



# The Ambassador



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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

December 14, 2023



Dear Freedom 7 family and friends!

This week our Freedom 7 Science Fair was held. Thank you to all who came out to interview and speak to our young scientists. It was great seeing our parents, family members, past students, and community members talking to students about science, nurturing their curiosity and developing critical thinking skills. You have all inspired a sense of wonder and awe, motivating our students to continue to explore and appreciate the science around them. A list of school level winners to follow in this newsletter. Congratulations to all!!! District bid winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

### One more week.....

**December 15-** Kindergarten Holiday Show - 9:30 AM in the cafeteria. Be sure to arrive early enough to sign in with your ID at the front office. We will start issuing badges at 8:30 so that you can walk through the gates right at 9:00.

**December 18-** Beginning Strings Concert @ 6:00 PM in the cafeteria



**December 19-** SAC Meeting @ 4:15 Grades 1-3 Concert @ 5:00 in the cafeteria

**December 20-** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15 - Carol at the Avenue- Intermediate Strings @ 6:00 PM Viera, Florida

**December 21-** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15

**December 22-** EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15- Spreading Holiday Cheer!- - Students may wear their holiday shirts, hats, socks, jingles, jewelry, etc., with their bottoms of choice. Please be sure they wear school appropriate shoes for safety (sneakers highly recommended).

*This holiday season, no matter what your religion is, please take a moment to reflect on why it's better than all the other ones. ~ Guy Endore Kaiser*

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.

# FREEDOM 7 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS 2023-2024

## Science Division

### Microbiology

1st Mitchell H. 6th gr.

### Animal Sciences

1st Penn C. 4th gr.

2nd Bishop B. 5th gr.

3rd Cyrus B. 6th gr.

### Plants

1st Ava S. 6th gr.

2nd Margaret W. 5th gr.

3rd Eira P. 4th gr.

### Human Behavioral Science

1st. Gretel P. 6th gr.

2nd Derek A./ Alek U. 4th gr.

3rd Olivia D. 6th gr.

### Physics and Astronomy

1st Gabriella R. 6th gr.

2nd Advay S. 4th gr.

3rd Logan K. 4th gr.

### Earth and Environmental

1st Hazel Rose S. 5th gr.

2nd McKenzie S. 6th gr.

3rd Cali M. 4th gr.

### Chemistry

1st Isaac B. 5th gr.

2nd Silas C. 4th gr.

3rd Everly H. and Finley H. 5th gr.

## Engineering Division

### Engineering Mechanics

1st Alex H. 5th gr.

2nd Isaac A. 5th gr.

3rd Henry S. 4th gr.

### Environmental Engineering

1st Sienna W. 6th gr.

2nd Brayden H. 5th gr.

3rd Isabella C. 6th gr.

## Mathematics & Computer Science Division

### Robotics

1st Aadhira G. 6th gr.

2nd Robert D. 5th gr.

3rd Emily B. 4th gr.

### Coding

1st Max L. & Rayhan A. 5th gr.

2nd DOuglas C. 5th gr.

3rd Aiden P. 4th gr.

*Congratulations*

Thank You Pacific Rim



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PROVIDING ANOTHER AMAZING LUNCH THIS HOLDIAY SEASON! IT WAS DELICIOUS!.

Dec 18 - Dec 22

Monday	Day 2
Tuesday	Day 3
Wednesday	Day 0
Thursday	Day 0
Friday	Day 0

Student pictures are ready for viewing. You can still place an order through Dean Stewart’s convenient second chance program. All orders from here on out will be shipped directly to your home!

# Fall Portraits Now Available

CREATE YOUR LOOK

CHOOSE YOUR BACKGROUND



View & Order Today



<https://tinyurl.com/dsp-photo>

Your online code is your Student ID.

# Join Us! Freedom 7 School Advisory Council!

Join us at 4:15 each month  
to participate in SAC.

December 19

January 16

February 20

April 16



*Freedom 7*

# HOLIDAY CONCERT

*series*

**DECEMBER 13**

**6:00 PM**

**COCOA BEACH LIBRARY**

*INTERMEDIATE STRINGS / 5TH & 6TH GRADE CHORUS*

**DECEMBER 15**

**9:30 AM**

**FREEDOM 7 CAFE'**

*KINDERGARTEN HOLIDAY CONCERT*

**DECEMBER 18**

**6:00 PM**

**FREEDOM 7 CAFE'**

*BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE STRINGS'  
HOLIDAY CONCERT*

**DECEMBER 19**

**5:00 PM**

**FREEDOM 7 CAFE'**

*1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT*

**DECEMBER 20**

**6:00 PM**

**THE AVENUE VIERA**

*INTERMEDIATE STRINGS AND 4TH-6TH GRADE CHORUS  
CAROLS AT THE AVENUE*





**First grade** is having Career Day on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, from 12:15-2:15. We are looking for parents from any grade to come into the classroom and teach students about your occupation. This will be done in a small group setting, with all 55 students eventually rotating through your station. We anticipate each rotation to be approximately 10 minutes.

If you are interested in coming, please fill out the following and return to the front office or email to [haring.chelsea@brevardschools.org](mailto:haring.chelsea@brevardschools.org) by Friday, January 26, 2024.

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

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address and/or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

You may bring items to show and aid in your presentation. Please list below what items you would like to bring:

\_\_\_\_\_

Students will come prepared with some questions of their own, but also please make sure you touch on the following:

How is your job connected to other jobs?

How is your job connected to the neighborhood community?

How is your job connected to the global community?

Do you offer a good or a service? A need or a want?

Please note, we can only accommodate a certain number of people and want to avoid duplicate jobs. We will inform everyone interested by Wednesday, January 31, 2024, if we are able to have you.

**Thank you for your willingness to help inform first grade of all the various jobs in our area!**

# Winter Break Reading Bingo

COLOR IN EACH SQUARE AS YOU COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY AND TRY TO GET A BINGO! CAN YOU FILL THE ENTIRE CARD?

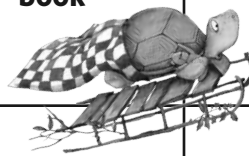


Read a book recommended by a friend



Read a funny book

Read a science book



Read a book that takes place in winter

Read a book about a holiday



Read the first book in a series

Read an award-winning book

Read a book with a cover you love

Read a book with a one word title

Read a picture book



Have hot cocoa while you read



Read in your pajamas



**FREE SPACE**

Read a book by an author you've never read

Read in a blanket fort



Read a biography

Read a book published more than 10 years ago

Eat a snack while you read

Read on a rainy or snowy day

Reread a book you loved



Read a book about animals

Read in a comfy chair

Read a book set somewhere you want to visit



Read a book with a cover you don't like

Read using a flashlight



FREEDOM 7

**HOLIDAY PIE ORDERS**

**Pre Order: Orders will be available for pickup December 21, 2023**

**Last Day to Order December 18, 2023**

**Name:**

**Cash**

**Check**

**MyPaymentPlus**

**PUMPKIN \$9**



**APPLE CRISP \$9**



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is 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 participate in the first administration (PM 1) of the **Grades 3-6** Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments on the sessions of the following days:

- **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Reading**
- **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 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 PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided 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 ELA Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **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 the box 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 test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your

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- 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.
- **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 any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal at [Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org](mailto:Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org)

For more information about the FAST 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,

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Estimados padres de familia/tutores:

La Evaluación del razonamiento estudiantil de la Florida *FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking, FAST)* es un sistema que ayuda a monitorear el avance en la enseñanza y se administrará tres veces al año para observar el progreso de su estudiante en el aprendizaje de los indicadores de referencia de un razonamiento estudiantil de excelencia (*Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking, B.E.S.T.*) durante este curso escolar. El propósito de esta carta es informarle que su estudiante participará en la primera administración (*PM1*) del grado's 3-6 evaluación(es) *Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA de Lectura (Reading) Matemáticas (and Mathematics)*] el

- **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 - Reading**
- **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024- Math**

Los resultados del PM2 de su estudiante se utilizan solo para fines informativos y se le proporcionará información sobre cómo acceder a los resultados una vez completadas las pruebas.

Las evaluaciones FAST son pruebas adaptativas que se toman en una computadora o tableta. Las preguntas se vuelven más fáciles o difíciles en dependencia de cómo responda el alumno y cada alumno verá diferentes preguntas de un banco común de elementos. Cada intento de prueba (PM1, PM2 y PM3) presentará de 35 a 40 elementos que cubrirán todo el "plan de contenido" de la prueba, lo que significa que los estudiantes encontrarán elementos representativos de los indicadores dentro de la materia o nivel de grado. Para obtener más información sobre el diseño de la prueba, por favor, visite: <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. Si usted o su estudiante desean interactuar con la plataforma de pruebas en línea o revisar los materiales y pruebas de práctica de *FAST ELA de Lectura [y Matemáticas (and Mathematics)]* en su hogar, los mismos están disponibles en <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Por favor, revise las siguientes políticas con su estudiante antes de que tome la prueba:

- **Dispositivos electrónicos:** A los estudiantes no se les permite el acceso a ningún dispositivo electrónico, entre otros, los teléfonos celulares, los teléfonos y relojes inteligentes, en ningún momento durante la prueba o durante los descansos (por ejemplo, en los servicios/aseos). Si se encuentra a su estudiante con algún dispositivo electrónico o usando Bluetooth/auriculares inalámbricos/auriculares durante la prueba, su prueba puede quedar anulada.
- **Política para el uso de calculadoras:** Para la prueba *FAST* de Matemáticas de los grados 7–8, se proporcionarán calculadoras científicas portátiles aprobadas. Para la prueba *FAST* de Matemáticas del 6<sup>o</sup> grado, se proporcionará una calculadora portátil de cuatro funciones.
- **Aceptación de la política de exámenes:** Todas las pruebas incluyen un reconocimiento de las políticas de la prueba que declara: "Entiendo las reglas de la prueba que me acaban de leer. Si no sigo estas reglas, la puntuación de mi prueba puede quedar anulada". Antes de la prueba, los administradores de esta leen las reglas a los estudiantes, los cuales deben aceptar que comprenden dichas reglas haciendo clic en la casilla en el navegador seguro que indica que entienden las reglas de prueba.

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- **Divulgación del contenido de las pruebas una vez que hayan concluido:** La última sección de las reglas de la prueba se lee a los estudiantes antes de que firmen para aceptar que comprenden las reglas de la prueba, las cuales establecen que debido a que el contenido de todas las evaluaciones estatales es confidencial, los estudiantes no pueden dialogar ni revelar detalles sobre el contenido de la prueba (incluidos los elementos y pasajes de la prueba) al concluir la misma. Esto incluye cualquier tipo de comunicación electrónica, como mensajes de texto, correos electrónicos o publicaciones en sitios de redes sociales. Por favor, asegúrese de que su estudiante comprenda esta política antes de tomar la prueba y recuérdese que "dialogar" sobre el contenido de la prueba incluye cualquier tipo de comunicación electrónica como mensajes de texto, correos electrónicos, publicaciones en redes sociales o compartir en línea. **Si bien los estudiantes no pueden compartir información sobre el contenido confidencial de la prueba después de tomar la misma, esta política no pretende evitar que los estudiantes hablen sobre sus experiencias en la prueba con sus padres/familias.**
- **Examinarse de forma independiente:** Los estudiantes son responsables de realizar su propia prueba y de proteger sus respuestas de manera que otros no las vean. Si algún estudiante es sorprendido haciendo trampa durante la prueba, la prueba será anulada.
- **Adaptaciones para las pruebas—** Si su estudiante tiene un Plan de Educación Individual (Individual Education Plan, IEP), un Plan de la Sección 504, o es un Aprendiz del Idioma Inglés (English Language Learner, ELL) o un ELL recientemente egresado de dicho programa, por favor, comuníquese con la escuela para analizar las adaptaciones para las pruebas que se proporcionarán a su estudiante.

Si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con la administración de esta prueba, puede comunicarse con [] en Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal at [Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org](mailto:Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org)

Para obtener más información sobre el programa FAST, por favor, visite el portal en [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org).

Gracias por apoyar a su estudiante y animarlo/a a dar lo mejor de sí mismo/a durante la administración de esta prueba.

Atentamente,

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