BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2026 | VOLUME 27

THE BORO BEAT

The Newsletter of Freehold Borough School District





Dear Freehold Borough Families and Staff,

A new school year brings a renewed sense of possibility, and I am thrilled to welcome our students, families, and staff back to the Freehold Borough School District. As our hallways come alive again, we look forward to a year filled with learning, connection, discovery, and opportunity.

While our students were enjoying their summer, our staff were busy preparing for their return. From our classrooms and learning spaces to the resources and tools our students will use each day, we have been working to create environments where children feel comfortable, supported, and ready to learn.

At the heart of that work are our dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff. They bring tremendous care, creativity, and commitment to their work, and I am grateful for the energy they bring to helping every student grow. Together, we will encourage our students to ask questions, explore new ideas, take on challenges, and discover their own strengths.

We also recognize that every new school year comes with its own set of emotions. There may be excitement about seeing friends and meeting new teachers, along with a few first-day jitters as students adjust to new schedules and routines. For our families, there may be questions as well. Please know that you are an important part of our school community, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating schools where every child knows they belong. We will continue to celebrate the many backgrounds and perspectives that make our community special, pursue new and innovative approaches to learning, and provide students with opportunities to grow academically, socially, and personally.

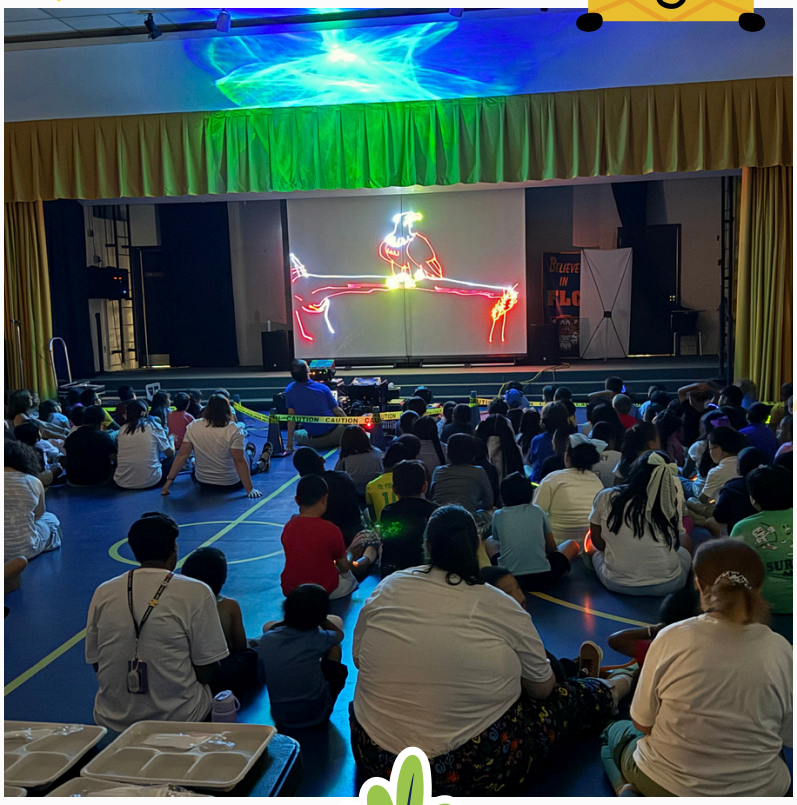
I encourage you to read this edition of the Boro Beat for important information, upcoming dates, and opportunities to stay connected throughout the year. And, as always, please reach out to your school if you need assistance or have questions.

I am looking forward to all that this school year will bring and to the many moments we will share along the way. Welcome back, and here's to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and Boro pride!

Asia Michael
Dr. Asia Michael
Superintendent of Schools

Building
Outstanding
Results &
Opportunities

Summer Programs!



This summer, students in grades K-3 enjoyed five to six weeks of learning, exploration, and fun through our Summer Programming at FLC. Each day provided opportunities for students to strengthen their academic skills while participating in engaging activities that encouraged creativity, curiosity, and collaboration. “Thrilling Thursdays” added something special to each week, giving students the chance to enjoy unique experiences such as hands-on projects, interactive activities, special visitors, and outdoor fun.







Summer Programs!





This summer, 25 FLC students spent their afternoons at the YMCA, where they enjoyed activities focused on developing confidence, teamwork, and new skills. Swimming quickly became a favorite—and an area of tremendous growth. On the first day, just two students felt comfortable enough to jump into the pool. By the end of the summer, all 25 students were confidently jumping in and had advanced to the next swim level, a wonderful reflection of their progress and perseverance.

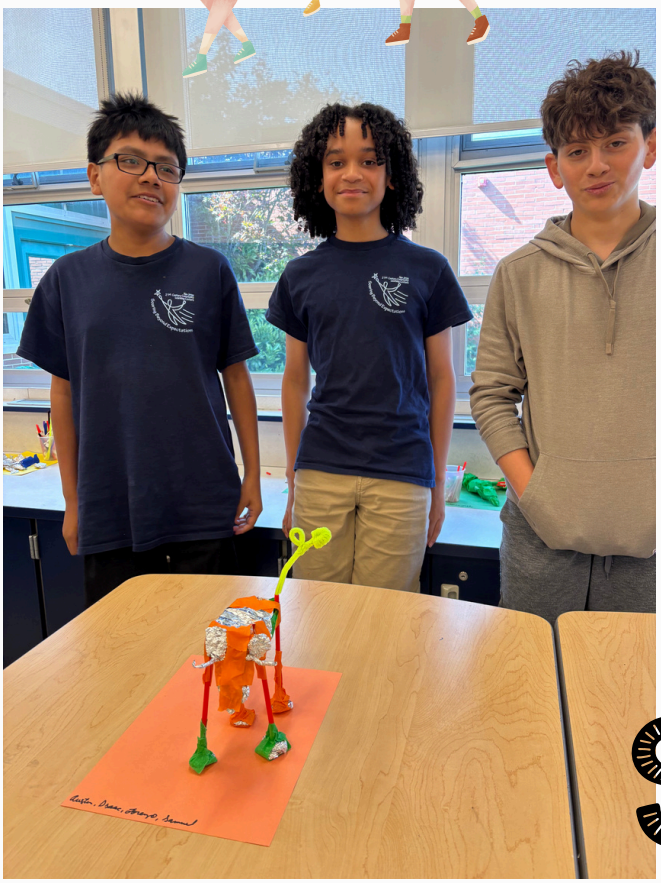


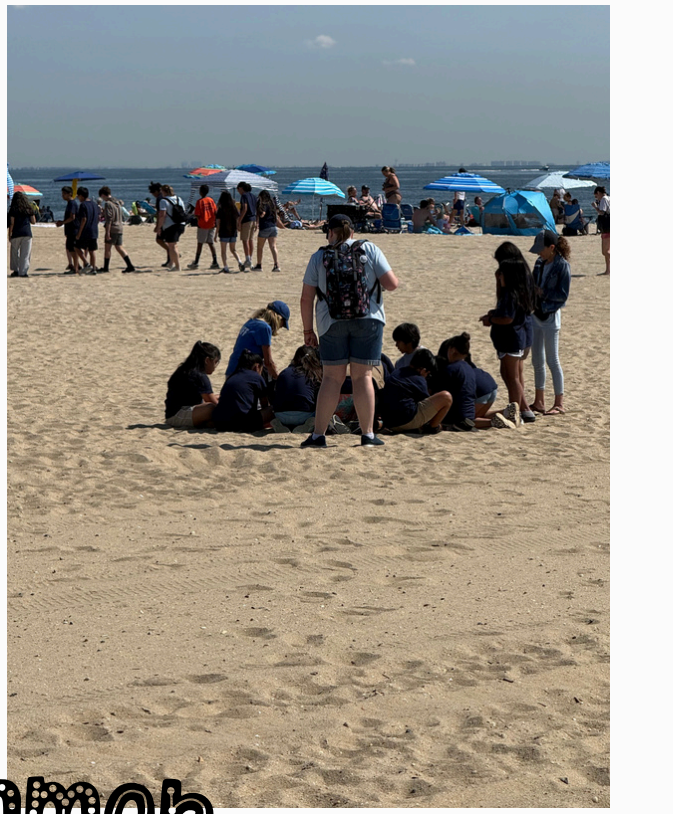
Summer Programs!





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





Summer CAMP

WELCOME,
NEW STAFF!



A new school year brings new faces to Freehold Boro! We are excited to welcome the newest members of our district team and look forward to the talents, experiences, and fresh perspectives they will bring to our schools. We are delighted to have them join the Freehold Boro family and wish them a wonderful start to the year. Welcome to Freehold Boro!







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.

HALF MILE of HORSES ART WALK







Some of our very own FLC students participated in this year's Half Mile of Horses Art Walk. Their work is displayed in Downtown Freehold.







Students enjoyed ice cream with Mrs. Profaca over the summer. What a great class reunion!



SCHOOL UNIFORM











NO LOGOS OR IMAGES ONCLOTHING





NO JEANS



NO LEGGINGS



NO SWEATPANTS (ONLY FOR GYM)



NO T-SHIRTS (ONLY FOR GYM)

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. Students must walk their bike off of campus.*

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.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL AT FLC

LLEGADA Y SALIDA EN FLC

Please follow the correct procedure for your child's grade. *Siga el procedimiento correspondiente al grado de su hijo(a).*

PRESCHOOL / PREESCOLAR Pink sign / Letrero rosado | DOOR 4 / PUERTA 4	
TIME **HORARIO**	**Drop-off: 9:05 a.m. (not earlier)** */ Llegada: 9:05 a.m. (no antes)* **Pick-up: 3:15 p.m.** */ Salida: 3:15 p.m.*
LOCATION **LUGAR**	Door 4 inside the fenced Pre-K playground */ Puerta 4 dentro del patio cercado de preescolar*
WALKERS **PEATONES**	Walk your child to Door 4 and meet the teacher. */ Acompañe a su hijo(a) a la Puerta 4 y reúnase con el maestro.*
CAR RIDERS **EN AUTOMÓVIL**	**Enter from Dutch Lane Road - not McElwaine Drive.** */ Entre por Dutch Lane Road, no por McElwaine Drive.* Park in the lower Pre-K lot or general parking, then meet the teacher at Door 4. */ Estacione en el lote inferior de preescolar o en el estacionamiento general y diríjase a la Puerta 4.* **Display the Preschool Parking Permit on your dashboard.** */ Coloque el permiso de estacionamiento de preescolar en el tablero.*

KINDERGARTEN / KÍNDER Yellow sign / Letrero amarillo | DOOR 3 / PUERTA 3	
WALKERS **PEATONES**	Walk your child to Door 3 for arrival. Pick up at the Kindergarten Arrival/Dismissal Area. */ Acompañe a su hijo(a) a la Puerta 3. Recoja en el área de llegada/salida de kínder.* **No on-campus parking.** */ No se permite estacionar en el campus.*
CAR RIDERS **EN AUTOMÓVIL**	Remain in the car line. Enter from McElwaine Drive or Dutch Lane Road and use the Car Rider Drop-Off Area. */ Permanezca en la fila. Entre por McElwaine Drive o Dutch Lane Road y use el área para dejar estudiantes.* **Car riders are dismissed at the main entrance. No on-campus parking.** */ Los estudiantes salen por la entrada principal. No se permite estacionar en el campus.*

FIRST GRADE / PRIMER GRADO Orange sign / Letrero naranja | DOOR 5 / PUERTA 5	
WALKERS **PEATONES**	**Use the Arrival/Dismissal Area at Door 5. No on-campus parking.** */ Use el área de llegada/salida en la Puerta 5. No se permite estacionar en el campus.*
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SECOND GRADE / SEGUNDO GRADO Green sign / Letrero verde | DOOR 5 / PUERTA 5	
WALKERS **PEATONES**	**Use the Arrival/Dismissal Area at Door 5. No on-campus parking.** */ Use el área de llegada/salida en la Puerta 5. No se permite estacionar en el campus.*
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Click HERE for arrival and dismissal maps/Haga clic AQUÍ para ver los mapas de llegada y salida.





PAC Renovations

The boys' and girls' restrooms near the PAE gym and in the C-Wing (7th and 8th grade hallway) received a much-needed makeover this summer! The renovations are part of a three-phase project to update all student restrooms throughout the Park Avenue Complex, creating cleaner, brighter, and more functional spaces for our students. Throughout all three phases, renovations include new fixtures, flooring, partitions, improved lighting, and enhanced ventilation. Phase One, completed last summer, focused on the high-traffic restrooms near the cafeteria, while Phase Three, scheduled for next summer, will update the remaining student restrooms at the PAC. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing students with safe, welcoming, and well-maintained school facilities.







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

Media Center Makeover

The PAC Media Center also received an exciting transformation this summer! The refreshed space was designed to create a more modern, inviting, and flexible environment where students can read, learn, collaborate, and explore. Updates throughout the Media Center have given the space a fresh new look while creating areas that better support both independent learning and group activities. The makeover reflects our continued commitment to creating engaging learning environments that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning for all students.





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NOW!

First day of School

SEPTEMBER 8TH



UPCOMING EVENTS



September 4th: PreK Orientation @ 10:30, K Orientation @ 1:30
September 5th: 2nd Annual Boro Back-to-School Bash
September 15th: FLC Back-to-School Night @ 6 pm
September 16th: Back-to-School Night - FIS @ 6 pm, PAE @ 7 pm
September 22nd & 23rd: FLC School Picture Day
September 30th: Parent Involvement Night - PAE @ 6 pm



September District Calendar



September 7th: Labor Day (District Closed)
September 9th: Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm (PAC)
September 15th & 16th: Early Dismissals
September 23rd: Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm (PAC)
September 21st: Yom Kippur (District Closed)



September 22nd

DISTRICT CALENDAR

CLICK HERE



IMPORTANT MESSAGE: *A printed calendar will no longer be sent home with students. The* ***26-27 Parent Calendar & Information Guide*** *is now available exclusively online. To access it, click the link above or the calendar image to the right.*



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 8th).
- Please review the FLC Parent/Student Handbook HERE.



PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Please review the PAE 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 September 22, 2026 for students in grades 3 - 8. Attendance at a Parent Orientation is required for students to participate in the program. The last parent orientation for Session 1 will be held on September 8, 2026 at 6 pm. Please check your email for details.



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.

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THE CHURCH ON THE HILL

2ND ANNUAL

BORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL Bash!

A STRONG START BEGINS TOGETHER!





A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS OF ALL AGES!

EVERYTHING IS FREE! COME & ENJOY!

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Park Avenue Complex
280 Park Avenue
Freehold, NJ

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ENTERTAINMENT | SNACKS | FUN GAMES | RAFFLES | & MUCH MORE!

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WAGE Women & Girls' Education International

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CentraState Healthcare System

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

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



5th Annual FREE BACK 2 SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND STYLES

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



Sunday 9/6 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.



Community Connections



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HARMONY IN THE PARK LAWN CONCERT SERIES

FREE SHOWS TAKE PLACE EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT



6:30 - 8:30pm | VETERAN'S PARK

SEPT. 1	ROB GERRITY & WIRED
SEPT. 8	FROM THE GROUND
SEPT. 15	CLUB JEFF
SEPT. 22	THE LOUSY NEIGHBORS
SEPT. 29	CRANSTON, REDBIRD, AND RYAN

Presented by the Boro Events Committee • Sponsored by Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home • The Freehold Boro Recreation Commission

Community Connections

ESOL Classes

Locations:

In-person:

Long Branch
Freehold
Wall
Red Bank

Other classes:
Remote via Zoom



SPACE IS LIMITED

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit Our Website

Call (732) 224-2180

(Spanish speaker available)
Leave your name
and a valid call-back number
We will return your call as soon as possible
Students must be 16 years of age or older
Citizenship documentation NOT required

brookdalecc.edu/continuinged/adult-basic-education
or **email** literacy@brookdalecc.edu

Classes Meet

Monday/Wednesday
mornings or evenings

OR

Tuesday/Thursday
mornings or evenings

Placement is based on assessment results

BROOKDALE