



Francisco Elementary School

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August Dates:

August 12, 2020—First Day of School.



School Picture
Day September 15, 2020

A Note from the Principal:

Greetings all! I hope that this newsletter finds you well and enjoying what is left of summer.

First, I want to personally take this time to thank you for registering your child on-line this year. I realize that this was a new procedure, but you did an awesome job and it helped cut down on the number of papers that you will be required to fill out at the beginning of the year. We will ask you to fill out a few paper copies for us to have on file in case we have a technical issue or a power outage. If you did not complete the on-line registration for your child, we would appreciate your efforts to get your child's paper packet turned in to the office in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (812) 782-3207.

As we begin our face to face instruction, there will be new protocols and regulations. We will be working with our local health department and state officials to adhere to the guidelines and maintain a safe learning environment. At the present moment our re-entry plan requires mask to be worn as you enter and exit our facility, ride on our school buses, in the hallways and restrooms, and any other place that we cannot practice social distancing. In addition, our facility will be disinfected each evening and throughout the day we will be continuous cleaning high touch surfaces. All these procedures have been implemented in hopes that we will be able to continue in person instruction throughout the year.

I realize that some of the protocols are different than what we are accustomed to at FES. *We love our families and love to have you in our building*, but at the present moment visitors are restricted and **not allowed** to visit our facility. Also, we must restrict outside food from being brought into our facility for sharing during special occasions. Personally, I hate that we have to abide by these rules, but I am also responsible for keeping your children safe throughout the pandemic. I want your children to be able to celebrate those special occasions so the cafeteria has provided some party options for parents to purchase so that your child can continue to share with his or her classmates. Please know at the present moment we will abide by these guidelines.

Finally, I know that the 2020-2021 school year will be full of challenges, but I also know that we are excited to see your children and we are committed to do our best to educate and keep your children safe. As we continue to move forward, we may face school closures and changes in protocol. I will continue to keep you informed of any new information in a timely manner. If you have any issues this year, please feel free to reach out to me via email j.reed@teachers.egsc.k12.in.us or by calling the office. Your child's education and well-being are our top priority!!

Sincerely,

Jane A. Reed, Principal of Francisco Elementary School

Back-to-School Face Covering Guidance for Families

Students and educators are facing many new challenges when they return for the 2020-2021 school year, including the recommendation that face coverings be worn. This two-sided document is designed to help families support students with acclimating them to appropriately wear a face covering and provide protocols for safe and effective maintenance of face coverings.

1 Get Familiar

Follow these steps when using your face covering:

- Wash your hands before touching the face covering.
- Put it over the nose and mouth and secure it under the chin.
- Make sure the covering fits snugly against the sides of the face.
- Make sure your child can breathe easily.

2 Start Now

It takes a lot of repetition to develop a habit. It is recommended that families begin having their school-aged children practice wearing a face covering for short periods in the days leading up to the start of school.

3 Set Rules

Talk to your child about appropriate use for their own face covering and the face coverings of others. Remind your child of the following examples of face covering etiquette:

- Keep your hands to yourself. Do not touch anyone else's face covering.
- Do not share face coverings with other people.

4 Reassure

The changes students experience at school can be scary to our youngest Hoosiers. Take the time to reassure your child that the protective measures being taken are meant to keep students, teachers, and other adults in the school healthy. Remember, families mold the attitude of students. Your support is appreciated!

More Information on the Reverse Side



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2020-2021 Indiana Assessment Windows Updated July 2020

Name of Assessment	Window Begins	Window Ends
Indiana Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network Grades 3-8		
ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) December ¹	November 30, 2020	December 17, 2020
ILEARN Biology ECA February ²	February 8, 2021	February 25, 2021
ILEARN Grades 3-8	April 19, 2021	May 14, 2021
ILEARN Biology ECA ³ and Optional U.S. Government ECA	April 19, 2021	May 21, 2021
Indiana Statewide Testing of Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Grade 10		
Summer Retest	Canceled	Canceled
Winter Retest	November 9, 2020	December 11, 2020
Spring Retest	February 2, 2021	February 26, 2021
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)		
PSAT/NMSQT Primary Testing Day	October 14, 2020	
PSAT/NMSQT Alternate Testing Day	October 28, 2020	
Indiana Reading And Evaluation Determination-3 (IREAD-3)		
Spring Administration	March 8, 2021	March 19, 2021
Summer Administration	May 25, 2021	July 16, 2021
Indiana's Alternate Measure (I AM)		
I AM	April 5, 2021	May 14, 2021
World-Class Instructional Design and Assessments (WIDA) for English Learners		
WIDA ACCESS Annual Assessments	January 11, 2021	February 26, 2021
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)		
NAEP 2021	January 25, 2021	March 5, 2021

Indiana Student Performance Readiness and Observation of Understand Tool (ISPROUT) is administered to students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) upon the student's entrance into the preschool program, annually near their birthday or yearly review, and the exit of the program (typically the spring prior to going to kindergarten).

¹ The December Biology window is designed for students completing the course during the first trimester or semester.

² The February Biology window is designed for students completing the course during the second trimester.

³ The May Biology and U.S. Government window is designed for students completing the course at the completion of the second semester or third trimester.

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Caring for Your Cloth Face Covering

WE HAVE TO ADAPT
AND OVERCOME,
THAT'S ALL WE CAN
DO.

Take Off Your Face Covering Carefully, When You Are Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine or wash by hand
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth and wash hands immediately after removal



How to Clean Your Face Covering

- **Washing Machine**
 - Wash your face covering with your regular laundry
 - Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used for the face covering



How to Clean Your Face Covering

- **Washing by Hand**
 - Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) household bleach per gallon of room temperature water
 - 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water
 - Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing may not be suitable for disinfection
 - Ensure the bleach product is not past its expiration date
 - **Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser**
 - Soak the face covering in the bleach solution for five minutes
 - Rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water

How to Dry Your Face Covering

- Make sure to completely dry cloth face coverings after washing
- **Dryer**
 - Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry
- **Air Dry**
 - Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible place the cloth face covering in direct sunlight



More Information on the Reverse Side



