



Francisco Elementary School

October Issue 2020

October Dates:

10-1-20—FES vs. OCE
@ Oakland City
Elementary 4:30

10-5-20-FES vs.
Owensville @ Francisco
Elementary School 4:30

10-7-20-FES vs.
Princeton Middle School
@ Princeton Middle
School 5:00

10-8-20-Patriotic Spirit
Day

10-12-20-School Board
Meeting @ WMHS @ 7

10-13-20—End of First
Quarter

10-15-20—Report
Cards Sent Home

10-16-20-Fall Break-No
School

10-19-20-Fall Break-
No School

10-22-20—Funny Sock
Spirit Day

10-28-20-Picture
Retakes/ Sports
Pictures

10-30-20- Fall
Parties/Halloween
Parade

10-31-20—
Halloween/Make sure to
set your clocks back 1
hour

A Note from the Principal:

It is hard to believe that September is almost over, and that cooler temperatures and more fall-like weather has arrived. With cooler temperatures, I want to remind parents to prepare students by sending jackets for outdoor recess. We have had a busy last few weeks with our volleyball team in action. Our team has worked very hard this season. I want to congratulate the girls and coach on a job well done!

The safety protocol that has been implemented seems to be working well at Francisco Elementary. I want to give a shout out to all our parents for taking the time to complete the COVID assessment prior to school and for keeping your children home when they have COVID symptoms. Please make sure that you call the office and communicate to the staff about all absences so we have a record and can give guidance if your child is ill. Thanks again for all your support and effort during this time to keep everyone safe and healthy!

Even though, our classroom celebrations will look a little different (no outside food), I want to let parents know that we will do our best to help our children have fun while being safe. I understand that this is not what anyone wants, but I also realize that if we want to remain in school we must adhere to the guidelines. I will allow students to wear their costumes as long as they follow the school appropriate guidelines. We plan on having a small parade in the front of the building. Each grade will line up and exit out of the west entrance and come in the lower level entrance. One class will complete the walk prior to the next class being dismissed. The parade will start at 9 am. weather permitting. Parents will be able to watch if they remain in the grassy area across from the school, wear mask and social distance. No treats will be allowed to be shared with our students this year per health department guidance.

As we finish the first nine weeks, I want to continue to encourage home and school communication. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Likewise, teachers will be contacting you directly if they have any concerns about progress or behavior.

At FES we are working at creating a Growth Mindset which is the belief that intelligence can be developed. Students who possess a growth mindset focus on improvement instead of worrying about how smart they are. Students work hard to learn more and achieve success. At FES as we move forward let's continue to encourage our students to work hard, persevere when things get tough and this will help them reach their goals and ultimately improve. At home you can help by offering support and encouraging your child to work hard and persist when there are challenges. Together we can see challenges as an opportunity to grow rather than a barrier!!

We truly appreciate your ongoing support and believe that by working together we can create the best possible environment that allows students to achieve success. As always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane A. Reed
Principal of Francisco Elementary School

Title 1 Information

Our school receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

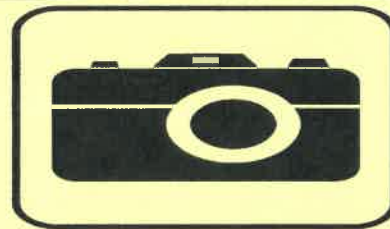
We are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming year and we are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA/ESSA. Under these regulations, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible.

- Whether the teacher meets state qualifications and licensing requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including major(s) or area(s) of concentration and the area of endorsement.

We are happy to provide you with the above-mentioned information in a timely manner, upon your request. We look forward to the year ahead and welcome your partnership in the important job of educating the children of our community. Continuous communication between home and school is key to the success of our educational program. As parents/guardians, you are encouraged to be actively involved in your child's education by talking to your child about school, volunteering whenever possible, and participating in school/district activities!

If you have specific questions about this notification, please contact your school's principal. If you have any additional questions about ESSA and its impact on schools, please contact Robin Bretz, East Gibson School Corporation Title 1 Coordinator or Jane Reed, principal of Francisco Elementary @ 812-782-3207 or email jane.reed@esgcsd.org.

PER THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, ANYONE THAT ENTERS FRANCISCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ANY EVENT MUST WEAR A MASK. MASKS MUST BE WORN IN ANY COMMON AREAS (bleachers, ticket lines, hallways, restrooms, concession, etc.) IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUALS ARE ASKED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SIT AS FAMILY UNITS. PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP STUDENTS IN THE GYM DURING THE EVENT.



LifeTouch will be taking retakes and Volleyball/Sports pics on October 28th. Information will be sent home with your child in the near future. Lifetouch is taking special precautions to make sure that your child is safe during this process by implementing new disinfecting protocol. We look forward to making new memories for the 2020-2021 school year!!
The memories may look different but as always it will be a year to remember.