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Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 24th-25th Book Fair
- Nov. 25th Grandparents' Day at Little Blue
- Nov. 26th -Nov. 30th Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 5th Family Lego Night, 6pm
Family Movie Night, 7pm
- Dec. 7th Independence Mayor's Christmas Concert
- Dec. 19th Winter Sing Along
Winter Parties
- Dec. 19th-Jan. Winter Break

Little Blue Students Recognize Local Veterans

Our Little Blue Sharks joined together to recognize local veterans through song and through the sharing of the history of Veteran's Day presented by our 5th graders. Students were joined by over 20 past and active duty members of our Armed Forces. This special event was just a small way of our appreciation for each of our veterans.



Join Us for Grandparents and Special Person Day

Little Blue Elementary

Tuesday, November 25th, 8:30am-10:00am



Grandparents and adult role models are very special in children's lives—so here's a day just for you! Grandparents and Special Friends Day recognizes the importance of our heritage, our community, and relationships across generations. Visit the school, find out what students are learning, and celebrate with us!

Agenda for Event:

- 8:30am: Doors will open for a ~~complimentary~~ breakfast of a pastry and your choice of milk/juice
- 8:30-9:00am: Breakfast will be served
- 8:45am-9:15am: Visit the Book Fair and Photo Station
- 9:30-10:00am: Visit to classroom for activities with students

- If you can attend the Grandparents and Special Person Day, please ensure that the RSVP form is returned by Wednesday, November 19. The form is provided on the back of this sheet.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for joining us!



*For questions
please contact:*

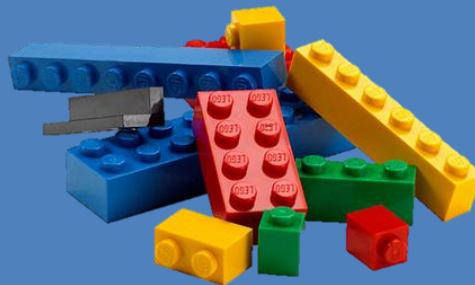
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LEGO Family Night

Friday, December 5th, 6pm

Join us and explore the fun use of LEGOs. Travel through the school participating in family-based activities that you can complete with Legos. You'll have a great time and you'll gain ideas for how you can use LEGOs in your own home for hours of entertainment! All participants will also be entered to win four passes to LEGO Land at Crown Center!

Complimentary hot dogs will be provided for all participants following the event.





CHARACTERplus is a program adopted by the Independence School District in 2008. The purpose of the CHARACTERplus is to emphasize positive character traits in all areas of a student's life. In 2008, parents, community members, teachers and counselors gathered together to determine "traits of the month" that they believe reinforce the positive character traits already taught in many homes.

The traits are blended into the curriculum, extracurricular activities, and are displayed throughout the community. The Independence School District believes that modeling character traits may be the most effective way of passing them on to students. Studies in schools with similar programs have noted significant positive changes in office referrals, parent relations and school leadership.

We are excited to recognize the following Little Blue Sharks as this month's classroom award recipients!

- November Students of Character**
- Kindergarten: Brayden Davis and Dryden Hendrix
 - 1st Grade: Paige Cook and Ellie Taylor
 - 2nd Grade: Alejandro Martinez and Olivia Pilcher
 - 3rd Grade: Kennedy Douglas
 - 4th Grade: Major Dudek and Taylor Shelley
 - 5th Grade: Brandon Woytowich
 - Functional Skills: Taylor Hitch, Joelle Thomas and Angel Medsker



Congratulations to Our November Students of Character!

Importance of School Attendance

We are striving to reach an attendance goal of 97% overall student attendance with 93.6% or more of our students having 90% or greater attendance this school year. In order to reach these goals we will need everyone's support. Below are just a few facts regarding student attendance and some tips for how you can support great attendance with your child daily!

Little Blue's October Attendance

Total Enrollment: 269 Sharks Average Daily Attendance: 96.58%

Percentage of Students at 90% or Greater Attendance Percentage: 94.35%

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success, while absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

Why is it so Important to attend every day?

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).
- Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for the loss of insight gained during class discussion or the loss of competency acquired through explanation or supervised drill.
- Many classes use lectures, discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

The Impact of Lost Learning

90% student attendance equals 17.5 days or 3 ½ weeks of missed school each year! During the course of a student's K-12 career, this would mean 227.5 days of missed school or 1.3 years of lost education!

Book Fair November 24th-25th



ENUF Highlights Anti-Bullying Message

The ENUF Stop bullying team from William Chrisman joined Little Blue students this week to share a vibrant interactive musical anti-bullying program with our Sharks! The program consisted of a selection of musical vignettes and discussions with our students. ENUF is under the umbrella of the Association for Chrisman Excellence (ACE) Club and is in its 10th year of production and is an excellent way to support our CharacterPlus initiative at Little Blue. Our students responded in a very positive way to the high school role models who have worked hard to make this a quality experience for our students. **ENUF Stop Bullying** is an excellent counter to the media messages of what is OK behavior since this program is built on virtues, character traits, and habits which we need to carefully nurture in our young people.

Movie Night at Little Blue

Friday, December 5th

7:00 pm



Join Us For A Free Night At The Movies

Little Blue PTA is happy to sponsor a free family night movie on Friday, December 5th in the Little Blue Gymnasium. There will be no entry fee for students and their families to enjoy the movie with other Little Blue families and staff. Concessions will be available with a cost.

You are encouraged to bring a blanket and pillows as seating will be on the floor for this event. Doors will open at 6:45pm, following the Family Lego Night activities, and the movie will begin at 7:00pm.

The featured movie will be the Lego Movie.

BECOME A DORSAL FIN DONOR



When you reserve a commemorative dorsal fin for Little Blue Elementary you're not just investing in a keepsake that will be around for years to come, you're also investing in our school community. Proceeds from every fin will support the Little Blue PTA in funding field trips, student activities, Family Fun Nights, teacher appreciation and much, much more!

Little Blue Giving Tree

Little Blue Elementary PTA is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this holiday season to help support some of our families at Little Blue Elementary who are facing difficult challenges this year. The tree will be located at the front of the school and our goal is to collect items that will be used to provide additional support throughout the course of the school year. If you would like to participate, below is a list of items that we will be collecting.

- Coats
- Tennis Shoes
- Hairbrushes
- Underwear
- Sweatpants
- And more...

We are collecting both girl's and boy's items in multiple sizes.

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cil of PTAs Holiday Book
vlin Middle Schools' Library
with books! We will have a box
next to the tree that you may
donate new or gently used
books into the collection box.
Books in the 6th-8th grade
reading levels and interests are
especially desired. Books in a
series are highly sought after;
such as, but not limited to
Divergent, Hunger Games,
Gallagher Girls, Harry Potter,
Percy Jackson Maze Runner and
Twilight.

Giving Tree



The "Giving Tree" tree will be on display beginning Nov. 24th until the beginning of our winter break on Dec. 20th. Each ornament on the tree contains one of the above items. We ask those wanting to participate to remove an ornament and replace it with the item listed. Items can be delivered any time prior to the beginning of winter break. Monetary donations will also be accepted to support the purchase of these items as well.



The Independence Council of PTAs will be hosting a 5K Run on January 24th at the Space Center Caves. The profits from your registration dollars will go to support the PTA of your choice. PTAs are a vital part of each and every school in Independence. PTAs provide their schools with programs, resources and services including field trips, activity nights, picnics, assemblies, and other hands-on, interactive experiences and presentations! PTA is the largest volunteer organization whose sole focus is the education, health, and safety of children during their educational years.