



# The Ambassador

Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies  
An International Baccalaureate World School

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## Principal's Message



Wow! Wow!

This week has been the most exciting week and I can't express the amount of gratitude I feel!

It started with our whole community coming together and participating in Penny Wars. I wish I could "capture and sell" the excitement in the air. I'd like to thank our APT for organizing and counting the never-ending change that was flowing in and all of the volunteers who showed up early each day to cheer us on and monitor the Penny Wars. It was so much fun seeing parents in the halls interacting with our kids and teachers. NO matter the outcome, and it is HUGE, WE DID IT TOGETHER! Everyone who participated is a WINNER!

*"Do. Or do not. There is no try." ---Yoda*

My BIRTHDAY was ahhhhh-mazing! THANK YOU!! I had a day full of rainbows, sweets, treats and most of all CELEBRATIONS! I went home with a smile plastered on my face because of the love and joy shared all day. This reminded me how important it is for all of us to remember to celebrate.

- Celebrate each destination
- Celebrate progress
- Celebrate yourself
- Celebrate frequently
- Celebrate big and small
- Celebrate long



As Kool & the Gang say, "Celebrate good times, COME ON".

Have an amazing weekend!



Kathy

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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and compassionate world citizens who respect cultural diversity and take action to better our world.



# Odyssey of the Mind at Freedom 7

## Calling All Creative Thinkers!

### Who We Are

The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime. The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box."

### Where We are in Time and Place

- **Organizational meeting for parents and team members will be held in the CFI on September 23rd at 3:45.**
- **This meeting will include adult volunteer sign up as well as team organization.**
- Regular team meetings will occur on Thursday afternoons weekly in Mrs. Tarver's classroom 501, beginning 3:30 – 4:45 on Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> and continuing until February to prepare for the district competition.
- District competition is located at Viera High School on February 5, 2022
- State competition (if invited) is at a location TBD (March 2022)

### How We Express Ourselves

- Creativity is nurtured and celebrated!
- The long-term problem allows for a dramatic expression and problem solving.
- The spontaneous is a team problem solving situation that could be hands on, verbal or a combination of the two!
- Students must DO EVERYTHING!
- Parents are not allowed to assist in ideas or creation.

### How the World Works

- Cost per student is \$20
- Team of up to 7 students is our limit
- Christine Tarver ESE/GSP teacher will be this year's team coach
- Parent volunteers are encouraged and will be NEEDED!

**Flyer Link for Additional Information –**

[CLICK HERE](#)

### How We Organize Ourselves

- Open to students in grades 4-5
- Division I includes students up to grade 5
- Contact: Christine Tarver [tarver.christine@brevardschools.org](mailto:tarver.christine@brevardschools.org)  
Print and return the Parent Responsibility and Permission Form to Mrs. Tarver (rm 501/GSP) no later than Wed. 9/22/21

[CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)

### Sharing the Planet

- **EVERY** family is encouraged to volunteer for one adult role for their child's team
- Sample roles include assistant coach, set coach, costume coach, judge, volunteer, prop coach, spontaneous coach (we will review this further at the organizational meeting)
- (A great way to get volunteer hours!)



# NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

<https://www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov/>



## **Note: WORLD LANGUAGES CLUB**

**FREEDOM 7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2021-2022**

**Registration is closed until further notice.**

*If you are still interested in joining The World Languages Club, stop by room 503 and sign your name on a list for next semester. It will also be limited to 16 students.*



## LONG SLEEVED BLUE RIBBON SHIRTS

Our Freedom 7 Blue Ribbon, Long Sleeved uniform t-shirts are only available by pre-ordering them at this time. Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to your child's teacher or the front office along with payment by **October 8, 2021**. Make checks payable to Freedom 7 Elementary.

The prices for the long-sleeved shirts will be:

\$16.00 for youth sizes

\$17.00 for adult sizes

### Long-Sleeved Blue Ribbon Shirt Order

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth size quantity, \$16.00 each: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Adult size quantity, \$17.00 each: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to "Freedom 7 Elementary School"**

Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies

## 2021-2023 School Advisory Council Ballot

All seats on the School Advisory Council are two year terms. The following persons have indicated a desire to serve. Members will serve through June, 2023. Ballots must be returned to school by **Friday, September 24, 2021, at 4:00 pm.**

Please vote for two candidates.

Vote	Candidate
	<p><b>Mrs. Rebecca Christophi</b> is a former teacher with an MS in Elementary Education. She holds a BS in Biology and is completing an online degree from Harvard University.</p> <p>Mrs. Christophi states, "I am a mother of five and this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Freedom 7. I would love to be more involved at my children's school and feel this would be a great way to set an example to my kids on giving back to our community. I have more than 10 years' experience as a teacher and 14 years as a parent."</p>
	<p><b>Mrs. Ferron Parrish</b> is a Kentucky native, with a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Louisville. She worked in corporate finance for 7 years before stepping back to raise her family.</p> <p>Mrs. Parrish states, "I am committed to the success and betterment of Freedom 7. I am an active participant in APT functions and enjoy contributing to the school in any way I can. I think my business experience can bring a diverse perspective to the SAC. I also am committed to creating a positive, engaging environment for Freedom 7 families. "</p>