

### The Ambassador

Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear families-

Today we held our first whole school Quarterly Meeting on the blacktop! Students shared their learning about Red Ribbon week and what it means to Grow with Good Choices. The kids contributed to the school kindness tree in the CFI, decorated their classroom doors, and wrote poetry. We also recognized our IB Ambassadors for consistent demonstration of the IB PYP Learner Profile and Action. It is always great we can come together as a community to celebrate our successes and learning!

Next Thursday is Student-Led Conference Night. The kids are excited to share work samples, learning goals, and their overall progress. After visiting your child's class, stop by the CFI and shop at the Book Fair!!

Books fall open, you fall in. ~ David McCord



WE NEED YOUR PROMOTIONAL HELP!! Applications for NEW students opens November 6 through December 8. Please share this information with your neighbors, family members, and friends. We offer 54 spots in kindergarten and 12 seats in 4th grade each year. We also have many seats peppered throughout all grades as students have moved or move over the summer. We steadily move through our waitlist, so everyone has a good chance. We offer tours for NEW applying families on many Fridays. They can sign up on our school website and learn more about our school!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kathy Lott





	Oct 30	- Nov 3		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day O

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## Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies

A National Blue Ribbon School, Brevard County Millennium School of Choice Applications for 2024-2025 school year open Nov 6 - Dec 8

# A bright future starts

New PARENTS - TOUR OUR SCHOOL!

Check out our school website for more information.









#### Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Principal

#### Dear Families:

This year's IB Committee worked on adjusting our process for recognition of students who demonstrate the IB Learner Profile attributes and Action. Students will no longer be recognized as "Amazing" or "Action" Ambassadors, but by a newly created title- IB Ambassador. Students will be recognized on a quarterly basis for demonstrating attributes of the Learner Profile and/or Action in one or more categories. Students may be recognized individually or as groups. Students will be highlighted at a quarterly schoolwide assembly/parade and the slideshow will air on WORLD TV and be streamed in the CFI for viewing by all. In addition, students receiving this recognition will receive a certificate and bracelet as keepsakes of this honor.

We strive to help develop the Learner Profile attributes and all areas of Action within all of our students. You can refer to your student planner about these areas of PYP development. It's important that you are reinforcing and encouraging these traits and skills at home. It takes a village, as you know!

Thank you for all you do!

Kindly,

Jennifer R. Noe

PYP Coordinator & Literacy Coach





Freedom 7 Eagles are getting ready to welcome Rip to the family. If you didn't read it in a previous newsletter, Rip is a therapy dog being deployed by the Sheriff's Office and I will be his handler. After training next week, he will be with me at school every day, which will begin Tuesday, November 7th.

I know there are some misconceptions with him, and I have been asked what he is trained to do. He is not your typical law enforcement K9 that is trained to sniff for drugs, weapons, explosives, etc. Rip is strictly here to bring comfort to a student's day if they are sad. Yes, Rip is strictly a therapy dog.

His only job is to be loved on, petted, hugged, kissed and read to. So, whether a child or teacher is having a bad day, Rip is here to provide comfort.

I see this as an exciting time for Freedom 7 and know Rip will only make things brighter.

Corporal Kent





# CONGRATULATIONS FIRST QUARTER FREEDOM 7 IB AMBASSADORS FOR DEMONSTRATING THE IB LEARNER PROFILE AND ACTION

#### **KINDERGARTEN**

LUNA F.- MS. FIRKEL ANNA S.-MRS. MOTT DELANEY M.-MRS. RHING

#### **FIRST GRADE**

AMAIYA U.-MRS. HARING TATUM H.-MRS. KIRVEN EMMA T.- MRS. SMITH

#### **SECOND GRADE**

KYLO R. – MRS. CURTIS EMILY P. – MS. FALCONE GAVIN C. – MRS. YOUNGKIN

#### **THIRD GRADE**

MAYA L.- MRS. COLADO HALEY M.-MRS. EVANGELISTA POPPY J.- MRS. NARDELLI

#### **FOURTH GRADE**

SHAYLEE V.-MRS. ROBERTSON
GWYNETH C.-MS. SCHOON
ANNA V. -MRS. TARVER

#### **FIFTH GRADE**

MILA A. – MRS HUGHES HARPER R. – MRS. WELLS ZALENA B. – MRS. JOHNSEY



AVA S.- MRS. BRENNAN OLIVIA D.- MRS. LALLY LANDON W. - MRS. OWEN



FREEDOM 7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# ORCHESTRA CONCERT

A SPOOKY FEEDER CHAIN CONCERT







MONDAY **OCTOBER 30, 2023** 6:00PM

**COCOA BEACH** JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



#### **November 7, 2023**

Scheduled Lunch Times

#### November 8, 2023

Grades: 1st, Kdg, 4th, and 6th Grades: 2nd, 5th, and 3rd Scheduled Lunch Times Cost: \$3.10 Adult \$2.10 Child Cost: \$3.10 Adult \$2.10 Child Pies for purchase \$9.00

Apple Pie, Apple Crumble, Pumpkin Pie

Please bring exact change or check. No credit cards accepted.

RSVP here by Oct 31





Mrs. Haring: 11:00-11:30 Mrs. Kirven: 11:03-11:33 Mrs. Smith: 11:06-11:36 Mrs. Firkel: 11:40-12:10 Mrs. Rhing: 11:43-12:13 Mrs. Mott: 11:46-12:16 Mrs. Robertson: 12:20-12:50 Ms. Schoon: 12:23-12:53 Mrs. Tarver: 12:26-12:56 Mrs. Brennan: 1:00-1:30

Mrs. Lally: 1:03-1:33

Mrs. Owen: 1:06-1:36

#### November 8, 2023

Mrs. Curtis: 11:25-11:55 Ms. Falcone: 11:28-11:58 Mrs. Youngkin: 11:31-12:01 Mrs. Hughes: 12:05-12:35 Mrs. Johnsey: 12:08-12:38 Mrs. Wells: 12:11-12:41 Mrs. Colado: 12:45-1:15 Mrs. Evangelista: 12:48-1:18 Mrs. Nardelli: 12:51-1:21

The schedule is very tight. Please plan to arrive and leave on time to open parking and seating for the next class.

Please bring exact change or check. No credit cards accepted.

#### **Uniform and Student Appearance Reminders-**

Please review all sections and pay close attention to the sections about hair and accessories. We are seeing many students out of dress code in these areas.

#### **Uniform Policy**

The standards of appearance shall ensure that the pupils be clean, neat, and properly dressed. They shall observe modes of dress and standards of personal grooming which are in conformity with the studious atmosphere and good personal hygiene necessary in schools. Compliance with Brevard School Board Policy 5511, which outlines Brevard Public School Dress Code, is expected of all students, during the school day.

#### **Uniform Components**

By accepting a seat at Freedom 7, students are required to wear the official school uniform of Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies. It is required that uniforms be purchased from the school, designated vendor.

#### <u>Rationale</u>

The benefits of wearing a school uniform include:

- Improved behavior
- More focus on schoolwork
- Develop self-confidence and self-discipline
- Encourage pride
- Students feel a sense of belonging

#### The school uniform components consist of:

#### A. Upper Garments

- Short sleeved and long sleeved Blue Ribbon T-Shirt with school emblem available for purchase at Freedom 7.
- Light blue polo with school logo available from the designated uniform vendors.
- Red, Eagle Spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays.
- Students who have earned an Action Ambassador shirt, may wear them on Mondays.

#### **B.** Lower Garments

- Boy Bottom Khaki shorts or pants available from designated uniform vendors. Must have belt loops.
- Girl Bottom Khaki shorts, pants, "skorts" or Capri pants available from designated uniform vendors.
- Belts- Brown or black belt to be worn with all shorts and pants. Kindergarteners do not have to wear a belt, or they may wear a black or brown belt with Velcro closure.
- Tights/leggings may be worn and must be white or black.

#### C. Footwear

- Shoes are to be one solid color: either all black or all white.
  - No: sandals, open back shoes, sling back shoes, or boots
- Soles, shoelaces, and all marks/labels are to be the same color as shoe.
- Shoes must be maintained in appearance and laces tied at all times.
- Socks must be solid white or solid black, visible from the top of the shoe and must be below the knee.

#### D. Hair

- Hair must be neat and well groomed. Radical hair styles and unusual colors will not be permitted.
- District policy states: hair should not cause a distraction the learning environment.

#### E. Accessories

- Hair accessories are to be solid white, black, blue or RED.
- Jewelry- limited to watch, a necklace, and small stud earrings. Smart watches may be used for time only and are subject to electronic device rules/guidelines. See policy.
- Parents should be mindful of playground safety and the potential for loss of valuable items or injury when selecting jewelry for their children.
- Wristbands, bracelets, or ankle bands may not be worn to school.

#### F. Cool weather

- Navy blue or black sweater or lightweight jacket may be worn. Sweaters and lightweight jackets with hoods are prohibited.
- When temperatures are below 60 degrees, a student may wear any appropriate outer garment (coat or heavyweight jacket) to school. Once in the classroom, cafeteria or other school space, the garment will be removed.
- Students may wear white or black tights or leggings.
- Plain white, long sleeved shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt (no other color permitted).

#### **General Appearance**

School uniforms are expected to be kept neat and clean. Clothing with stains, holes, tears or excessive wrinkling will not be permitted.

- School uniforms are expected to fit the student appropriately (no low riding pants permitted), be cleaned on a regular basis, and cannot deviate from the color choice, style, or fabric.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Adornments to the uniform are not permitted including adornments on shoes.
- Hats may be worn to school on days when there is inclement weather or during outside activities. The hats may not be worn in the classroom.
- Sunglasses may be worn outside only.
- Freedom 7 may designate special non-uniform days. Dress requirements for these days must follow the School Board Dress Code.
- Students are prohibited from writing on their person, words, symbols or pictures with ink or marker





Please refrain from making contact with your child through the fences while they are on school grounds. I see this

as a safety concern in that your student will get comfortable speaking with you through the fence. I know it seems harmless and you don't think of this as a safety concern, but I don't want your child to get comfortable speaking to adults through the fence. I also know the teachers get concerned as well.

Please keep in mind we don't know every person in your child's life so as far as we are concerned, everyone is a stranger.

Corporal Kent