



# Francisco Elementary School

## Feb. Issue 2021 Issue

### February Dates:

Feb. 2—Groundhog Day

Feb. 5—Mid-Terms—Wear Red for Heart Health Day

Feb. 8—Valentine's Due to Classroom Teacher School Board Meeting @ 7

Feb. 11—Valentine Celebration

Feb. 12—Snow Day #2

Feb. 15—Great American's Day—No School

Feb. 25—Crazy Day—Wear as many colors and patterns as you can.

Valentine's Day Celebration  
All Students will receive a treat provided by the school and prepared by the cafeteria. Guidelines for Valentine's Day will be sent home. Please adhere to the guidance to keep all our students and staff safe during this difficult time.



## A Note from the Principal:

Dear Francisco Elementary Families,  
You've heard this before: Francisco Elementary is a school-wide Title school. But what does that really mean?

Title I is a federal program designed to help kids in poverty who are struggling with academics to catch up and keep up. In the old days, before school-wide, kids who "qualified" for Title could receive extra help (in the form of different materials or small group learning with a Title-funded teacher or para-educator). Kids who needed help but did not qualify could not legally access the materials or help, even if we thought it was best for them. Schools had to keep data on students who were served, which adults were helping, what materials they were using, and how qualified kids were progressing.

School wide hasn't changed everything—we still keep the same data! Here is the big, important difference: in school-wide, any student is eligible to be a Title student—no income qualification required. Now, any student can access Title-purchased materials and Title-funded adults to get help. We normally limit our groups to small groups in order to provide more one on one services to those children who are struggling. If you have questions or concerns about Title 1 services, please contact the school.

If the state requires us to test, students in grades 3-6 will be starting to practice test for ILEARN in the coming weeks. This will allow our students the opportunity to be exposed to the testing format and the testing tools used on the ILEARN. As parents, you can help as well by allowing your child to go on-line to the test repository and look over the released materials with your child. My hopes are that we will have testing waived again by the state but we must prepare if this does not happen.

I want to thank you for working with us throughout the pandemic. I understand that it has been difficult for you as parents as well. Please continue to support your child and prioritize education. I also want to personally thank you for communicating with our nursing staff about Covid related issues and for keeping your children home when they have any symptoms.

If you have questions or concerns about Title or ILEARN, please call the school at 812-782-3207. I will do my best to answer your questions.

**Jane A. Reed**

Principal, Francisco Elementary

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

**I-Learn is just around the corner. I encourage parents to use the resources below to help prepare your child for the ILEARN test.**

- Indiana's Released Items Repository allows students to interact with released items and try some of the tools and features: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-sample-items-and-scoring>. New items are added each school year.
- Indiana's ILEARN Portal provides information and resources for understanding the assessment at: <https://ilearn.portal.airast.org/>.
- The ILEARN for Families website answers questions about ILEARN: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>.

**I-READ—Spring Testing Window---March 8  
2021—March 19, 2021**

**ILEARN Testing Window—April 19, 2021-May  
14, 2021.**

**Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside**  
**Please make sure that your child is dressed for the winter weather with a warm coat, hat, and gloves. Children go outside for recess daily (weather permitting) for fresh air and to get some needed exercise. We do not have extra gloves etc. available in the office**



**Valentine's Day 2021**  
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We will celebrate Thursday, February 11, 2021.  
*Due to Covid Protocols we have extra steps we need to follow this year.*

- *Student valentines are allowed.*
- *Paper valentine's ONLY!!—No Candy Attached*
- *Valentines are due by Monday 2/8/21 (72 Hrs. before distribution)*
- *Valentines need to be in a sealed baggie when turned in to the teacher with student name on the baggie*
- *Hand Sanitizer will be used before, during, and after distribution in class.*
- *Students will bring home their class valentines in a sealed baggie.*
- *No additional treats are allowed.*
- *No outside deliveries will be allowed this year.*

*Students will be given a treat bag provided by the school.*

**Francisco School Covid Update**  
**As we continue to move forward in this pandemic, I want to encourage you to continue to reach out to the school if you or someone in your household has COVID symptoms. This will allow our nursing staff to help guide you in the Covid protocol. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and secure during this uncertain time. I want to reassure you that we have had a low number of positivity at our facility in Francisco. Thank you for your continued support and trust and please continue to help us keep everyone safe.**

