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# THE BORO BEAT

The Weekly Newsletter of Freehold Borough School District



Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Summer is a special time to recharge our batteries and spend quality time with loved ones. It's a season filled with light, warmth, and endless possibilities. I encourage you to continue embracing these moments—whether it's through reading a good book, taking a leisurely walk in nature, or spending time with friends and family. We miss seeing your smiling faces but are excited about the fresh energy and new ideas we will all bring back when we reunite. Until then, enjoy the beautiful weather, the relaxed pace, and the precious moments that summer brings.

# **PAC Expansion Project**

Construction is still continuing through the summer. We are still hopeful for a beginning of the year opening, but we will keep you posted. Please remember that the main exit of the PAC will be closed during the month of July. Please see your email for full details.



#### **Student Dress Code**

As we prepare for the start of school, please be reminded of the district Uniformed Code of Dress for each school. The requirements have not changed; however, it is important to remind you that sweatpants can only be worn for gym classes. PAE and FLC students can wear sweatpants on PE days, but FIS students must change into sweatpants on PE days. Please contact your child's school with additional questions.

#### **Freehold Intermediate School**

Students are requ	ired to wear ID badge	es at all times. Students may	y use a lanyard or clip to	display the badge.		
Collared polo	Pants/Shorts/ Jumper/Skirt*	Sweaters/Sweatshirts	Physical xEducation Class Uniform			
shirts Long or short sleeve (Solid color)		(worn inside school, not jackets)	T-Shirts/Sweatshirts	Sweatpants/Shorts		
Blue	Tan	Blue	Yellow/Gold	Navy		
Gray	Navy	Gray	Navy	Gray		
Yellow/Gold	Black	White	Gray	Blue		
White		Black	White	Black		
Black	*No Denim any color		Black			

#### Park Avenue Elementary & Freehold Learning Center

	Reg <mark>ular S</mark>	Physical Education Day Uniform			
Collared Shirts Long or Short Sleeve/Turtle necks	Pants/Skirt/Capri/ Shorts	Sweaters/Cardigans/ Outerwear (worn inside school, not jackets)	Socks Tights Leggings (Worn under skirts only)	T-Shirts Sweatshirts (no hoods)	Sweatpants/ Shorts
White	Khaki (tan)	White	White	White	Blue
Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Gray
Yellow	Black	Yellow	Black	Yellow	Black
Gold		Gold	Gray	Gold	
Black		Black		Black	
Gray		Gray		Gray	

\*No Denim, Jeggings, leggings. Leggings can be worn under a skirt ONLY and must be solid in the above colors.

	Regular S	ichool Day	Physical Education Day Uniform		
Collared Shirts Long or Short Sleeve	Pants/Shorts	Sweaters/Vests/Outerwear (worn inside school, not jackets)	T-Shirts/Sweatshirt s (No Hoods)	Sweatpants/Shorts	
White	Khaki (tan)	White	White	Blue	
Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Gray	
Yellow	Black	Yellow	Yellow	Black	
Gold	Gray	Gold	Gold		
Black		Black	Black		
Gray		Gray	Gray		



Boys

\*No Denim

#### Letter from BOE President Santonacita



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Asia Michael Superintendent of Schools Joseph Santonacita Board of Education, President

July 9, 2024

Dear Freehold Borough Families and Staff,

The Freehold Borough Board of Education, like the rest of our community, finds the recent events regarding a former staff member deeply disturbing. The impact has been felt by school staff, parents, students, and community members—all of whom are seeking answers. As your chosen community representatives, we remain committed to maintaining transparency. However, this is an active criminal investigation and also involves a personnel matter, both of which impose legal limitations on what we can publicly disclose at this time.

Whenever allegations such as these are reported, several ensuing actions can be quickly and quietly triggered. The District may suspend employees, launch a series of internal interviews, contact Children's Protective Services, inform the Freehold Borough Police Department, and/or notify the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. The process of obtaining actionable information strong enough to build a criminal case can be somewhat time-consuming for a variety of reasons. However, this is a critical step that must be done correctly and under the strict guidance of local, county, and state authorities.

In regard to our current situation involving Ms. Havemann-Niedrach, we have no additional comments at this time. However, the Freehold Borough Board of Education would like to publicly thank Superintendent Michael and the entire administrative staff for their leadership, professionalism, and thoroughness throughout this ordeal. Their vigilance and dedication to the safety of our children have been critical in uncovering enough actionable information for the District and other proper authorities to act upon. We would also like to acknowledge the teaching staff and community members who reported their observations.

The next Board of Education meeting will take place on Monday, July 22nd, in the gym at Freehold Learning Center at 7 pm. Superintendent Michael will be making another statement regarding this matter at that time. If any students or community members need assistance or support before this time, please reach out to Superintendent Michael directly at 732-761-2102 or <u>amichael@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us</u>.

Sincerely, Joseph Santonacita

Come to the next Board of Education meeting on July 22nd, 7 pm at FLC

# **Summer Programming**

Our summer programs are in full swing at the PAC and FLC campuses! We have a total of 5 programs servicing approximately 270 students. Students are enjoying new enrichment activities and are fully engaged in new academic experiences.



















# August 3, 2024!

from 12 Noon to 5 PM

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#### Lake Topanemus ("The Pond")

Come by our table in the Kid Play Zone! Spin the wheel for prizes, sign up for one of our district opportunities, or just come to say "Hello"!



<u>Activities</u>

- Dunk Tank
- Car smash
- Canoes and paddle boats
- Climbing Wall
- Food Trucks

## The Kid Play Zone

- Giant Inflatable slide
- Tree House Slide
- TossinTens The Original
- Petting Zoo
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Pony Rides
- Face Painting
- Games



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PARK AVE SCHOOL CAFET	PAC	07/01/24	08/02/24	В	8AM-9AM	M-FRI	•	
280 PARK AVE, FREEHOLD		CERRADA 7/4	87/5	L.	11:15AM-12:15PM	M-FRI		
PARK AVE SCHOOL CAFET	PAC	08/05/24	08/08/24	в	8AM-9AM	M-THUR		
280 PARK AVE, FREEHOLD				ι.	11:30AM-12:30PM	M-THUR		
FREEHOLD LEARNING CTR	FLC	07/01/24	08/08/24	В	7:30-8:30	M-THUR		
30 DUTCH LANE RD, FREEHOLD		CERRADA 7/4	&7/5	L	11AM-12PM	M-THUR		



### Community Events:

Please check out our Community Messages Board on our website to learn about events and resources in our community. This page is updated regularly. Click <u>HERE</u> to access it.