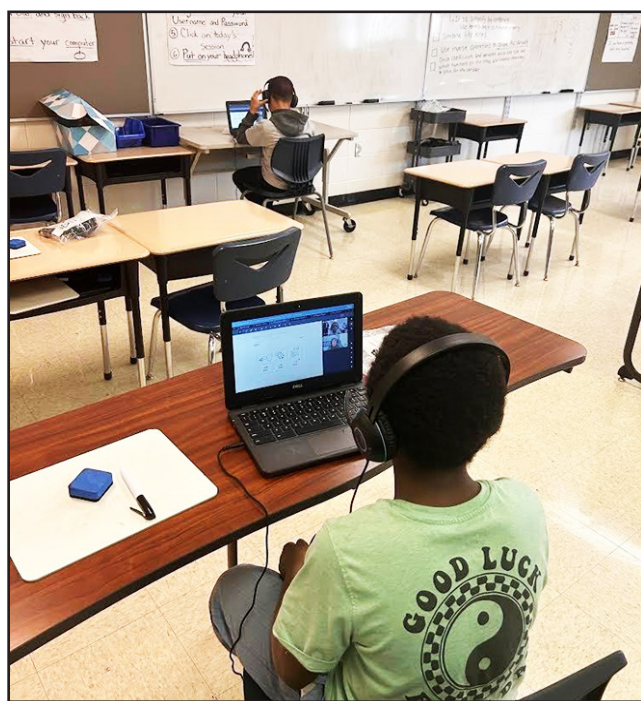


EMMA DONNAN 2-5 GRADERS ACHIEVE MORE THAN DOUBLE READING GROWTH



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

These students at Emma Donnan Elementary School show visitors their stations where they have individualized virtual learning of reading skills through Ignite Reading.

Emma Donnan Elementary and Middle school faculty, staff, and students have achieved huge reading gains by second-through fifth-grade students at the near-Southside school.

Ignite Reading leaders joined in a two-hour display of literacy gains by participating students who have achieved an average of 2.5 weeks of reading progress, more than double the rate expected in traditional classrooms.

Visitors were able to observe students at computers for individualized virtual learning and could speak with educators about the nationally acclaimed program.

The school is two years into its partnership with Adelante Schools at Emma Donnan where the results were consistent among all student groups, including students of color, individuals with IEPs, multilingual learners, and those receiving free or reduced-priced lunches.

The Ignite Reading program provides one-to-one virtual reading instruction with a trained

tutor in the Science of Reading that focuses on each student's specific gaps.

The students have 15-minutes daily with a virtual tutor to help them become independent readers. The program is integrated into the school day which helps classroom teachers by providing individualized instruction for every student.

Eddie Rangel, Adelante Schools' CEO commented, "This partnership ensures every student builds a strong literacy foundation, the key to future success in life. We're excited to continue this program and supercharge reading progress for even more students."

Even Ignite Reading's founder/CEO Jessica Reid Sliwerski admitted the reading progress at Emma Donnan Elementary School is "remarkable" and that partnering with the school is making a real difference with the school's dedicated students, families, and educators.

Emma Donnan is a K-8 public charter school that is managed by non-profit Adelante in partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools and the Indianapolis Mayor's office. The once-beleaguered public school now focuses on high-quality teachers and research-based curriculum.

The Ignite Reading program also helps take the burden of differentiated instruction off teachers and has had a tremendous impact at Emma Donnan Elementary School, 1202 E. Troy Avenue. The school's motto is: "Pushing onwards towards the future."

The school is named in honor of Emma Donnan, who was the longest serving educator in the city at the time of her retirement as teacher and principal in 1928.

Indiana is one of 13 states where Ignite Reading partners with schools and districts with thousands of students to improve reading skills and eventually develop students who can thrive as fluent readers.



Personal Recollections By Fred Shonk & Simon

New business adventure

I have written over 700 hundred articles that have been published in *The Southsider Voice*. I have totally enjoyed writing them and sharing many of my stories. The folks that put together this newspaper each week are amazing.

So, with regrets, I must inform everyone that I am about to begin a new and extremely exciting business. I have been interested in this type of business for an exceedingly long time. I have studied and had discussions with many people and companies that I thought could be possible customers.

The more I discussed my ideas with friends, family, and possible customers, the more excited I became. It took quite a while to research the equipment needed and reconfigure my special little outside building that has always been known as "The Hideout." It will now also be my working office and the building where the product will be developed.

I will be receiving telephone calls from all over the world. I will have an extremely efficient telephone system installed. I plan to keep my personal cell phone number and also our house phone. The business phone will have an 800 number.

My new business will be involved in the medical prescription business. I have been interested for several years when I hear the name of a new medicine. I have been told that companies that produce medicine have a large staff that works to put together an interesting and proper name for each new medicine that they develop.

I received delivery last week of my order that will allow me to begin my new adventure. I located a company that makes and sells BINGO machines. They converted one so that it can provide all of the letters in our alphabet. I have it set up and it seems to provide what I require perfectly.

Pharmaceutical companies will provide me with a small amount of information about their new product. They can also provide up to five letters of the alphabet that they require in the new medicine name. I then will start up the machine and let it choose several letters, including the ones required.

I then can remove all the remaining little white balls with letters on them and install the chosen ones. The special chosen letters will be recorded in order and that will become the chosen name for that new medicine.

I will give you an example. Let us say that I was told to have the following letters in the name. (K C W) The name should have at least nine letters in the name. The machine provided the following, Miclxmkaw. That would be the official name for that new medicine.

I sent out information about my new business to pharmaceutical companies all over the country. I will begin providing names for about 65 responses very soon. I just received today's mail and have five more names to create.

(See "New business adventure" on Page 4.)



BINGO MACHINE

Take precautions before and during the eclipse



By Sarah Stelzner, M.D. Eskenazi Health

as the sun's corona — a ring of white light usually invisible to us — appears. Since Central Indiana is lucky enough to be in the path of totality, we are in an ideal spot for viewing the total solar eclipse. Eager visitors from other states will fill nearby hotels and campsites to experience what will happen right outside our doors. The Indiana state government website estimates the eclipse will occur from around 1:45 p.m. until about 4:30 p.m., with totality ending around 3:15 p.m.

Enjoy this rare event, but still use caution. Looking directly at the sun can cause vision damage, and unscrupulous vendors are promising their eclipse viewers/sunglasses are far safer than they are. For example,

beware of any sellers promising their products are "NASA certified" since NASA states on their site that they have not certified any particular brands. The American Astronomical Society does vouch for certain safe options (<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters>) and recommends that the glasses you purchase or borrow from others meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard (<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/iso-certification>).

Unfortunately, the most affordable and safe viewers and glasses are selling out fast or might not be delivered on time, so consider an old-fashioned alternative, the pinhole camera/projector (<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/projection>). You can make one with simple items from home. If you use a pinhole camera correctly, you can observe this stunning sight safely. Remember, however, to never directly view the sun through that pinhole. Instructions for building pinhole cameras can be found at <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/how-to-make-a-pinhole-camera>. You can also find a link to NASA's video on how to make the popular cereal box version at the end of those instructions.

Pinhole cameras are a good option, but avoid actual cameras, camera phones, binoculars and telescopes during the eclipse. Consider putting these optical devices out of reach to avoid temptation. Even safe glasses will not protect your eyes if you use a camera to view the sun during the eclipse. While there are some solar filters that can make these devices safe to use, the American Astronomical Society advises only "experienced observers" use them. In other words, if you are not an astronomer, set optical devices aside.

Kids are at risk too, so parents, make sure your children are wearing eclipse glasses or avoiding directly looking at the sun before, during and just after the totality and ensure their optical devices are unavailable.

Traffic will be intense right after the eclipse ends, comparable to 71 sell-out Colts games being released at once according to some experts. Experts also predict that a two-hour drive could take 10 hours. A full gas tank, a cell phone charger, plentiful snacks and water and a lot of patience will help you get through this exciting day safely.

Should you hurt your eyes during the eclipse, an eye specialist can help. Call Eskenazi Health Connections to set up an appointment at 317-880-7666.

With just a few precautions, you can enjoy this rare experience and know your vision is protected.

Jaynes

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and we started a family. We wanted to move back to central Indiana. From 1990 to 94, I was sports director at WCBK. I also began with the IHSAA Champions Network.

"Then I got back to Monrovia. I was teaching, working IHSAA games and the radio network.

THE RADIO NETWORK

Jaynes found himself working Bob Jenkins, Gary Lee, John Royer, Mike King and Dave Sabaini.

"1996 was my first year as a pit reporter," Jaynes recalled. "I was thinking, 'If they don't call me to come back, I still had my dream come true. In my ninth year, I became the "Voice of the 500". I'm proud of that. I'm proud of all the state championships I've covered."

"I've always been lucky to surround myself with successful people. But the most rewarding thing, what I enjoy the most, is teaching the kids at Monrovia."

Monrovia principal Mike Springer said Jaynes is a blessing.

"He's basically revived this program," Springer said. "He breathed life into it. We were struggling to get kids in that class. Now, we have a waiting line."

In looking ahead to the ISSA awards ceremony, Jaynes said, "A lot of people deserve to be there, especially my family — my wife, Desiree, my daughter Lauren and my son Evan. He's the defensive backs coach at Ben Davis. My daughter's the assistant principal at Western Boone. Desiree is coach's wife and a traveling broadcaster's wife."

"I've been very blessed. It's been an unbelievable run, that's for sure."



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE)

This cabinet in Monrovia's communication classroom contains artifacts from Mark Jaynes' broadcasting career.

"One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."

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