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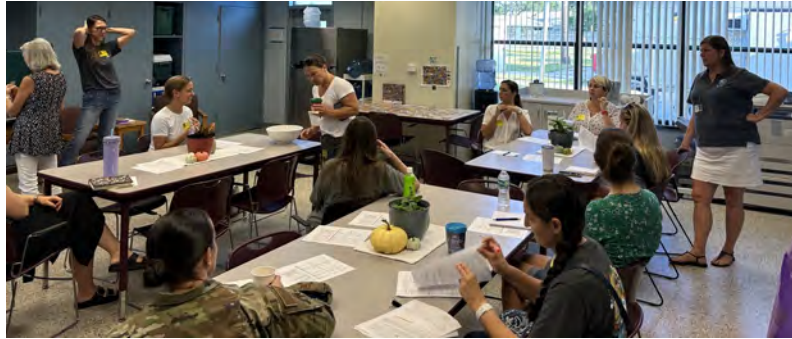


Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies
An International Baccalaureate World School

Kathryn Lott, Principal Lisa Megown, Assistant Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September 8, 2023



Dear families,

Our Lattes with Lott was so nice this morning. We filled the room, met new friends, enjoyed coffee (THANK YOU Mr. Pisani- STARBUCKS, COCOA BEACH), and talked. What a great way to connect about all things school and fun. Our next Lattes with Lott is scheduled for December 8. We hope you will join us!



Next week, student Interims will be posted for grades 1-6. Be sure to check FOCUS for the latest on your child's progress.

Also, students in grades 3-6 have participated in their first round of progress monitoring assessment- FAST. K-2 will take their STAR testing next Tuesday and Wednesday. This data will be used to guide instruction moving forward. All parents will receive their child's results within 14 days of testing. If you have any questions about the scores or your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher or our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Megown at 321-868-6610.

Please help make sure your child is attending school each day. We noticed a larger number of students out these first few weeks of school. Being in class allows your child to receive instruction, engage in class discussions, and participate in IB related activities that are essential for learning. It is also in your choice school agreements! Every day counts!

Have a great weekend!

Kathy Lott



Sept 11-Sept 15

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 0

400 Fourth Street South, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931
Telephone: 321-868-6610 Fax: 321-877-0931 <https://www.brevardschools.org/Freedom7ES>

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.

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BPS School Board Performance



Thank you Mrs. Haag and Mrs. Watters for helping our strings and pianist players for last night's board meeting in Viera. To watch [CLICK HERE](#)

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Freedom 7 Families,

Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies will hold elections for the School Advisory Council (S.A.C.) representatives on September 15, 2023 - September 22, 2023. Any parent of a student enrolled at Freedom 7 is eligible to run for a council seat. One of the roles of this council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the principal. Another role is to target the varied educational and environmental goals set by its stakeholders. Serving on the S.A.C., as a parent representative, is an important role. It will require the following commitments:

- Your attendance at monthly meeting - currently held on the third Tuesday of every month at 4:15 p.m., but subject to changes as the committee sees fit.
- An active role in the outreach functions of the S.A.C.
- A two-year commitment.

There are currently 2 parent seats available on the S.A.C. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please fill out the nomination form on the next page. Briefly explain why you want to hold this position and be sure to include a short biography. In the instance you would like to nominate someone other than yourself, please check with him or her first. Then fill out the nomination form accurately on his/her behalf. We encourage all interested parents to respond to this opportunity to serve Freedom 7 in a significant way.

All nomination forms must be returned to the front office no later than Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The ballot containing the names of those who wish to serve will be sent home Friday, September 15, 2023. Ballots will be due back to the school by Friday, September 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Thank you,

Kathryn Lott
Principal

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NOMINATION FOR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Name _____ Your child(ren)'s grade(s) _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____ Other _____

All seats on the School Advisory Committee are two-year terms.

Briefly describe why you want to hold this position: _____

Please include a biographical paragraph with pertinent background information:

Please return to the front office by Thursday, September 14, 2023

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The Learner Profile, knowledgeable

Students who are KNOWLEDGEABLE have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations. *How can parents help to develop students who are Knowledgeable at home?*

- Encourage your child to read books at home that correspond with the topics being covered in school.
- Ask your child about what they are learning in school and engage them in conversations about it:
 - “Why do you think that it is an important thing to know about?”
 - “Can you think of anything happening in the world today that might be similar to that aspect of history?”
 - “You’re learning about pulleys and gears at school? That reminds me of your simple machines unit in a previous grade. Have you noticed any similarities? How is what you are learning different?”
- Foster any area that your child expresses interest in with books and activities, but also be sure to encourage them to explore other areas.



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: _____



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.



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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 take the Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance: Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) on the sessions of the following two days:

- **Tuesday September 12, 2023 – Reading**
- **Wednesday September 13, 2023.- 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 PM1 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. If you or your student would like to review [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math] sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

[The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.]

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lisa Megown at Megown.lisa@brevardschools.org

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lott
Principal

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Estimados padres de familia/tutores:

La Evaluación de Razonamiento Estudiantil de Florida (*Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking, FAST*) es una herramienta para el seguimiento del progreso estudiantil, la cual se administrará tres veces por curso para observar el progreso de su estudiante en relación con el aprendizaje de los Indicadores de Rendimiento para un Razonamiento Estudiantil de Excelencia (*Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking, B.E.S.T.*, por sus siglas en inglés) a lo largo de este curso escolar. El propósito de esta carta es informarle que su estudiante realizará la(s) evaluación(es) de [kindergarten/1^{er} grado/2^o grado] Renaissance [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math)] el

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Los resultados del PM1 de su estudiante son solo para fines informativos y la escuela de su estudiante le proporcionará información sobre cómo acceder a los resultados, una vez que complete la evaluación.

Las evaluaciones FAST son pruebas adaptativas que se toman por computadora o tableta digital. Las preguntas se hacen o bien más fáciles o bien más difíciles, dependiendo de cómo responda el estudiante, y asimismo cada alumno realizará preguntas diferentes. Si usted o su estudiante desean revisar algunos ejemplos de Star Early Literacy, Star Reading y/o Star Math en su hogar, encontrará ejemplos disponibles en el enlace <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

La evaluación Star Early Literacy generalmente toma menos de 15 minutos para su realización. La evaluación Star Reading generalmente se completa en menos de 20 minutos, y la evaluación Star Math generalmente toma menos de 30 minutos en realizarse.

Si tiene alguna pregunta relacionada con la administración de esta prueba, puede comunicarse con Lisa Megown at Megown.lisa@breavrdschools.org

Para obtener más información sobre el Programa de Evaluaciones Estatales de Florida (Florida Statewide Assessments Program), visite el portal en FLFAST.org

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

Atentamente,

Kathryn Lott
Principal

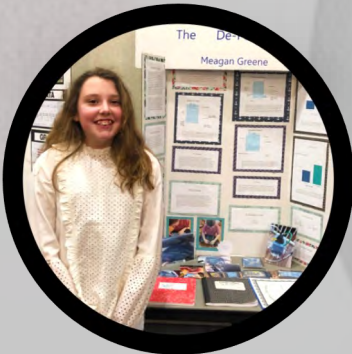
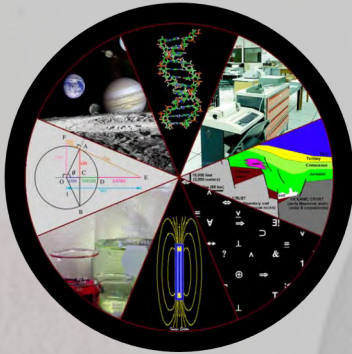
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Brevard County "Research Rules"

A science fair conference for students in grades 3-8, their teachers, and parents. Learn how to design a winning project with lots of useful tips from subject matter experts!



Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Brevard Public Schools

District Building, Viera

FREE!!

Register at: www.spacecoastscience.org

This event is sponsored by the Space Coast Science Education Alliance

Space at this free event is limited! Only students actively participating should attend. Limited to one adult per child.

Questions? Contact

spacecoastscience@gmail.com

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Parent/Community Involvement Opportunities K-12 Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is inviting parents/community members to provide input for the selection of State Standards aligned instructional materials. There are four opportunities for parent/community input.

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) is committed to fostering the kinds of high-quality learning experiences we know students need to ensure they have a solid K-12 Social Studies education. The upcoming instructional materials adoption cycle for social studies is an opportunity to select high-quality instructional materials that support these kinds of learning experiences beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Participating in the instructional materials review process is a powerful opportunity for teachers, administrators, parents, and community members.

Date of Event	Description of Event	Due Date
<p>September 5-15th, 2023</p>	<p>Brevard Instructional Materials Review Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants will work collaboratively with teachers and school administrators to come to consensus and recommend Florida State Standards aligned instructional materials to the School Board of Brevard County ● Access the application online here <p>Note: The District Review Team will attend training on 9/20/23 from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Brevard School Board Room, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera 32940. Members selected must attend ALL District Review Team meetings.</p>	<p>September 15, 2023</p>
<p>September 18-October 6, 2023</p> <p>Online Access Opens for Parent Input Survey</p>	<p>Parent/Community Input Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants will have online access to instructional materials prior to selection ● Explore materials at your own pace and provide input to the selection committee ● Directions will be posted by 5pm September 18, 2023 on the BPS Instructional Materials Social Studies Adoption website 	<p>October 6, 2023 by 5pm</p>
<p>October 3, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Cuyler Park 2329 Harry T. Moore Ave, Mims, FL 32754</p>	<p>Parent/Community Information Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants will examine instructional materials and have the opportunity to provide input prior to selection ● District Content Experts and Resource Teachers will be on hand to answer questions 	<p>October 3, 2023</p>
<p>October 4, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Central Middle School 2600 Wingate Blvd. W. Melbourne, FL 32904</p>	<p>Parent/Community Information Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants will examine instructional materials and have the opportunity to provide input prior to selection ● District Content Experts and Resource Teachers will be on hand to answer questions 	<p>October 4, 2023</p>

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<p>October 2nd, 9th, and 10th *October 17th and 19th if needed</p> <p>K-6 Quest Elementary 7-12 Eau Gallie High School</p> <p>5:00-7:00 pm *times extended if needed</p>	<p>Parent/Community Observer of District Review Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to visit during any of the District Review Team meetings 	<p>October 2nd, 9th, and 10th *October 17th and 19th if needed</p>

For further information, please contact:
Janet Stephenson, Instructional Materials Contact
stephenson.janet@brevardschools.org



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

Convenient

Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement

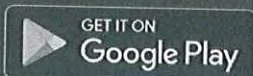
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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HOW TO AVOID A 'HAIR RAISING' EXPERIENCE



- Watch for signs of head lice. **Check your children every few days.** Lice are easier to eliminate if caught early.
- Teach your children not to share hats, headgear, scarves, headphones and grooming items (combs, hairbrushes, etc.) and to avoid direct head-to-head contact.
- To kill lice on bedding, clothes, etc., wash and dry them as you would ordinarily. **NEVER add any pesticide.** Vacuum materials that cannot be washed.
- If you are concerned about head lice on carpets or furniture, vacuum them thoroughly or wipe smooth surfaces with a damp cloth.
- Wash stuffed animals or vacuum them thoroughly. **NEVER spray them with a pesticide.**
- To kill lice on brushes, combs or hair accessories, wash them with hot, soapy water. **NEVER spray them with a pesticide.**

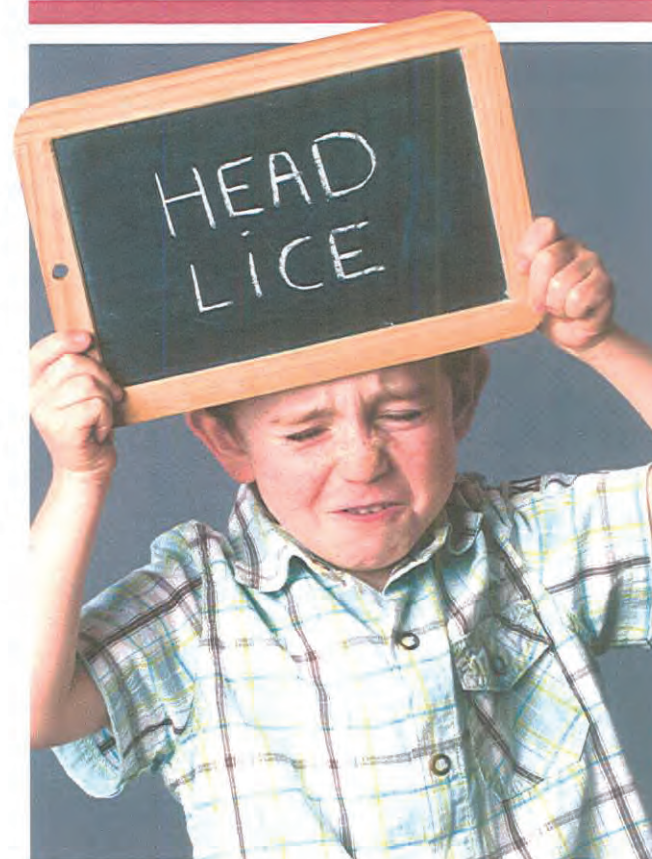
10 Tips for manual removal

1. Work in a well lighted area or use a flashlight and hand lens.
2. Use a grooming comb or hairbrush to remove tangles. A hair detangler spray or other hair conditioner may aid in this process.
3. Divide the hair into sections and fasten off the hair that is not being worked on.
4. Use a lice comb to detect and remove lice and nits. See figure 1 and figure 2 in this brochure.
5. Go through hair sections from the scalp to the end of the hair. Nits are usually found close to the scalp.
6. Dip the comb in a cup of hot, soapy water or use tape to remove lice, nits or debris from the comb.
7. Sift through the same section of hair and look for attached nits and live lice.
8. Move on to the next section until the entire scalp and all hair has been checked.
9. Screen the infested person every day for 10 days and regularly thereafter.
10. If additional nits (at least 3-5 per day) are discovered, another manual search is recommended.

"Manual removal is the safe alternative and necessary component of any head lice treatment regimen." –National Pediculosis Association

You can completely control a head lice infestation with manual removal alone. You **cannot** completely control head lice with head lice shampoos alone. **You must combine shampoo treatment with manual removal.**

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO THE 'NITTY-GRITTY' ABOUT HEAD LICE



Paul Guillebeau and Gretchen Van De Mark
Department of Entomology

Head Lice 101: THE BASICS

Do not panic! Head lice are not an emergency and, in most cases, do not pose any health risk. **However, misuse of pesticides and use of unlabeled treatments (ex., kerosene) can pose a health risk.**

Head lice **cannot** live off a human host for more than 24-48 hours.
Head lice **cannot** live on pets.
Head lice **cannot** reproduce in carpets, furniture or other household furnishings.

Pesticide sprays do little or nothing to control lice. Never treat your home, car, furniture, beds, pillows, or clothing with pesticides (e.g. 'lice bombs,' flea bombs, sprays, etc.) in an attempt to control head lice. You will expose yourself and your family to unnecessary pesticide risk.

Head lice can affect people of any socioeconomic background and ethnicity. They do not imply a lack of hygiene or cleanliness of the infested person.

If your school sprays rooms, buses, furniture, etc., to control head lice, ask them to stop immediately. Refer your school to the Cooperative Extension brochure entitled *A School's Guide to the 'Nitty-Gritty' About Head Lice*.

Head lice are very common among all classes of people. More than 12 million people, mostly children and school personnel, get head lice per year.

Direct head-to-head contact with an infested person is the main way head lice are transmitted, but they may also be transmitted by sharing hats, scarves, headphones, combs and other hair accessories. **Lice cannot hop, jump, or fly, but they can crawl rapidly.**

Signs of head lice:

- frequent head scratching
- complaints of itchy scalp/head
- redness behind ears or on the back of the neck



Head louse
Pediculus capitis

Head lice are small, wingless parasitic insects. They are typically 1/6 - 1/8 inch long, brownish in color with darker margins. The claws on the end of each of their six legs are well adapted to grasping a hair strand.

A child cannot 'catch nits.'
Nits (lice eggs) can only be laid by live lice.

Female head lice glue their grayish-white to brown eggs (nits) securely to hair shafts. The eggs are resistant to pesticides, and they are difficult to remove without a special 'nit-comb.' The nits are generally near the scalp, but they may be found anywhere on the hair shaft.



Nits (lice eggs)
photo courtesy of the University of Florida.

The best treatment for head lice is manual removal (see '10 tips for manual removal' in this brochure).

If a lice shampoo is warranted, ask your doctor or pharmacist for specifics on the product and **follow all label instructions exactly. Misapplications can be ineffective and dangerous as well.**

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