

THE KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

Recently, the 10th Annual Kansas Infnitec Coalition Outstanding Student Technology Awards Luncheon was held in Wichita. Keystone was fortunate to have one of our students from JCN honored at the event. The Kansas Infnitec Coalition, commonly referred to as Infnitec, recognizes students who have made significant gains in achievement through the use of assistive technology. The awards luncheon is an extremely uplifting event for students, parents, and staff.

This is also the time of year when lots of questions about Infnitec come up. One of the most common is "What is Infnitec?" With that in mind, it seems a good time to provide a little history of the Kansas Infnitec Coalition and what it does.

The Kansas Infnitec Coalition began as an idea developed by special education directors from across the state some 12 years ago. The driving force behind the effort was the desire to keep up with the changes in assistive technologies being developed for students with special needs. A partnership was created with UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, who were providers of a similar effort in Illinois. UCP now works with a variety of states to provide assistive technology training opportunities.

The Kansas Infnitec Coalition provides educators in Kansas with access to resources, information, and training on state of the art assistive technology, Universal Design for Learning, and technology based resources. During the 2015-2016 school year, Kansas Infnitec Trainers provided 219 trainings across Kansas. Over 4,748 parents, administrators, teachers, and related service providers attended these events. KIC also provides online opportunities through webinars and an online classroom. During the 15-16 school year, over 170,000 quizzes were attempted through the online classroom. This year, that number will rise considerably. KIC provides more opportunities and services every year.

For more info about the training opportunities and services available through Infnitec check out their website: <http://www.myinfnitec.org/home>

Happy Holidays!



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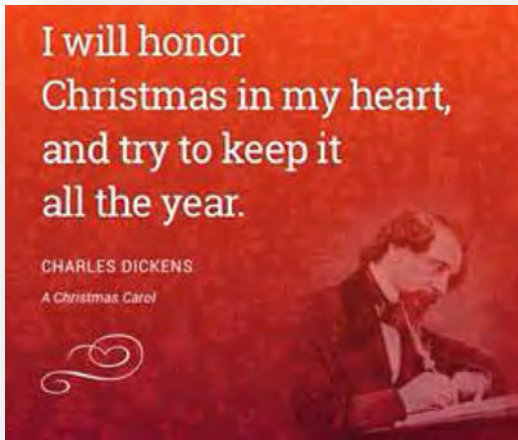
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Reminder:

The security system at the front door to Keystone Learning Services will be updated over the holiday. In January, visitors will be buzzed in and will be asked to sign in at the front desk. The security system will be on while school is in session to better protect our JDLA students. Thanks for helping us with this security effort.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- December 20-School Psychs/Social Workers Meeting 8:30-11:30
- December 20 through January 3 – JDLA Students-No School, Winter Break
- December 22 through January 2-Keystone Offices Closed, Winter Break
- January 4-Autism Team Meeting 2-4
- January 5-CPI Renewal Training 8-12
- January 6-CPI Initial Training 8-3
- January 9-Keystone Office Staff Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- January 10-Superintendent Council at Noon; PDC Meeting at 4
- January 16-All (Combined) Districts Inservice at Oskaloosa School District
- January 17-School Psychs/Social Workers 8:30-11:30



WINTER WEATHER REMINDER!

During the winter season, if USD 341 (the Oskaloosa school district) is closed due to inclement weather, the Keystone Learning Services offices in Ozawkie and Oskaloosa will also be closed. Please be aware of this and if in doubt, call ahead before making a trip to either office!



Staff Shares

If you have anything newsworthy you would like to submit, please email Linda K. Chalker at lindak@keystonelearning.org. Please note there is a deadline for submission, so get your news in early!

The deadline for article/news submission will be by the 12th day of each month.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

DECEMBER 2016

GENERAL SAFETY -- HAZARD AWARENESS

A hazard is defined as a condition or changing set of circumstances that present a potential for injury, illness, or property damage. The potential or inherent characteristic of an activity, condition or circumstance which can produce adverse or harmful consequence.



An accident is defined as an unfortunate event, often the result of carelessness or ignorance; an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance usually resulting in an unfavorable outcome.

There are some key words in these definitions: **Unplanned; Unforeseen; Unfortunate; Unfavorable**, and, most importantly, **POTENTIAL!**

The other day a person had fallen from a height of 25 feet, he was fortunate to have escaped this accident with only a badly broken leg. A few weeks ago a worker fell off a ladder just a couple of feet and he passed away. Both of these situations have been discussed to the limit and on several occasions I heard people refer to luck, good and bad! Well, the last time I looked, luck was not an effective accident prevention technique.

For an unplanned or unforeseen event to take place there has to be **potential!** Complacency and taking things for granted are causes of a tremendous number of injuries each year. Recognizing hazards and doing something about them is Everyone's Responsibility!

So as you begin work, ask yourself:

- Do I have the right tools/equipment for the job?
- Have I inspected my tools/equipment to make sure they are in good repair or am I trying to get by?
- Is the work laid out to provide safe completion of the job?
- Are the materials I am using safe, and do I need additional personal protective equipment such as: safety glasses, gloves, hard hat, respirator, etc.?
- Is there a safer way to accomplish the task?
- Are all necessary equipment guards in place?
- Are written procedures such as lockout/tag out being followed?

BE AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR WORK AND MAKE YOUR CHOICES CAREFULLY!!



If at any time you need to schedule a meeting in the conference room at Keystone, please contact Linda K. Chalker at lindak@keystonelearning.org

JDLA GETS CRAFTY!



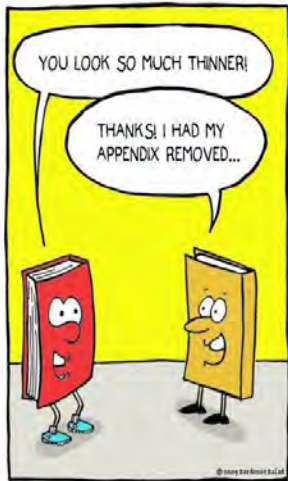
The Grinch, Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with other JDLA staff, spent multiple Saturdays recently at local craft shows taking Christmas photos and selling Christmas crafts that they and the students made, to help raise money for the school.

Many of these items (pictured below) are still for sale!

For pricing & purchasing info, contact Brandi Barnhardt at 785-876-2357 or email her at bbarnhardt@keystonelearning.org



Laff with G-Raf



January 16th, 2017

All Certified Staff Inservice

All Keystone Learning Services certified staff will gather together, along with staff from our 8 districts, on January 16th for a 'shared' (morning) inservice. ***Look for information on the afternoon schedule for Keystone staff, coming soon to your in-box!**



All-Schools Professional Development Day at Oskaloosa USD 341

Schedule:

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM: Schools arrive at the west HS Gymnasium doors and move into the HS Gym

8:45 AM - 10:00 AM: Dr. Monte Selby Keynote Presentation

The Bio on Dr. Monte Selby: Dr. Selby is an educator, author, and speaker whose practical and inspiring presentations leave audiences applauding across North America and Europe. Known as "education's songwriter," he has written hundreds of songs with students, educators, and Grammy-winning musicians. Monte's comical and insightful music—featured on network television, radio, podcasts, and websites, and in books, stage productions, and videos—is cultivated from an award-winning career as a teacher, principal, and professor. Music Row Magazine describes his music as "a delightful variety" - "funky" - "astonishing" - "Wow"! Check out more regarding Dr. Selby @ <http://www.monteselby.com>

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM Restroom break, snacks for all in MPR (cookies and coffee/juice/water), transfer to "job-alike" sessions

10:20 AM - 11:20 AM Job-alike meetings facilitated by USD 341 staff (talking points)

11:20 AM - 11:30 AM Close out job-alike meetings and exit district

***Keystone staff will remain at the Oskaloosa district for afternoon inservice.**

The CPI Crisis Development Model

"Tension Reduction and Therapeutic Rapport"
4th in a Series of 4

We have learned three of the four behavioral levels for CPI's Crisis Development Model. This month we are focusing on the fourth and final level-Tension Reduction and Therapeutic Rapport.

CPI's definition of Tension Reduction is a "decrease in physical and emotional energy." Tension Reduction occurs when a person is coming down from the Risk Behavior level. The student has used a lot of energy-both physical and emotional during their risk behavior and now they are exhausted. Students during the Tension Reduction level will often cry, fall asleep, or be very apologetic about their behavior. As students are in the Tension Reduction level they will start to regain rationality. As staff members it is important to meet the student's Tension Reduction level with Therapeutic Rapport.

Therapeutic Rapport is where staff members "re-establish communication." It is important for staff members to listen carefully to the student. It is also important for staff to start to rebuild their relationship with the student. It is important to continue to use a calm, quiet, even voice when talking with the student. It is important to note that if staff starts placing too many demands back on a student while they are still in Tension Reduction it may cause the student to start the crisis behavior again. Staff should focus on offering emotional support and reassurance during this time.

Count Your Kid In!

FREE INFANT and PRESCHOOL SCREENING CLINICS

2016-2017 Screening Schedule



Call today to schedule a free appointment for your child at one of these locations:

December 16-Valley Falls

January 20-McLouth

February 24-Effingham

March 31-Nortonville

April 21-Easton

May 12-Lecompton



Keystone Learning Services and the Jefferson County Health Department offer Count Your Kid In clinics throughout the school year for infants and preschool children, free of charge. If you have concerns about your child's development, this free screening will provide help for children 0-5 years of age. Children are screened in areas of speech/language development, motor development, concept development, social skills, vision and hearing. Trained professionals in these areas will screen your child. Screenings take place in local community settings and last approximately 1½ hours. Contact Lesa Brose at Keystone Learning Services at 785-876-2214 ext. 201 to schedule an appointment.

November Screening Information

WHEN: Friday, December 16, 2016

WHERE: Valley Falls Christian Church, 511 Oak Street, Valley Falls, KS

Feliz Navidad



Merry Christmas

Mele Kalikimaka



Froehliche Weihnachten

Joyeux Noel



Buon Natale



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