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THE NEWSLETTER OF

THE BORO BEAT

THE FREEHOLD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Mrs. Ober was recognized by our County Commissioners for being named NJ Teacher of the Year.

Dear Parents and Staff,

As we continue through the winter season, we encourage our families and staff to stay warm and take extra precautions during the colder weeks ahead. Please remember that our schools are here to support you—if you or your family need assistance or additional resources, do not hesitate to reach out. We are grateful for our school community and look forward to a safe, healthy, and successful start to the new year together.

Best regards,
Asia Michael, Superintendent

Important Reminder

Students must not be dropped off before the designated arrival time of each school. Due to the extremely cold weather, it is not safe for students to wait outside, and staff are not available to supervise early arrivals. For the safety and well-being of all students, we ask that families strictly adhere to assigned drop-off times. If you are experiencing challenges with morning arrival, please contact your school directly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Building
Outstanding
Results &
Opportunities



Swearing-in of Board Members



On January 5, our Board of Education members were officially sworn in. We are pleased to welcome new board member Ashley Rollo, along with returning members Dan Xavier and Molly Loprete. Their commitment to service, combined with their experience and fresh perspectives, will play an important role in supporting the continued success and growth of our district. We look forward to their leadership and thoughtful contributions as we work together to advance our mission. Please join us in congratulating and supporting our new and returning board members as they begin this important term of service.



January was National School Board Recognition Month. School boards make a powerful difference in our communities and for our students. Our school board goes above and beyond to make sure every child is allowed to achieve success. Thank you, Board Members!











Winter Sports Season: It's a Wrap!

Our winter sports season has come to a close, and what an incredible season it was! The boys' basketball team set a new record with the most wins in recent years, while the girls' team once again delivered an outstanding performance. The boys finished the season with a 3-7 record, and the girls wrapped up with an impressive 4-5 record. We commend the students for their hard work and dedication, and we would like to recognize our coaches, Mrs. Pistone and Mrs. McGovern for the girls' team, and Mr. Ferguson for the boys' team, for their unwavering commitment and support. Thank you for your continued support of our sports programs.









The wrestling season has also come to a close, with the team showing improvement in every match. We had a large team this year, including five female wrestlers. The team finished the season with a 5-9 record, and they went 3-2 in the division. Many thanks to Mr. Berryman and Mr. Fioretti for their hard work with the team this year.





Winter Sports Season: It's a Wrap!









The cheerleading squad had a fantastic season with 25 students on the team, which allowed them to incorporate stunting into their routines and continue building their skills. They also had the opportunity to attend a Monmouth University basketball game, where they learned from college cheerleaders and dancers. We are proud of our 10 eighth graders who will be moving on to high school cheer, bringing the skills and confidence they gained this season with them. Thank you to Mrs. Villegas for her dedication to the Cheer Squad!

Student Activities

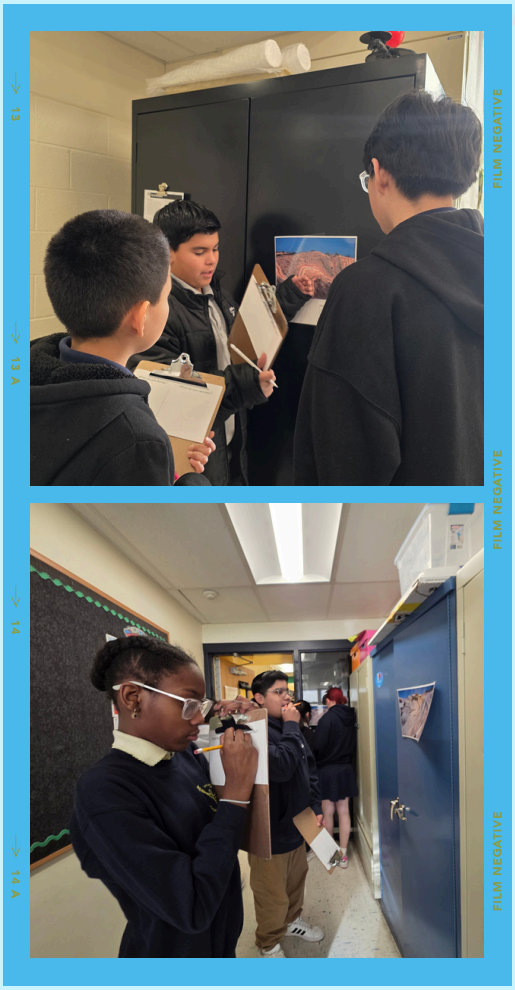


FIS NJHS Members Attend 37th Annual YMCA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

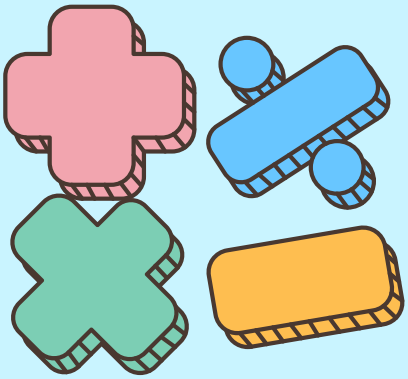




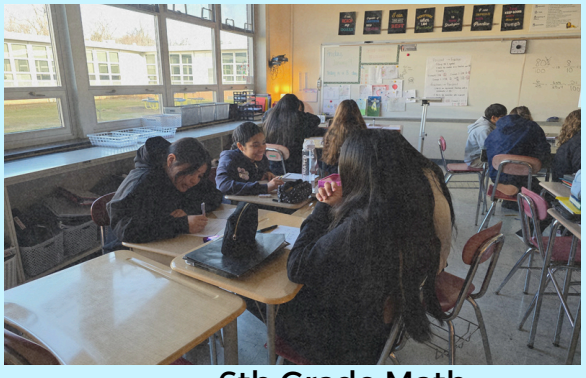
MLK DAY



6th Grade Math



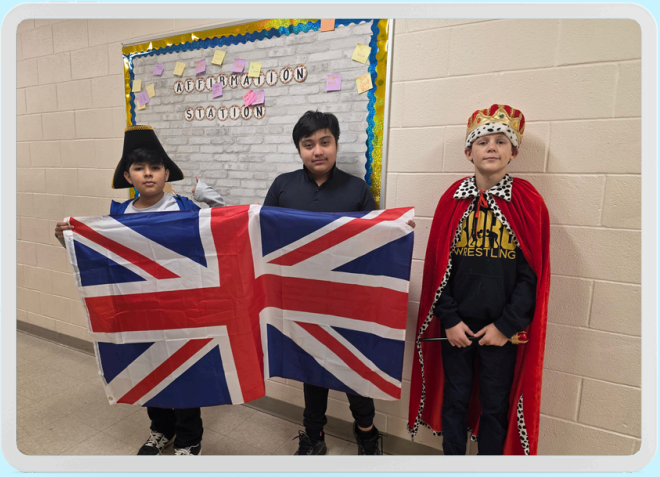




6th Grade Math

6th Grade Science Students Learn About Rock Formations

Student Activities



7th Grade Social Studies Students Learn Lesson About Diplomacy



A Visit to Mrs. Stewart's 1st Grade Class

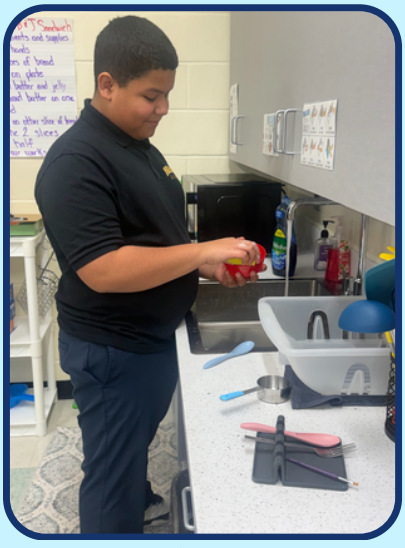




FIS Students Participate in One Court, One Judge Assembly







Our Life Skills Program is Providing Students with New Skills

Student Activities



Wrestling Practice



Girls' Basketball Practice



PAE Student of the Month Assembly



PAE NJ Compass Assembly



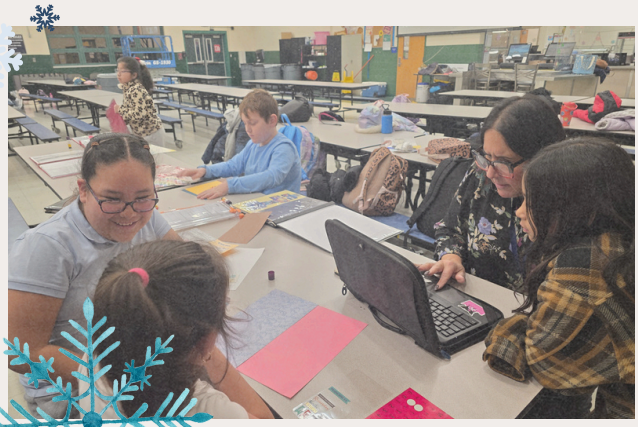




PreK Playdoh Party

21st Century

After School Program

















21st Century

Flameless Food Night













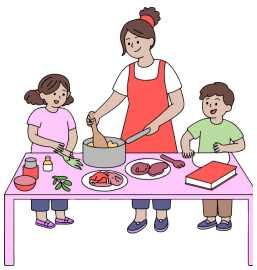














February School Appreciation Days



Black History Month
National School Counselor Week - February 2nd- 6th
World Read Aloud Day - February 4th
Crossing Guard Appreciation Day - February 10th
Random Act of Kindness Day - February 17th
School Bus Driver Day - February 22nd







District Calendar

February 2nd: Board of Education meeting
February 4th - 6th: Early Dismissal
February 13th: Staff PD (Early Dismissal)
February 14th: Valentine's Day
February 16th: President's Day - Schools Closed
February 17th: Board of Education meeting



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 PAE COMPLEX 6:00-8:00PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER! QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, EMAIL:

jenniferm@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us
kslavick@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

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 **HERE** to access it.

IMPORTANT

This newsletter is supplemental to the information sent from your child's school on Friday. Please be sure to continue to look for those emails as well.

Upcoming Events



FREEHOLD LEARNING CENTER

February 4th & 5th: Conferences 6 - 8 pm
February 6th: Conferences 1:55 - 3:35 pm
February 6th: Super Bowl Day - Jersey Day
February 17th: 100th Day of School
February 20th: Lunar New Year - Wear Red



PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

February 2nd: 90th Day of School
February 4th & 5th: Conferences 6 - 8 pm
February 6th: Conferences 1:35 - 3:05 pm

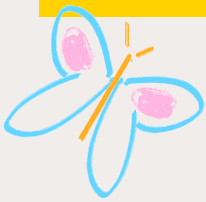
FREEHOLD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

February 4th & 5th: Conferences 6 - 8:30 pm
February 6th: Conferences 12:40 - 2:40 pm



SUPER BOWL

PreK & Kindergarten Registration







Dear Parents and Guardians:

Preschool and kindergarten registration for the 2026–2027 school year is upon us. Each year, parents with children in school are asked to help us reach new residents and families who do not currently have youngsters in school. I hope we can count on you again to pass the word in your neighborhood.

Freehold Borough School District offers full-day preschool at Freehold Learning Center and Acelero-Headstart. Children must be four (4) years old on or before October 1st to enter preschool. There will also be a select number of preschool spots for children who will be three (3) years old on or before October 1st. Our district also offers full-day kindergarten at Freehold Learning Center. Children must be five (5) years old on or before October 1st to enter kindergarten. Please know that preschool student assignments will take place at the discretion of the district and that we will be unable to make changes to assignments.

A lottery will be used to select students for preschool if demand exceeds capacity. Students will only be considered in the lottery if they were registered during the established registration period.

Open registration for preschool and kindergarten will start on March 1, 2026, and end on March 27, 2026. Please see the "New Student Registration" section of the district website for further details about this year's registration process.

If you have questions, please email registration@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us or call 732-761-2106. Thank you for your assistance in sharing this information.



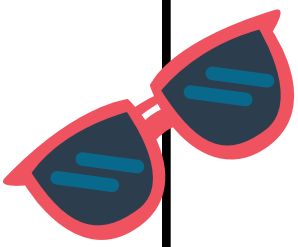




Are you ready for summer?

Save your child's spot for the Borough's Summer Camp! This program will wrap around the 21st Century Summer Program that will run from 8 am to 12 pm on the same dates. Registration for the 21st Century Summer Camp will begin in early March. Stay tuned for more details.

Mayor Kevin A. Kane announces...







FREEHOLD BOROUGH RECREATION

IN COOPERATION WITH THE

FREEHOLD BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

When: **June 29th— July 31st** Registration open to Borough Residents ONLY from Feb 1st—March 7th.
Registration Borough & Non Borough Residents March 9th—May 1st

Time: **12pm—4pm**

Boro Resident $100 **Non Boro Resident $500**

Where: **Park Avenue Complex—280 Park Ave**

Who: **Youth entering 3rd—8th grades as of September**



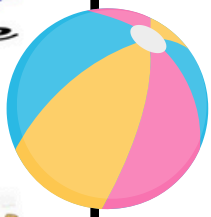


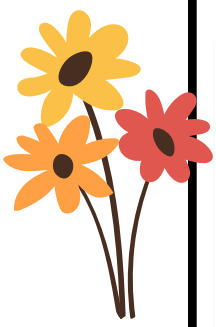


SPECIAL GUESTS









REGISTER ONLINE VIA LINK BELOW OR SCAN QR CODE:

https://tinyurl.com/FREEBOROSRC26

Paper forms available - Borough Hall Lobby

MAIL/DROP OFF PAYMENT—PROOF OF RESIDENCY:

Borough Hall, Business Administration Office, 30 Mechanic St., Freehold, NJ 07728

For more info call/email—732-462-4200 OPTION 1 EXT. 220 OR sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org

FLC PTO

FREEHOLD LEARNING CENTER PTO

FLC

Home of the Tigers

MONTHLY MEETING

JOIN US!

MON, FEB 9

6:30 PM

CLICK THE LINK AT

FLCPTO.ORG/MEETING-SCHEDULE

Major SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR announcement

THE BEST. DAY. EVER. IS COMING!

Scan the QR code to

2025-26 FLC Book Fair Schedule

TIME	Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5	Friday 2/6
9:30-9:50	Moore/Flannery	Stewart/Wolff	Guarino/Francke	Korber/Ong	Lazaro
10:00-10:20	Habib	Ali	McNally	Alvarez	Fiori
10:25-10:45	Sanchez	Profaca	O'Donnell	Simone	Siluk
10:50-11:10	Scanniello	Digeronimo	Ortiz	Vurro	Traynor
11:15-11:35	Becerra/Felibrico	Gallinot/Hanenberg	Rosas	Parseghian	Pena/Costleigh
11:40-12:00			Boodey		Last Call

Celebrate Valentine's Day with

HEART-SHAPED PIZZA KITS



$15 per kit

Includes 1 personal-size heart-shaped pizza crust, sauce, and cheese

Pick up at Mateo's Restaurant, 13 W. Main St, on Friday, February 13, from 3-5pm

ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Return the form below with cash or scan the QR code to pay online

Student's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

of kits ($15 each): _____ Total $: _____

Pickup person's name and phone #: _____

LEGO CLUB

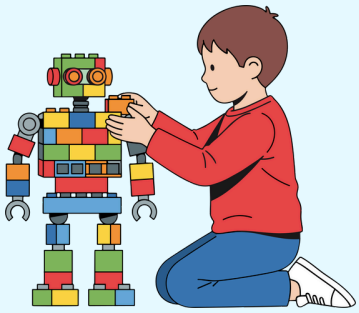
2/10 - 1st grade
2/17 - 2nd grade
2/19 - Kindergarten

REGISTRATION CLOSES
Friday, February 6



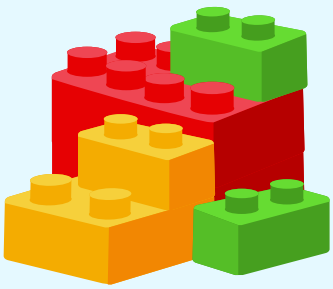












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TIGER STORE PRICE LIST

OPEN FEBRUARY 11

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Furry Rainbow Notebook $4



Invisible Ink Pen $2



Scented Notebook $2



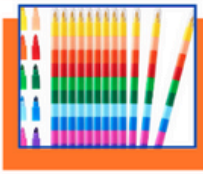
Keychains $2-$3



Silly Erasers $1-$2



Squishie Toys $1-$4



Stackable Crayon $1



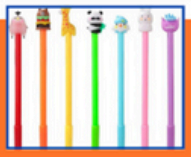
Slap Bracelets $1



Assorted Pencils $1-$2



Galaxy Slime/ Jewel Putty $1-$3



Gel Pen $2



Scented Bookmarks $1

GRADES/GRADOS:
K-2

HOURS/HORAS:
1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH DURING LUNCH

EL PRIMER MIÉRCOLES DE CADA MES DURANTE EL ALMUERZO

PAYMENT/PAGO:
CASH ONLY, NO RETURNS

SOLO EFECTIVO, NO SE ACEPTAN DEVOLUCIONES

RULES/NORMAS:
ITEMS MUST BE KEPT IN BACKPACKS AND OPENED AT HOME

LOS ARTÍCULOS DEBEN GUARDARSE EN MOCHILAS



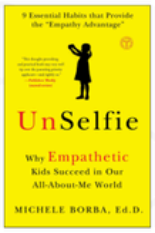
Community Connections

Monmouth County Schools
Partnership for Wellness Presents a

Symposium on Mental Health & Wellness

Featuring a Keynote by
Rebecca Bryan

"Positive Childhood Experiences are the Foundation of Lifelong Resilience"



FIRST 300 ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF "UNSELFIE"

Brookdale Community College
Student Life Center
March 11, 2026
5:30PM

Visit the link below or scan the QR code to register:
https://tinyurl.com/MCSPW2026

#BeYouBeWell

Join Us To Support Monmouth University Men's Basketball Take On Towson

Sunday February 15, 2026
7:00 PM @ Monmouth University

- Tickets - $15 adults ages 18 and older
- Free for youth 17 and younger (limit 4 per family)
- Free Transportation
- Please reserve our tickets by Friday 2/6/26
- Space is limited

Transportation provided - Departs Park Avenue School parking lot at 5:15 (280 Park Avenue, Freehold)

Use This Link To Reserve Your Tickets, Payment & Transportation Information. Thanks!

Borough of Freehold Recreation Commission



All Kids One Field

MONMOUTH

Community Connections

SERGEANT MISS SHANTE
& SENIOR SERGEANT MISS ASIA
WANT YOU!

Come Join the
DRILL TEAM



Starting Early Spring 2026

Practices held at
Freehold Learning Center
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

Borough of Freehold Recreation Commission

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