

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Flyers

The Freehold Borough Police Department will be hosting a National Night Out/First Responder Night on Tuesday, October 5th from 6pm-8pm in the Hall of Records Parking Lot downtown. There will be bouncy rides, music, gifts, snacks/water. The event will also have displays from our local First Responders including the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, and the K9 unit from The Monmouth County Sheriff's Department.

There will be a number of COVID vaccine and testing clinics in Monmouth County during the month of October including on October 19th at the Freehold Borough Firehouse from 4pm-7pm details [here](#)

The Internal Revenue Service asked me to pass along information on the Advanced Child Tax Credit Payment. They will be hosting an information session in Spanish on October 4th and English on October 7. Details in English [here](#) and Spanish [here](#)

### News

While we try to show school spirit everyday in Freehold Borough, Fridays tend to be particularly special in this regard. Today Freehold Learning Center saw the return of the cape ceremony which recognizes students who exhibit traits such as friendship or sharing. At Park Avenue Elementary there was a 3rd grade assembly for Rocky the Tiger the FLC mascot to officially turn the students over to PAE's mascot Skylar the Eagle. The PAE guidance counselor and staff used the assembly to talk about pillars of character. At Freehold Intermediate School Boro Pride is every Friday with students and staff wearing their Boro Pride shirts and the ROAR program recognizing students of the week for demonstrating such things as respect for their peers and school. Supporting a student's character education is just as important as all of the other academic subjects we teach. Today's activities serve as a foundation to connect our students with their schools. We hope to have many more of these activities throughout the year.

There are 24 students who are out of school currently because they are either pending COVID test clearance if they have one or more symptoms that could indicate COVID, or they have a sibling that is awaiting COVID test results. The school nurses actively monitor these cases. At any point during this past week we have seen a similar number of students out sick and their test results have all come back negative. There have been no known cases of in school transmission to date. We know that there are many things such as allergy, the common cold, and flu that can cause these symptoms, but we will remain vigilant.

Regards,  
Joe Howe  
Joseph Howe, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



