



THE FREEDOM POST

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

We are rolling into another exciting school year. Over the summer, we had summer school, summer camp and 21 st Century camp on our campus and our custodial staff was still able to make our campus look beautiful!!!

The children in grades 3-5 will be using the same program that our K-2 students used last year and are using again this year; Benchmark. In addition, the students will be using the new B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics. All of the standards are focused on the concepts the children need to know for each grade level and to be prepared for the next grade We will also be continuing our iReady program for reading and also using it for mathematics this year as well. There will be a friendly competition going on throughout the school based on usage and accuracy with these programs.

Our car line in both the morning and the afternoon has greatly improved thanks to the fantastic PTO who purchased the dismissal program call CurbSmart that we use. Please remember to be considerate to our neighbors and do not park on their property or in our bus loop. If you come through the car line and always pull up as far as you can, the line will move quickly and the children will be safely loaded into your cars.

Let's get involved with the school this year and join us for our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings each third Wednesday of the month starting at 5:30. You can also become part of our terrific PTO, who meets immediately following our SAC. Please feel free to join us at these meetings so your input can be heard and you can become more active in your child's education.

Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to working with your children.

A Message from Assistant Principal Kimberly Rogers

Welcome back!!

Here are a couple updates regarding our computer programs for reading and math.

Starting off this school year, students will take an initial diagnostic assessment for iReady reading and math. This test is adaptive and will adjust content to the students level. Students will be given a score based on where they test. This will then place them at that level for their daily lessons. As students pass lessons, they will progress with level and difficulty.

You will be receiving a letter in the next week or so regarding the new state testing for K-5 called FAST. Please be on the lookout.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to another great school year!

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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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you in advance! We are looking for assistance throughout the school year.

- Evening Events (Dances & Movie Nights)
- Before School (Morning Mile, Garden Club & Eagle Buck Store)
- Many Others

To find out how to become a volunteer please email: volunteerfreedomshores@gmail.com

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.schoolcashonline.com/>

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

Dual Language & ESOL News:

To all of our new and returning families, ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome! Bienvenid!

We are very excited and looking forward to working with your children this year :)

We would like to invite you to join the School Advisory Council (SAC). This council is responsible for making important decisions about your child's education and we want you to participate in this process. The meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month, in the Media Center at 5:30 p.m. immediately followed by PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m.

If you need assistance or have questions about the ESOL or Dual Language Programs, please contact the ESOL team: Nelly Coffman - ESOL Coordinator, Vanessa Briceño - Bilingual School Counselor. Our language Spanish and Creole speaking facilitators are here to assist you in communicating with your child's teacher. You may reach them at 561-804-3123.

We love to have our families involved and invite our ELL and Dual Language parents to be involved in volunteering with events, fundraising, in the classroom, and at many different levels. Please contact Ms. Coffman to see how you can help.

We are always in need of quality Spanish books (not bilingual) for our classroom libraries, at all levels K – 5. If you have an interest in donating books, please contact your child's teacher.

ESE News:



Greetings from the Special Education Department at Freedom Shores!

We are looking forward to a great year as we navigate all that is to come. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and allowing us to be a part of the team to support them emotionally, academically and behaviorally. We ask for your continued patience and communication moving forward.

*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

Counselor's Corner

Welcome Freedom Shores Students and Parents! To begin, we would like to introduce ourselves to the Freedom Shores Family. We are Mrs. Briceno and Mrs. Heitz, and we will be your child's guidance teachers and school counselors. To start off the beginning of the school year, we will be promoting Attendance Awareness. Did you know that kids who miss too much school are less likely to be reading on grade level by 3rd grade? By working with students, parents, and teachers on promoting daily, on-time attendance you are supporting the District's strategic focus on increasing reading on grade level by 3rd grade. Parents, we encourage you to help us by reminding your child to go to bed early so they can get a good night's sleep, and attend school every day and on time! We are also implementing our school expectations, social contract and SOAR guidelines throughout our classroom guidance. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Your School Counselors,
Mrs. Briceno and Mrs. Heitz

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.

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

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 ★★★

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 No School	6	7 Curriculum Night 6 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 1 st Day of Hispanic Heritage Month Students are allowed to wear shirts that represent their culture with uniform pants	16	17
18	19	20 SAC Mtg 5:30 PTO Mtg Following SAC	21	22	23	24
25	26 No School	27	28	29	30 Kindergarten Literacy Breakfast 7:15 am	

Kindergarten News – The Fabulous Kindergarten teachers are excited about the new school year and watching our children SOAR. We have been reviewing our procedures and routines daily. Ask your child about their classroom’s social contract and our promise to each other to always follow the eagle way while at school. Please review all papers that come home in the communication folder daily. Don’t forget to sign the communication log nightly and send it back with your child. Remember to read with your child every day!! We look forward to reviewing our curriculum and our daily routine at Open House/ Curriculum Night on September 7th.

1st Grade News - Hello first grade families. We love getting to know your child each and every day! Our morning meetings have been very meaningful, so please make sure your child arrives on time for school! In ELA, we will be in Unit 1: Plants and Animals Grow and Change. At home, your child should find a cozy spot and read for 15 minutes every day. In science, we will be discovering what science is by using our senses to observe and describe objects. In social studies, we will be learning about American History. At home, discuss the sequence of things you do (first, second, third, etc...). In math, students gain a deeper understanding of addition and subtraction. At home, play math word problem games (how many more/how many less). Please send in headphones/earbuds, they are necessary when using the lap tops in class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

2nd Grade News – Second grade has had an awesome start to the new school year!! We have loved getting to know all the students and families. The students have done an incredible job reviewing the schoolwide SOAR procedures and have even earned some Eagle Bucks themselves. Morning Meetings have been our favorite time to learn about our classmates so please make sure students are on time each day. In ELA we are so excited to finally be in our first unit. We have been reading about emperor penguins and their habitats. In Math, we are finishing up chapter 1 and have learned all about adding and subtracting up to 20. We have all been learning about how become scientists and use our inquiry skills to answer questions about the world. Please remember to check your child's communication folder each night. Looking forward to an amazing September!!

3rd Grade News – Parents please remember to check students' agendas, communication folders, and ClassDojo (if used in class).

4th Grade News – Welcome back and thank you for a fabulous start to the new school year! Reminders to check your child's agenda and folder nightly for teacher notes and homework/forms sent home. Students should be in class by 7:45 - 8 am, no later. There is no school September 5th due to Labor Day. Lastly, please save the date to join us for Curriculum Night September 7th, 6-7pm. Thanks for all you do!! Lets keep SOARing through this year!!

5th Grade News – Welcome back to school 5th grade Eagles! In fifth grade we have been getting to know each other. We have been practicing all the classroom procedures that our teachers have set for us to learn to our full potential. In science we have been discovering our mystery seeds, which has been a great hands-on activity. In reading we have been reviewing routines and procedures to make the rest of the year run smoothly in reading. Place value and decimals have been the focus right now in math. Please make sure your child knows their multiplication facts 0-12 as they need to be fluent with their facts.

Your child should be bringing home their agenda nightly for you to sign. They also should be receiving homework from their teacher that is written down in the agenda. Please make sure that your child is on time to school as we start our day promptly at 8:00am. Happy to have everyone back!

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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 - *Certificate of Sponsorship to display-
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 - *Thank you letter from Freedom Shores Principal-**BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD**
 - * Invitation to the school events to promote your business- **GOLD**
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 - * Copy of letter sent home to the parents of your adopted class
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