



The Ambassador

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



Dorine Zimmerman
Principal

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder, the time is now, to get online and apply for 2018-19 enrollment at Freedom 7 Elementary. The online application will close for both new and returning student on Dec 8th and not reopen again until April, but that will be for waiting lists only. Also, don't forget to apply online for incoming siblings. There is no other way we know of your intent for children not already attending our school.

I would like to thank and commend the many families whose commitment to their child's timely, and regular attendance to school each day has been a priority. This school year still has had its challenge related to transportation, by car daily. While we understand the challenges of getting to school each day, we are concerned with the excessive tardy arrivals happening, daily. When children arrive late to school, it is sometimes unsettling for them, as they have to double time to catch up, and are disruptive to the class that is already in progress. Early check outs equally impact their participation in classroom instruction in a negative way.

In addition, unexcused absences are increasing across the school. Of course, we do not want you to send children to school sick, that would be an excused absence with a doctor's note. I encourage you to go to this link: <http://www.neola.com/brevardco-fl/> and read the district policy on absences, make up work, and passing grades. It is important that you are aware of the contents of this policy, since it will be fully implemented at this school. Letters have gone home already, to all students with excessive absences to inform you of the total days missing school at this point. Please do not ask teachers for work in advance, if your child will be out for an unexcused absence. The educational program offered is predicated upon the **presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation in order for success**. We respectfully ask for your cooperation and support in these two areas.

As always, I cannot believe how quickly the year is passing by, next week we will celebrate Thanksgiving. I am very thankful to be a part of your child's education, working collaboratively, with so many wonderful teachers and parents, day in and day out. I'm blessed! Thank you to the many families who support the school in a variety of ways assuring student success.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving! Whether you are staying in town or heading out of town, stay safe.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Zimmerman



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November 21

SAC Meeting;
4:30

November 22-24

Thanksgiving
Holiday; No
School

November 29

Early Release
Day; 2:15

December 6, 13,

19-21

Early Release
Days; 2:15

December 22-

January 5

Winter Break

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January 8

Students Return

January 10

Early Release
Day; 2:15

January 15

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day;
School Closed

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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.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Freedom 7 Elementary Science Fair Judges

Judging Dates
Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018
&
Thursday, Jan 18, 2018

If interested complete the
Science Fair Interest Form:
<https://goo.gl/forms/rKeor7xtMO0hWpgw1>

Science Fair Coordinator
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Required Duties:

- Interviewing students on the aspects of their science experiments,
- Conveying fairness and ethics among the participants,
- Working with fellow judges in selecting top projects in a category/age division.

Required Qualifications:

- ❖ Love of working with students,
- ❖ Science experience/expertise –
Physical, Environmental, or Biological Category,
- ❖ Ability to ask the students questions about their experiment as performed through the Scientific Method,
- ❖ Volunteer 1 (or 2) full day(s) of judging
(8:30 am to 3:15 pm)

SERVICE HEROES

We are so excited to announce the formation of the Freedom 7 Service Heroes!

Part of our IB curriculum focuses on taking action to make our community and our world a better place. Through the Service Heroes, families will have the opportunity to participate in organized service projects throughout the year. Keep an eye on the Freedom 7 Newsletter for opportunities to serve as a family!



Upcoming Events:

Beach Cleanup

Children's Hunger Project Packing Event

Making Decorations for a Nursing Home

Making Oyster Mats

LOGO CONTEST

The Service Heroes need a logo! We are having a contest for any students who would like to submit a design for our new organization! Logo designs can be submitted to your child's teacher no later than December 8th.

PYP Corner

Making Global Connections

Peace Crane Exchange

Students in grade 6 participated in International Day of Peace through a peace crane exchange. We then made a connection with Ms. Thellend's (our former Art teacher) 3rd grade class in Vietnam. Both classes folded origami paper cranes, wrote letters, and included photos to send to each other. The letters helped students connect and recognize their commonalities, as they learned about and appreciated their diversity. Waiting for the box of peace cranes to come in the mail all the way from Vietnam was exciting for students. We spent time researching the country, city and school community of our peace crane friends in Vietnam. We plan to connect in other ways this school year. Activities such as this help students continue to develop international-mindedness and a sense of global unity.

-Jenny Noe

Gifted Teacher/PYP Coordinator

