



The Ambassador

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



Kathryn Lott
Principal

September 2, 2022

Jesse De Leon
Assistant Principal



Principal's Message

Dear families,

Welcome to the weekend! Saturday, September 3, we hope to witness the launch of NASA's Artemis. I have a feeling many of us will be visiting the beaches for this monumental event. No matter where you are, you will remember where you were when the first launch of Artemis occurred. It is also a time to celebrate the social and economic achievements of American workers. HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Beginning September 6, we will begin welcoming parents/guardians to have lunch with their children on set days. Here is the scoop!

Who: Parent/guardian or grandparent (and their name must be on the registered pick-up list). 

Where: Freedom 7 outdoor patio area next to the cafeteria. You will need to reschedule in case of poor weather, there are no indoor seating options.

When: Tuesdays and Fridays ONLY- Sign up for lunch, up to 1 time per week, on the "Picnic on the Patio" Sign-Up Genius. Please do not bring other guests due to limited seating.

Note: Each class is limited to 4 slots per class. Each slot is one lunch period.

Registered Volunteers Needed: All lunch visitors will need to be escorted to and from the patio area. Use the Sign-up Genius to help escort the visitors and monitor the patio. A registered volunteer must be on the patio at all times.

Picnic on the Patio: [Click here](#)

Next week begins our first progress monitoring window. Please read the full newsletter for more information about this state testing.

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

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.

Parent Resource Links for Read-At-Home Plan



The Thrive by Five website will host a variety of resources and helpful information at the click of a button for families in Brevard County. Together, education, healthcare and businesses are partnering together to ensure that every child in our community can Thrive by Five. To learn more about the Thrive by Five program, please visit www.brevardschools.org/ThrivebyFive. To watch an introductory video, please visit: [Thrive By Five 2021 - YouTube](#)

Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home (K-3)

<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/southeast/foundations/index.asp>

Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home

https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/Docs/practiceguide/wwc_fr_tips_022118.pdf

Evidence on Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home

https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/Docs/practiceguide/wwc_fr_tips_summary_022118.pdf

Reading Rockets Monthly Parent Letters

<https://www.readingrockets.org/newsletters/extras>

Reading Tips for Parents (Multiple Languages)

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages> -

FCRR for Families - <https://www.fcrr.org/families>

At Home with FCRR - Student Centered Activities introduction for use at home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaM7oQQn-iY>

FCRR's You Tube Channel – FCRR Student Centered Activities Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FCRRFSU/videos>



<https://improvingliteracy.org/kid-zone/uncanny-chronicles>

Uncanny Chronicles, takes you on journey with Kayla as she confronts reading challenges in this adventure series. Each episode presents Kayla with a new obstacle from struggling with dyslexia to coping with social and emotional issues.



<https://mayasbooknook.com/>

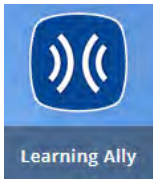
Maya's Book Nook promotes language and literacy skills through diverse children's literature.

Take 20 for Families – <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20/families/>

Just Read, Families! - <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families/>

BPS – Summer Reads – Provides book title by grade level bands and other resources to motivate readers - <https://sites.google.com/a/share.brevardschools.org/librarymedia/summer-reading?authuser=0>

Snap and Read – eLearning Toolkit that can be used at home and at school - <https://sites.google.com/view/bpssnapandread/home>



Learning Ally – Audio library available for students identified with a reading deficiency. <https://learningally.org/>



IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKITS

Developed by the team at the **National Center on Improving Literacy**, these toolkits provide practical help for educators, parents, and caregivers who are implementing recommended literacy practices. Multiple toolkits are available and include topics like **Understanding Dyslexia**, **Learning about Your Child's**

Reading Development, and **Families and Schools Partnering for Children's Literacy Success**.

<https://improvingliteracy.org/kit>



CBM AT HOME

Developed by the team at FCRR and the **Center on Teaching and Learning** at the University of Oregon. CBM at home is designed to help educators, parents, and caregivers understand their children's risk for developing reading difficulties in the future. CBM stands for Curriculum-Based Measure. The CBMs are short timed tests that

measure important early reading skills, and are available in English and Spanish.

<https://qmi-fcrr.shinyapps.io/CBMatHome/?fbclid=IwAR32SXB2Ko6PbzDpkwbZj3MBEXL2D32CrHGIPUg5v1EUe5ylqf9MKqB0rjI>



Does your child have an interest in
Acting and Performing?

Come Join Drama Club!!!!

NEW THIS YEAR: Drama Club will be offered in two different ages.

***** 1st-3rd Grade *** and *** 4-6th Grade *****

Drama Club will meet BI-weekly and then have a small performance at the end of the year.

Please only apply if you are a student who is willing to work hard, memorize lines, and wants to perform in front of a crowd. Space is very limited and we want to make the most of our time together.



We are looking forward to a successful and fun year!

Cost? \$10 This will cover supplies for students purchased by the teacher. CASH ONLY PLEASE.

When: All meetings will be held Bi-Weekly on Thursday morning from 8:00-8:45. Schedule will be sent once participation is confirmed. Meetings will start in October.

Questions: Please email Mrs.Brennan @ brennan.darcie@brevardschools.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! We are taking 22 4th-6th Graders and only 10 1st-3rd graders.

This will be determined by lottery.

If your child is interested in being a part of this club, please complete the following information and return to your child's teacher by Friday, September 16th.

All Students must also receive a teacher signature to show that students have the IB qualities to participate.

DRAMA CLUB APPLICATION

Student Name _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent or Guardian permission/Volunteer Interest/Status

By signing below, I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the Drama Club at Freedom 7 Elementary and will ensure my child is dropped off on time for our club meetings.

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

___ Yes, I would like to help volunteer for this club and my Volunteer Status is updated(Scheduled ahead of time)

By signing below, you agree to follow the Essential Agreements and school policies and procedures set forth by the club leaders. I agree to attend the club meetings and participate to the best of my ability.

Student
Signature _____

The student I am recommending for Drama Club has strong communication skills. They are risk-takers and not afraid to be a leader. They work hard and are principled learners.

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Once filled out, please give it to the office, or your homeroom teacher.

All completed forms will be sent to Mrs. Brennan.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Progress Monitoring 1 or PM1 Test in grades: **Kindergarten/ Grade 1/ Grade 2** through **Renaissance: Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessments** on morning of the following two days:

- **Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – Reading**
- **Thursday, September 8, 2022 – Math**

We ask that you do your best to have your student in school on these important testing dates. Students in grades Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 will be using headphones during these testing times.

Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 30 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 20 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jesse De Leon, Assistant Principal for Freedom 7 Elementary at deleon.yesenia@brevardschools.org.

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](https://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
Principal

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Estimados Padres/Tutores:

La Evaluación del Pensamiento del Estudiante de Florida (*FAST*, por sus siglas en inglés) es una herramienta de seguimiento del progreso que se administrará tres veces al año para realizar un seguimiento del progreso de su hijo(a) en el aprendizaje de los Estándares de los Puntos de Referencia del Pensamiento Excelente del Estudiante (*B.E.S.T.*) durante este año escolar. El propósito de esta carta es informarles que su hijo tomará el *Renaissance de Kindergarten/1.º Grado/ 2.º Grado* en la evaluación(es) de *Star de Alfabetización Temprana, Star de Lectura, y/o Star de Matemática* en los próximos dos días:

- Miércoles, 7 de septiembre, 2022 – **Star de Alfabetización Temprana o Star de Lectura**
- Jueves, 8 de septiembre, 2022 – **Star de Matemática**

Esperamos que hagan un esfuerzo para que su hijo / hija este en el colegio para tomar estos exámenes tan importantes en estos dos días. Este examen de PM1 es el primer examen del estado de tres que van a tener en el año escolar.

Los resultados de la *PM1* de su hijo solo son para propósitos informativos, y la Escuela de su hijo les proveerá información sobre cómo acceder a los recursos después que se complete la evaluación.

Las evaluaciones *FAST* son test adaptativos por computadora que se toman en una computadora o tableta. Las preguntas se tornan más fáciles o más difíciles dependiendo de cómo responda el estudiante y cada estudiante verá diferentes preguntas. Si usted o su hijo desean revisar en casa las preguntas de muestra de *Star de Alfabetización Temprana, Star de Lectura, y/o Star de Matemática*, los materiales de muestra del test están disponibles en <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

Típicamente toma menos de 15 minutos completar la evaluación *Star de Alfabetización Temprana*. Usualmente toma menos de 20 minutos completar la evaluación *Star de Lectura*, y típicamente toma menos de 30 minutos completar la evaluación *Star de Matemática*.

Si tienen alguna pregunta relacionada con la administración de este test, pueden comunicarse con Yesenia De Leon, la Asistente Principal, al correo electrónico: deleon.yesenia@brevardschools.org.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa de Evaluaciones del Estado de Florida, visiten el portal en FLFAST.org.

Gracias por apoyar a su hijo/ hija y animarlo a desempeñarse lo mejor que pueda durante la administración de estos exámenes.

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- **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – Reading**
- **Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – Math**

Please make an effort for your student to be present in school on these two important days of state-wide testing.

Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test “blueprint,” meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Jesse De Leon, Assistant Principal at Freedom 7 Elementary School at deleon.yesenia@brevardschools.org

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](https://flfast.org).

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

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- **Martes, 13 de septiembre, 2022**
- **Miércoles, 14 de septiembre, 2022**

Esperamos que puedan hacer un esfuerzo para que su hijo / hija pueda estar presente en estos dos días tan importantes para que tomen estos exámenes del estado. Este sería el primer PM1, de tres exámenes en este año escolar.

Los resultados de la *PM1* de su hijo solo son para propósitos informativos, y la Escuela de su hijo les proporcionará información sobre cómo acceder a los recursos después que se complete la evaluación.

Las evaluaciones *FAST* son test adaptativos por computadora que se toman en una computadora o tableta. Las preguntas se tornan más fáciles o más difíciles dependiendo de cómo responda el estudiante, y cada estudiante verá diferentes preguntas de un banco de incisos común. Cada intento del test (*PM1*, *PM2* y *PM3*) presentará de 35 a 40 preguntas que cubrirán todo el "modelo" del test, lo que significa que los estudiantes encontrarán preguntas representativas de los estándares dentro de la materia o nivel de grado. Para obtener más información sobre el diseño del test, por favor visiten <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. Si usted o su hijo desean interactuar con la plataforma de prueba en línea o revisar en casa las preguntas de muestra de *FAST* de Lectura y Matemática, los materiales de muestra del examen están disponibles en <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Si tienen alguna pregunta relacionada con la administración de este test, pueden comunicarse con Yesenia De Leon, la asistente principal al correo electrónico: deleon.yesenia@brevardschools.org.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa *FAST*, visiten el portal en FLFAST.org.

Gracias por apoyar a su hijo / hija y animarlo a desempeñarse lo mejor que pueda durante la administración de este primer examen de *PM1*.

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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 form below and return it to your child's teacher or the front office along with payment by **September 30, 2022**. **Make checks payable to Freedom 7 Elementary.**

The prices for the long-sleeved shirts will be:

\$20.00 for youth and adult sizes

Long-Sleeved Blue Ribbon Shirt Order

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Youth size quantity, \$20.00 each: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

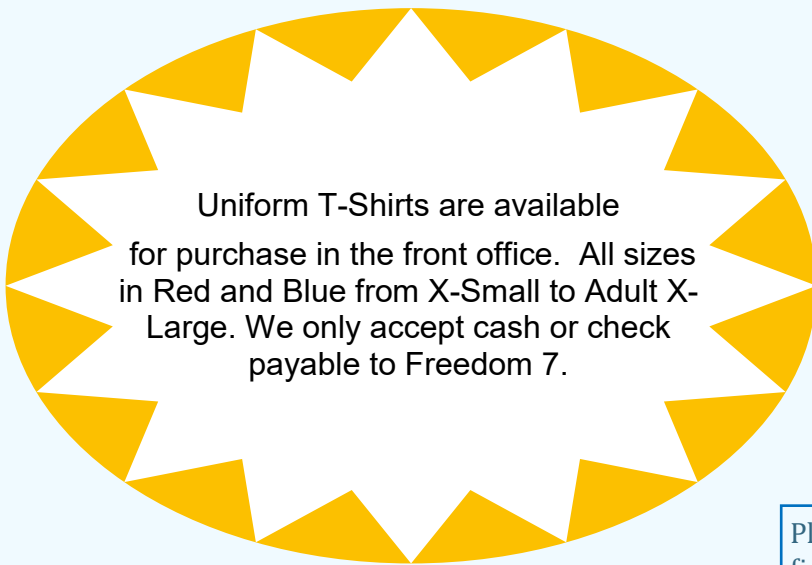
Adult size quantity, \$20.00 each: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Check amount: _____ Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

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

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____



Sept 5—Sept 9

Monday — Holiday
 Tuesday — Day 3
 Wednesday—Day 4
 Thursday—Day 5
 Friday—Day 0

September 5
 No School; Labor Day

September 15
 Open House

September 20
 SAC Meeting; 4:15

Please be advised that Jill Youngkin is teaching out of field in the certification area ESOL for the school year 2022-2023. Mrs. Youngkin meets all the State requirements to teach in the public schools and is currently working toward certification in ESOL that is necessary. This notification is a Department of Education requirement for the State of Florida. Be assured that the Brevard County Public School District is dedicated to serving every student with excellence as the standard. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Lott if you have questions regarding Mrs. Youngkin's qualifications.



Mission
 To serve every student with excellence as the standard.

Vision
 Brevard Public Schools will serve our community and enhance students' lives by delivering the highest quality education in a culture of dedication, collaboration, & learning.

