



# The Ambassador

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



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Principal

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Just after I joined the Freedom 7 family, I received an email from one of our alumni, Ms. Jeri Laufenberg. She was reaching out to share some cherished history and memories from Freedom 7's past. I realized after meeting her, hearing her stories and receiving an awesome scrapbook she made that we needed to honor our past. We needed to reinstate Patriot's Day! Patriot's Day was a celebration started by the original principal, Mr. Robert Fritz back on May 4, 1966... on the anniversary of Alan Sheppard's flight in space on a ship named Mercury-Redstone 3 OR Freedom 7. This was the first United States human spaceflight where an astronaut was put into orbit and returned safely. It was on that flight with astronaut Alan Sheppard that an American flag from our school was placed on the ship as it made space history. This later inspired our school name as we know it today- Freedom 7 Elementary. During this celebration the school honored local patriots with what they called gold and then eagle awards...Eagles because that WAS the school mascot.

Today... I proudly stood with all of our student body to recognize 7 individuals who have made a tremendous impact on today's Freedom 7 Elementary School of International Studies. 7 people that even in my few months here have personally touched me with their leadership and commitment to be the best we can be.

### 2019 Patriot's Day Honorees

**Sergeant Manny Hernandez** - Sergeant Hernandez works hard to keep us safe.

**Freedom 7's APT** - The APT, Ayudar Parents and Teachers, is the amazing group of families that volunteers their time to help support all students at Freedom 7.

**Mr. Jim Kennedy** - Alumni of Freedom 7 and as a member of NASA comes out to all BPS 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to share STEM activities and motivates students in the field of science.

**Mr. Al Narvaez** - Mr. Narvaez was very instrumental in developing the concept of *school of choice* well before they existed. Freedom 7 was part of this vision.

**Dr. Mullins** - Dr. Mullins is our Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools. He started his career with BPS right down the street at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr and strongly supports the IB philosophy.

**Mr. Robert Fritz** - Mr. Fritz was the principal when our school was called Cocoa Beach Elementary School. During his time he embedded the importance of community that still exists in Cocoa Beach area schools.

**Mrs. Dorine Zimmerman** - No need for explanation . 

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### MILEAGE CLUB

**Thursday, May 9** will be the final day of mileage club, as well as awards.

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#### May 7

Breakfast w/  
Mom  
A-M; 8:00

#### May 10

Breakfast w/  
Mom  
N-Z; 8:00

#### May 16

Student Led  
Conferences;  
4:00-6:00

#### May 17

6th Grade Exhi-  
bition; Cocoa  
Beach J/S High  
School; 4:30

#### May 17, 24, 28-30

Early Release;  
2:15

#### May 28

Pool Party; 2:30

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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.

We are also happy to announce we are bringing back the eagle mascot. One already exists on the back of our Blue Ribbon shirts and is part of our history! **Freedom 7 Eagles!!**

Stay tuned to see what eagle design our kids choose and what it should be named! Freedom? IB? **THIS IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!!!!**

Have a Happy Derby Day, May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you and Cinco De Mayo!

Mrs. Lott



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### Parent Requests

Parents may suggest teaching styles, and share information they would like administration to have when making class lists for the new school year. All requests must be submitted in writing to Mrs. Lott by May 11.



#### 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.

