

Student puts brother's needs first

The fourth-grader skipped a field trip to donate blood cells and bone marrow.

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Shaun Lucas, 10, gave up his fourth-grade class field trip to Harrisburg to help his older brother, Brady Lucas.

While his classmates were visiting the state capitol during the school year that recently ended, Shaun was donating his bone marrow and cells to his brother, who has leukemia.

Shaun's teacher, Jason Getz, was so impressed that he thought Shaun should be recognized for putting his brother first.

"While we were at the capitol, I told Representative Seth Grove's administrative

assistant about Shaun and said 'Can you do something to recognize Shaun and what he has done for his brother and his family?'" Getz said.

As a result, Grove paid a visit to Getz's classroom to recognize Shaun's selflessness by presenting him with a certificate of achievement.

The whole class was there to celebrate with Shaun, Getz said.

"The procedures that Shaun goes through to help his brother are often time-consuming and painful, and he goes about his life like it is his duty and honor to help his brother fight this terrible disease," he said.

Shaun works hard to

always do the right thing and not be a problem to his parents, because he wants them to put their whole focus on Brady, Getz said.

His attitude carries over to the classroom, too, where Shaun goes out of his way to help his fellow students, he said.

"We had a Jump Rope for Heart event at the school. Shaun was one of the top earners and won a ball. He said to me, 'Mr. Getz, maybe I ought to give the ball to the class so everyone can use it.' That is the kind of kid he is, always putting his needs to the side and doing things for others," Getz said.

Shaun likes to draw and is

a phenomenal artist; he enjoys writing and is very creative, Getz said.

Shaun enjoys music and is a percussionist in the band, and has recently shown he has a talent for acting.

"Shaun is an outstanding student, he works hard and pays attention to detail. He is a great role model and all-around great kid," Getz said.

Shaun is a student at Norman A. Trimmer Elementary School in the West York Area School District.

He is the son of Tom and Lisa Lucas and in addition to his brother Brady, a rising sophomore, he has another brother, Ryan, who is a rising senior.