

THE KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

Can you imagine what life might look like if we took time to report the number of math problems solved correctly by all of our students each week? Spelling words spelled correctly? Words read correctly? The list of accomplishments could be very long and the numbers would be very impressive.

Positive and uplifting as those numbers are, they are really just the tip of the iceberg. It's the story inside of those numbers that is even more compelling. Here are some of those stories from among the districts we serve here at Keystone.

A deaf/blind student read a sentence in braille and signed understanding of the text. It was a simple sentence and it was the first time that this student had demonstrated this ability. Mom cried, teacher was overjoyed.

A middle school student who loves math and finds it easy to understand, struggles greatly with reading. This student was able to correctly read and pronounce a 4-syllable word without help. It was a breakthrough moment. It caused this particular student to reassess who they are in a fundamental way. Going forward, that particular

student believes that no matter how difficult a word might be, it can be conquered *and* that they legitimately belong with all of those classmates who aren't reading disabled.

An elementary student was able to overcome a speech disability through constant practice. This student came to school and for the first time was anxious to answer questions and even read out loud.

A new teacher was apprehensive about the first day of school. As that day drew closer, the question of, "Can I do this?" passed through her thoughts more frequently. The night before the first day of school didn't produce much sleep. The evening after the first day of school? Sleepless again, this time because the teacher couldn't wait to get back to school the next day to see her students. Better yet, each day continues to be an adventure that she can't wait to participate in.

Don't hesitate to share your life changing moments. It's one of the greatest things about teaching...

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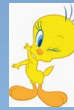
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(Keystone Learning Services)
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@KeystoneLeading

And for JDLA's Twitter:
@JDLA_KLS

Keystone Learning Services OFFICE HOURS

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



"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."
- Author Unknown



From the Human Resources Office:

If you have any questions on whom to send office paperwork to at the Keystone office, feel free to send to Lushena Newman or Melody Malone. We will be happy to sort it and give it to the individual(s) it needs to go to. You can send paperwork via media mail or you can scan and email one of us at lnewman@keystonelearning.org or mmalone@keystonelearning.org.



New Leave Request Form

There is a new leave request form all staff will be required to fill out. This form is to be used for sick leave, personal leave and discretionary (vacation) leave. The form is located on our website at www.keystonelearning.org, under 'Forms', or you can download it here: [**\(SICK LEAVE FORM - NEW AUG 2015.\)**](#)

Please complete this form if you know you have an upcoming appointment or are planning on using a personal day or discretionary day. Return the form to Lushena Newman at least 24 hours in advance. If you call in sick, please complete the form and return to Lushena at least 24 hours upon returning to work.

Please note: this form is in addition to any form(s) that you will need to complete for your school district.

Questions? Call Lu at 785-876-2214, extension 205.



Important Upcoming Events

Wednesday,
September 16th:

*Keystone Board of
Directors Meeting

in Ozawkie*

Saturday,
September 26th:

*Keystone Learning
Services is hosting
the Annual Fall
Fest for Homeless
Pets to benefit the
Jefferson County
Humane Society*

(See info below)

Tuesday,
October 13th:

*Superintendent
Advisory Council
Meeting

in Ozawkie*

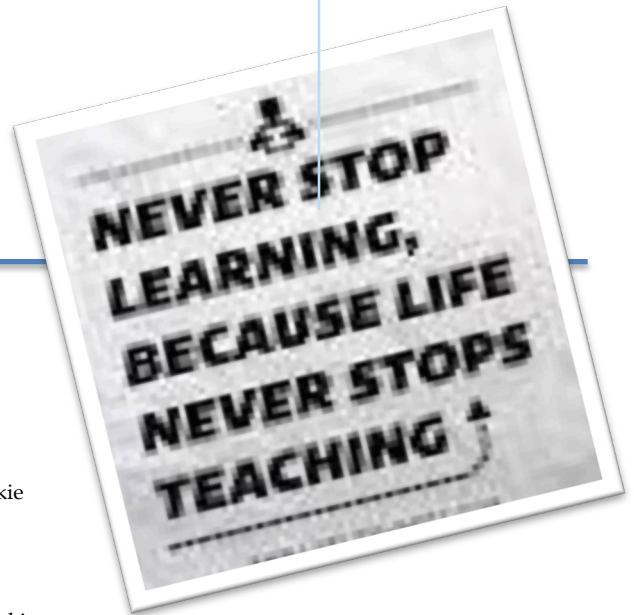
OTHER IMPORTANT DATES....

- 9/16 CPI Recertification — at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie
- 9/21 CPI Initial Certification — at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie
- 10/1 CPI Recertification-- at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie
- 10/12 CPI Initial Certification — at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie

IPEC Leadership Coaching Training Series

at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie

Session III -- September 15th



Fall Fest for Homeless Pets

Saturday, September 26th, 2015 at

Keystone Learning Services Gymnasium,

500 E. Sunflower Blvd. Ozawkie, KS

Dinner and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Live Auction at 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the animals of the Jefferson County Humane Society!

~ Chili ~ Soup ~
Chicken & Noodles
~ Desserts ~
~ Free Will Donation! ~



From the Kitchen....

The Wellness Committee will be meeting within the month. Keep an eye out for more information on upcoming WELLNESS events!!!



Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself. ~John Dewey

MEET SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM STUDENT 2015-2016

DANIEL HARTFORD

Keystone welcomes Daniel Hartford as a KU School Psychology Practicum Student this school year. He will be working with Amy Conklin first semester and Janet Tust second semester. Daniel comes to us with a wide range of experiences. He has worked in a wide range of jobs including a credit union, church, and halfway house. The work for his church included developing young adult groups and youth camps and enabled he and his family to live in Australia for 3 years. If you get a chance, ask Daniel about the dangerous spiders and snakes that live in Australia.

We have to share Daniel with not only his schoolwork and job at KU but also with his wonderful family. His wife Emily is a stay at home mom with his 3 beautiful children and one on the way due in January. Emily has a degree in Early Childhood Education and in the past has worked as a Kindergarten teacher and Title instructor. His two oldest boys, Joseph 5 and Oliver 3, were born in Australia. His daughter, Violet 9 months, was born here in Lawrence. Daniel loves being a dad and would gladly talk to you about his wonderful family.

Daniel was in part influenced by his father-in-law to become a School Psychologist. His father-in-law is a practicing School Psychologist in Illinois. Daniel will also tell you that his work at the halfway house indicated to him that work needed to be done early instead of later. He is passionate about instilling self worth in all people but especially in children.

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the words. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them for the final message. The first person to figure out the hidden message will receive a prize!

Send your response to lindak@keystonelearning.org

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Staff Shares

This newsletter's main purpose is to communicate information and share news and happenings! If you have anything newsworthy you would like to submit, please email Linda Kilgore 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.

Approved photos, stories and poetry are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

Congratulations to the Becky Stewart family on the recent birth of their baby boy!!!



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



Pelicans stop over at Lake Perry on their annual migration south, September, 2015, Ozawkie, KS
Photo submitted by L. Kilgore.

From Lisa Morando in the Business Office: "With staff transitions, changes of responsibilities have followed, making things a bit confusing for staff outside of our office. Below, are the Office employees and a list of documents/responsibilities for each. If you are unable to find an answer to your question by looking over the list below or after seeking out that individual, feel free to contact your district administrator or me. We encourage all staff to check their emails on a regular basis. Weekly updates, newsletter, benefit/payroll information, contracts and many other items are being sent via email."

Andy Ewing
Executive Director

Mary Livingston
SPED Asst Director
Perry/Lecompton
JCN
Easton
Jeff West
Yes/JDLA Programs
Sick Bank Approvals

Lindsey Graf
SPED Asst Director
Valley Falls
McLouth
Atchison Co Schools
Oskaloosa
Yes/JDLA Programs
Sick Bank Approvals

Tim Marshall
Federal Grants

Lushena Newman
Human Resources: Contracts/Health
Certifications/PDC/Cat Aid/Teacher
Waivers/FMLA/Work Comp

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Benefits
Leave Request Forms
New Employee & Para Sub Packets

Karla Bradford
Monthly Expenses & Mileage
Work Study Timecards

Professional Leave Requests
Purchase Orders
Medicaid Fee for Service Claiming

Ashley Gray
Invoices/Billing
Media Center Coordinator
Media Mail
Inventory
Certification of Time
Vehicle Maintenance & Check Out

Melody Malone
Media Center Coordinator
Para Inservice Hours
Coop Purchasing

Daniel Hinrichsen
IT Services & Repairs

Meet the Employees of Keystone Learning Services!



Hello my name is Rita Karleskint. I work at Jefferson County North Elem/Middle School. I am the resource teacher for grades 4-8. I worked for Quaker Oats in St. Joseph MO for 16 years. Upon their closing I returned to school and got my teaching degree. I also have completed my Masters in Special Ed. I have been married for 23 years and have two children in college.

I love to travel and see the United States. I have been to about 40 states and would love to go to Europe. My favorite teachers were my sixth grade teacher and my fourth grade teacher who would read stories aloud to us every day. I like to be adventurous at times. I think I would like to go up in a hot air balloon sometime.

I have worked with my sister for about 8 years who is also a teacher. Some people don't know or understand how we can work together. We argue, debate and challenge each other. But in the end we usually find common ground. We have traveled together and shared some wild experiences. If you ever see us ask about the State Fair.



Hello my name is Martha Falk.

I've been a para for 3 years, going on 4, working in the 18- 21 program. What I like about my career is working with the students and seeing them learn a new task or receive their first paycheck knowing that they were the ones that worked for the money and getting to see the smile on their faces just makes me so proud at what a good job they've done. If I would sing a Karaoke song it would have to be "Lean On Me" because a lot of the students just need a shoulder to lean on or someone to take a moment to listen to what they need to say. Also if one of the students is having a rough day you are there to help them through the day. The way students would describe me is fun, caring, a good listener, helpful, honest, and a good para. My favorite teachers in school were Mrs. Walbridge, my Home-economics teacher, and Mr. Barton, the Learning Disabilities teacher. They both said that you can do or be anything that you want, only if you put your whole heart into it and make it happen and that is what I'm doing! I'm making something of myself, hoping to leave a good impression on the lives of the people I help.



Did You Know...

Most **Live Webinars** on Infinitec are **Archived** and can be viewed at a time more convenient with *your busy teaching schedule*! When you register for a **Live Webinar**, a link will be sent out shortly after the scheduled event so registered participants can watch an **Archived** version of the webinar.

Noteworthy Upcoming Events:

Log into the Infinitec Website and view “Calendar” to register for events.

Just Relax! iTechnology for Regulating Anxiety for Students with ASD By Susan Stokes	September 22 @ 3:30 – Live Webinar – Will be Archived
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iDevices and Supports for Executive Functioning By Mark Coppin	September 29 @ 3:30 -- Live Webinar – Will be Archived
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KEYSTONE AUTISM INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM: Visual Schedules



What is a Visual Schedule?

- A Visual Schedule displays planned activities in the order they occur. Schedules can be made using symbols, words, pictures, photographs, icons or actual objects.

Why is a Visual Schedule important?

- Visual Schedules (1) Define expectations during a specific time period or activity; (2) Help students move from one activity to the next with less frustration.

How do I create a Visual Schedule?

- Determine the schedule size
 - o 1 card at a time
 - o First Then Schedule
 - o ½ school day
 - o Full Day
- Determine the visual mode
 - o Objects
 - o Photographs
 - o Picture symbols
 - o Written words

For picture examples of Visual Schedules look at this Teacher Resource from TASN-Autism and Tertiary Supports that provides information and examples on **Visual Schedules**, Work Systems and Visually Structuring Tasks. Each is divided into three levels; Concrete, Moving Toward Abstract, Abstract:

<http://goo.gl/aB1zHn> or



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Assistive Technology: Visual Modes

Don't have Boardmaker, but still need to create visual supports for students! Check out the following Websites designed to help you create visual supports!

CONNECT ABILITY

ConnectABILITY.ca

<http://connectability.ca/visuals-engine/>

- Allows you to select a template and select pictures to build different types of visuals

DO 2 LEARN

<https://do2learn.com/picturecards/printcards/index.htm>

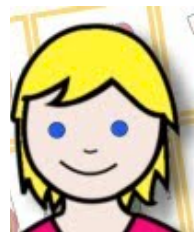
- Print black and white picture cards to create your own visuals. Picture cards can be printed with or without words



PICTO4ME

<http://www.picto4.me/>

- An App that can only be used on Google Chrome. Upload your own pictures, search pictures from Google or use pictures from Picto4Me's image library



Keystone AT Team Members:

Emily Bare, Stacy Diehl, Darcie Hearn, Cindy Malone, Kara Mitchell, Pederson, Carol Snyder, Abby Strathman, and Beth Zillinger (Team Coordinator)

Count Your Kid In!

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

September 18, 2015-Perry

October 16, 2015-Oskaloosa

November 20, 2015-Meriden

December 11, 2015-Valley Falls

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.

October Screening Information:

WHEN: Friday, October 16th, 2015

WHERE: Livingwater Evangelical Free Church, 13960 K-92 Highway, Oskaloosa, KS 66066

*Coming Up Next Issue:
BOO!*



"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."
~William Cullen Bryant



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