



The Ambassador

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



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Principal

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Principal's Message



Dear Families,

This has been a week of adjustment and we will continue to make adjustments as needed to keep our students healthy and in school. As you have seen, we have sent home several COVID case notifications this week. With each notification comes extensive contact tracing along with conversations about how we can improve situations in our control. We have received welcomed input, messages of concern, and many questions. Please know that all is welcome! Dr. Haddock and I are always willing to have an open conversation about what we are doing.

What are we doing?

- Students are seated according to CDC guidelines
- Plastic shields are being used in all rooms where social distancing can't be met
- Aligned assigned seats in all locations to minimize close contact with multiple groups of people
- Emphasized hand washing/sanitizing
- Water bottle filling stations
- All enrichment classes are sanitized between each class and classrooms throughout the day
- Masks are recommended and available if a student leaves their mask home
- Planned and purposeful volunteers to limit additional folks on campus
- Hall restrooms assigned to specific groups
- Quarantine days will not count against any child's attendance.
- Teachers will provide educational resources to complete while home while quarantined due to close contact.

Our teachers are busy planning and collaborating to provide a rich and rigorous year and so excited to have their kids WITH THEM! As always, thank you for your continued support and trust in Freedom 7. Please continue to encourage your child to follow all safety protocols being expressed by the adults at school. As you can imagine, these procedures are most difficult on the kids who simply want to learn, enjoy their learning, be social with friends, and have some fun at the same time.

Wishing everyone well,

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.

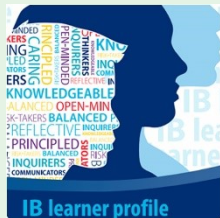
PARENT NIGHT

~FORMAT CHANGE~ AUG 25

We have decided to make Open House a fully virtual event. Teachers will send you zoom links by early next week.

When: August 25 Zoom in at 5:00PM or 5:30PM

- Attend one session (there are two for multiple children)
- Please remain on mute to avoid feedback during presentation.
- Listen in and learn while home with your family.
- If you have personal questions/needs, please schedule a parent conference outside of Parent Night with your teacher



IB Learner Profile, Approaches to Learning & Social Emotional Well-being

Development of the IB Learner Profile attributes and the Approaches to Learning skills in all learners is at the heart of all things PYP. These attributes and skills are what our Program of Inquiry works to instill in our learners, in the hope that they will leave us as responsible internationally minded citizens who seek to take action to make the world a better place! According to a research study conducted in 2020 by a team from ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research), "the learner profile and ATL (Approaches to Learning) are key programmatic elements that may already encourage well-being in PYP schools." Furthermore, the schools in which research was conducted "consistently showed a more positive school climate and higher levels of teacher engagement, student participation in ATL-rich classrooms, and student well-being outcomes, attributable to the PYP." This study is a refreshing reminder of the many positive outcomes of the IB PYP Program.

For more information about the Primary Years Program (PYP), click on the eagle image below for this helpful "Parent-Pack" with FAQs about the PYP.



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Families-

If you're interested in becoming a registered volunteer with Brevard County Schools (required for **any** on-campus volunteering during school hours), **FINGERPRINTING IS CURRENTLY FREE** for a limited time. How long this will last is unknown, however I was told yesterday at the district security office they have a limited budget line they're using to provide this and when it runs out, fingerprinting will go back to its normal cost (typically \$35).

If you'd like to go get your fingerprinting done, it's very quick and you don't need an appointment. They will, however, want you to have filled out the below online application ahead of time (it can be done from your phone in the lobby if needed ;-). If you plan to do any volunteering while your child is at Freedom 7 ES, I'd suggest heading over there as soon as possible. However, due to a job fair on Monday, August 23, it is recommended volunteers **do not go for fingerprinting on this day**. The office is open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM and is located at 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, FL 32940.

[Click Here: BPS Volunteer Application](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are a seasoned volunteer with the school district, your volunteer registration may have suddenly expired without warning as of 8/13/21. The district is switching over from the old A/A+ volunteer system and those with registrations expiring in late 2021 or 2022 are now showing as expired in the Raptor system. If you've registered in the last 3-4 years, this will likely not affect you. In fact, if you've never heard of A/A+ volunteers, ignore this. :) More than 1 of our board members found out on Monday they'd expired even though they previously had expiration dates in 2022. This may be why the district is providing this free fingerprinting service temporarily.

Days of the Week

August 23 — August 27

Monday — Day 2

Tuesday — Day 3

Wednesday — Day 4

Thursday — Day 5

Friday — Day 0



August 25
Parent Night

September 6
No School; Labor Day

WE ARE HIRING! FREEDOM 7 COOK

Join Mr. Devin and his amazing team. Great atmosphere! Join the Freedom 7 work family!

[Click here to apply!](#)

For more information about the position email smith.devin@brevardschools.org



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.

