

THE

KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

In the education world, the talk about and implementation of Personalized Learning is gaining momentum. Just what is Personalized Learning and how will it benefit students? It's worth taking a look. To start here's a definition developed by a group of organizations that include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, EDUCAUSE, and many more foundations, trusts and organizations as well as educators from across the nation:

Personalized learning seeks to accelerate student learning by tailoring the instructional environment—what, when, how and where students learn—to address the individual needs, skills and interests of each student. Students can take ownership of their own learning, while also developing deep, personal connections with each other, their teachers and other adults.

You can read more here: <http://bit.ly/2h3lABh>

Why might this be important to us in the special education world? Here's one blogger's perspective on this:

<http://bit.ly/2wZj8qk>

Stay tuned for more info related to Personalized Learning. Here's a quick quiz to test your knowledge-give it a try!

<http://bit.ly/2wsokii>

We'll revisit the Personalized Learning discussion in the future. In the meantime, try to imagine what special education might look like in a Personalized Learning environment.

Thanks for all you do,

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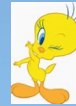
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Keystone Learning Services
OFFICE HOURS

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



Important Upcoming Events



September 19-School Psychologists/Social Workers Meeting 8:30-11:30

September 20-Keystone Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m.

September 22 – Count Your Kid In Screening at Oskaloosa (details, below)

September 23-Jefferson County Humane Society Fall Festival Annual Event (Fundraiser for Jefferson County Humane Society, held at KLS@ 6 p.m.) Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions

September 26-SLP/Related Services Meeting 8-11

September 27-Tiny k Playgroup 3:30-4:30

September 29-Early Childhood Staff Meeting 1-4

October 2-Keystone Office Staff Meeting 8-8:30

October 4 Autism Team Meeting 2-4

October 5-CPI Training 8-3:30

October 10-Superintendent Council Meeting 12:30 p.m.

October 11-Tiny k Playgroup 3:30-4:30

October 12-CPI Training 8-3:30

October 13- Early Childhood Staff Meeting 1-4

Submit Your News!

If you have anything you would like to submit, please email Linda K. Chalker at lindak@keystonelearning.org.

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

Approved photos, stories and poetry are welcome!

A good education
can change anyone.



a good teacher can
change everything.

Teacher and Para Inservices were held on August 7th and 8th, respectively. Welcome back staff!



Keystone office staff helped to welcome both teachers and paras at 'luau' themed inservices. A big thanks to the Oskaloosa and Perry school districts for hosting these two days of training.



Pictured, upper left: Jenny Carter, payroll clerk, welcomes teaching staff to the luau (inservice.) Above: lemonade was served at the office-staff-made DIY tiki hut. Left: Mr. Norman speaks with staff at the new teacher inservice held in Ozawkie on August 4th.



To **schedule a meeting** in the conference room at Keystone, please contact Linda K. Chalker at lindak@keystonelearning.org



RAH! RAH!

A local organization is looking for students with disabilities who might wish to participate on a cheerleading team that will participate in local competitions/events. Click here for more info:

<http://bit.ly/2vYGgln>



COMING UP IN OCTOBER:

Assistive Technology Training

When: October 26, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Keystone Learning Services

This presentation will provide an in-depth look at AT Considerations, using information from the QIAT and SETT Framework.

To Register and further information:

<https://www.ksdetasn.org/events/kOvquQ>

Jefferson County Humane Society



FALL FEST FOR HOMELESS PETS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 - 6:00 pm

KEYSTONE SCHOOL . OZAWKIE (BEHIND CASEYS)

Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions



Bring A "Wish List" Item for a Chance to Win a Door Prize

Dawn Dishwashing Liquid
Bleach
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Fleece Blankets
Canned dog food and cat food
Cat and dog toys

All Proceeds Benefit the Animals of JCHS!

If you have an item to donate for the auctions, please drop off at the shelter OR contact kipelliot@yahoo.com. It is helpful to have items before September 21st.



**Lots of
Auction Items
To Choose From
Animal Products
Sport Items
Trips and Events
Holiday Gifts
Antiques
Gift Baskets
Gift Certificates
And More!!**

New Staff

Nathanael Norman – Assistant Director of Special Education at Keystone Learning Services

Sherry Domann – Early Childhood Special Ed Teacher, Valley Falls Elem.

Brittany Hibbard – Interrelated Teacher, Valley Falls Elem/Middle

Scott Moore – Interrelated Teacher, JWMS & JWHS

Kory Roberts – Interrelated Teacher, McLouth Middle School

Kathy Shobe – Interrelated Teacher, Lecompton Elem.

Rick Weber – Interrelated Teacher, ACC Elem.

Brett Delich – Interrelated Teacher, ACC Jr/Sr HS

Carmen Whited – Speech Language Pathologist, Pleasant Ridge District

Melanie McGee – Interrelated Teacher, Pleasant Ridge HS

Alicia Scales-Kheir – Interrelated Teacher, Pleasant Ridge HS

Heather O'Neal – Interrelated Teacher, Oskaloosa District

John Zeltwanger – Gifted Teacher

Raenise Sampson – Speech Language Pathologist, Oskaloosa District

COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE OFFICE:

Farewell to Carol Snyder, Keystone's MIS Student Data Clerk. Carol has been with this organization for the past 25 years and has been a significant asset. Carol's last day is September 29th, 2017, and after that, she begins a new chapter of life: retirement. Best of luck to you, Carol. You will be missed!



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Replacing Carol will be Khrystyan Masters. Khrystyan is from the Effingham area. Her first day was Monday, 9/11/17. Welcome to Keystone, Khrystyan!



MEET THE EMPLOYEES AT KEYSTONE LEARNING SERVICES

Hello friends! My name is **Jill Fitzmorris** & I'm a Social Worker with Perry-Lecompton & McLouth Districts and this is my 2nd year with Keystone & my 7th year as a school social worker. I am a proud wife & mom of 3 (with #4 due early Oct). I have a 6 year old girl, 4 year old son who has nonverbal Autism, 2 year old girl and a cat. My family is my why & my joy. I enjoy photography, singing & playing guitar at nursing homes w/ my husband & kids, bicycling & volunteering with Lawrence Autism & Allies, running a monthly family support & play group. Having been in foster care & having parents with health issues I appreciated those educators who truly cared about me and encouraged me to succeed despite struggles. I am inspired to help students overcome challenges they face to reach their full potential.



My name is **Rick Weber**. I am the interrelated special education teacher (K-3) at Atchison County Elementary School. I graduated from Maur Hill Prep School in Atchison, Kansas. Then went across town and graduated from Benedictine College with my Bachelor's degrees in elementary education and physical education in 1998. In 2004, I graduated with my Master's degree in Educational Administration. I'm currently in my 17th year in education. I have taught 2nd grade, PE and was the principal at Atchison Catholic Elementary School from 2004-2012. I have been a registered football, basketball and baseball official with KSHSAA for the past 34 years. My high school PE teacher really encouraged me to become an official and the rest, as they say, is history! I am a huge Royals, Chiefs and Jayhawks fan. I love spending time watching them on TV or attending one of their games. I have been to Wrigley Field in Chicago and one of these days I hope to get to Fenway Field in Boston to watch the Red Sox. My wife, Karin and I have 4 wonderful daughters, Bridget, Sarah, Amber and Caroline. We currently have 2 grandchildren, Marley and Alex.

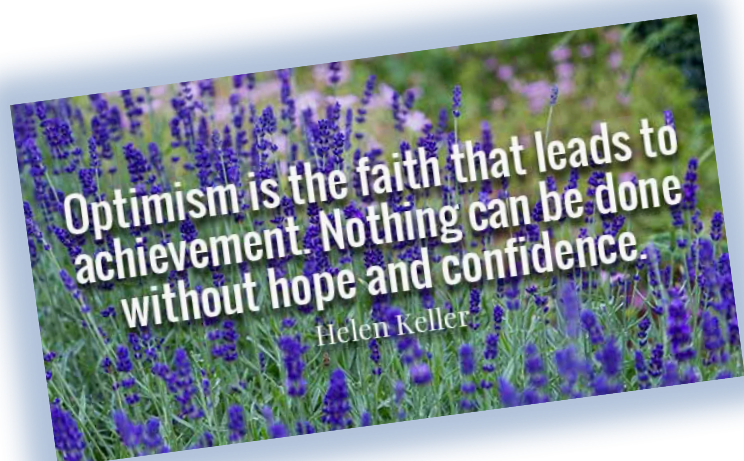


**Melanie McGee**

Teaching is a way of life in my family, and while I took a little more scenic route to the classroom, I'm excited to be a part of Keystone's staff and the Pleasant Ridge High School community. My dad taught high school agriculture for over 30 years, the last 27 at Yates Center, my mom substituted for many years and is now one of the Yates Center school librarians, the older of my younger brothers Kyle is now teaching agriculture at Yates Center, and my youngest brother Brett is a senior at Fort Hays State, majoring in agriculture education. Apparently, I had to be a little bit of a rebel and couldn't be exactly like their other kids.

I taught junior high and high school English for two years before making the switch to special education, but I'm not entirely not an English teacher as I have a few pull-out English classes this year. Before I became a teacher, I wrote for several newspapers in Kansas, and I continue to do some freelance writing for Kansas Pregame football magazine each summer.

When I'm not teaching, doing school paperwork or thinking about new things my students can do in class, I enjoy reading, spoiling my dog, and barrel racing with my four horses, Chance, Clifford, Fred and Streak. We compete in the United Rodeo Association, Interstates Rodeo Association, and several smaller barrel racing associations. Chance loves to meet young rodeo fans everywhere we go. He seems to think they come to rodeos just to pet him!



My name is **Carie Booth** and I am para-ing at Perry Lecompton middle school this year. I have 5 children of my own who all went to or are in the Perry schools. My hero is my mom. She has battled breast cancer and triple bypass heart surgery, always keeping her faith and her smile. She taught me how to love and shaped me into the woman I am today. I think people would describe me as compassionate and loving. I love my job because I can make a difference in the lives of so many children.



Name: Nathanael Norman

Hometown: Bakersfield, CA

Current city of residence: Valley Falls, KS (M-F), Pratt, KS (Sat-Sun)

Inhabitants at your residence/info on your family and/or animals:

Wife - Shari, Daughters - Maison 9, and Kayden 7. Dira - Great Dane/Mastiff

Current position: Assistant Director of Special Education

Number of years at Keystone/NEKESC: 1st year

The best part of your job: Working with various stakeholders to achieve a common vision that positively impacts Keystone Students.

First ever paying job: Courtesy Clerk at Albertson's

If you could do one job for a day, what would it be? Assistant Head Basketball Coach to Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs

What is your favorite location you have ever traveled? Coronado Island, CA

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Lasagna

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Economist

First ever concert: DC Talk

What is your favorite movie? Hoosiers

Favorite vehicle: BMW M6

Favorite sport or pastime: Basketball

Pet Peeve: Dirty shoes on a freshly mopped floor.

What do you fear most? Spiders

What is something that people would be surprised to know about you? I like to collect Remington Bronzes, I currently have five bronzes.

Motto/Favorite Quote: "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." - John Wooden

Anything else you'd like people to know about you: I am a transplant from Ca, having moved to Stafford, KS in 2009. My first job in KS was in Stafford Middle School. While teaching at Stafford Schools, I also coached basketball. The first year I coached the varsity girls and the next year I coached varsity boys and middle school boys basketball.

After two years at Stafford I moved to Macksville schools and taught in the MS resource room and coached Varsity girls basketball. I was offered the opportunity to work as a building administrator at Haskins Learning Center. This included several different programs. There is a program for students with Autism, Behavior, and Life Skills. This also included offices for various related services staff and a conference room. This was an amazing four years at HLC.

I am so excited to join the Keystone Team, everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. This has made this transition so much easier. Thank you to all of you. I look forward to an amazing year!

Count Your Kid In!



FREE INFANT and PRESCHOOL SCREENING CLINICS



September 22-Oskaloosa

October 27-Perry

November 17-Meriden

December- 15-Valley Falls

January- 19-McLouth

February 23-Effingham

March 16-Nortonville

April 20-Easton

May 11-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.

September Screening Information

WHEN: Friday, September 22, 2017

WHERE: Oskaloosa City Hall, 212 W. Washington Street, Oskaloosa



"....AND ALL AT ONCE, SUMMER COLLAPSED INTO FALL."

-Oscar Wilde



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