



# The Ambassador



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

Kathryn Lott, Principal Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

April 19, 2024



Dear families,

This was an amazing week! We started the week recognizing our military children with **“Purple Up”** Day! This day recognizes some of the military’s most unsung heroes – their children. The day encourages everyone to wear purple representing all branches of the military and showing unity with each other. When we wear purple in their honor, we let them know we support them in all branches of the military – Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force. Whether they are a part of the military family for a short while or their entire childhood, the military child deserves to know they have the support of their community.

Staff Appreciation was at a whole new level! You all spoiled us! What a fun themed week from Donuts & Disco, Groovy Greens, 80s Vibe Party w/ Glamour Shots, Happy Days Burgers and Shakes, and Fab Staff Lux Water Bar!!! The staff got in the spirit and the laughs and fun spilled over! Very needed this time of year. Thank you for taking care of us this week and ALWAYS!

BIG News- Please Share!!! We have open spots in 4<sup>th</sup> grade immediately for fall! Tell your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade friends to get on the BPS website and apply to Freedom 7’s waitlist. We will be admitting some 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the near future!!! Apply [Here](#) Now!

Have a beautiful beachy 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.

# 4th Grade 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Freedom 7 4th Grade students participated in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. To accompany the How We Express Ourselves PYP Unit, students had agency in choosing their topic, wrote their speech, and then delivered their speech to their classmates. The top 3 students from each class then moved on to the school contest to compete for a chance to present at the county-level competition in a few weeks. The top two winners of the county finals will have the opportunity to present their speech to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in May. Through this experience, students were able to work on their research, writing, and communication Approaches to Learning. Congratulations to all!

## Classroom Winners

Silas C.  
Tahra K.  
Brinkley G.  
Jasmine P.  
Leo Z.  
Advay S.  
Gwyneth C.  
Cali M.  
Riley A.



## School Winners

1st Jasmine P.  
2nd Tahra K.  
3rd Silas C.

Congratulations to Jasmine P. who will represent Freedom 7 at the county-level competition in a few weeks!



# ART SHOW

FREEDOM 7 ELEMENTARY

APRIL 24, 2024

EVERY ARTISTS AT F7 WILL HAVE AN ART  
PIECE ON DISPLAY!

SAVE THE DATE  
WEDNESDAY 24 4:00-6:00PM

FREEDOM 7 ELEMENTARY

VIP PASS

ALL ACCESS

## Spring Mini-Concerts

Freedom 7 Elementary

### 2nd Grade

Friday, April 26th at 9:30am

School Café'

Check in through the office.

### 3rd Grade

Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30pm

Recorder Concert\* - Café' Pavilion

\*Part of the school Art Show

Students can dress however they want  
to within uniform standards.

Arrive at 5:15pm

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Congratulations to the following artists for  
entries into this year's 2023-2024 BPs  
School Board Virtual Art Show:

Georgie S.

Anna V.

Ryleigh W.

Ava R.

Congratulations to Anna V for winning  
3<sup>rd</sup> place for 4<sup>th</sup> grade with her artwork titled  
**"Wolf. Yes. Its Literally Just A Wolf."**

Click [here](#) to view the show.

#### Artful Evaluation website short cuts:

Click on the image and it will expand from the  
thumbnail to the full-size image, if it is a video the  
video will play.

To filter entries: Go to the search bar and type in  
either the student's name, artwork title, school  
name, grade level, or winning award category and  
the selected group will appear.

The link is also located on the home page of Artful-  
evaluation.com, near the bottom of the webpage.  
Also included for viewing are former Brevard art  
show links.

*Alexis Van Vuren*

Art Teacher



# SPRING CONCERT

Beginning Strings  
Intermediate Strings

COCOA BEACH JR/SR  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
April 30, 2024  
6:00PM

Questions? Email [haag.sandra@brevardschools.org](mailto:haag.sandra@brevardschools.org)

BPS is once again surveying teachers, parents, and students through Project Tomorrow's Speak Up Survey. These results are shared with local, state, and national policymakers and utilized to make decisions about technology purchases and instructional integration within BPS. The survey will be open from April 15 to May 6, 2024, for student, parent, and faculty participation. The link will be published to the Focus Portal, and can be found [here](#) as well.



## Essay Contest

# "WHY I WANT TO BE AN ASTRONAUT"

Congratulations: **SARA A.**  
**ALEX H.**  
**HAZEL ROSE S.**

These students will represent Freedom 7 at the Lockheed Martin sponsored **Astronaut Training Experience (ATX)** on April 30th



**Freedom 7 Elementary  
School of International Studies**

A National Blue Ribbon School,  
Brevard County Millennium School of Choice

Apply for our  
2024-2025 Waitlist

A bright future starts

4th grade positions  
open for fall!

here.



Dear Parents:

As part of our ongoing improvement process, the District has reviewed our annual enrollment process. The following changes to are highlighted below.

- ✓ *Simplified and condensed the amount of information being collected while ensuring that critical information is embedded in one process.*
- ✓ *Pre-populated information on sections that have already been provided to the District.*
- ✓ *Eliminated the need of two proofs of residence verification.*
- ✓ *Change of timeline from March to July.*
- ✓ *Modified language to make it more parent friendly.*
- ✓ *Reduced signatures from 11 to ONLY 1!*
- ✓ *Added a ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION form to assist schools with enrollment numbers.*

At this time, your ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION is required. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete this process by logging on to your FOCUS account. The Annual Re-enrollment form will be available on July 8, 2024. All enrollment documents may be found under your child's name in the forms summary section.

Should you need any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

April 22 - April 26

Monday No School

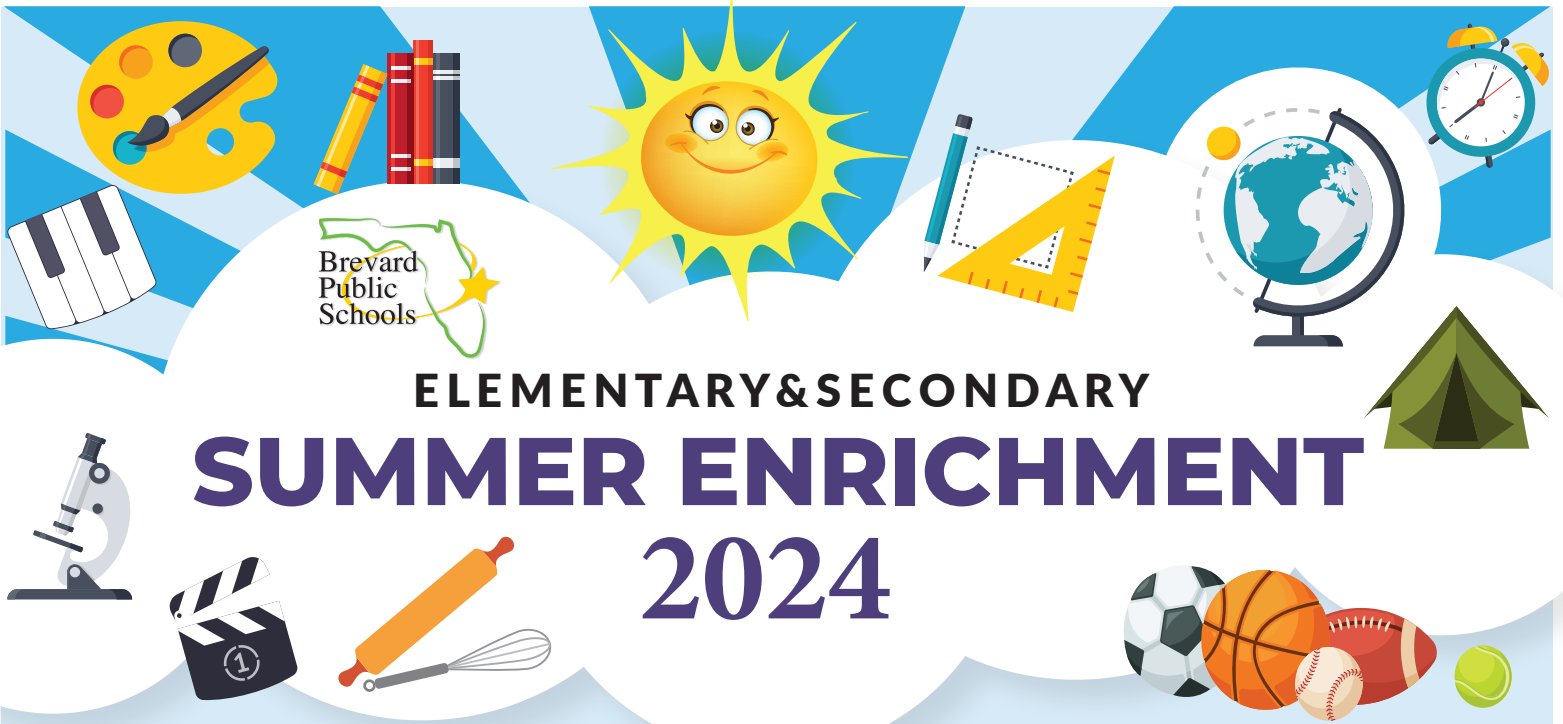
Tuesday Day 4

Wednesday Day 5

Thursday Day 6

Friday Day 0

Parent input forms for 2024-2025 are available in the front office.



Brevard  
Public  
Schools

# ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SUMMER ENRICHMENT 2024

Hello BPS parents, guardians, students and community! This year will be offering enrichment sessions at select elementary and secondary schools. Our BPS teachers are showcasing their talents, hobbies, and expertise to ours schools for a unique learning environment.

All Summer Enrichment opportunities are free of cost for all students of Brevard from ages kindergarten through twelfth grade. Parents of charter school, private school, or home education students when registering enter either *Charter*, *Private* or *Home Education* for the student's BPS Identification Number.

## Culinary CPR

# Summer Programs Offered

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|-------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 3D Printing | Cricut Design          | Creative Writing | Arts & Crafts |                  |
| Band Camp   | Theatre                | Robotics         | Coding        | Water Adventures |
| Step Dance  | American Sign Language |                  | Sports Camp   |                  |

**Elementary Sessions**  
7:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Secondary Sessions**  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Weekly programs will be held Monday - Thursday  
with no classes on Fridays.

WEEK 1 <b>June 3-6</b>	WEEK 2 <b>June 10-13</b>	WEEK 3 <b>June 17-20</b>	WEEK 4 <b>June 24-27</b>
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## Start registering online May 1st!



Transportation will be provided, but with limited capacity.



Breakfast and lunch are provided free of charge.



(website linked QR Code)

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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 for 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 third administration (PM3) of the Grades 3-6 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) **Reading and Mathematics assessments on:**

- **May 1, 2024: Reading**
- **May 2, 2024: Mathematics**

The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that 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>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics assessments, 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 student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content

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- **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.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **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 the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown at 321-868-6610.

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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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based **Grade 5 Statewide Science assessment on: May 8, 2024.**

Statewide Science assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may work up to the length of a typical school day.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grade 8 Science, 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 a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
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- **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. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

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