

The Patriot Paper

Report to Parents 2016-2017



Our Mission

Independence Elementary believes that nothing is more important than children. We are continually committed to the social, emotional, and academic development of every child. Our school is safe, challenging, caring, and supportive environment where teachers, parents, students, and community members work together to ensure all Independence students have a solid foundation for life.

We strive to make the learning experiences at Independence fun and engaging while holding everyone accountable for reaching his or her highest potential.

School Clubs

- Battle of the Books
- Science Bowl Team
- Vocabulary Bowl
- Girls on the Run
- Independence News Network
- Patriot Council
- Step Team
- Recycling Club
- Safety Patrol
- PTA



Teacher of the Year
Bailey Edmonds
3rd Grade Teacher

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Victory for Battle of the Books Team!

Our team worked hard to become Rock Hill School District's Battle of the Books Champions. We faced fifteen elementary schools to exhibit our knowledge of several exciting books. A big Thank You goes out to Ms. Patton for preparing our students achieve this honor!



Battle of the Books Team Members: Hunter, Tyler, Braydon, Kaitie, Joseph, Emma, Heni, and Tahnia



Winthrop Partnership

This year IDES is a Winthrop Partnership School. Only a select few schools in the area have the opportunity to have collaboration between Teachers, Winthrop Students, and Professors. This year, we had three Interns and a Winthrop class visited the school many times to work with students. Being a Winthrop Partnership School is an opportunity that benefits students and teachers at Independence Elementary.

Parent Teacher Association

This year IDES embarked on a journey to create a Parent Teacher Association. This year, our PTA organized our Fall Festival and hosted a Movie night for our families. Also, the association has sponsored several fundraisers including our Holiday Shop! We look forward to more successful PTA events in the future!

Science Bowl Champions!

The Independence Science Bowl Team comprised of Hunter Burkhalter, Zander White, Jake Brookover, Miriam Hager, and Elias Popov represented Independence Elementary School with distinction during this year's competition. This dedicated group of students, led by team captain, Hunter Burkhalter, and coached by Mr. Humphries and Mrs. Davis, faithfully attending practices for weeks in preparation for the competition. The team played with heart and determination. We are proud the accomplishments of this group of students!



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