

# The Patriot Papers

Report to Parents 2015-2016



## School Clubs

Battle of the Books

Dance Team

Girls on the Run

Independence  
News Network

Lady Patriots

Patriot Council

PTO

Recycling Club

Safety Patrol

Science Bowl Team

SIC - School  
Improvement  
Council

Step Team

## 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 a 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.



### ARTOME ART SHOW

Students presented works for sale at our 2nd annual show



### MUSIC PROGRAMS

Our Fall and Spring musicals are always great at IDES



### ASHLEY MILLER

5th grade teacher, Ashley Miller is our Teacher of the Year!



## Science Bowl Champions of RHSD #3

The Independence Science Bowl Team comprised of Abbi Estep, Angel Salazar, Wyatt Jackson, Chase Williams, and Josh Popov represented Independence Elementary School with distinction during this year's competition. This dedicated group of students, led by team captain, Josh Popov, and coached by Mrs. Davis and Mr. Humphries, faithfully attended practices during recess, lunch, and after school for weeks in preparation for the competition. The team won decisive victories over Finley Road, The Children's School, Oakdale Elementary, and finally Olde Point Elementary in the championship round. The team played with heart and determination, frequently doubling the opposing team's score. We are all very proud of the accomplishments of this very intelligent and dedicated group of students!



Development, Reading Recovery, Technology supplies, Leveled texts, Summer Reading materials, PBIS materials, and Lucy Caulkins Units of Study.

## Winthrop Partnership

This year IDES is a Winthrop Partnership School. Only a select few schools in the area have the opportunity to have a collaboration between Teachers, Winthrop Students and Professors. This year, a Winthrop class visited IDES many times to work with students. The Winthrop students learned about growth and development of the whole child and did activities with students to improve various skills. Being a Winthrop Partnership School is an opportunity that benefits students and teachers at Independence Elementary.

## Title I

Independence was a Title 1 School again for the 2015-2016 school year. This year, Title 1 funds have been used to fund the following: 4K Program and Assistant, Computer Lab Assistant, Read Naturally Assistant, Summer Program, Professional

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

This year Independence Elementary was busy with parent workshops all year long! Literacy Picnic, A Night at the York County Museum, Red Carpet Reading, Math Carnival Night, Lunch and Learn and Parent Partners Workshops were all opportunities for parents to connect with their child's education. Skills and strategies for reading, math, science and parenting were presented by Rock Hill district professionals.



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