



# The Ambassador



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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March 14, 2024



Dear Parents,

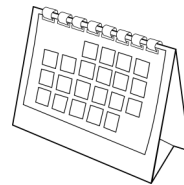
As we find ourselves in the midst of March, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and important reminders with you.

**\*\*Spring Fever for Learning:\*\***

The enthusiasm for learning is truly blossoming in our classrooms! From engaging science experiments to captivating conceptual “break-in” boxes, our students are embracing every opportunity to grow and explore. As we approach the midpoint of the month, let’s continue to encourage our kids to embrace their learner profile attributes and be thinkers and caring.

**\*\*Upcoming Events:\*\***

- No School TOMORROW- Teacher Work Day!
- New Parent Orientation 3/21
- Field Day 3/22 Students may wear IF Spirit Shirts
- Report Cards Home 3/22
- Kindergarten Orientation 4/9



- Spring Break: As we anticipate the much-needed break, please note that Spring Break will begin on March 23. We hope you and your family have a rejuvenating and enjoyable time together. Please remember to stay safe and make the most of this well-deserved break. We will see you back on April 1<sup>st</sup> ... THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOLS JOKE 😊

- Volunteer Hours and Opportunities: We value the support and dedication of our parent volunteers and invite you to check in with your teacher to see their needs and look at the APT website for opportunities on the various Sign-Up Genius entries. Join us March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Lattes with Lott- 9 AM in the café!

**\*\*Stay Connected:\*\***

Don't forget to stay connected with us through our school website, Facebook, and newsletters. We love sharing highlights of our students' achievements and upcoming events, so be sure to follow us for the latest updates.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the month filled with joy, growth, and moments with your loved ones.

Smiles,  
Kathy Lott



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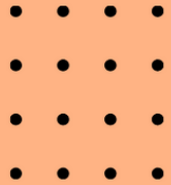
Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical and open-minded thinkers, lifelong learners and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

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# Destination Mars

# RESULTS!

5th Grade GSP



## First Place Awards won in the following areas:

- Journalists (Team A )
- Minecraft Base Camp (Team B )
- Research Pod (Team B )

**All teams  
represented  
F7 well!**

## Second Place Awards won in the following areas:

- Solar Rover Build and Presentation (Team B )
- Solar Rover Head to Head Race (Team A )

**Congrats  
to all !**





We'd like your feedback! Please take the Family Survey.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to ask for 15 minutes of your time to complete an online survey that will help us improve your child's school. We have asked YouthTruth – a nonprofit organization that supports hundreds of schools and districts across the country – to conduct an anonymous survey on our behalf.

**The survey window begins on 2/26/2024 and ends @ midnight on 3/24/2024.**

**Please take the survey by clicking/ typing the following link into your browser:**

[CEP \(surveyresults.org\)](https://surveyresults.org)

Please note:

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey.
- If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. **Your response is incredibly valuable to us.**

If you have any questions about the survey, or our plans for how we will use your feedback, please contact Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal, at 321-868-6610 or via email @ [megown.lisa@brevardschools.org](mailto:megown.lisa@brevardschools.org)

Sincerely,

Lisa Megown

# Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies

400 South 4th Street  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based **Grade 4-6 Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing assessment on April 3, 2024**. The B.E.S.T. Writing assessment is administered in one 120-minute session, and students may work up to half of a typical school day.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including the passages, prompts, and writing responses) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown at 321-868-6610. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lott

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