

**ISLAND PARK UFSD**  
**Island Park, New York**

January 4, 2019

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Parents/Community Members**

**Blood Drive**

Do you know ...

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood?
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day?
- On Long Island alone, 880 pints of blood are needed every day?
- One donation of blood can help save up to three patients' lives?
- Long Island Blood Services provides blood services to hospitals throughout LI?

What better way to ring in 2019 than to perform an act of kindness by giving to others in their time of need? On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, fifth grade students at the Lincoln Orens Middle School will be hosting a blood drive with Long Island Blood Services. This is part of the Little Doctors Program in which our teachers have involved students in learning about the circulatory system and the emergencies that necessitate the need for blood donations. Details are as follow:

**Date:** Thursday, January 31, 2019

**Place:** Francis X. Hegarty Schools  
(Cafeteria)

**Time:** Beginning at 3:30 PM

All employees, parents, and community members are invited to participate. You may register in advance at a time that is convenient to you by providing your name and telephone number at a specific appointment time on our Blood Drive Appointment Sheet in person or electronically. Teachers and staff members are encouraged to register with Jamie Varrichio. Everyone may also register online through the District website: [www.ips.k12.ny.us](http://www.ips.k12.ny.us) (see the homepage). **However, you may also register at Hegarty School on the day of the drive at a time that is convenient to you—so just feel free to stop by, donate blood, and have some cookies and juice with us!**

On behalf of the Board of Education, and our Little Doctors, we want to thank you in advance for your assistance. Should you have any concerns or questions about your eligibility as a blood donor, licensed phlebotomists will be onsite to help you. Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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