

THE KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

It's that time of year again when the legislative session starts and we begin to pay attention to all of the political maneuvering that goes on at the statehouse. Of particular interest to those of us in special education are those issues that impact our professional efforts. The first item on that list is likely to be funding for special education.

Funding for special education, whether under the old school finance law or under the new block grant statute, is tied to K.S.A. 72-978. This particular statute details a 10-step process to be used to determine the level of funding for special education in that budget year. Step 11 of the statute calls for multiplying the sum arrived at in step 10 by .92, meaning that special education funding is to be provided at 92%. Although the new block grant funding formula refers to K.S.A. 72-978, it does not comply with it.

At its July 2015 meeting, the Kansas State Board of Education recommended funding of \$515,350,711 for FY16 and \$525,657,725 for FY17 to meet the requirements of K.S.A. 72-978. To the contrary, the block grant funding bill which was approved by the legislature allows for special education funding at \$424,902,949 and \$423,980,455 for FY16 and FY17, respectively.

I hope you will take time to follow the special education funding cause in the weeks ahead.

Check the numbers here...

KS statute 72-978:

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/statute/072_000_0000_chapter/072_009_0000_article/072_009_0078_section/072_009_0078_k/

House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 7:

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/documents/sb7_enrolled.pdf

KSBE Board Packet – July 2015 (See page 62)

<http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Board/Materials%20&%20Agendas/2015/JULY%20PACKET.pdf>

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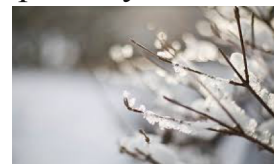
And for JDLA's Twitter:
@JDLA_KLS

Keystone Learning Services OFFICE HOURS

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

"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

— Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass*



January 18th Inservice

- Location: Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie
- Schedule of Events:
 - 8:00 Registration and Refreshments
 - Lunch Provided at Keystone Learning Services
 - 3:30 Dismissal

On January 18th, the certified staff will take part in the INspired Leadership Training at Keystone. This training will focus on the 7 Levels of Energy that our professionals function in both during a regular day and under stress.

Here is some information provided by our trainers at ESSDACK regarding the Energy Levels:

7 Levels of Energy

Do you desire not only a school culture where murmuring and complaining are replaced with awareness and engagement, but a similar culture in your personal life? Do you find total satisfaction in who you are? How do you want to “show up” in life? This workshop will create a greater awareness of how you’re currently expressing yourself, how to express the greatest version of yourself, and how you impact others around you.

Participants will:

- articulate the difference between anabolic and catabolic energy and analyze how it impacts individuals, teams, and organizational culture.
- apply knowledge of the seven levels of energy to real life scenarios.
- identify how each level of energy can hold a leader back or move a leader forward to take purposeful action to achieve desired results.
- increase awareness of what triggers catabolic energy to reduce stress.

Take the Energy Leadership Index (E.L.I.) assessment prior to the workshop. This assessment reveals where a person's energy level is during times of stress and non-stress.



Important Upcoming Events

- 1/18:** Keystone Staff Development 8-3:30
- 1/19:** School Psychs/Social Workers Meeting 8:30-11:30 and Mentor Teacher Training 3:30-4:30
- 1/20:** Keystone Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 1/21:** TTAP Informal Assessment Training 8:00-3:30
- 1/25:** SLP/Related Services Meeting 1:00-4:00
- 1/26:** Neuroscience Meeting 8:00-11:30 a.m.
- 1/28:** LETRS Training 8:30-3:30
- 2/1:** Keystone Office Staff Meeting 8:00 a.m.
- 2/2:** Assistive Tech Meeting 2:00-4:00 and PDC Meeting 4:00-5:00
- 2/5:** Parents as Teacher Meeting 9:00-4:30
- 2/9:** Neuroscience Meeting 8-11:30 and Superintendent Advisory Council Meeting 12:00

UPCOMING NEUROSCIENCE TRAINING SERIES DATES

Dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23 and March 8
Time: 8-11:30 a.m.
Location: Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie
No fee to attend
A 'to go' sack lunch will be provided!

CPI Initial Certification: Thursday, February 11th

8:00-4:30 at Keystone in Ozawkie

WINTER
WEATHER:

REMEMBER:
IF USD 341,
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DISTRICT IS
CLOSED DUE
TO
INCLEMENT
WEATHER,
THE
KEYSTONE
OFFICE WILL
ALSO BE
CLOSED.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Keystone Learning Services is still hiring para educators!!

For an application and more information, call Lushena Newman at 785-876-2214 or email her at lnewman@keystonelearning.org

Meet the Employees of Keystone Learning Services!



Barb Huffman

- 1) My mom is my hero. She is always willing to be understanding of any situation anyone has.
- 2) The favorite thing about my career is being able to see a light bulb go off in a student's head.
- 3) At Karaoke, I would sing, "Life is a Highway" by Rascal Flatts.
- 4) My friends would describe me as selfless and kind; my students would describe me as patient and understanding.
- 5) The 4 people I would share a meal with are my grandmother, mom, daughter, and granddaughter.
- 6) My favorite teacher in school was Mrs. Everson.
- 7) The song that best sums me up is, "Happy."
- 8) If I could, I would join the rock band Rush or for current music, Adele.
- 9) The plant that best describes me is an Angel Wing begonia. It vines out and has different times it blooms.



Hello! My name is **Kayla Latta (Chamberlain)**. (Pictured on the left). I am one of the two COTAs and I work in Oskaloosa, Perry-Leocompton, McLouth, and Easton.

I received my Associate's degree in Occupational Therapy and my Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Science with an emphasis in Psychology from Newman University in Wichita, KS. I am currently in my Master's program at Texas Women's University in Denton, TX to become an OTR.

I recently got married in November to my husband Drew and we have two miniature dachshunds, Colby (5) and Linus (4). We have officially moved to Tonganoxie and bought our first home. We love it!

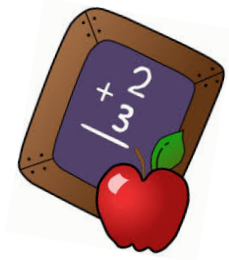
Last spring, I started a "side business" to help pay for my wedding; I paint canvases for my friends/family. I spend most of my spare time painting and participated in a couple of craft fairs over the summer. I'm not an artist, but I definitely do enjoy being crafty/creative!

My favorite thing about my career is that I get to "play" all day! Don't get me wrong, it is really hard work, but I enjoy being on the floor and doing fun activities with my students. When I see their faces light up when they accomplish something that they have been working on for a while, it makes me realize that Occupational Therapy in pediatrics is my calling.

Becky Stewart

This is my 14th year with Keystone. This year is my first year as an interrelated teacher at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School. I spent the 13 years previously at Oskaloosa Elementary school as the Functional skills teacher. I live in Easton with my husband Jason and our five children. When I am not at school I spend a lot of time shuttling my kids to activities and in my spare time we have started to raise sheep on our little farm. I enjoy sewing and have just gotten back to running.

My favorite thing about teaching is seeing those ah-ha moments with kids. When their faces light up because it clicks is the best part of the day. The song that describes my life the best right now is "On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson. These days I spend more time in my car than I do at home.



My name is **Jennifer Carpenter**. I have been a para for over 10 years. I have worked at PRMS, Anthony, Lawson, Lansing Elementary, some at Fort Leavenworth at their Elementary schools and now going on 9 years at PRES.

I am married to Chris Carpenter with 3 children. I have a 19 year old daughter Kelsey who is on a basketball scholarship to Independence Community College in Independence Kansas, I have a 17 year old boy Christopher who is at PRHS and also doing welding at Highland Vo-tech. My youngest is Nicholas who is in 8th grade and is currently playing basketball.

On my off time I go to all my kid's game including my daughters. My youngest races from March to October we watch him race his modified every Friday and Saturday night. My hobbies and interests are my family so I spend my time at their events or on the road to their events. It is a pretty dull life to most.



Audra Sundberg: 5th,6th SPED JWMS

Who is your hero? My grandma Why? Her life has not been easy but she has always remained strong and never lost her faith.

What is your favorite thing about your career? I feel like I am making a difference in my students' lives and they know I genuinely care for them.

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? I would choose to spend the day with my family at a lake, fishing, hiking, riding bike and swimming.

What would you sing at Karaoke? I can't sing, so I would choose a song like "Wild Thing", because I feel like you don't have to sing it you can just say the words.
How would your friends describe you? My friends would say I am loyal, kind and giving.

How would your students describe you? My students would say I am nice, but I make them work. They would tell you that my motto is "Not working is not an option"

If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be? I would share a meal with my deceased dad and my grandpa and my living mom and grandma because I miss my dad and grandpa something awful. I would choose to share with my mom and grandma because I am sure their grief is deeper than mine.

Who was your favorite teacher in school and why? My favorite teacher was my 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Moore because she made me feel special by giving me special "jobs" and a nickname.

What song best sums you up? "This is the Day that the Lord has Made" no matter what kind of day you are having God made it and you kind find something to rejoice about.






If you could join any past or current music group, which would you want to join? Patsy Cline and her children. I saw her at a Women of Faith convention and all of her children were apart of the singing group, but not all had singing roles. Some were just stage managers or announcers. No one wants to hear me sing.

If you had to describe yourself as a plant, which one would it be? A tomato plant because red is the best color and because I love this: "*knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad, philosophy is wondering if that means ketchup is a smoothie.common sense is knowing that ketchup is not a smoothie because that would be nasty*"





KEYSTONE AUTISM INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

<p>Video Modeling: is the process of using a videotaped or digital clip of either the individual being taught or other models performing a targeted behavior or skill.</p> <p>The student watches the video before performing the targeted behavior or skill. Sometimes the student watches the video numerous times before the skill is learned.</p> <p>What skills can I teach: academic, social behavior, emotion recognition, communication, adaptive behaviors and expected classroom behaviors or routines.</p> <p>Why is it successful: It increases motivation, decreases use of auditory system, and learning is consistent and can be watched numerous times.</p>	Free iPad Apps	
	Story Creator - allows you to insert pictures, videos, texts and voice recordings.	
	GoTalk Now - allows you to insert pictures, videos, texts and has voice output.	
	iMovie - allows you to edit video clips and put clips together.	
	Other Technology Tools	
	Flip Camera - a flip camera is available for checkout in the Media Center	
	PowerPoint - Use your computer's Powerpoint to load videos and provide step by step directions.	

Look for more ideas for Video Modeling on **Glenda's Assistive Technology Information and more:** <http://atclassroom.blogspot.com/2014/09/video-modeling.html>

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AT TEAM

Technology to help students with Handwriting

Google Earth Walks https://goo.gl/FhikGk Great Online resource to make Math Fun! Take a Google Earth Walk to learn about different math concepts. Create your own lesson or use lessons already created.	Website
MathScribe https://goo.gl/NSQ3bq This iPad application packs in a host of basic and advanced customized keys for Arithmetic, Trigonometric and Greek input backed with superscript and subscript functionality.	iOS
Graspable Math Sidebar https://goo.gl/28mp0a Turn mathematical expressions on Wikipedia or any other web page into dynamic expressions you can interact with! Use the plugin to open a sidebar on Wikipedia pages and drag and drop formulas into the sidebar—or type them in yourself. You can then interact with the terms in the formulas to create algebraic derivations.	Chrome App



Check out some of these spotlight resources on the Infinitec Website!

<u>ONLINE CLASSROOM –</u> <u>ARCHIVED WEBINARS</u>	Accessibility and Google Chrome -by David Chan, Google Certified Teacher and Trainer, Technology Integration Specialist David guides the viewer through the accessibility features found within the Google Chrome browser. He explains what extensions are and demos available options that can readily be used in the classroom. He also provides a brief overview of accessibility benefits of using the Google Chromebook. Playing time: 57:00
<u>RESOURCES –</u> <u>ORGANIZED/STUDY SKILLS</u>	Educational Enrichment Basic Search Education Lesson Plans from Google: https://sites.google.com/site/gwebsearcheducation/lessonplans This website provides lesson plans for teaching your students how to conduct research using Google. Includes Google A Day Challenges, daily queries to use with your class to develop good searching skills.
<u>CALENDAR</u>	LIVE WEBINAR: Help Students Succeed with Chrome: Reading, Writing & Organization Tools: http://bit.ly/22ZjXaB -By Mary Bettlach, MPH, OTR/L January 19 @ 3:30

Count Your Kid In!

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

January 15, 2016-McLouth

February 19, 2016-Effingham

March 4, 2016-Nortonville

April 15, 2016-Easton

May 13, 2016-Lecompton

June 10, 2016 Oskaloosa

FREE INFANT and PRESCHOOL SCREENING CLINICS

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.

February Screening Information:

WHEN: Friday, February 19th, 2016

WHERE: Effingham Union Church, 515 Seabury St. Effingham, KS

Coming Up Next Issue:



Be as a bird perched on a frail branch that she feels bending beneath her, still she sings away all the same, knowing she has wings.

-Victor Hugo



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