



Francisco Elementary School

August Issue 2021

August Dates:

August 10, 2021—First Day of School.



School Picture
Day August 31, 2021

Our Photos this year will be taken by a new company. We will offer fall photos and group pictures. We will also offer Spring Photos for those parents who wish to purchase a package in the spring. Only students who purchase a packet will be photographed in the Spring.

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. This is a big help if parents take the time and fill out the information. We will request that you 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 the 2021-2022 school year, we will be transitioning back to a normal schedule. Now, masks are optional in our buildings however they are required to ride an East Gibson School Bus. We will continue to work with our local health department and state officials to adhere to the guidelines and maintain a safe learning environment. I would like to request that your child keep a mask at school if we would need for them to have access to one. 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 keep our students and staff healthy and safe throughout the year so we can maintain face to face instruction.

I understand that some of our protocols will be a bit different as we continue to fight the pandemic, but I hope that you understand that we have the policies and procedures in place to keep everyone safe. *We love our families and love to have you in our building*, but now visitors are limited. Also, we must restrict outside food from being brought into our facility for sharing during special occasions. Personally, I hate that we must 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 for now we will continue to abide by these guidelines. If in the future, we can allow outside visitors or food, I will communicate that with you.

This year we hired an additional aide, Haley Foote to help with learning loss due to the pandemic. Haley will be working with children throughout the day helping them with the standards that they are having difficulty learning and comprehending. East Gibson is committed to doing what it takes to help our children!! Please make Haley feel welcome at FES.

Finally, I know that the 2021-2022 school year will be full of challenges, but I also know that we are excited to see your children and are committed to do our best to educate and keep your children safe. As we continue to move forward, I will continue to keep you informed with 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

**Testing Dates for
the 2021-2022
School Year.**

I realize that parents make plans or appointments throughout the year. Please take into consideration the testing windows when planning events or appointments. Third grade students participate in I Read and 3-6 participate in I Learn. Thank you for making sure you avoid these windows.

**I Learn—April 18-
May 13**

**I Read---- March 7-
March 18**



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2021-2022 Indiana Assessment Windows

Name of Assessment Window Begins Window Ends		
Indiana Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN)		
ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) December ¹	November, 29, 2021	December 16, 2021
ILEARN Biology ECA February ²	February 7, 2022	February 24, 2022
ILEARN Grades 3-8	April 18, 2022	May 13, 2022
ILEARN Biology ECA May ³ and Optional U.S. Government ECA	April 18, 2022	May 20, 2022
Indiana Statewide Testing of Education Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Retest		
Winter Retest	November 8, 2021	December 10, 2021
Spring Retest	February 7, 2022	March 4, 2022
SAT		
SAT Primary Testing Dates	March 2, 2022	March 4, 2022
SAT Make-Up Testing ⁴ Dates	April 13, 2022	April 20, 2022
Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)		
PSAT/NMSQT Primary Testing Day	October 13, 2021	
PSAT/NMSQT Alternate Testing Day	October 26, 2021	
Indiana Reading and Evaluation Determination Grade 3 (IREAD-3)		
Spring Administration	March 7, 2022	March 18, 2022
Summer Administration	May 23, 2022	July 15, 2022
Indiana's Alternate Measure (IAM)		
IAM	April 4, 2022	May 13, 2022
WIDA ACCESS for English Learners		
WIDA ACCESS Annual Assessments January 10, 2022 February 25, 2022		
National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)		
NAEP 2022 January 24, 2022 March 4, 2022		

Your Best

**If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.
And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."**

~ Barbara Vance

Elementary Sports

All East Gibson Schools will be combined to form one elementary team this year—BTS, FES, and OCE. This is due to the low number of participants in each of our buildings. Volleyball games and practices will be held at BTS. Buses will be provided to bring OCE and FES children down to the school for practice right after school. Parents will be responsible for picking up students at the conclusion of practice. I know that this will be a change but on a positive note it will bring unity to our schools and develop lasting friendships that will mature as the students enter Junior High. We will be the "Trojans". Mr. Malin and I appreciate your commitment to East Gibson sports.

