



FREEPORT ELEMENTARY
April 2019 Newsletter
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The 3 R's

FES uses a Positive Behavior System this year. Students and staff strive to be Respectful, Responsible, and Resourceful. We encourage parents to reinforce these skills at home as well.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

- April 8 Honor Roll Assembly
4th Grade / 8:15 a.m.
3rd Grade / 9:00 a.m.
- April 9 PTO Meeting / 2:30 p.m.
- April 9 Tourist Tuesday (wear tourist attire)
- April 12 Picture order money due
- April 16 Take a Break Tuesday (wear PJ's to school)
- April 17 Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt
- April 18 1st Grade Egg Hunt / 12:00 1E & 1F, 12:30 1C & 1D,
1:00 1A & 1B
- April 19 Kindergarten Egg Hunt / 8:30 a.m.
- April 19 Mornings with mom / 8:00 K, 8:30 1st, 9:00 2nd, 9:30 3rd,
10:00 4th
- April 19 Early Release Day 11:50 a.m. / No Pre-K
- April 19 Spring Fling Dance 3rd and 4th Graders / 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- April 23 Time Travel Tuesday (flash back to 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's)
- April 23 Interim Reports go home
- April 24 Pre-K Field Trip / Gulf World
- April 26 Special Olympics Field Trip
- April 26 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast / 8:00 a.m.
- April 30 Tie-Die Tuesday (wear as much tie-die as you can)
- May 1-2 Math ELA FSA 4th Grade
- May 3 A.R. "Cool Cat" cut-off day
- May 6 1st Grade Field Trip
- May 7-8 3rd & 4th Grade FSA Math
- May 14 3rd Grade Grasses in Classes / Field Trip
- May 15 1st Grade Bioblitz / 11:00 a.m.—1:40 p.m.
- May 16 3rd Grade Bioblitz / 9:25 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- May 16 4th Grade Concert / 6:30 p.m.
- May 17 "Cool Cat" A.R. Reward Day
- May 17 Last day for After-School Tutoring
- May 20 K-2nd Grade Field Day
- May 21 3rd-4th Grade Field Day
- May 22 Kindergarten End of the Year Assembly / 8:15 a.m.
- May 22 3rd Grade End of the Year Assembly / 1:00 p.m.
- May 23 2nd Grade End of the Year Assembly / 8:15 a.m.
- May 23 1st Grade End of the Year Assembly / 9:00 a.m.
- May 22 Last Day for Pre-K.
- May 24 4th Grade End of the Year Assembly / 8:15 a.m.
- May 27 No School / Memorial Day
- May 29 Last Day of School for Students

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Kindergarten transition materials can be found in guidance and on the Parent Resource Center. You will also find information on the school website under the Parent link about "Tips to Help You Prepare your child for Kindergarten."

Parent Resource Centers

Please stop and visit our Parent Resource Centers. We have materials in the front office area for helping your child with reading skills and about important school events. In the Media Center there is a Parent Resource section with a variety of books for check out on numerous topics. Some recently purchased books for the center include: *The Survival Guide for Kids with Behavior Challenges*, *Beyond Intelligence: Secrets for Raising Happily Productive Kids*, *The Single Mother's Book*, and *100 Ways to Get Kids to Cooperate (in Spanish)*. Please feel free to help yourself to the free materials at the front lobby centers and check with Mrs. Jackson in the Media Center to check out any books that might be of assistance to you.

April Kiwanis Citizens of the Month

Kirena Harris
Jayden Reyes

School Improvement Parent Survey

As the school year is coming to an end, our school has begun to look and plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Freeport Elementary's *School Improvement Team* considers student, staff and parent feedback in our planning. If you are able, please take a few moments of your time and complete the SIP Survey found at:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/section/response/begin?surveyConfigId=779169>

If you do not have access to a computer at home, you are welcome to use a computer at Freeport Elementary or the public library. Otherwise, please request a paper copy of the survey from your child's teacher. They are available in both English and Spanish.

PARENT TIPS FOR FSA:

Please make sure your child

- Gets a good night sleep during testing.
- Eats breakfast each morning.
- Is at school each day and on time.
- Checks his/her answers during testing.
- Puts forth his/her best effort on the tests!

FSA INFORMATION

It is important for you and your student to understand the following policies before testing:

■ **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will be invalidated, meaning it will not be scored. We encourage students to leave devices at home on the day of testing.

■ **Academic Honesty**—Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that says *I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results.* In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.

■ **Invalidations After Testing**—The FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student results within a school that are found by Caveon to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

■ **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the 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 also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days. If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact FES at 892-1210. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fsa.fldoe.org/>.

Thank you for supporting your student as he/she prepares for FSA testing.

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please visit our school district's website to view the 2019-2020 school year calendar. **August 12th, Students Return**

PTO NEWS

PTO is proud to announce 2 major accomplishments: construction is now complete on our FES Outdoor Classrooms and the Sunshade on the Big Field Playground. These permanent additions to our school will increase the ability of our teachers and students to enjoy learning and playing outside. In addition, this month PTO funded math fact fluency learning game kits provided to every 3rd grade student to help them master their multiplication facts. PTO also purchased 2 new microwaves for the teacher's lounge to help our teachers get their lunch ready quickly so they have some time to relax and eat during their lunch break! The support of our FES families through our fundraisers and corporate sponsorships allow us to accomplish these activities.

PTO's spring Box Tops contest runs through Friday, April 26th, please send in your Box Tops labeled with your child's teacher's name. The classroom in each grade level with the most Box Tops wins an ice cream sundae party!

PTO's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 2:30 p.m.. We will be discussing plans for Teacher & Staff appreciation Week and 4th Grade Graduations Reception and electing new officers for 2019-2020 school year. Our May meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 2:30 p.m., we will be planning our budget and schedule for 2019-2020 school year.

Beta Release of NEW 2017-2018 School and District Report Cards

The Florida Department of Education is excited to announce the release of the beta version of Florida's education reports portal, EduData (<http://edudata.fldoe.org>), which includes the 2017-18 School and District Report Cards. Redesigned to meet the requirements outlined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the report cards will serve as a valuable resource for understanding important information about Florida's districts and schools, and we look forward to this opportunity to receive input on their usability.

This is the first time the department has launched a live beta test site. The goal of this launch is to provide parents, educators and stakeholders with an opportunity to preview the report cards and, most importantly, provide valuable feedback on their content, features and functionality in order to improve the report cards going forward. On the website, there is a feedback survey and an opportunity to sign up for updates.

PBS STUDENTS

4th Nine Weeks

Kindergarten

Arely Origel, Jacob Moore, Reyce Ray, Asher L'Orange, Estella Moya, Reed Cavazos, Maci O'Brien, Brody Cartwright, Abbie Hester, Remington Taylor

1st Grade

Jessie Longnecker, Jaxton Weller, Angel Carlos, Olivia Bush, Rocco Tippet, Kayden Hutton, Mason Bullock, McKenzie Spiva, Colton Castens, Bella Kenton, Adalyn Jones, Hayden Thompson, Ella Brown, Colby Kidd

2nd Grade

Alexis Barron-Torres, Emmalunn Otzenberger, Ruby Walker, Bethan Horton, Maddie Ham, Walker Garret, Alica Lackey, Erin McChesney, Abigail Jurtz, Cooper Gregg, Zayleigh Jackson, Ryder Stone, Kelvin Li, Delylah Bartlett

3rd Grade

Brianna Harris, Brett Breister, Jennifer Mendez, David Santiz-Gomez, Breckon Kimzey, Trinton Montu'ar, Ava Hickel, Jason Becketl, Sophia Zamora, Nehemiah Holmes, Lucian Cumbie, Charlotte Golden, Jackalynn Novinski, Olivia Coates

4th Grade

Addyson Harbaugh, Riley Hamon, Victoria Benninger, Talon Miller, Jet Kysel, Tyler Jeanneret, Stephanie Rcuque, Stephen Madden, Darren Day, Amaya Tundidor, Sebastian Wilson, Bairon Munoz-Ramos