unity Day - Anti-Bullying <b>Wear Orange</b> Boystown Common Sense	19 Kona Ice during recess Parenting Program 6:00pm Literacy Night- 6:30pm	20 KG Literacy Breakfast <b>5th grade field trip</b> Catalog Fundraiser ends!	21
22 <b>Red Ribbon Week</b>	23 Peace out to Drugs- Wear Tie Dye	24 Team Drug Free- Wear Jersey	25 United Against Drugs- <b>Wear Red</b> <b>Picture Day- Wear Uniforms</b> Boystown Common Sense Parenting Program 5:30pm	26 Don't Let Drugs Steal Your Dreams- Wear PJs Harvest Dance 5:30-8pm	27 Our School Chooses to Be Drug Free- Wear School Colors	28
29	30 Represent your house!	31 Storybook Parade *Parents welcome* K-2 8:30am 3-5 9:15am	1	2	3	4

# School Info

Mr. Sabatino picking up the donuts with dads supplied by our business partners Johnsons Memorial Chapel and Dunkin Donuts



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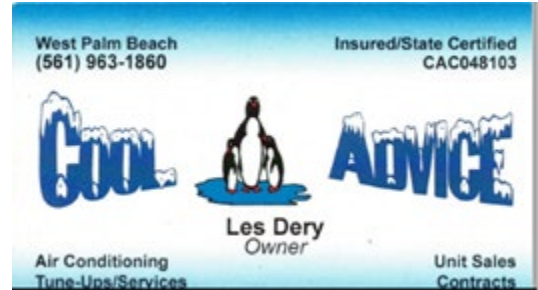
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MS. ALLEGRO'S CLASSES!!!!

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Thank you for being a GREAT

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