



The Ambassador

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



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

Wednesday, February 3rd, would have been our 3rd annual Global School Play Day. After much consideration and wanting to stick to the original intent of GSPD we opted not to host the event THIS year. Global School Play Day is a grassroots effort created by educators in support of unstructured playtime for students around the world. As you know, school interactions are more structured than ever this year to keep everyone healthy.

How can you support GSPD at home:

1: **WATCH** about why play is a necessity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLc695sWmPGpybRuxvaPgvwd2s8eGqAWYj&v=Bg-GEzM7iTk&feature=youtu.be>

2. **GET SOCIAL** - Invite your friends to participate in a Global Play Day 2021. Light the fire so others will catch the vision of returning the gift of unstructured play to this generation by talking about it on social media. Write your own blog post encouraging your readers to join in on GSPD. Connect with the GSPD community by hashtagging your social media posts with #GSPD2021.

3. **CALL FOR TOYS** - The only restrictions: the toys may NOT require batteries or electricity. No devices. Give them some ideas, since today's kids rarely play and often own very few toys: board games, dolls, Legos, blocks, trucks, cars, racetracks, playing cards, empty cardboard boxes, markers, jigsaw puzzles, blankets (for forts), social games (charades, Pictionary, etc.). The only exception on the electronics rule would be a board game that has an electronic timer, an electronics play kit, or similar. How about taking your child out in the dirt to dig, explore and get messy? Share a story of something you played when you were a child.

4. **PLAY! NO SCREENS - NO STRUCTURE - ALL DAY LONG**

Allow your child to spread their toys out around the room or take them outside and just PLAY!

- **Don't organize anything.**
- **Don't tell them how to play with the toys/games.**
- **Don't interfere with your child unless you see something that could potentially hurt them.**
- **Don't Leave Them Unsupervised as the day is unstructured by adults, but not unsupervised.**

Other than taking a few pictures/videos, try to be invisible and let the kids play. This is a day of unstructured play, not playful parent planned. 😊 You will be amazed at what your kids come up with!

Please send photos of your child enjoying their unstructured play. We would love to see the creativity, the smiles, the messes! Pictures may be shared so please specify if you do not want them shared beyond your email.

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Join us at 4:30 each month to participate in SAC.

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February 16

April 20

May 18



Brevard Schools are looking to hire clinic staff. Please stop in for an application.



Days of the Week

Feb. 8 — Feb. 12

Monday — Day 4

Tuesday — Day 5

Wednesday — Day 6

Thursday — Day 1

Friday — Day 0



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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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- Dental Care
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- Surgeries
- Immunizations
- Prescriptions
- Emergencies
- Mental Health Services

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