



# Francisco Elementary School

## Feb. Issue 2023 Issue

### February Dates:

Feb. 2—Groundhog Day

Feb. 3—Mid-Terms

Feb. 9—Balloon Sales start through 12 pm Feb. 13.

Feb. 10—Amazing Race at FES

Feb. 13—School Board Meeting @ 6:30.

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day, Valentine Celebration at the end of day. Valentine's Dance for grades 4-6 from 5-7. Balloon Delivered

Feb. 16—Star Lab 8-11:15

Feb. 17—Snow Make-up Day #1

Feb. 21—President's Day—No School

Feb. 27—Rainbow Fish—Wear your class colors

Feb. 28—Goodnight Moon—PJ Day

## A Note from the Principal:

Dear Francisco Elementary Families,

We are looking forward to a smooth transition into February as we prepare for testing season. This year our 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be testing. This is the first year that our second graders will be taking I-Read. This is an opportunity for those students to be exposed to the test without it being high stakes. It allows for the school to glean some important data which will be used to prepare for additional interventions and instruction in those areas that the students struggle with on the test. Please encourage your child to do his or her best.

Students in testing grades will begin practice test sessions prior to I-Read and I-Learn in the upcoming weeks. This will allow our students the opportunity to be exposed to the testing format and the testing tools used on the I-Read and I-Learn. As parents, you can help by allowing your child to go on-line to the test repository and look over the released materials with your child. Our hopes are that we have prepared our students to do their best and show growth through their educational years at Francisco.

Did you know that Francisco Elementary School is a school-wide Title School? 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 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 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.

School attendance is **so important** for the students to get the education they deserve. We look forward to having your child with us daily. 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. If your child must be absent, please communicate with the office concerning the absence.

If you have questions or concerns about testing or title 1, 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 6, 2023—March 17, 2023**  
**ILEARN Testing Window—April 17, 2023-May 12, 2023.**

**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 2023**  
**Francisco Elementary School**

We will celebrate Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

- *Student valentines are allowed. (If your valentine has a food item attached, please make sure that item is approved by the nurse. Food labels will be needed for those approvals.)*
- *Valentines can be sent from family and friends. FES is selling balloons with treats attached. Balloon sales will be February 9 until noon on February 13. Delivery will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We have a limited supply available!*

**Valentine's Dance at Francisco Elementary**  
**School**

**From 5-7**

**February 14, 2023**

**For Grades 4-6 Only!!**

Cost: \$3.00 for individual

***Refreshments Available for Purchase!!***

***DJ: Josh Bunch***

Please join us for a night of fun!!!

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**practice random  
acts of kindness.**