

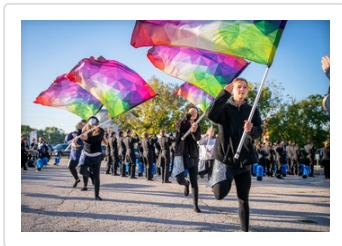
ISD Insider

Your Source for Independence School District News

October 2021

2021 Independence School District Parade

Thank you to everyone who joined together to celebrate our amazing school district and the incredible work of ISD students, staff and families at the all district parade! What a wonderful day to celebrate our school community here in the Independence School District. Watch highlights and view photos from this special event [here](#).



Van Horn High School Stadium Grand Opening

Van Horn High School held a grand opening ceremony for its newly completed stadium on Friday, October 1st. The ceremony took place ahead of Van Horn's first football game hosted in its own stadium in nearly a decade. The stadium was completed as part of the District's \$43 million bond issue passed in April with the support of 84.75% of voters in the Independence School District. Watch highlights and view photos from the celebration and the home football game [here](#).



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](#).



Mill Creek Elementary Celebrates Walk to School Day

Mill Creek Elementary students, parents and teachers joined together for National Walk to School Day. A special thanks to the William Chrisman cheerleaders and members of the football team and band along with Independence Police Department officers and KC Wolf of the Kansas City Chiefs who helped welcome our students to school. View photos from this wonderful event [here](#).

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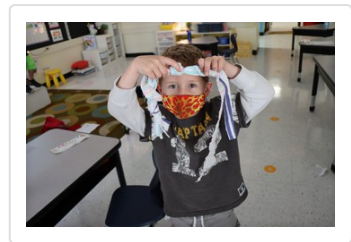
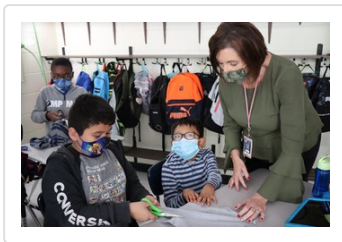
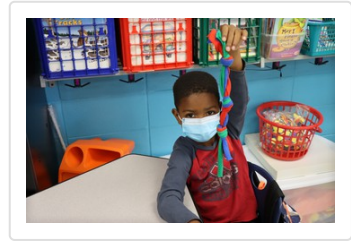
Free and Reduced Meals Application

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. Thank you for supporting your student and our district!



Bryant Elementary Students Create Dog Toys and Raise Money for Local Animal Shelter

Bryant Elementary students raised more than \$700 during a Penny War to support Shep's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary. Shep's Place provides a loving home for abandoned elderly dogs in the Kansas City Area. Students also used donated t-shirts to create toys for the dogs at the shelter. Take a look at their hard work and giving spirit below.



Looking Ahead in the ISD

October 22 - No School

November 2 - No School (Staff Professional Development)

November 24-26 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

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