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# KEYSTONE

SPECIAL EDITION

## *From the Director's Desk.....*

This year 63 students with a wide range of disabling conditions have earned their high school diploma in the schools served by Keystone. I hope you will take time to recognize and celebrate this awesome accomplishment with all of the graduates who have come across your path, and through your classrooms.

It takes a team to make such a great accomplishment happen so don't forget to celebrate with all of the professional staff members, related service providers, and para-educators who helped along the way. As for me, I just want to express my gratitude for all that you do for every one of our handicapped students. Way to go!

Thanks for all you do.

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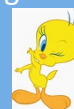
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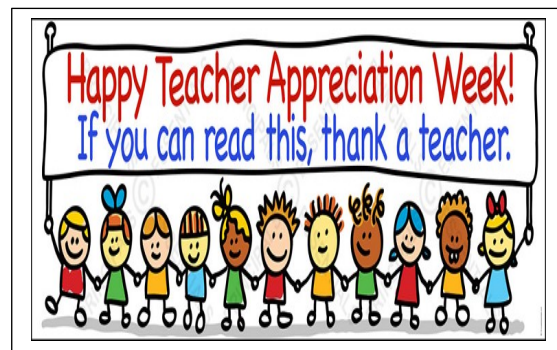
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OFFICE HOURS  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday



## Important Upcoming Events



**May 22-JDLA Last Day of School**

**May 28-Keystone Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

### **Benefits Enrollment Options:**

**Option #1 - Online Self-Enroll.** Enroll yourself from any computer with internet access. Go to [www.benefits-direct.com/keystone/](http://www.benefits-direct.com/keystone/)

**Option #2 - Face to face enrollment** meeting with a Benefits Counselor at Keystone in Ozawie May 23th and May 24th only. To schedule an appointment, go to [www.benefits-direct.com/keystone/](http://www.benefits-direct.com/keystone/) and click 'schedule an appointment.'

**Option #3 - Call Center Benefit Counselor.** Schedule an appointment with a counselor who will call you and walk you through the benefit enrollment process. Call 877-523-0176 and identify yourself as a Keystone Learning Services Employee.

### **Remember:**

***All benefit eligible employees are required to complete enrollment.*** Questions? Contact Jenny Carter or Lisa Morando at 785-876-221

**Keystone Learning Services' two offices will begin summer office hours of 7 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, regular office hours of 8 - 4:30 Monday through Friday will be in effect, with both offices closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the holiday.**

**SUMMERTIME**

**This is the last newsletter of this school year.**

**Wishing you a safe and happy summer!**

## 2018 Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair

On Friday April 6, 2018, 24 students from the Keystone Regional Science Fair (held on Saturday March 4, 2018) attended the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair, which was held at the Cessna Activity Center in Wichita, Kansas. Students eagerly anticipated the opportunity to discuss their research in hopes of earning a distinguished award.

The students attending the State Science Fair came from several different school districts including Jefferson County North, Atchison County Community Schools, Lyndon, and Blue Valley West.

Several students earned top honors in the different project categories, and two earned special awards. Emma Kramer (JCNMS) earned the Special Award for the Association for Women Geoscientists, and Ashtyn Jolley (ACCJHS) earned the Kansas Academy for Mathematics and Science Summer Camp Scholarship.

Earning distinguished awards at the State Science Fair are:

### Division 2 (6-8 grade) :

Hannah Simmers, ACCES, Gold medal in Biochemistry

Addison Schletzbaum (ACCEMS) Gold medal for Behavioral and Social Science

Emma Kramer (JCNEMS) Silver medal for Energy, Chemical

### Division 3 (4-5 grade):

Brylyn Jolly (ACCES), Silver medal for Behavioral and Social Science

Jacob Kramer (ACCES), Bronze medal for Chemistry

Easton Schletzbaum (ACCES), Gold medal for Materials Science

Students from the Topeka area are welcome to attend the Regional Science Fair event held in February or March at Keystone each year. Students must attend the Regional Fair to qualify for entry into the State Science and Engineering Fair.

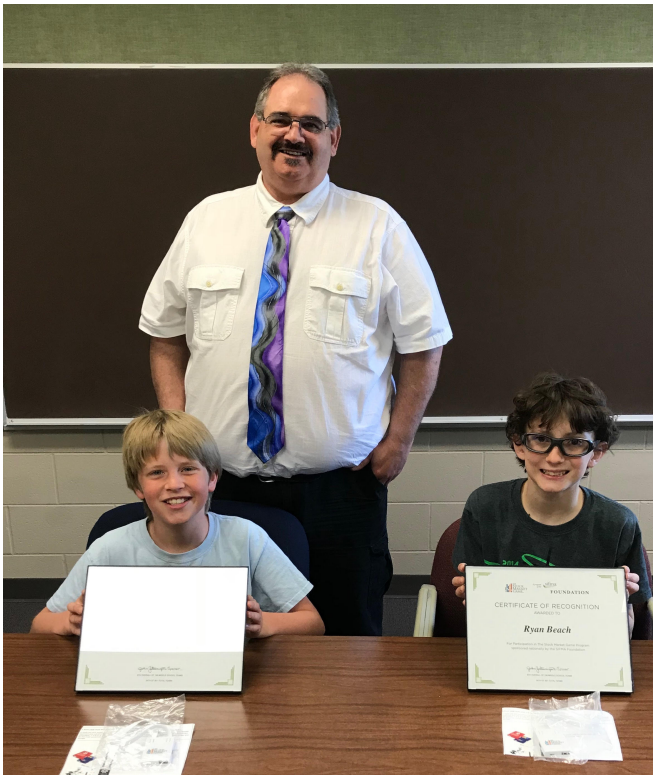


## Spring Semester 2018 Kansas Stock Market Game

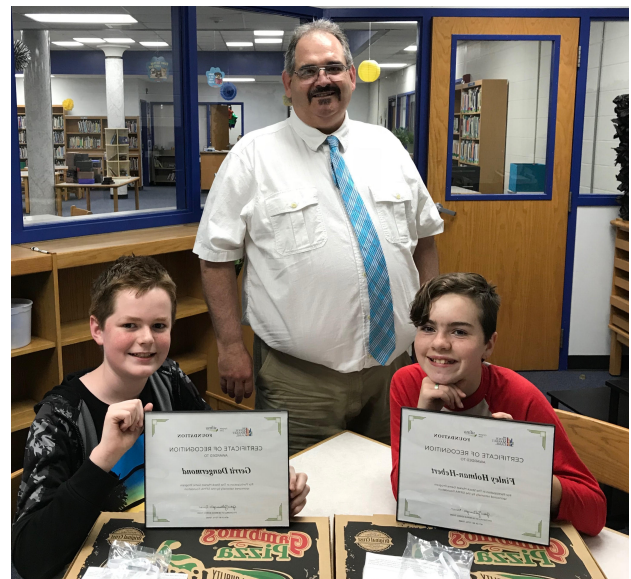
There were nine different middle school teams that took part in the Spring semester 2018 Kansas Stock Market Game. This online simulation of the stock market is sponsored by the Kansas Council on Economic Education through Wichita State University, and this is their 40th year of offering students across the entire state of Kansas an opportunity to gain insight to investing. For most students this is an excellent introductory activity designed to teach students about the stock market as a way of investment.

Strategies, research, economics, time frame and hunches all play a part of how and when people may choose to invest in a stock. Teams are given a set amount and invest in the actual stock market, through controlled simulation. Many valuable lessons were learned about the world of the stock market as a means of personal finance and investment. Overall, there were those teams that made money and those who lost money.

Two area teams placed in the **top ten** this semester from across the state. The team of Ryan Beach and Camden Wiessenbach of McLouth placed **9th** out of 199 middle school teams/34th of 861 middle and high school teams combined. The team of Finley Holman-Hebert and Gerrit Dangermond of Oskaloosa had an outstanding finish of **5th** place out of 199 middle school teams/18th of 861 middle and high school teams combine. They each received a certificate and a 3 Port USB Hub with charging noodle from the KCEE/Kansas Stock Market Game. Congratulations to them and all of the Keystone area teams who participated.



Camden Wiessenbach & Ryan Beach, with Mr. Zeltwanger



Finley Holman-Hebert & Gerrit Dangermond, with Mr. Zeltwanger



### **Current Open Positions at Keystone Learning Services**

*JDLA Interrelated Elementary Teacher – (2)*  
*JDLA Interrelated Teacher*  
*Jeff West Early Childhood Special Education Teacher*  
*Jeff West Elementary*  
*Part Time Jeff West High School Teacher*  
*Oskaloosa Elementary Teacher*  
*Gifted Teacher*

*Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant*

*Parent Educator – Atchison*

*Northeast Kansas Tiny K Support Staff*

*Part Time Evening Custodian—Keystone Building & Oskaloosa Mobile Unit*

*Human Resources Coordinator—Keystone Office in Ozawkie*


*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](mailto:lnewman@keystonelearning.org) or call 785-876-2214 today!

## Kansas Association of School Boards

May

### Poisonous Plants

Myth	 Fact
Poison Ivy rash is contagious.	Rubbing the rashes won't spread poison ivy to other parts of your body (or to another person). You spread the rash only if <b>urushiol oil</b> -- the sticky, resin like substance that causes the rash -- has been left on your hands.
You can catch poison ivy simply by being near the plants	Direct contact is needed to release <b>urushiol oil</b> . Stay away from forest fires, direct burning, or anything else that can cause the oil to become airborne such as a lawnmower, trimmer, etc.
Leaves of three, let them be	Poison sumac has 7 to 13 leaves on a branch, although poison ivy and oak have 3 leaves per cluster.
Do not worry about dead plants	<b>Urushiol oil</b> stays active on any surface, including dead plants, for up to 5 years.
Breaking the blisters releases <b>urushiol oil</b> that can spread	Not true. But your wounds can become infected and you may make the scarring worse. In very extreme cases, excessive fluid may need to be withdrawn by a doctor.
I've been in poison ivy many times and never broken out. I'm immune.	Not necessarily true. Upwards of 90% of people are allergic to urushiol oil, it's a matter of time and exposure. The more times you are exposed to urushiol, the more likely it is that you will break out with an allergic rash. For the first-time sufferer, it generally takes longer for the rash to show up - generally in 7 to 10 days



## 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 2018-2019 school year. **Names will be randomly selected in a drawing** that takes place in July. The application deadline is June 30, 2018.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 2018 to qualify for the drawing.**

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



## May is Better Speech and Hearing Month!



Pictured above: Keystone's amazing team of Speech Language Pathologists and their fantastic paras!



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