

THE KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

This year 61 students with disabilities have earned their high school diploma in the schools served by Keystone. I want to take a moment to congratulate those graduates for their hard work and determination. We celebrate this momentous accomplishment with you.

It is also the time to celebrate all of the teachers, para's, and related service providers who helped these students on their path to graduation. Thank you for coming along side of our handicapped children and helping them to achieve great things.

Thanks for all you do.

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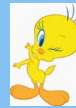
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Keystone Learning Services
OFFICE HOURS

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

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Announcements and Upcoming Events



May 17: Keystone Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m.

May 18: WebKIDSS Development Group in Topeka

May 23: JDLA Last Day of School for Students

BACK TO SCHOOL INSERVICE

8/4/17 New Teacher Inservice at Keystone Learning Services

8/7/17 All Teacher (Certified) Staff Inservice at Oskaloosa

8/8/2017 All Para Training at location to be announced

Inservice Topics may include:

- Secondary Transition
- IEP Changes
- Para Usage – Empowering Paras
- Building Positive Culture
- De-Escalation
- PDP Toolbox Training

Watch your
email for
updates and
further
information!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

★Have a★Safe
Memorial
★Weekend!★

The Keystone Learning Services offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday.

Keystone Learning Services will operate under summer office hours beginning the week of June 5th.

Summer Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

EXCEPTION: Our offices will operate under regular office hours (8-4:30) July 3, 5, 6 and 7 (offices closed July 4th) but reverting back to summer hours the following week.

Regular office hours (8-4:30) will resume beginning the week of July 31.



BENEFITS

Keystone Learning Services *Benefits Open Enrollment for 2017 will be May 15th – 25th.*

There are 3 ways to enroll:

1) Online Self-Enroll

*May 15th-23rd

<http://benefits-direct.com/keystone/>

2) Onsite Meeting at the Keystone Office

*May 24th 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

*May 25th 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To schedule a face to face appointment:

<http://keystone2017.simplybook.me>

3) Call Center

*May 15th – 25th

1-877-523-0176

For questions, call the business office at 785-876-22147 and ask for Lisa Morando or Jenny Carter.

Keystone will be using Greenbush's PDP Toolbox for the 2017-2018 school year for professional development transcripts. In August, at our Back to School Inservice we will be showing you how to use the toolbox and inviting you to join the Professional Development Committee. We will have 3 spots open.

If you have questions about this transition, please contact Lushena Newman (lnewman@keystonelearning.org), Cindy James, 2016-2017 PDC President, (cjames@keystonelearning.org) or Clarissa Cope, 2017-2018 PDC President (ccope@usd341.org).



Summer Stars

Bend low again, night of summer stars.
So near you are, sky of summer stars,
So near, a long-arm man can pick off stars,
Pick off what he wants in the sky bowl,
So near you are, summer stars,
So near, strumming, strumming,
So lazy and hum-strumming.

Carl Sandburg



Employee SPOTLIGHT

Name: Clayton Sean Benedict

Hometown: Manhattan, KS (67-79), Wichita, KS (79-93),
Lecompton then Perry, KS (93-now).

Current city of residence: I prefer to think of myself as a
non-city resident.

Inhabitants at your residence: Myself, my wife Kathy,
our cat Sneaker, there is an Opossum just down the hill
and I saw a Woodchuck the other day. He (probably she)
might move on though.

Current position: Technology Coordinator

Number of years at Keystone/NEKESC: 1

The hardest part of your job: Researching the un-
researchable.

First ever paying job: Carried papers for the Manhattan
Mercury starting in 1974 or 1975.

If you could do one job for a day, what would it be?
Photographer on the International Space Station.

What is the farthest location you have ever traveled?
Vancouver. I had to look up which was the farthest.

**If you had to eat one meal everyday for the rest of your
life, what would it be?** Grilled Chicken and Fried Okra.

**When you were a child, what did you want to be when
you grew up?** Rock Star

First ever concert: Peter, Paul and Mary. The first one I
remember was Ted Nugent.

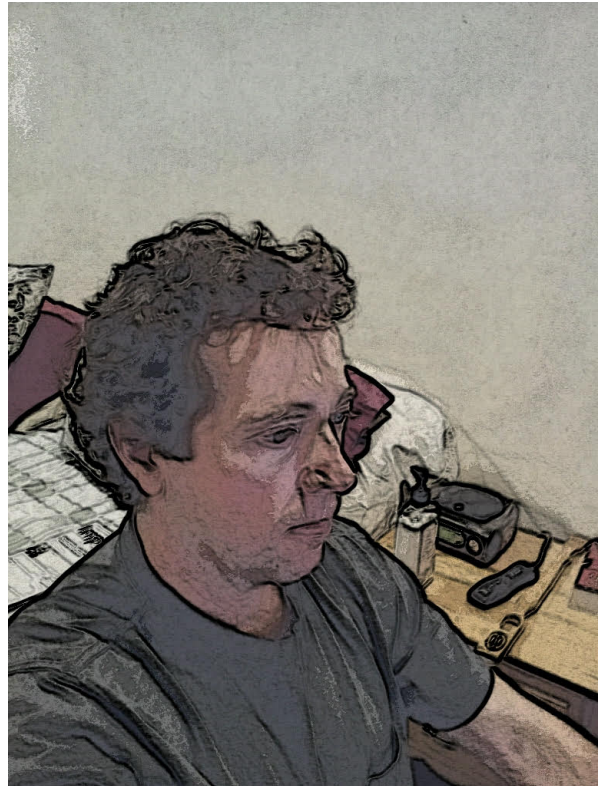
What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?
Probably Rattlesnake

Favorite vehicle: Porsche 911 Turbo S Cabriolet

Favorite sport or pastime: Boating

Pet Peeve: People who leave time on the microwave.

What do you fear most? Living beyond my ability to be
useful.



**What is something that people would
be surprised to know about you?** I
was a security guard in college.

Motto: C'est la vie

**Which cartoon character would you
most like to switch lives with?** Calvin
(Calvin and Hobbs)



Keystone will once again be a FREE Summer Food Service Program site, beginning June 5 and going through July 27. Food will NOT be served on Fridays throughout this time. A free breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. and a free lunch is at 11:30 a.m. This is open to all children ages 1-18. No registration or ID required. Adults must accompany children.

For more information, contact Lisa Morando at 785-876-2214.



Q: Why Did The Teacher Go Cross-eyed?

A: She Couldn't Control Her Pupils



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COUNT YOUR KID IN!

FREE Infant and Preschool Screening Clinic

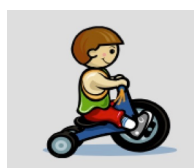
Who: Keystone Learning Services and the Jefferson County Health Department

What: Count Your Kid In. 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.

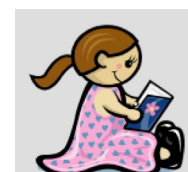
When: Friday, June 16, 2017

Where: Oskaloosa City Hall, 212 W. Washington St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066

For an appointment CALL 785-876-2214 EXT. 201



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A Primer on Summer Safety

Experts say there is things people can do to minimize the risks of health problems related to summertime activities. "While treatment with FDA-approved products is good, prevention is even better," says Jonathan Wilkin, M.D., director of the FDA's Division of Dermatologic and Dental Drug Products. So before you pack your swimsuit or hit the hiking trail this year, brush up on these summer hazards.

Sunburn – Remember to limit sun exposure, wear protective clothing, and use sunscreen. Sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied at least every two hours. Use water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. According to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), along with regularly using sunscreen, it is smart to wear wide-brimmed hats and seek shade under a beach umbrella or a tree. Sunscreens alone may not always protect you. Do not forget sunglasses, they will protect the sensitive skin around the eyes and may reduce the long-term risk of developing cataracts. People who wear UV-absorbing contact lenses still should wear UV-absorbing sunglasses since contact lenses do not completely cover the eye.

Bites from Mosquitoes and Ticks – There are no vaccines on the market for West Nile virus or Lyme disease. If you are spending time in tall grass or woody areas, use insect repellent with DEET to ward off mosquitoes and ticks. Check yourself for ticks before bedtime. If you find a tick, remove it with tweezers, drop it in a plastic bag and throw it away. The CDC recommends cleansing the area of the tick bite with antiseptic. Early removal is important because a tick generally has to be on the skin for 36 hours or more to transmit Lyme disease.

Bee Stings - To keep bees away, you should wear light-colored clothing and avoid scented soaps and perfumes. Do not leave food, drinks, and garbage out uncovered. Treat a bee sting by scraping the stinger away in a side-to-side motion with a credit card or fingernail, and then washing the area with soap and water. Pulling the stinger or using tweezers may push more venom into the skin. For any bug bite or sting, ice or a cold compress and OTC pain-relieving cream or oral medications can help.

Heat Illness – During heat illness, the body's cooling system shuts down. Body temperature goes up, which inhibits the ability to sweat. Mild symptoms of heat exhaustion include thirst, fatigue, and cramps in the legs or abdomen. Left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke. Serious heat-related symptoms include dizziness, headaches, nausea, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, decreased alertness, and a temperature as high as 105 F or more. In severe cases, the liver, kidneys, and brain may be damaged. About 400 people die each year from heat exposure, according to the CDC.

Reduce strenuous activities or do them during early morning and evening when it is cooler. If you are outside for long stretches of time, carry a water bottle, drink fluids regularly, and do not push your limits. People who play sports should wear light, loose-fitting clothes and drink water or sports drinks before, during, and after activity. If you see someone experiencing heat illness, have the person lie down in a cool place and elevate the legs. Use water, wet towels, and fanning to help cool the person down until emergency help comes.

Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Poison Sumac - Rashes from poison ivy, oak, or sumac are all caused by urushiol, a substance in the sap of the plants. Poison plant rashes cannot be spread from person to person, but it is possible to pick up a rash from urushiol that sticks to clothing, tools, balls, and pets. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, while "leaves of three, beware of me," is the old saying, "leaflets of three, beware of me" is even better because each leaf has three smaller leaflets. If you come into contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, wash the skin in cool water as soon as possible to prevent the spread of urushiol.



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

Early Childhood Special Education Peer Model Program

Keystone Learning Services sponsors Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) classrooms in local school buildings. These preschools are designed for children 3 to 5 years of age who qualify for services in areas such as communicating, learning, hearing, vision, moving or socializing. Currently these programs are housed in Meriden, Oskaloosa, Valley Falls, and Easton. **To enhance the program, children who are developing typically have been accepted as peer models.**

Peer Model applications are currently being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. **Names will be randomly selected in a drawing** that takes place in July. The application deadline is June 30, 2017.

Peer models must reside in one of the eight school districts served by Keystone Learning Services or have a parent that is employed by a hosting district. It is preferred that peer models be 4 years old on or before September 1st. However 3 year olds will be considered. Children must be potty trained.

Parents of peer model students are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the school. All children attending the pre-school must have proof of immunizations and the child health assessment required by the state of Kansas.

Children applying for peer model positions will need to be screened at a Count Your Kid In screening to verify that the child is not experiencing developmental delays. **Children must be screened by June 30, 2017 to qualify for the drawing.**

Please contact Lesa Brose at 785-876-2214 ext. 201 or at lbrose@keystonlearning.org to make a CYKI appointment or get more information concerning our peer model program.



This is the last newsletter for this school year.
Please have a safe, relaxing and fun summer!
*Don't forget to check your email and the Keystone
website over the summer for updates on
Back-to-School Inservice!*



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