

# THE FREEDOM POST

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Elementary School

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# A note from Mr. Sabatino,



We have started another exciting school year with magic. To open the school year, we introduced our new House System to the students and then sorted the Fourth and Fifth Graders into their houses. The rest of the school will be sorted through September. In addition, to kick off the school year all of our students took their first FAST assessment so we have a benchmark for where they are academically beginning their grade. We can also see if they had any summer loss. They also completed their iReady diagnostic testing so they will now begin utilizing the program. We will continue our friendly competition for the class at each grade level with the highest percentage of student who work on iReady for the 45 minutes each week and receive a mastery percentage of 80% or higher.

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.

We are looking to increase our parent involvement at our school this year so we changed the times of our School Advisory Council (SAC) and PTO meetings to each third Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 am. We felt it might be easier for you to come in the morning when you are dropping your child off anyway. Please make every effort you can to attend these meetings so your input can be heard and acted on. You can become more active in your child's education by attending these meetings and the other school functions. Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to working with your children.

Thanks for all your continued support!

# A note from Ms. Rogers,



I am excited to share that our school will be using a Mathematics and Reading program called i-Ready again this school year.

What is i-Ready?

i-Ready is an online program that will help us determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

All students just completed the diagnostic. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions based on student responses. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning.

i-Ready Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual strengths and areas for growth. These lessons are interactive and provide strategic supports to keep your child engaged as they learn.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! I look forward to sharing i-Ready information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about i-Ready, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. You can also learn more about i-Ready by visiting [i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter](http://i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter).

# 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.*

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



# Counselor's Corner

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Hello Parents and Guardians!

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

Sign Up for the Common Sense Parenting Workshop by Boystown

Who: All Parents

What: A six-week parenting program (see attached flyer)

Where: Freedom Shores Elementary

When: Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30 in the Media Center (once a week starting October 11th)

How: Sign Up via email to Mrs. Briceno at [vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:vanessa.serrano-briceno@palmbeachschools.org)



# Parenting can be **TOUGH!** **Common Sense Parenting®** from **Boys Town** can help.



**Common Sense Parenting® (CSP)** is a practical, skill-based program that provides easy-to-learn techniques to help you with today's parenting challenges.

These classes incorporate proven methods that were researched and developed at Boys Town. CSP has national recognition as an evidence-based program.

CSP offers training for parents who want to build on their existing skills or learn new ways of dealing with their children's behaviors.

CSP classes are typically offered as two-hour sessions once a week over six weeks. Classes are held at locations that are convenient to parents, such as schools, community centers, churches and synagogues.

➔ For more information, contact us at **561-612-6000** regarding classes in Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

## **CSP classes can help you:**

- » Build strong, healthy relationships with your children
- » Correct and change a child's problem behavior
- » Resolve problems that disrupt family life
- » Raise responsible, caring children

## **You'll learn valuable skills, including how to:**

- » Communicate effectively
- » Avoid power struggles
- » Give positive attention
- » Control your emotions
- » Balance discipline with affection
- » Praise your child's good behavior

## **Sessions include:**

**Parents as Teachers** shows you how to teach children self-discipline.

**Effective Praise** helps you encourage your children's positive behaviors and teaches you how to respond enthusiastically and sincerely.

**Preventive Teaching** enables you to teach your children what they'll need to know in a future situation and practice using the skill in advance.

**Corrective Teaching** helps you respond to your children's problem behavior with teaching and practicing acceptable alternatives. You'll also learn how to make a staying calm plan for when you get upset with your children.

**Teaching Self-Control** shows you how to use a skill that allows your children time to calm down when they are upset and remain calm in future situations.

**Putting It All Together** helps you develop a parenting style based on the new skills you learned in class and the positive skills you already had in order to strengthen relationships with your children.



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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

Welcome back parents, we are so excited to get this school year off to a great start! We have many events planned but we need YOUR help. Please sign up to become a volunteer here at Freedom Shores by scanning the QR code on the next page. (Once you scan, click on Volunteer Info, read the information there for the steps on how to sign up, then click the link that says Volunteer Signup and sign up for an orientation/training first so we can get you started.) We look forward to working with you, please reach out if you have any questions.  
[freedomshorespto@gmail.com](mailto:freedomshorespto@gmail.com)  
[freedomshoresvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:freedomshoresvolunteers@gmail.com)  
OR  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 20TH – SAC MEETING at 7AM

SEPT 20TH – PTO MEETING right after



**FOR MORE PTO INFORMATION:**  
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BACK TO  
School

SCAN FOR HELPFUL PARENT LINKS

S.O.A.R



Will be updated as information comes out

# Dual Language & Esol



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

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 7:00 a.m. immediately followed by PTO meeting at 7:30 a.m.

If you need assistance or have questions about the ESOL or Dual Language Programs, please contact the ESOL team: Nelly Coffman - ESOL Coordinator, Maibelis Concepcion- Dual Language Coach, 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.

Dual Language K-5 parents - 1st DL Parent's Meeting in the Media Center Sep 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm promptly followed by Curriculum Night 6 - 7:30pm.



HAPPY NATIONAL  
**HISPANIC**  
HERITAGE MONTH

# Freedom Shores Gardening Club



For grades 3-5: Join us in the garden here at Freedom Shores and be a part of cleaning up, regrowing, and keeping the beauty of our multiple gardens. We will be working in the garden from 7:30-7:55am each non-rainy school morning.

If interested, please be on the lookout for the permission slip next week. Garden Club will start September 12th.

Looking forward to “growing” with you!

## Kindergarten:

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! What an exciting adventure we are beginning together! We hope you are ready for a wonderful and busy year! We are so excited to have each of you as a part of our kindergarten team, and we are looking forward to getting to know both you and your child. We truly are a team here at Freedom Shores Elementary School, and we value the contributions that every individual makes to the lives of our students. We look forward to working, learning, and growing with each of you.

## First Grade:

Hello first grade families. The first weeks of schools have flown by. We love getting to know your child each and every day! Our DEAL lessons (Drop Everything And Lead) have been very meaningful, so please make sure your child arrives on time for school every day! 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 10-15 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/chronological order. At home, discuss the sequence of things you do (first, second, third, etc...). In math, students will gain a deeper understanding of addition and subtraction. At home, play math word puzzle games (how many more/how many less). If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Happy Fall!

## Second Grade:

Happy September second grade! Wow what an awesome first month of school. We have already learned so much!! In math, we have been going over adding and subtracting and learning different methods to solve problems with automaticity. In reading, we have been reading about different animals in their habitats. Ask your second grader about emperor penguins! In science, we have been learning how to become safe scientists and use our five senses to observe the world around us. In morning meetings, we have been learning about how to become leaders, being proactive, learning how to prioritize important things, and thinking win-win. So please make sure to get to school on time, morning meetings start right at 8:05! We are so excited for our house sorting ceremony on September 11th. Hope to see all our parents and loved ones there! We can't wait to find out who will join Ms. Tringali in Nukumori, Ms. Howard in Protos, Ms. Zdzieba and Ms. Allegro in Altruismo, or Ms. Roseman and Ms. Williams in Isibindi.

## Third Grade:

Welcome back to school 3rd graders!

These past few weeks, we have been getting to know each other and practicing classroom routines and procedures that will help us reach our 3rd-grade goals. We finished the first iReady Diagnostics and completed the first progress monitoring FAST Reading and Mathematics assessments. Teachers will send home the reports as soon as everyone is done testing. Please check your child's agenda and folder nightly for notes, homework, and forms sent home. We look forward to seeing you on Curriculum Night on September 6th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

## **Fourth Grade:**

Welcome back to a new and fabulous year 4th grade parents/guardians! Dates to remember; Monday September 4th Labor Day and Monday the 25th, no school, Thursday, September 21st we have an ice cream truck coming during recess, and September 26th progress reports post to the portal. Also, please remember to check your child's communication folder for homework and be on the lookout for any communication from your child teacher as well. Thanks so much for your continued support!!

## **Fifth Grade:**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to Our House Sorting Ceremony. The students had a great time finding out what House they would get and sliding down the slide. We have completed our first Progress Monitoring tests for ELA and Math. The students have also taken the first iReady Diagnostic in Reading and Math for the school year. Your child should be sharing their agenda with you nightly as this is a great way to keep open communication between home and school. Hope to see everyone at our Open House night on Wednesday, September 6th.

# School Info



## **HOUSE SORTING DATES**

**SEPT 11TH 2ND & 3RD GRADE SORTING EVENT.  
SEPT 26TH KG-1ST GRADE SORTING EVENT.**

# SEPTEMBER 2023

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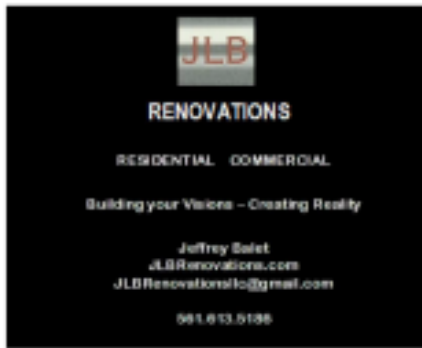
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10	11	12 Vision/Hearing Screening		13	14	15 Hispanic Heritage Month- Students can wear clothing to represent their culture.
17	18	19 IT Professionals Day	20 7am- SAC/PTO Meeting 6pm- Title 1 Annual Meeting	21 Dad take your child to school Day Ice cream truck during recess	22 Dollar No Collar (\$1)	23
24	25 No School	26	27	28	29 Dollar No Collar (\$1)	30



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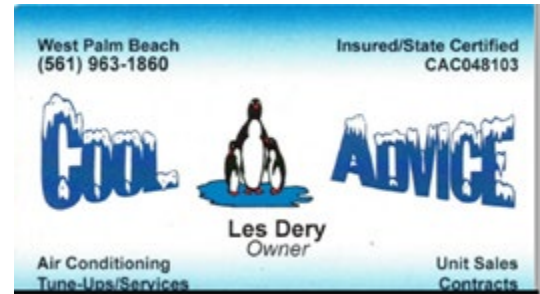
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WHO ADOPTED MS. HOWARD'S AND  
MS. ALLEGRO'S CLASSES!!!!

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WHO ADOPTED MS. BERGERON'S  
CLASS!!!!