



Francisco Elementary School

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December 1--6 Boys Basketball ONLY
@ BTS @ 4:30; Wear Green, Red and White

December 2--Dress in Sweats and Workout clothes

December 5--Dress in PJ's or wear Christmas Socks

December 6--Dress in Blue; 6th Grade Girls and Boys vs. Evansville Racers @ New location @ 4:30

December 7--Dress in Christmas Plaid or Velvet

December 8--Dress as your favorite Elf or Christmas Character; 5/6 Grade Girls Team Announced at WMHS game be there by 5:30; Spelling Bee @ 2:00

December 9--Wear White; 5/6 Grade Boys Team and Cheerleaders announced at WMHS game be there by 6:30; Friday Fitmas

December 12--Wear Something Shiny and Bright; Dress Rehearsal for Band Concert 3:30-5:00; 5/6 Boys Game vs. Pike Central @ Pike Central starting @ 5; Archery in PE

December 13--Band Concert @ WMJHS @ 6 pm; Wear Green for "Grinch Day"; Archery in PE

December 14--Wear Red; Archery in PE

December 15--Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater/Shirt; Girls 5/6 Basketball game vs. Princeton Starting @ 5:30

December 16-- OCU Basketball Game

December 19--Holiday Hair Day--Christmas Hair, Hat, or antlers; School Board Meeting @ 6:30

December 20--K, 1, 2 Christmas Caroling @ 10:30

December 21--End of GP #2;

December 22--January 4th --Winter Break
January 4th--Students return to school.

A Note from the Principal:

It is hard to believe that it is about time for Winter Break. The first semester is ending very quickly. I would like to give our students and staff a shout out for a great start to our 2022-2023 school year. The holiday season is a time to celebrate sharing time with each other. Remember to create family memories during your holiday break.

We are excited that the road is finally going to be open! It has been 2 long years of being patient and adjusting our travel routes so that we could allow this to occur! Thank you for your cooperation during this process. Even though the road has opened, we will continue our dismissal pattern to ensure that are students are safely dismissed to the correct individuals.

We will be hosting a few events in December. The Spelling Bee will take place on December 8, 2022 @ 2:00 pm. Parents and relatives are invited to attend the event. Band students will have a Christmas Concert on Dec. 13 @ 6 pm.

With the release of the state's new GPS (Graduates Prepare to Succeed) site, one of our focus areas that we will address will be attendance. According to the state 61.8% of our students K-6, have at least a 94% attendance rate. I would like to see that number increase to at least 70%. The state has opened this site so that parents can see how well the schools are doing, plus see areas that the schools need to improve on during the year. I want to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance. Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of school and in the workplace. Please help us to make school a priority and commit to excellence in attendance. If your child has an appointment, please bring an excuse slip into the office for our records.

This year students in 2nd grade will be participating in I-Read for the first time. This is an opportunity for these students to be exposed to a required test in 3rd grade. It gives those students an additional opportunity to pass the test early or to give parents and the school additional data to help us provide additional supports and interventions to help them be ready to pass the test in 3rd grade. We are excited to be able to offer this experience. So, students in 2nd and 3rd grade will be participating in I-Read during the week of March 6. Students in grades 3-6 will be completing I Learn the week of April 17th. Please try to not schedule family events or appointments during testing windows if possible. It is nice to be able to complete the assessments as a class.

I want to wish you a holiday season full of love, joy, and peace, and may the New Year bring you good health and happiness. The staff at Francisco Elementary looks forward to seeing you Jan. 4, 2023, when we return to school.

Mrs. Reed



Geography Bee

The Geography Bee was held on November 10th at 2:00. Students represented 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. This year's winner of the Geography Bee was Locke Pride and runner-up was Ava Ammon. Congratulations to all the participants and the winner. Thanks to Mrs. Kalena Gries for organizing and conducting the Geography Bee each year for Francisco Elementary.



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.



Happy
Holidays

Band Concert

The annual band concert will be held at Wood Memorial Junior High on December 13 at 6:00 pm. The public is invited to come out and enjoy the festive holiday music.



December Basketball Schedule

Dec. 1—Boy's 6th Grade only @ BTS starting at 4:30

Dec. 6—6th Grade Boys and Girls vs. Evansville Racers @ New Location—106 East Walnut St. Ft. Branch, Indiana Girls starting at 5:30

December 8—5/6 Grade Girls' Team announced at WMHS Team Members should be at the gym by 5:30.

December 9—5/6 Grade Boys' Team and Cheerleaders announced at WMHS Team Members and Cheerleaders be at the gym by 5:30.

Dec. 12—Boys 5/6 vs. Pike Central @ Pike Central starting at 5:00 A/B Game

Dec. 13—All Games have been Canceled.

Dec. 15-Girl's 5/6 @ vs. Princeton @ Princeton starting at 5:30 A/B Game

Come out and support our East Gibson Trojan Team!!

