



Francisco Elementary School

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February Dates:

Feb. 2—Groundhog Day

Feb. 3—Mid-Terms; Boys Basketball game vs. Princeton @ BTS—A team starts at 5:30- B team will follow—Malin Supervision

Feb. 8—Girls 5/6 Basketball Team Introduction at High School

Feb. 9-PTO Meeting @ 4

Feb. 11—Valentines Dance for grades 4-6—mask optional—Time: 5-7 @ FES. Classroom Valentines due to teacher.

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day, Valentine Celebration at the end of day. School Board Meeting @ 6

Feb. 16—Star Lab

Feb. 18—Make-up Day #1 School in Session.

Feb. 21—Great Americans Day—No School

Feb. 28—Read Across America—Hat Day

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.

We have a wonderful opportunity for families to sign up for the Family First Success program. This is an opportunity for families to work together creating strong bonds, learning about how to set loving boundaries, and strengthening our family units. This program will be every Thursday starting February 3rd through April 14th. Please sign up by emailing betherry_76@yahoo.com.

I want to remind parents that we need you to communicate to the office if your child is absent. Please feel free to call and leave a message if we are not in the office. I understand that it has been difficult for you as parents as well. Please continue to support your child and prioritize education by picking up work when your student is absent and completing the work sent home in a timely manner. I also want to personally thank you for truthfully 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 7 2022—March 18, 2022

ILEARN Testing Window—April 18, 2022-May 13, 2022.

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 2022
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We will celebrate Monday, February 14, 2022.

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 Friday 2/11/22 (72 Hrs. before distribution)*
- *Hand Sanitizer will be used before, during, and after distribution in class.*
- *No additional outside treats are allowed.*
- ***No outside deliveries will be allowed this year.***

Students will be given a treat that is provided by the school.

Valentine's Dance at Francisco Elementary
School
From 5-7

For Grades 4-6 Only!!
Mask will be optional for the event.

Cost: \$3.00 for individual

Refreshments Available for Purchase!!

Please keep your child home if your child is feeling ill or has been exposed to someone with Covid.

Happy Valentine's Day

practice random acts of kindness.