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February 2022

Save the Date for Kindergarten Welcome Night

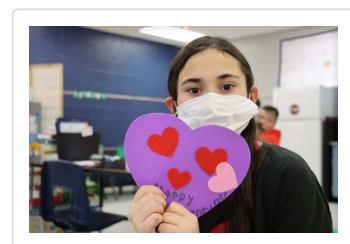
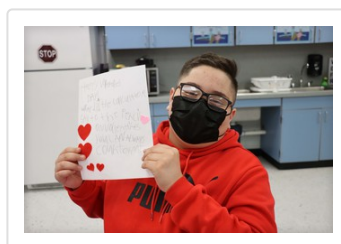
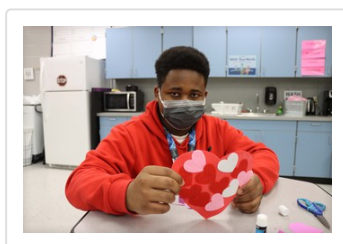
We are excited to welcome our new students to the Independence School District! Please plan to attend Kindergarten Welcome Night at your neighborhood elementary school as determined by your home address. ISD school boundaries can be found [here](#).

This event will give parents and students the opportunity to get important information about the transition to kindergarten and provide important documents required for the start of school. Children must be 5 years of age by July 31, 2022 to attend kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year. Additional information regarding online registration will be available prior to Welcome Night. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pioneer Ridge Students Craft Valentines for Local Assisted Living Facility

Students in Ms. Zank's special education class at Pioneer Ridge Middle School crafted more than 20 valentines to share with a local assisted living facility. See the pride on their faces as they spread kindness through our community here:



ISD High School Students Partner with Library to Create App Connecting Teens to Opportunities

ISD students in the Digital Marketing capstone are collaborating with the Kansas City Public Library to connect local teens to networking opportunities around the Kansas City metro through a new mobile app, The Connect KC. Hear more about this exciting experience featured on KSHB 41 here...

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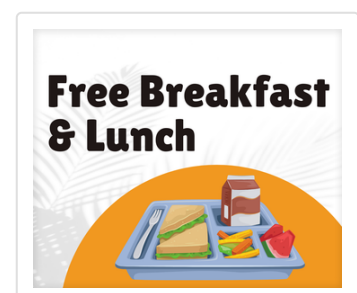
ISD Partners with Hazel Health

The Independence School District is partnering with Hazel Health to expand our student health services. Hazel offers virtual doctor visits accessible from the school nurse's office for PreK – 12th grade. By gaining access to this tele-health service, many minor visits can be initiated by an ISD nurse in order to obtain a diagnosis without missing a day of learning. Parents will be notified prior to any virtual visit. ISD families can opt-in to Hazel [here](#).



Free and Reduced Meals Application

Please submit a Free and Reduced Meals application to ensure continued funding to support all students in our district. The completion of this application is one way funding is determined for the school district through the state. You can fill out an application [online here](#) or call 816-521-5371 with any questions. Although free breakfast and lunch is available for all ISD students through the end of the 2021-2022 school year, submitting an application can increase funding



to support all ISD students for things like district-provided dental, vision and mental health services, discounts on fees for ACT, SAT and AP courses and discounts on college application fees. Families approved for free and reduced meals in the 2021-2022 school year receive a 30-day grace period to update their application at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for supporting your student and our district!

Mask Policy Update

The Independence School District's COVID cases have reduced significantly, which has minimized the number of staff absences. Due to this, the ISD will no longer require face coverings for students or staff. Masks must still be worn on school buses per [federal order](#). You can find the [ISD Health and Safety Protocols](#) on our website.



2022-2023 Student Calendar

You can find the student calendar for the 2022-2023 school year on our website [here](#).



Looking Ahead in the ISD

February 21 - No School (Presidents' Day)

March 14-17 - Parent Teacher Conferences (School is in Session)

March 18 - No School

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