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THE BORO BEAT

The Newsletter of Freehold Borough School District



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

What a wonderful beginning to the 2026–2027 school year! Over the past several weeks, our schools have come alive with learning, relationship-building, and a renewed sense of excitement for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see our students reconnect with friends, engage in their classrooms, and become part of the many experiences that make our school community special.

October brings even more opportunities to connect, celebrate, and learn together. Throughout the month, our schools and district will host activities designed to bring students, families, staff, and community members together. I encourage you to explore the highlights included in this newsletter and take advantage of the many opportunities to be involved.

A strong school year is built through the collective efforts of our entire community. Thank you to our staff for the care and dedication they bring to our students each day, and to our families for your continued trust, support, and partnership.

We have much to look forward to, and I am excited about all that we will accomplish together as we continue Building Outstanding Results and Opportunities for every student.

Warm regards,

Dr. Asia Michael

Superintendent



District Calendar

October 12th: Schools Closed (Staff PD)

October 14th: Vaccine Clinic

October 14th: Board of Education Meeting

October 29th: FIS Halloween Dance

October 30st: Halloween Parades

BORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH















Thank you to our co-sponsors, HOSA Fund and Bethel AME Church, our partners, and YOU for making our 2nd annual Boro Back-to-School Bash a HUGE success!

BORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH





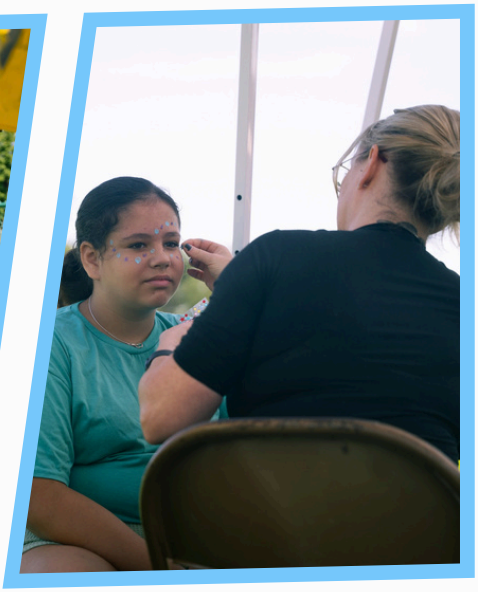












BORO BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

















SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!





BACK TO School











BACK TO SCHOOL









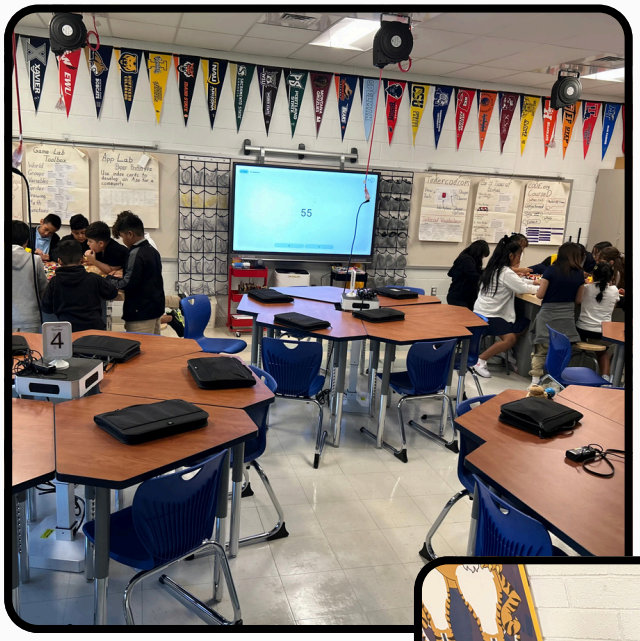




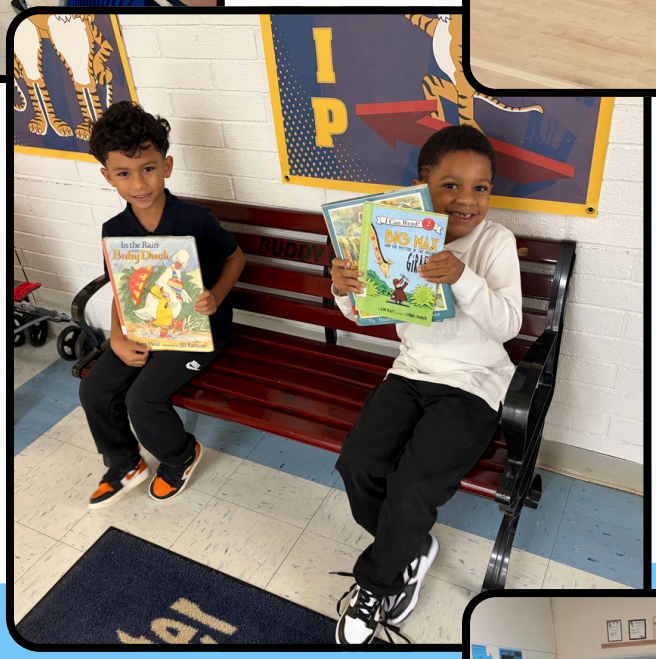


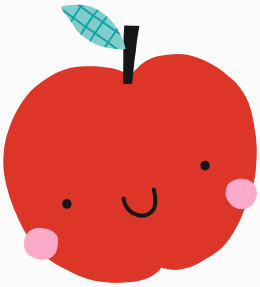


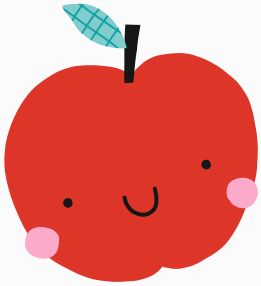
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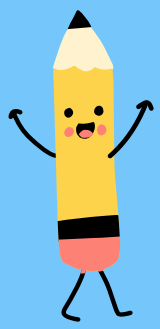








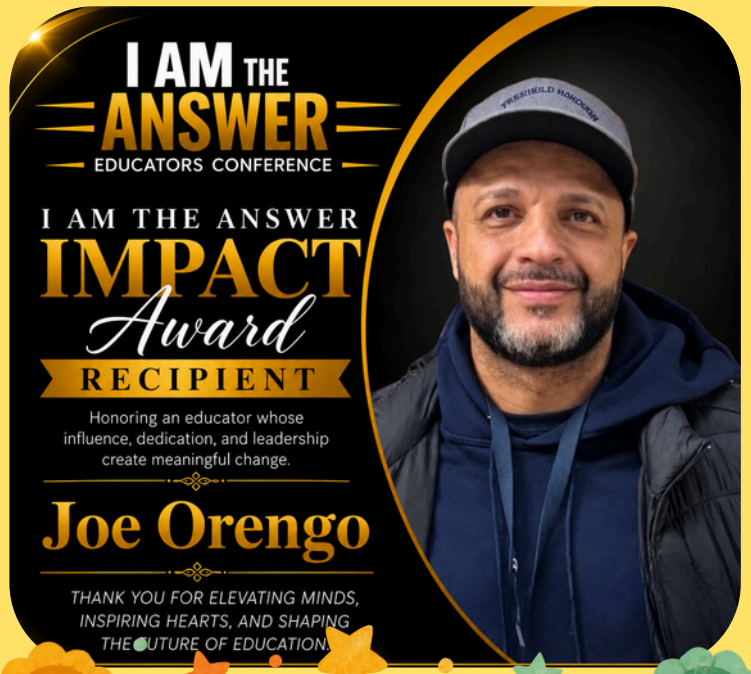








Congratulations to Joe Orengo! 🎉
We are proud to share that Joe Orengo has been selected to receive the 2026 I AM THE ANSWER™ Impact Award! This honor recognizes individuals whose dedication and service create a lasting impact on students, schools, and communities. Anyone who knows Joe knows that he is always willing to step up, lend a hand, and do whatever is needed for our students, staff, and families. Joe will be recognized at the I AM THE ANSWER Educators Conference on October 3, 2026. Please join us in congratulating Joe on this well-deserved honor! 🏆







Congratulations!

Congratulations, Afrodite Dellaporta!
We are proud to share that Aphrodite Dellaporta has been invited by the New Jersey Department of Education to serve on the State Advisory Committee on Bilingual Education! The committee advises the NJDOE on policies and practices that support multilingual learners and strengthen bilingual education programs throughout New Jersey. Through this appointment, Aphrodite will have the opportunity to share her knowledge and experience while helping to inform statewide initiatives that impact multilingual learners. Her participation also ensures that Freehold Borough has a voice in important conversations taking place at the state level. Congratulations, Aphrodite! We are proud to have you representing Freehold Borough!

Upcoming Events

10/5 - 10/9: Week of Respect

10/18 - 10/22: School Violence Awareness Week

10/26 - 10/30: Red Ribbon Week

















PARK AVENUE

OCTOBER 2026 SPIRIT DAYS

OCT 05 — WEAR UNIFORM/ BLUE
Support Bullying Prevention & picture day!

OCT 06 — SPORTS JERSEY DAY
Team up against bullying!

OCT 07 — COMFORTABLE CLOTHES
Feel comfortable about being yourself

OCT 08 — COLORFUL CLOTHES
Spread kindness like confetti

OCT 09 — BORO PRIDE
Just can't hide your Boro pride!

OCT 20 — BE A BUDDY!
We are stronger together! Dress up the same as a buddy or buddies

OCT 22 — WE ALL BELONG
Wear clothing representing your culture or favorite color to celebrate diversity.

OCT 26 — WEAR RED
Celebrate Red Ribbon Week & being drug free!

OCT 29 — WEAR SWEATS
"Living Drug Free is no Sweat"
Wear sweats to school!

Week of Respect (10/5-10/9)
School Violence Awareness Week (10/19-10/23)
Red Ribbon Week (10/26-10/30)







FIS October THEME WEEKS

Dress Up ★ Show Up ★ Make a Difference

WEEK OF RESPECT
10/5 – 10/9

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
District wide wear **blue** to **battle** bullying. BLUE to make a bigger difference!	Team up against bullying- wear your favorite team jersey!	Feel comfortable about being yourself. Wear your favorite sweats!	Throw kindness like confetti! Wear colorful clothes!	Just can't hide your boro pride! Wear Boro wear!

SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK
10/19 – 10/23

Safe Schools. Stronger Communities. A Brighter Future.

RED RIBBON WEEK
10/26 – 10/30

MONDAY	THURSDAY
"Red-y" to Make Healthy Choices! Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week!	"Living Drug Free is no Sweat." Wear sweats to school!

TOGETHER WE CHOOSE KINDNESS, RESPECT & A HEALTHY FUTURE!

FIS Fall Sports

Boys Soccer
October 6th - Marlboro Memorial (A)
October 8th - Howell North (H)
October 14th - Ocean (A)
October 15th - Marlboro Memorial (H)
October 20th - Shrewsbury (H)

Field Hockey
October 5th - Eisenhower (A)
October 6th - Manasquan (H)
October 7th - Brielle (A)
• October 13th - Barkalow (A)
October 14th - Howell South (H)
October 16th - Howell North (H)

Girls Soccer
October 1st - Tinton Falls (H)
October 5th - West Long Branch (H)
October 6th - Wall 6/7 (H)
October 13th - Wall (A)
October 14th - Tinton Falls (A)
October 16th - Eatontown (A)
October 19th - West Long Branch (A)

Cross Country
October 1st - Eisenhower (A)
October 7th - MEMS (A)
October 21st - Big Brook Park (A)

*H = HOME A = AWAY

CLICK HERE FOR GAMES/MATCH TIMES AND FULL WINTER SCHEDULE



JOIN US

MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION
FREEHOLD BOROUGH SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT

Multilingual Education Orientation

Welcome To Our Multilingual Program

Parents will be introduced to the Multilingual Department and explain how our programs support their children's language development.

Rocco G. Tomazic Library

FREEHOLD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

280 Park Avenue, Freehold NJ 07728

Door #10

- Meet our ML Instructional Coaches
- Overview of ML services and programs
- Parent rights & resources
- Answer questions about our departement and school

Thursday,
October 15th
6:00-7:30PM





October School Appreciation Days



- **September 15th - October 15th - Hispanic Heritage Month**
- **National Principals Month**
- **October 2nd - School Custodian/Maintenance Appreciation Day**
- **October 6th - National Coaches Day**
- **October 12th- World Mental Health Day**









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.



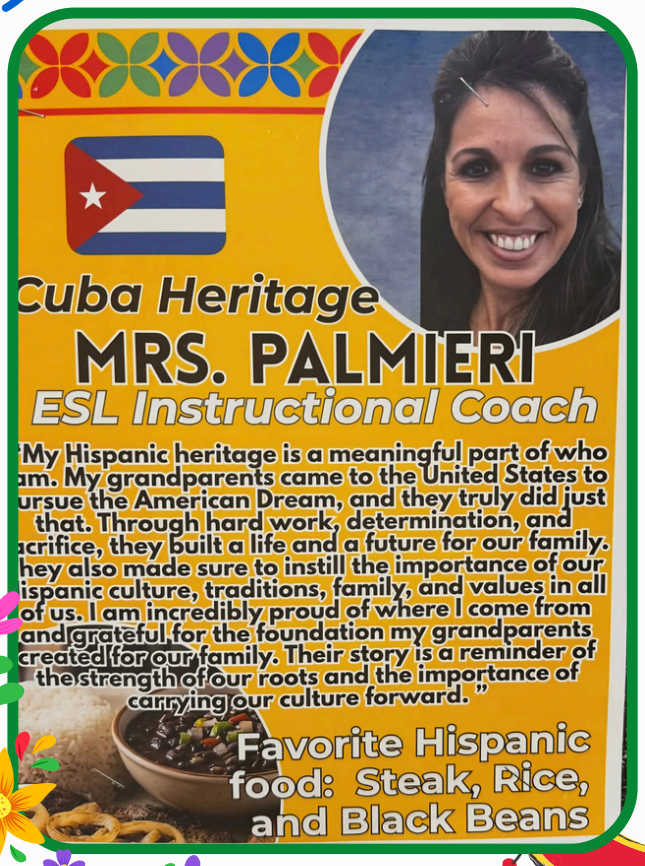
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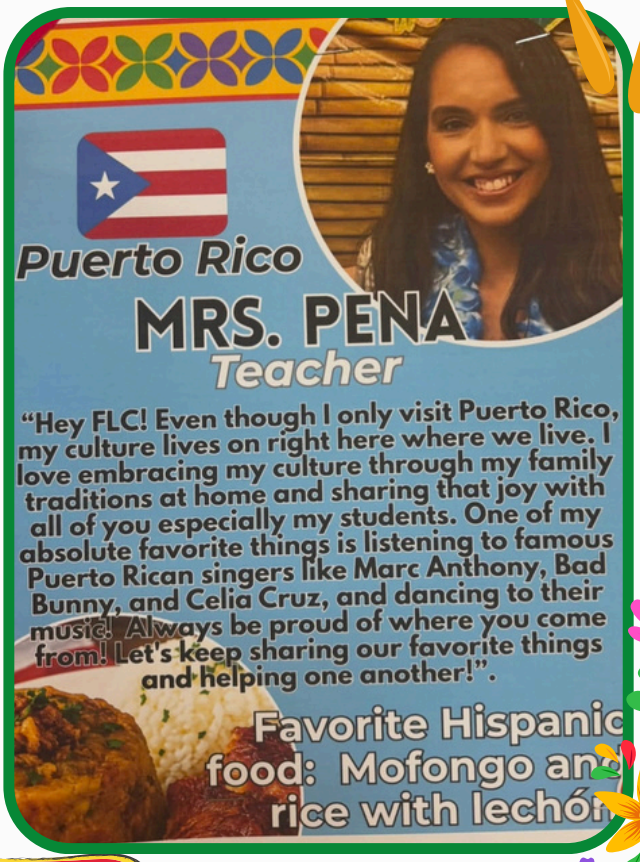
Celebrating Hispanic Heritage





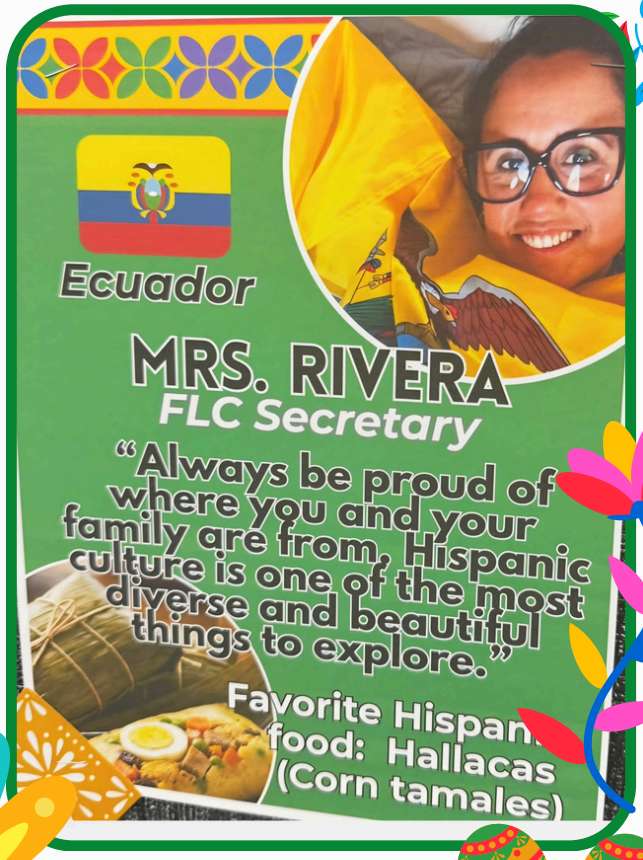
FLC students and staff celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

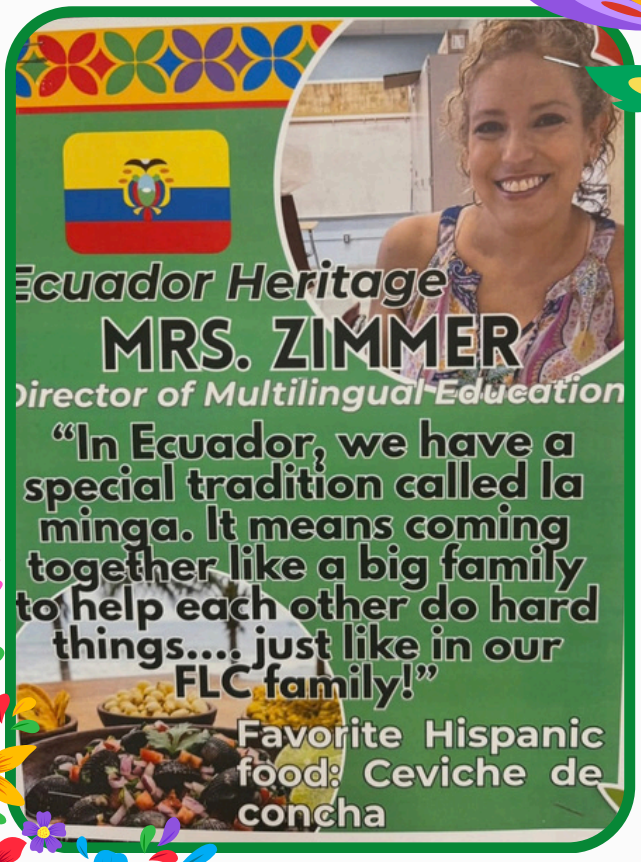




Celebrating Hispanic Heritage









PTO HAPPENINGS



PAE PTO

Virtual PTO Meeting:

October 18th @ 7:30 p.m.

Talent Show

NOVEMBER 20, 2026







PTO HAPPENINGS

LEGO CLUB

3:30 - 5 PM
10/14 - 2nd grade
10/16 - 1st grade
10/21 - K

REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

FLC PTO

Virtual PTO Meeting: October 13th @ 6:30 p.m.









REGISTRATION CLOSES 10/13



JOIN THE

FREEHOLD LEARNING CENTER

PTO

2026 – 2027

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out the Google form:

CASH, CHECK, OR ZEFFY

$10 membership fee per family

Pay using the Zeffy link in the Google form confirmation OR send cash or check into school labeled with your child's first and last name and their teacher's name

WHY JOIN THE PTO?

Your membership fee supports field trips, teacher supplies and appreciation events, Trunk-or-Treat, the Scholastic Book Fairs, the Mother's Day Plant Sale, Movie Nights, and more!

NO REQUIRED MEETINGS OR VOLUNTEERING, JUST SUPPORT!

$10

PER FAMILY

FALL

Community Connections

Ritesh Shah CHARITABLE PHARMACY

New Jersey's 1st Charitable Pharmacy

PRE-K FAMILIES!

Flu Shot Required by November 30

2026 VACCINE CLINICS

Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy (RSCP) and Marlboro Medical Arts Pharmacy is proud to partner with Park Avenue Elementary School to provide essential vaccinations for the upcoming season.

Seasonal Flu Shot – Protection against the most common circulating strains.
COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster – Updated protection for 2026.

EVENTS DETAILS:

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

TIME: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Ave Elementary School 280 Park Ave, Freehold, NJ 07728

"TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A HEALTHIER FUTURE!"

SCAN TO COMPLETE VACCINE INTAKE FORM

SCAN

https://form.jotform.com/262256519254157

Marlboro Medical Arts PHARMACY

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