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THE BORO BEAT

The Newsletter of Freehold Borough School District

Dear Families and Staff,

Welcome back! As a new school year begins in the Freehold Borough School District, I couldn't be more excited to kick off another amazing year with all of you!

There's something special about the first days of school - the energy, the smiles, the fresh school supplies -and this year, we're ready for it all. Over the summer, our team has been working hard to make sure everything is in place to give your children the very best start. Our classrooms are not only safe and welcoming, but also filled with updated tools and resources to support your child's learning and growth.

Our teachers and staff are eager to greet both new and returning students. Their dedication and enthusiasm are truly inspiring, and they're ready to spark curiosity, support learning, and help every student reach their full potential.

We know that the start of a new school year brings a mix of excitement and nerves -for students and families alike. Please know we're here for you! Whether it's finding your way around campus, adjusting to new routines, or simply getting into the swing of things, we're all in this together. Our doors are always open.

This year, we'll continue building on the strong foundation of excellence that makes our district shine. We'll celebrate our diversity, embrace innovation, and create a culture where every student feels seen, valued, and inspired to achieve.

Be sure to check out this edition of the Boro Beat for important dates and updates, and don't hesitate to reach out to your school office with any questions.

Once again, welcome back! I can't wait to see you in the halls, at our events, and cheering on our incredible students as they dive into another exciting year.

Warm Regards,

Asia Michael

Superintendent of Schools

Building
Outstanding
Results &
Opportunities

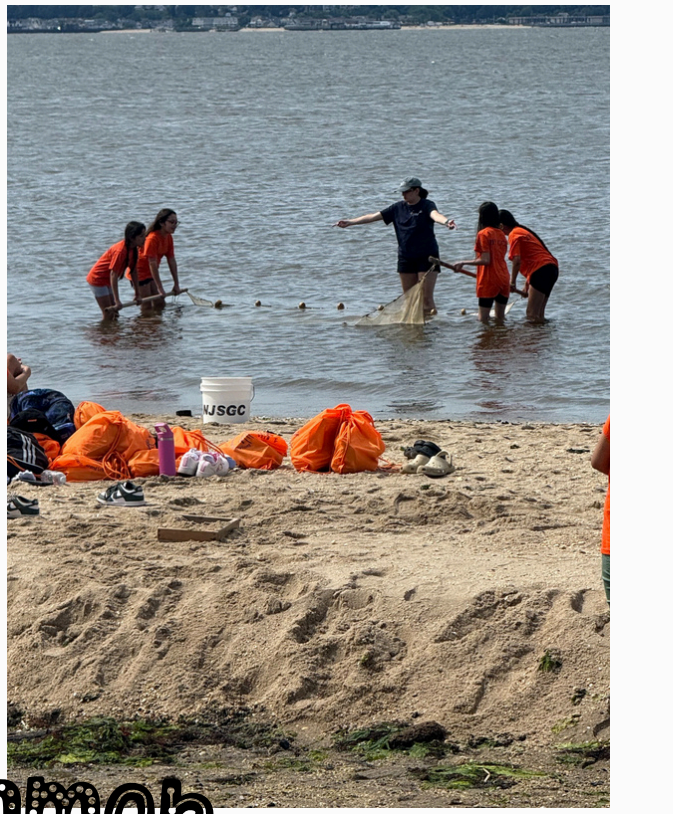
Summer Programs!





Our 21st Century students were able to take part in some truly amazing experiences this summer.





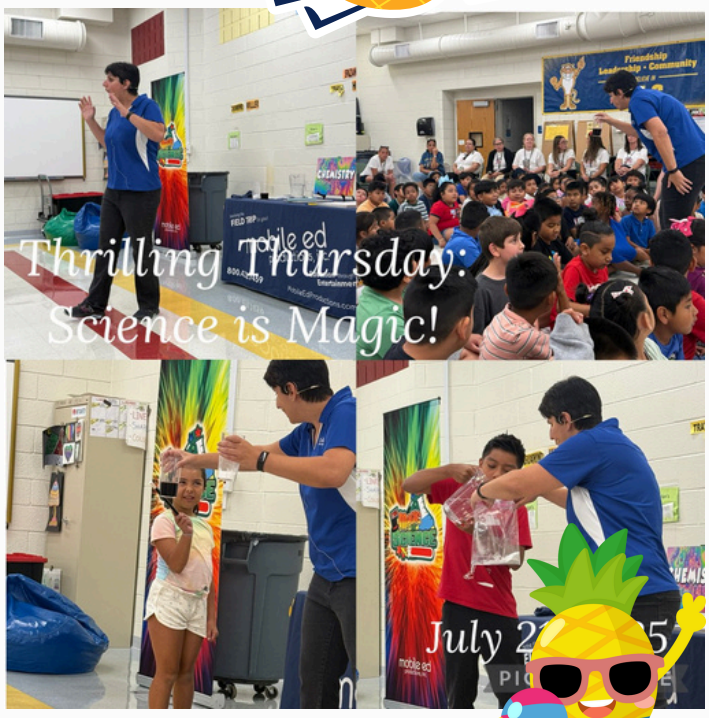
Summer CAMP

Summer Programs!



This year, 158 students participated in the 5-week K-3 Summer Program. Throughout the program, students engaged in a dynamic blend of academic learning and enriching activities designed to support both educational growth and personal development. A highlight of the program was "Thrilling Thursdays," a weekly event that featured exciting, hands-on experiences - ranging from creative arts and science experiments to special guest presentations and outdoor adventures.







Summer Programs!







Twenty-five of our FLC students had the opportunity to attend the YMCA in the afternoons over the summer. They participated in a variety of activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and life skills, with swimming as a major highlight. On the very first day, only two students were brave enough to jump into the pool. However, by the end of the program, all 25 students were not only jumping in with confidence but also advancing to the next swim level! There was also the annual cardboard boat race, where children worked together to design, build, and compete. Our students proudly took home first place! Congratulations, Honeybees!







CLASSROOMS ARE ALMOST READY!

















WELCOME,
NEW STAFF!



As we kick off the new school year, we are thrilled to introduce the newest members of our staff who will be joining our dedicated team. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience, expertise, and enthusiasm to our district, and we are excited to have them on board. Welcome to Freehold Boro!

Follow us on Instagram:

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@RockyTiger_FLC

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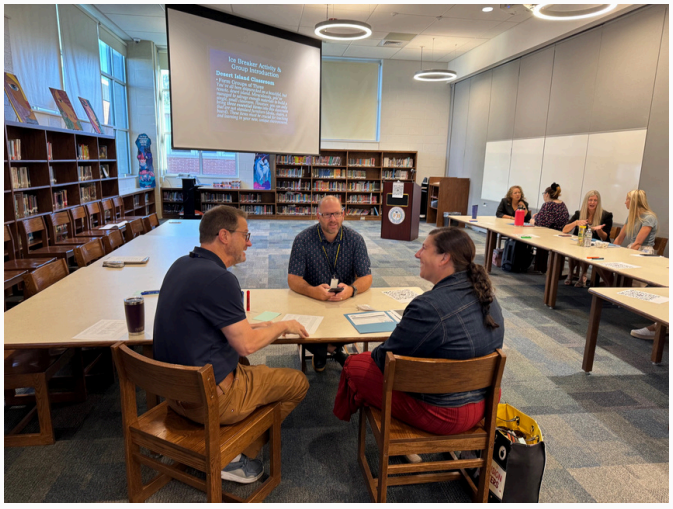
Professional DEVELOPMENT





This summer, the administrative team took part in a three-day administrative retreat aimed at enhancing leadership capacity, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, and aligning strategic goals with student-centered outcomes. Throughout the sessions, team members engaged in collaborative workshops, data-driven planning exercises, and reflective discussions focused on equity, instructional leadership, and effective school management.









Our new staff members spent two days participating in New Staff Orientation, where they were introduced to our school culture, instructional expectations, and key operational procedures. During this time, they engaged in collaborative learning, met with school and district leaders, and received essential training to support a smooth and successful transition into their roles. The orientation also provided opportunities to build connections with colleagues and gain a deeper understanding of our shared commitment to student success.

CONGRATULATIONS,

MS. OBER - MONMOUTH COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR!



Congratulations!





First day of School

SEPTEMBER 4TH





UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3rd: PreK Orientation @ 10:30, K Orientation @ 1:30
September 8th: FIS School Picture Day
September 16th: FLC Back-to-School Night @ 6 pm
September 17th: Back-to-School Night - PAE @ 6 pm, FIS @ 7 pm
September 25th & 26th: FLC School Picture Day
September 30th: Parent Involvement Night - PAE @ 6 pm



September District Calendar



September 1st: Labor Day (Schools Closed)
September 8th: Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm (PAC)
September 16th & 17th: Early Dismissals
September 22nd: Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm (PAC)
September 23rd & 24th: Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)



September 22nd

DISTRICT CALENDAR

CLICK HERE





SCHOOL UNIFORM









NO LOGOS OR IMAGES ONCLOTHING



NO JEANS



NO LEGGINGS



NO SWEATPANTS (ONLY FOR GYM)



NO T-SHIRTS (ONLY FOR GYM)

Important Back-to-School Information



FREEHOLD LEARNING CENTER

- Students must wear their lanyards to school, especially on the first day. Lanyards were mailed home earlier this month.
- Parents must review the arrival/dismissal procedures, mailed home earlier this month, before the first day of school (September 4th).
- Read Principal Smith's *Welcome Back* message HERE.
- Please review the FLC Parent/Student Handbook HERE.



PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Please review the FIS Parent/Student Handbook HERE.



FREEHOLD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- Please read Principal Brovak and Vice Principal Elkin's *Welcome Back* letter HERE.
- Please review the FIS Parent/Student Handbook HERE.

21st CLCC

The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Program will begin on October 1, 2025 at PAE and FIS. To reserve your child's spot, please complete the Parent Survey. Attendance at a Parent Orientation (held after the program begins) is required for participation.

Click HERE to Reserve Your Child's Spot



NEW!

The YMCA after-school program is expanding to PAE. This program will begin in September and operate on early dismissal days. For more information, click HERE.



FIS Bathroom Project

The boys' and girls' bathrooms near the cafeteria received a much-needed makeover this summer. This renovation is part of a two-phase project aimed at updating all student restrooms throughout the building. The goal is to modernize older spaces, improve durability, and create cleaner, more functional environments for students. Phase one focused on the high-traffic restrooms by the cafeteria, while phase two—scheduled for next summer—will address the remaining student bathrooms. Updates include new fixtures, flooring, partitions, improved lighting, and enhanced ventilation. These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming school environment.







School Hours



Regular School Hours (6 hours, 35 minutes)			
School	Program	Start Time	Dismissal
FIS	Grades 6-8	8:00	2:35
PAE	Grades 3-5	8:35	3:10
FLC	PK – Grade 2 (SpED 3rd)	9:05	3:40

Early Dismissal Schedule (4 hours, 15 minutes)			
School	Program	Start Time	Dismissal
FIS	Grades 6-8	8:00	12:15
PAE	Grades 3-5	8:35	12:50
FLC	PK – Grade 2 (SpED 3rd)	9:05	1:20

Delayed Opening Schedule (2-hour delay; 4 hours, 35 minutes)			
School	Program	Start Time	Dismissal
FIS	Grades 6-8	10:00	2:35
PAE	Grades 3-5	10:35	3:10
FLC	PK – Grade 2 (SpED 3rd)	11:05	3:40

Arrival & Dismissal at the PAC

As we continue to prioritize the safety of all our students at Park Avenue Complex, it is vital to remember the importance of vigilance during arrival and dismissal times. With many students either biking, walking, or being dropped off and picked up by car, it is crucial that we all adhere to the designated procedures to ensure a safe environment for every child. Please observe the following important guidelines:

1. ***Follow Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures****: Always enter and exit at the proper locations as designated for drop-offs and pickups. These routes are designed to keep the traffic flow orderly and safe for all.*

2. ***Stay in the Car Line****: If you are dropping off or picking up your child by car, please remain in the car line and do not leave your vehicle. This helps in reducing congestion and minimizing the risk of accidents.*

3. ***No Parking in Lots****: For the safety of all children, please do not park in the parking lots to drop off or pick up your child. Parking lots can be a high-risk area for students as they walk through or around moving or stationary vehicles.*

4. ***Arrive at Designated Times****: Please ensure that you arrive on campus at the designated time for your child's school. Arriving too early can create unnecessary congestion and complicate the traffic flow, making it difficult to ensure a smooth and safe process for everyone.*

5. ***Use Designated Walkways and Sidewalks****: Please encourage all students to use the designated walkways and sidewalks while arriving at or leaving school. This not only helps in keeping them safe from vehicular traffic but also ensures they remain visible to all drivers at all times.*

6. ***Follow Instructions from School Staff****: School staff are on duty during arrival and dismissal times to assist with the flow of traffic and ensure the safety of all students. It is important that you follow their instructions promptly. They are there to guide and help everyone through the busy times safely.*

7. ***Police Officer Assistance****: To further enhance the efficiency of our arrival and dismissal process, we will have a police officer stationed at the PAC exit during these times for the first week of school. This additional support is intended to help streamline traffic flow and enhance safety measures.*

8. ***Expect Longer Times Initially****: Please be advised that arrival and dismissal may take longer during the first two weeks of school. This additional time allows everyone, particularly our new families, to become acclimated to our established procedures. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all adjust to these routines.*

Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a safe and efficient environment during these busy times. Let's work together to ensure that every student arrives at and departs from school safely.

You're Invited!



FREEHOLD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE HOSA FUND AND BETHEL AME CHURCH PRESENT

BORO BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FREE BACKPACK, SCHOOL SUPPLY, AND TEACHER SUPPLY GIVEAWAY



SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
280 PARK AVENUE FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

ENTERTAINMENT, SNACKS, FUN GAMES, RAFFLES & MUCH MORE

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Freehold Borough Educational Foundation · MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVERSITY ALLIANCE, INC. · CARC · Freehold Borough Education Association · Promised Pantry · Borough of Freehold Recreation Commission · All Kids One Field



- ✅ *Free community resource fair*
- 🎶 *Games, music & fun activities*
- 🎒 *500+ backpack giveaways*
- 🍎 *Healthy snacks*
- 🍏 *Special giveaways for teachers!*



Let's celebrate the new school year together! 🚌📚

📍 *Free & open to all families and staff.*

Come See Us!

Stop by and visit our table at the Latino Festival! We'll have prizes, giveaways, information, and of course, Boro swag! Don't miss out!

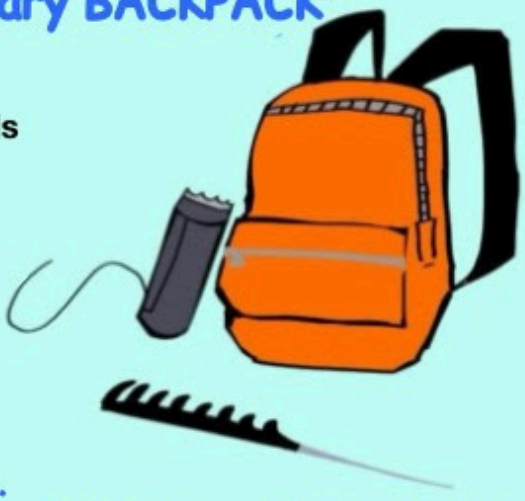


Community Connections



4th Annual FREE BACK 2 SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND STYLES

"Get your Swag on and fill up your complimentary BACKPACK"



Sunday 8/31 7AM-4PM

Free braided haircuts and hairstyles for boys and girls

HAIR BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

call : 732-682-5517

email: wearethefuture732@gmail.com

WE NEED DONATIONS!!!!

Reflections Barbershop - 111 Schank Rd, Freehold NJ - Location #1

G&G Barbershop - 558 Park Ave, Freehold NJ - Location #2

FBPD - 36 Jackson St., Freehold NJ - Location #3

-NO walkins.
-Must arrive with freshly washed/combed hair.
-NO lice/bugs or nits allowed,
- Arrive on time & call if you need to cancel.
-All late arrivals may forfeit appt due to tight scheduling.

4th Annual #FREE Back to School Supplies and Styles event - Don't Miss Out

APPOINTMENTS FOR BOYS HAIRCUTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!!!!!