



The Ambassador



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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September 15, 2023



Dear Freedom 7 families,

An exciting time of the year is coming!! September 23rd is the first day of Fall. Many of us kicked it off last Sunday with our first week of NFL football and early purchases of pumpkin everything! Many of you are swapping out your summer décor for fall themed pillows, blankets, and decorations. Here at Freedom 7, we are preparing to curl up with a good book for **READ-A-THON**!!!! Get your 99 pledges ready because we have exciting prizes and events planned for a successful **RAT**!

Many of our clubs are in full swing at this time of the year. Please be sure to confirm the start and end times. Students should be dropped off a few minutes prior (AM) and picked up on time (PM) for safety and supervision reasons. Students will wait outside until the club sponsor opens the gate each day. Sadly, the office is too small for groups of students.

Monday, September 18, Interims will be posted in FOCUS. Be sure to check for your child's latest progress!

You're fern-tastic!!

Our gardens and grounds are looking amazing. Huge SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Chamberlin and Mrs. Jernstedt for their dedication during such a steamy time of year! We are so appreciative! We also had Mr. Netterstrom mowing in front of the school for our walkers and bike riders a few Saturday's ago. PLEASE THANK HIM! As always, we are blessed with the support of our Freedom 7 community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kathy Lott

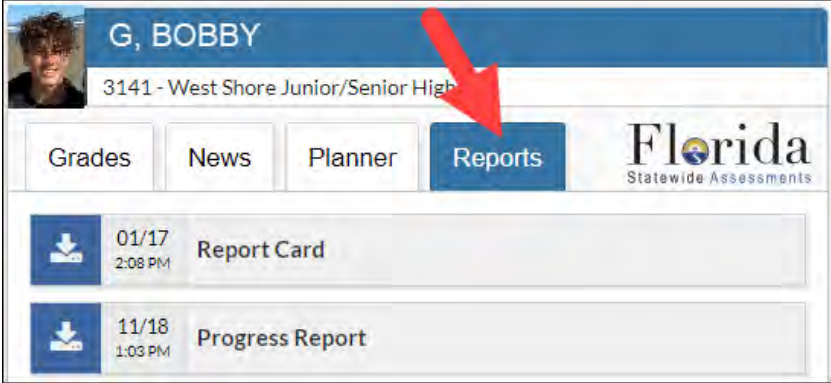
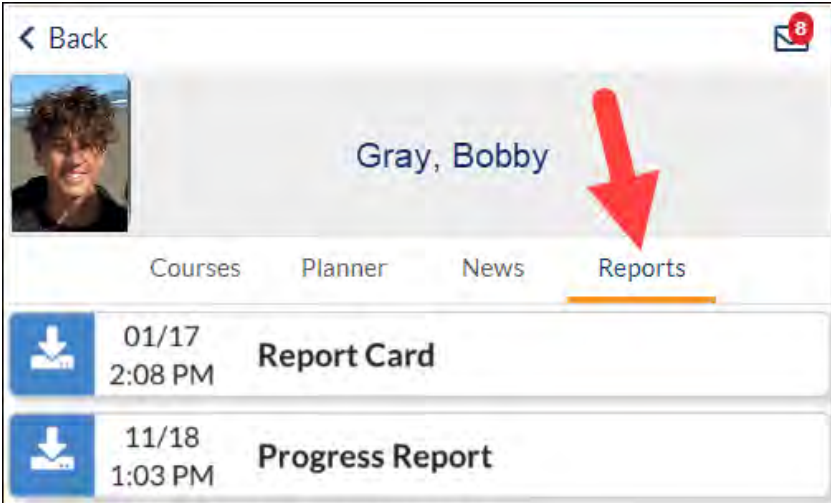
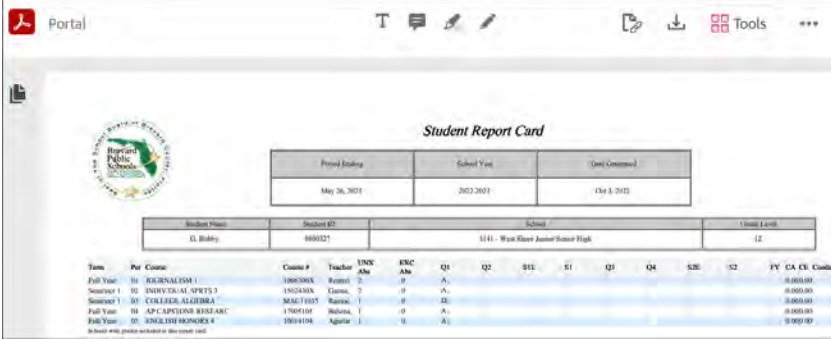



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Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, provides a quality public education with a rigorous and relevant transdisciplinary curriculum. Students are encouraged to become critical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

Focus for Parents

How to View Published Reports

<p>1. Log in to your Parent FOCUS account.</p> <p>In the student block, click the tab Reports.</p> <p>Available reports will display. The following reports in this example:</p> <p>Progress Report = Interim Report Report Card = 9-week Report Card</p> <p>Titusville High School Progress Report = Report Cards</p> <p>Elementary Schools Progress Report = Interim Report Q# - Grade 03-06 = Report Card Q# - Grade 01-02 = Report Card Q# - Grade K = Report Card</p> <p>Click the link and the report will open.</p>	<p>Computer View</p>  <p>Mobile App View</p> 
<p>2. A pdf of the report will open where the user can view, print, or download.</p>	
<p>3. To view Published Reports from previous years, change the dropdown at the top of the page.</p>	

Join Us! Freedom 7 School Advisory Council!

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

September's Mtg will be
via Zoom at this time.

[Click Here](#)

September 19

October 17

December 19

January 16

February 20

April 16



The Learner Profile, Communicator

Students who are COMMUNICATORS are able to think and communicate in more than one language. They can express their ideas by speaking, drawing, and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols. *How can parents help to develop students who are Communicators at home?*

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other countries by writing letters, using the phone, or sending email.
- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.
- Ask your child thought-provoking questions and encourage them to discuss their answer with you. For example: "Is there anything you cannot buy with money?"
- Work with your child to improve his/her listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.



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 this form and return it to your child's teacher or the front office along with payment by **October 2, 2023**. **Make checks payable to Freedom 7 Elementary.**

The prices for the long-sleeved shirts will be: \$16.00 for youth sizes \$17.00 for adult sizes

Long-Sleeved Blue Ribbon Shirt Order

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Youth size quantity, \$16.00 each: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

Adult size quantity, \$17.00 each: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____

Check amount: _____ Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

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

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

The World Languages Club would like to remind you that this month is National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. During this time, Americans observe by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors arrived from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



Also, Semester 1 Registration for *the World Languages Club is now closed*. Second semester will start in January 2024. Date: TBA.

Sept 18-Sept 22

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 0



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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.



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Understanding Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reports for Families

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking Scores

The FAST results are reported at the student, teacher, school, district, and state levels.

For the 2022–23 school year, the following information for grades 3–10 FAST ELA Reading and grades 3–8 FAST Mathematics will be reported the FAST grades 3–10 ELA Reading and 3–8 Mathematics assessments are computer-adaptive tests (C.A.T.s):

- Provisional scores will be linked to the 2021-2022 score scale, as required by law.
- Students will receive an overall scale score and achievement level for the score on the linked scale.
- Students will receive reporting category
- After the close of each PM window, the Florida Department of Education (F.D.O.E.) will report percentile ranks at the student level for parents, schools, and districts, as well as comparisons at the school, district, and state level

PM1 and PM2 Scores

Each progress monitoring test covers the complete “test blueprint,” meaning that all content expectations for that subject and grade level are assessed. Therefore, for PM 1 and PM2, your student may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. Teachers and families must understand that score information provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2, respectively. These results are for informational purposes only and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations.

PM3 Scores

PM3 provides a summative score at the end of the year to measure student mastery of the grade-level content standards. In addition, the PM3 student report would show a student’s performance for all three windows for comparison if the student participated in each PM opportunity.

Family Portal

The FAST Family Portal will be available in Fall 2022, **after the close of the first PM window**. You can access your student’s FAST results in the portal using the login information provided by your school. Once the portal is available, this guide section will be updated.

Individual Student Reports

The top of the Individual Student Report contains student, school, and district information and the grade-level/subject test the student took. The example shown is for a Grade 4 FAST ELA Reading test.

- **Score information:** The **LEFT-SIDE** area displays the student’s scale score, achievement level, and a chart indicating the student’s scale score and where it falls in the achievement level.
- **Notes for families:** The **RIGHT-SIDE** area contains essential notes for families.
 1. 2022-23 FAST scores are reported on the 2021-22 score scale.
 2. Percentile Rank (displayed in the blue-shaded area) is not calculated until the close of each PM window (PM1 10/1) and will show your student’s performance compared to all other students who took the same test in this PM window.

- **Performance by Reporting Category:** The **BOTTOM** section displays the student’s achievement level (below, at/near, above the standard) for each reporting category in the test. These classifications indicate a student’s level of success with items that assess the benchmarks within each category.

Scale Score: 327 Achievement Level: Level 2 Percentile Rank: n/a

How Did Your Student Do on the Test?

Level 5 Mastery: Students who score in Level 5 demonstrate mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They are highly likely to excel in the next grade.

Level 4 Proficient: Students who score in Level 4 demonstrate proficiency in the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They are likely to excel in the next grade.

Level 3 On-Grade-Level: Students who score in Level 3 demonstrate on-grade-level mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. They may need additional support to excel in the next grade.

Level 2 Below Satisfactory: Students who score in Level 2 demonstrate a below satisfactory level of mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are likely to need substantial support.

Level 1 Inadequate: Students who score in Level 1 demonstrate an inadequate level of mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards for their grade. To be prepared for the next grade, they are highly likely to need substantial support.

Score
327

Please note, for the 2022-2023 school year only, student achievement levels are provisional, and are linked to the 2021-2022 reporting scale, as required by Florida law. For 2023-2024 and beyond, scores will be reported on a new scale after the State Board of Education adopts new student achievement expectations in fall of 2023.

Percentile rank will be reported after the PM window closes. This rank will indicate where your student's performance falls compared to all other students who took the same test in this window.

Please visit the FAST Portal at www.ffast.org to access additional information and resources, including a Parent Quick Guide that explains each element of this report and what it means for your student.

Students who scored a Level 1 or Level 2 may be eligible to receive free books on a monthly basis through the New Worlds Reading Initiative. Visit <http://newworldsreading.com> for more information.

Students who scored a Level 1 or Level 2 may be eligible for a \$500 reading scholarship to be used for instructional materials, tutoring, and summer or after school educational programs. Visit <http://Stepupforstudents.org/reading> for more information.

How Did Your Student Perform on Different Areas of the Test?

Below the Standard
 At/Near the Standard
 Above the Standard

Category	Achievement Level	Achievement Level Description
Reading Across Genres & Vocabulary	▲	The student performance is at/near the standard.
Reading Informational Text	▲	The student performance is at/near the standard.
Reading Prose and Poetry	▲	The student performance is at/near the standard.

Achievement Levels

The images below describe each level and provide the scale score ranges for each level by grade level/subject test. Please remember that these levels are from the 2021-22 performance scale. New achievement levels for the FAST scale will be available in summer of 2023. Achievement levels range from Level 1 to Level 5. For all assessments, Level 3 indicates on-grade-level performance.

Achievement Levels



	Below Satisfactory:	On-Grade-Level:	Proficient:	Mastery:
1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate:	Below Satisfactory:	On-Grade-Level:	Proficient:	Mastery:
Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course	May need additional support for the next grade/course	Likely to excel in the next grade/course	Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course

Scale Score Ranges for Each Achievement Level

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 3 E.L.A. Reading	240–284	285–299	300–314	315–329	330–360
Grade 4 E.L.A. Reading	251–296	297–310	311–324	325–339	340–372
Grade 5 E.L.A. Reading	257–303	304–320	321–335	336–351	352–385
Grade 6 E.L.A. Reading	259–308	309–325	326–338	339–355	356–391
Grade 7 E.L.A. Reading	267–317	318–332	333–345	346–359	360–397
Grade 8 E.L.A. Reading	274–321	322–336	337–351	352–365	366–403
Grade 9 E.L.A. Reading	276–327	328–342	343–354	355–369	370–407
Grade 10 E.L.A. Reading	284–333	334–349	350–361	362–377	378–412
Grade 3 Mathematics	240–284	285–296	297–310	311–326	327–360
Grade 4 Mathematics	251–298	299–309	310–324	325–339	340–376
Grade 5 Mathematics	256–305	306–319	320–333	334–349	350–388
Grade 6 Mathematics	260–309	310–324	325–338	339–355	356–390
Grade 7 Mathematics	269–315	316–329	330–345	346–359	360–391
Grade 8 Mathematics	273–321	322–336	337–352	353–364	365–393

Reporting Categories

ELA Reading assessments measure student performance of the B.E.S.T. content standards. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on the ELA Reading tests progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the text presented to the student at each grade level.

Grades 3–10

1. Reading Across Genres and Vocabulary
2. Reading Informational Text
3. Reading Prose and Poetry

Mathematics assessments measure student performance of the B.E.S.T. content standards. The difficulty of the concepts assessed on the mathematics tests progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the numerals and mathematical operations included at each grade level.

Grade 3

1. Fractional Reasoning
2. Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability
3. Number Sense and Additive Reasoning
4. Number Sense and Multiplicative Reasoning

Grade 4

1. Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability
2. Number Sense and Operations with Fractions and Decimals
3. Number Sense and Operations with Whole Numbers

Grade 5

1. Algebraic Reasoning
2. Geometric Reasoning, Measurement, and Data Analysis and Probability
3. Number Sense and Operations with Fractions and Decimals
4. Number Sense and Operations with Whole Numbers

Grade 6

1. Algebraic Reasoning
2. Geometric Reasoning, Data Analysis, and Probability
3. Number Sense and Operations

Grade 7

1. Data Analysis and Probability
2. Geometric Reasoning
3. Number Sense and Operations and Algebraic Reasoning
4. Proportional Reasoning and Relationships

Grade 8

1. Algebraic Reasoning
2. Geometric Reasoning
3. Linear Relationships, Data Analysis, and Functions
4. Number Sense and Operations and Probability