



Francisco Elementary School

April Issue 2021

April Dates:

- April 1—Yoga @ 12:30
- April 5—Book Blast Begins
- April 11—School Board Meeting @ 6 WMHS
- April 15—School in Session; Good Friday; Afternoon of Activities for "ROCK the TEST"
- April 18—School in Session; I Learn starts today- May 13th
- April 21—Mid-Terms



Important Dates in May
May 13—Honor's Day
Spring Band Concert
May 17th @ WMJHS
starting @ 6

A Note from the Principal:

Wow!! I cannot believe that it is finally April. It has been a long year full of road construction, Covid protocol, and finally a return to normalcy. To say it has been an unusual year is an understatement. However, through all the changes we have persevered and made it to the final 9 weeks of 2021-2022.

In the month of March, our third-grade students participated in I-Read at Francisco Elementary. I am very proud of our student's performance and their continued commitment to education. Test results will be sent out in a timely manner. Students who did not pass the I-Read will have a second opportunity to test during the summer window May 31st -June 3rd.

April 5-April 18, Francisco Elementary will be participating in a Book Blast. This is an opportunity for each student in the school to get one free book and have the possibility to earn several other books. Hopefully, this will help build up our student's home libraries prior to summer break which will allow them to keep on growing throughout the summer.

Beginning Monday, April 18th, all student's 3rd-6th grade will begin taking the Indiana I-Learn Test. The testing window is open from April 18-May 13. We will start testing on April 18th and continue until we have completed all test. At Francisco Elementary students should have most of the test completed by the end of April. Please make sure your child is on time to school those days, has plenty of rest at night, and eats a healthy breakfast. We want to encourage our students to "show what they know" on those days. Please help us encourage your child to do his or her very best!

I hope that you enjoyed your Spring Break. Upon return we will be in full academic mode at Francisco Elementary School. Students and Staff will be working toward all the end of the year's events from academic testing, field trips to Honor's Day. Please save the date of May 13th for Honor's Day.

As we start the last nine weeks of the year, I want to personally thank you for all your support. I want to remind you that you have some awesome children. Keep praising them, encouraging them, and supporting them because they need you and Francisco Elementary School needs parents who are involved! We say "Thank You" for all your help throughout the school year especially this year.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Reed
Principal of Francisco Elementary School

As warm weather approaches, I want to remind parents that we have a dress code at Francisco Elementary School. Please make sure that your student is dressed appropriately for school. We appreciate your help in this matter.

All shirts worn should have sleeves (shoulders are not to be exposed). Shorts, tank tops, halter-tops, tops which reveal the midriff, neckline, or any clothing, which is inappropriately revealing is not permitted. Shorts/Skirts/dresses are to be a minimum of fingertip length.



This year FES will be participating in a Book Blast.

Our Mission and our Guarantee at Books Are Fun is:



*To inspire more lifelong readers by putting at least one hot new book in the hands of **EVERY** student at your school. This means that every student, whether they participate in the program or not, will be receiving a FREE new, exciting, age-appropriate book on book delivery day. Also, **100%** of the contributions from your community will go toward books for your students and books and educational supplies for your school.*

Now, as the contributions come in from the friends and family you've invited to contribute through the Registration Site, those dollars will go toward building your student's home library. Your student has the opportunity to earn up to 10 books, but again, he/she is guaranteed at least one - regardless of participation. Each of these books is listed on the Treasure Map by grade level and is approximately \$10. So, as contributions come in, your student's home library is built up book by book (from the list) until he/she reaches approximately \$100. At that point, your student will have earned all the books on the book list! Any contributions over that \$100 will go into a general fund for your school to help purchase books for those students who weren't fortunate enough to receive contributions and to go toward books and educational supplies for the school.

Your student also has a "Goal" listed on the Registration Site, which is just that, a goal for which your student can aim. (You can change the goal at any time.) As I mentioned above, once your student reaches approximately \$100, he/she has earned all 10 books on the book list. That's something to celebrate! And now, the extra contributions over \$100 will start helping other students at the school. Not every student has the same access to the internet, parental involvement, etc., but our program is meant to be inclusive. This is how we do it! What you accomplish by completing the registration affects ALL the students at the school, not just your own. The starting goal of \$240 gives each student/family an achievable goal that will help not only that student but others not as fortunate at the school. Then, as the contributions come in, the goal continues to rise, because the ultimate goal is to see every student earn all 10 books on the book list. (You can choose to stop the automatic increase as well.) That would require an overwhelming response from the community, so we start off with a smaller goal of \$240, something easier to reach. As contributions come in, the goal is raised at intervals until, hopefully, your school event reaches the ultimate goal of being able to provide 10 books for all your students. That would be truly incredible!

In addition to all the books your students will be receiving, Books Are Fun will also be giving away participation prizes, 4 Treasure Chests full of Cash, and even an iPad during the first week of the event. Along with those prizes, students have the opportunity to earn \$100 and \$200 Shopping Sprees from Books Are Fun. One lucky student from each grade level will be rewarded with a \$100 Shopping Spree for bringing in the highest contributions. On top of that, of those student winners, the one with the highest contributions in the school will receive another \$100 Shopping Spree for a total of \$200! On the Books Are Fun website you'll find over 500 of the latest and greatest book titles for students of all ages and reading levels. So, with the Book Blast, your student has the opportunity to bring home a ton of new books!

As a company, we want to promote literacy in your community and make sure that EVERY student is included in the program, regardless of circumstances.

If you'd like to help, your school's Book Blast site will be accepting contributions online from Tuesday, April 5th through Tuesday, April 19th.