



The Ambassador

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



Kathryn Lott
Principal

October 8, 2021

Lucy Haddock, Ed.D.
Assistant Principal



Principal's Message



Hello Everyone,

Did you complete your renewal application? October 1 through October 29 is the window to secure your child/ren's educational opportunity at Freedom 7 for the 2022-2023 school year. Each year we have long waitlists and without your renewal you could find yourself without seat at F7. Once your renewal is accepted it is EQUALLY important to go into your dashboard and accept the seat. All of this has to occur prior to the end of the day October 29. Do not wait until the last minute! DO it TODAY 😊

Renew Here! <https://brevardflc.scriborder.com/family>

228 have renewed- ONLY 177 have accepted their seat! We have over 340 of y'all 😊 Let's do it!!

WE NEED YOUR PROMOTIONAL HELP!! Applications for NEW students opens up November 1 through December 3. 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 would love for you to share the informational flyer in this newsletter everywhere. We've also attached it in the newsletter separately to make it easier. We offer tours for NEW applying families on many Fridays. They can sign up on our school website and learn more about our school!

Freedom 7 Elementary website: <https://www.brevardschools.org/Freedom7ES>

October is Bully Prevention Month. Using our Learner Profile Attributes, we will raise awareness and learn about our important role in preventing bullying. October 20 we will celebrate Unity Day! Students and staff may wear **ORANGE** shirts with their uniform to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

Have a fabulous fall weekend!

Kathy



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Employee of the Year

Freedom 7 Elementary

DEVIN SMITH





We appreciate you!
You are the best!



Mrs. Kathy Lott

October is

PRINCIPAL

APPRECIATION

MONTH





Freedom 7 Elementary

Grades: K-6

Enrollment:
414

Mission: To continue the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, a concept based curriculum that empowers students to become inquirers who are responsible, globally-minded citizens and reflective lifelong learners.

Vision: 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.

PRINCIPAL:

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Noteworthy

- School of International Studies
- Authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School
- 1 of 3 Millennium Schools of Choice
- Strong Community Connections Across Brevard
- 1:1 Ratio with Technology
- All Students Receive Foreign Language
- Digital Student Portfolios K-6
- Conceptual Learning
- Global Day of Play Participant 2019, 2020

Academic Excellence

- Future Problem Solving International Competition Team State Winners and Competitors in International Competition 2021
- Multiple District Science Fair Winners
- Destination Mars Team Winner
- Students Academically Perform at the Top of Brevard
- Among the State's Top Performing Schools
- Proficiency levels within the 90-100 in both ELA and Math



SCHOOL COLORS

Mascot: Eagle

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Communications & Community/Parent Involvement

- Facebook
- Parent Newsletters Weekly; The Ambassador
- APT Newsletter
- Classroom Websites
- Blackboard Connect
- FOCUS
- PeachJar
- School Advisory Committee
- Class Dojo
- Toddle
- APT Website
- APT General Meetings
- Minimum 20 hours Volunteer Time per Family
- Annual Patriot's Day

Special Programs or Activities



- Robotics Junior League
- Future Problem Solving
- Destination Mars
- World Geography Club
- Chess Club
- World Languages Club
- Book Slam
- Chorus
- Strings
- Milage Club
- Makerspace Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Safety Patrols
- AACT (Action Ambassadors Committee Team)
- WORLD TV production
- District Art Show
- District Science Fair
- Discovering Quality Literature
- Zoo Club
- Quill Club



Awards & Recognitions

- Future Problem Solving International Competition Team State Winners and Competitors in International Competition 2021
- Multiple District Science Fair Winners
- Destination Mars Team Winner
- 2020/2021 Assistant Principal of the Year Nominee
- 2020/2021 Brevard Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Brevard Volunteer of the Year
- Two Time Recipient as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (2008, 2014)
- A+ School Since Opening in 2000

Describe the culture of Freedom 7 Elementary:

At Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies, we empower our students to be open-minded, lifelong learners and globally minded citizens who celebrate cultural diversity and take action to better our world.

Kathryn Lott, Principal



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Florida KidCare

Free or Low-Cost Health and Dental Insurance for Kids

Your child and their siblings could be one of the 179,000 children eligible for completely free or low-cost health and dental insurance through Florida KidCare – even if one or both parents are working.

Approximately 2.3 million children rely on Florida KidCare for the head-to-toe coverage they need from birth through the end of age 18. Florida KidCare is designed to provide services to children at each stage of growth and development. Health and dental services are delivered through quality plans that offer a choice of local doctors, dentists, specialists,

hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers.

Benefits include but are not limited to:

- Doctor Visits
- Check-ups
- Vision & Hearing
- Dental Care
- Hospital Stays
- Surgeries
- Immunizations
- Prescriptions
- Emergencies
- Mental Health Services

Florida KidCare includes free, subsidized and full-pay options based on family income and household size. Most families pay nothing at all for coverage, and many pay as little as \$15 or \$20 a month. Families who do not qualify for free or subsidized coverage may purchase a competitively priced full-pay plan.

Lawfully residing immigrant children are eligible without a waiting period, and information about a parent's immigration status won't be asked.

With no application fee and year-round enrollment, the time to apply is always now. Simply fill out the application, and Florida KidCare will match your child with the right option.

Apply online at floridakidcare.org or call **1-888-540-KIDS (5437)**.



Child Safety Matters Courses

Starting in November, Ms. Lucas will be teaching the Monique Burr Prevention Education courses to all grade levels. This course teaches children awareness and 5 safety rules strategies to prevent and learn to speak out in undesired situations. The topics taught will be age appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Lucas at lucas.kathleen@brevardschools.org or 321-868-6610 ext. 44623

SOCKS FOR SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that our Third Graders will be leading Freedom 7 in a schoolwide “Socktober” funky socks fundraiser! We have partnered with *We Help Two* for several years. However, Covid has prevented us from participating the last two years. In the past, we have raised money to purchase prosthetic legs for three individuals, surgeries for two babies to correct clubfoot, and sponsorships for two children to go to school, which covered meals, uniforms, and teacher salaries.



This year, all proceeds will go towards sponsoring seven-year-old Noah Ssejongo, who lives in Uganda. Noah is currently in school, but his current sponsorship will end at the end of the year. If we meet our goal to sell 100 packs of socks, then we can send Noah to school for another full year. There are many new styles to choose from this year! There are three pairs of socks in one pack. The cost is \$12.00 for each pack. Click on the following link for more information about the campaign and to purchase your socks: <https://go.wehelptwo.com/campaign/?campaignid=12331>



We will be taking orders now through October 31st. Our Third Graders will be promoting this wonderful event and inspiring the rest of the student body to be excited to be a part of such a meaningful cause!



“Change your socks...Change a life.”



SAFETY CONNECTION: PARENT WELCOME & OPT-OUT FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year your child's school will be using the *MBF Teen Safety Matters™* program (the Program) from the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. The goal of the Program is to help keep your child safe.

The Program empowers children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, relationship abuse, digital abuse, and other digital dangers. Most importantly, it teaches that adults are responsible for children's safety. The Program is based on the latest research. It has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts.

Why does your child need a safety program?

- » 10% of children are abused before their 18th birthday
- » 14% of children have been solicited online
- » 28% of students have been bullied
- » 90% of children between 8 and 16 years have viewed explicit material online

The Program teaches about these dangers by:

- » using easy to understand language.
- » playing fun games and activities.
- » providing take-home items to remind children of the lessons.

Although the Program is designed to help your child, we all benefit when children are safe. Children perform better in school and enjoy healthier, happier, and safer lives.

You can learn more about the Program at www.mbfteensafetymatters.org. You can also download the "Child Safety Matters" app at no cost from the App Store or Google Play.

IF YOU "DO NOT" WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND CUT & RETURN THE FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.

The Program provides students with important information about dangers they may face. If you do not want your child to participate, then please educate them using another program. Please contact your child's school with any concerns before opting them out of the program.



I understand returning this form means **I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE** in the *MBF Teen Safety Matters™* lessons. I UNDERSTAND THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION contained in the program.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Reason for declining program _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____