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SPECIAL EDITION

From the Director's Desk.....

April is Autism Awareness Month <https://bit.ly/1jUiBKL> and Child Abuse and Prevention Month <https://bit.ly/1AhH67p>

For the month of April, advocates for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) from around the globe will be working hard to increase awareness about ASD and Child abuse this month. I hope you'll take time to familiarize yourself with some of the resources and information available on these great efforts.

Look for autism resources from [TASN](#) and [Infinitec](#) to support your work in the classroom and outreach to parents and fellow educators. Look here <http://preventchildabuse.org/> for [Child Abuse Prevention](#) resources. Check out the [Keystone resource page](#) too! It's full of great resources for nearly any topic.

Thanks for all you do to support our students with ASD!

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To learn more about Autism, check out the resources, below.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday - Friday



Important Upcoming Events



April 18-Keystone Board of Director's Meeting 7 p.m.

April 20-Count Your Kid In Screening at Easton

April 24-Speech Pathologists Meeting 8-11; KETC, Inc. Annual Meeting in Salina

April 25-Tiny K Playgroup 3:30-4:30

May 1-Mentor/Mentee Meeting 8:30-11:30; WebKIDSS Team Meeting 10-4; PDC Mtg 4-5

May 2-Autism Team Meeting 2-4

May 4-WebKIDSS Development Group 9-3 in Topeka

May 4 & 5-JDLA Garage Sales in the Gymnasium

May 7- Keystone Office Staff Meeting 8:15 a.m.

May 8-Superintendent Advisory Council Meeting 12:00 p.m.

May 10-JDLA Graduates Luncheon (8th & 12th graders who are graduating this year) 11:30

May 11- Count Your Kid In Screening at Lecompton

2018 Benefits Open Enrollment will be May 14th - 25th, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!

Look for additional details coming soon!

There will be 3 options to enroll:

- ✓ Option #1 - Online Self-Enroll: Enroll yourself from any computer with internet access
- ✓ Option #2 - Face to face meeting with a Benefit Counselor: Onsite at Keystone in Ozawie May 23th and May 24th Only
- ✓ Option #3 - Call Center Benefit Counselor: Schedule an appointment for a counselor to call you

What You Can Do:

All benefit eligible employees are REQUIRED to complete enrollment.

Review your medical plan election to see if your current benefit plan is the best for you and your family. This is the perfect time to make changes.

Benefit Effective Dates for Open Enrollment Elections are as follows:

Medical = July 1st, 2018

Voluntary Benefits=September 1st, 2018

Deadline to complete enrollment is Thursday, May 25th, 2018. More info coming soon!

Questions? Contact Jenny Carter or Lisa Morando at 785-876-2214



JDLA is now accepting donations at the Service Center for our annual garage sale. Now through May 3rd, you can bring your gently used household goods, clothes, shoes, furniture, holiday decorations, etc. All proceeds go to JDLA's fund for our extra activities, level incentives program and supplies for our students.

During the school day, we will be able to help unload larger items if you need assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jacy Biggs at JDLA with questions -- 785-876-2214.



Current Open Positions at Keystone Learning Services

JDLA Interrelated Teacher – Language Arts
JDLA Interrelated Teacher—Elementary
JDLA Interrelated Teacher
McLouth Middle School Teacher
Jeff West Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
Interrelated Teacher at Jeff West Elementary
Part-time Jeff West High School Teacher
Oskaloosa Elementary Teacher
Gifted Teacher
School Psychologist

Parent Educator – Atchison

Northeast Kansas Tiny K Support Staff

Kansas MTSS State Trainer

Part time Evening Custodian—Keystone and Oskaloosa Mobile Unit

Para-educator openings in most districts and JDLA

If you have interest in any of these positions, please notify Lushena Newman at lnewman@keystonelearning.org or call 785-876-2214 today!

Keystone Learning Services is an EOE



April Rain Song

BY LANGSTON HUGHES

Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby. The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk. The rain makes running pools in the gutter. The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof at night—And I love the rain.



In Memoriam

Gary Kirkwood

Gary Kirkwood was the cheerful face who welcomed staff and students bright and early every morning at Keystone Learning Services. Gary worked part time as custodian at Keystone for the past 8 years. Unfortunately, an automobile accident took his life in the early morning hours of April 12th. Gary was on his way to catch a bus that would take him to the Kansas City airport that was headed to DC.

Gary had applied for the Honor Flight Kansas program after a long-time friend told him about the event that selects military veterans from across the United States to be flown to Washington DC. Earlier this year, Gary found out he was selected. Gary was very excited about the opportunity.

The Honor Flight network is a non-profit organization created to thank and honor America's veterans for their sacrifices by flying these heroes to Washington, DC to visit their memorials over two days. The program began in May, 2005 with a combination of small planes and commercial flights being used to transport WWII veterans that first year. Over the years, the program has grown, and by the end of 2017, the network escorted over 200,000 veterans to their memorials, free of cost to the veterans. There are now 140 Honor Flight Network regional hubs across the United States. Kansas has 9 high schools that participate in the program, where students become guardians that accompany each veteran on the trip.

Gary was drafted at the age of 18 into the U.S. Army, where he then served in the Korean war for 2 years. Gary was a lifelong resident of Meriden, KS. He and his wife, Susie, have 2 sons and 2 daughters, along with 11 grandchildren, who he lovingly referred to as his, "Grandmonsters". ☺ Gary was retiring from Keystone Learning Services later this month. His happy smile and laughter are very much missed.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.



Burlington Robotics Meet

On Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Keystone Learning Center Gifted and Talented students traveled to a Lego Robotics Competition held at Burlington Middle School, in Burlington, Kansas. Over 200 students attended this year's competition, including 25 Gifted students from Jefferson West Middle School, Pleasant Ridge Middle School, Oskaloosa Middle School, McLouth Middle School, Atchison County Community School, and Jefferson County North Middle School. Students completed in individual events and in tournament events. The individual events were: "25 Foot Sprint", "Ratio Run", "Push", "Maze", "Individual Capture the Flag", and the "100 Foot Run". Only in the individual competition could schools place for awards. Team points were awarded to schools where students placed in the top eight positions. Student teams from Pleasant Ridge Middle School placed 2nd overall with a total of 18 points, and a second team placed 15th overall with 6 points. Teams from Jefferson County North Middle School placed 4th with 15 points, 5th with 14 points, and 13th with 8 points. There were two tournament competitions held: "Capture the Flag", in which students competed against other students, and "Sumobot" Tournament, where the robots went head to head in a Sumo wrestling style competition where the winner had to push the other robot out of the ring. A team from Pleasant Ridge Middle School took 2nd place in the Sumobot competition. Caleb Miller and Ashtyn Jolly places second in the Head to Head Capture the Flag competition. The meet was a huge success with beginning builders to students who have done it for a couple of years. Students, coaches, judges, and spectators seemed to have enjoyed themselves tremendously. A special thank you goes out to Burlington Middle School for hosting this event. They did a SUPER JOB!



Count Your Kid In!

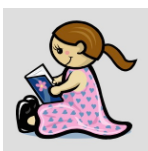
April 20-Easton

May 11-Lecompton



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.



April Screening Information

WHEN: Friday, April 20, 2018

WHERE: Pleasant Ridge Elementary School, 20753 Easton Rd.
Easton, KS



This newsletter is dedicated in memory of Mr. Gary Kirkwood



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