

THE KEYSTONE

Special Edition

From the Director's Desk.....

October brings with it many opportunities. October is ADHD Awareness Month, National Dyslexia Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Spina Bifida Awareness Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and Bullying Awareness Month just to name a few of the awareness efforts taking place in the month of October. Add in World Cerebral Palsy Day, Rett Syndrome Awareness, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Awareness and you can see that it's a great time to seize the moment and connect students with disabilities with great conversations and resources.

Here are some places to start:

<https://dyslexiaida.org/october-is-dyslexia-awareness-month/>

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/index.htm>

<https://add.org/adhd-awareness/>

<http://dsagsl.org/down-syndrome-awareness-month-an-october-celebration-press-release/>

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-cerebral-palsy-day-2018/>

<https://iocdf.org/programs/ocdweek/>

<https://globalgenes.org/raredaily/october-spina-bifida-awareness-month/>

<https://www.rett syndrome.org/make-a-difference/advocacy-awareness/october-awareness-month>

<http://www.apta.org/NPTM/>

<https://www.aota.org/Conference-Events/OTMonth/TenThings.aspx>

<https://community.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3878>

Have a great October and Thanks for all you do.

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And for JDLA's Twitter:
@JDLA_KLS

Keystone Learning Services
OFFICE HOURS

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





- October 1-Keystone Office Staff Meeting 8:15
- October 2- Speech Pathologists Meeting 8:30-11:30
- October 9- Superintendent Council 12:30
- October 12-CPR Training 9-12
- October 15-CPI Training 8-3:30; JDLA No School, Teacher Inservice/Work Day
- October 16-School Psychologists/Social Worker's Meeting 8:30-11:30
- October 17-Keystone Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m.
- October 18-JDLA Parent/Teacher Conferences & Open House
- October 19-JDLA No School
- October 22-CPI Renewal 8-12
- October 26-Count Your Kid In Screening Clinic at Perry; WebKIDSS Executive Board Meeting in Salina

MEDIA CENTER

Please don't forget to check out the resources available in the media library located at the Ozawkie offices. If you have any questions or would like to check out an item, please connect with Melody Malone.



Get an **A** in voting

KASB is urging all Kansans to 'Get an 'A' in voting and to participate in the election process! The deadline to register to vote is October 16th.

To confirm your registration is current, visit www.ksvotes.org

Website filled with voter registration information: <http://bit.ly/2OxDhJI>

Medicaid Update

Congratulations to all Medicaid providers and the Medicaid Office Team, Keystone successfully met the Medicaid board goal in the 2017-2018 school year! Without the dedication of all providers and staff, this wouldn't have been possible!

This year the Board and administration has set the goal at \$250,000 for the 2018-2019 school year! There will be a monthly update in the newsletter showing the progress throughout the year!

There is a new face on the Medicaid Team this year. Brandi Barnhardt has taken on the role of Medicaid Clerk. Brandi's role is to ensure Keystone is capturing all funds possible through the Medicaid program. To do this, Brandi will track parent and doctor consent forms, student eligibility and service logs! Please be patient with Brandi as she learns this new role.

Please help us welcome Brandi to the team!

-Lisa Morando



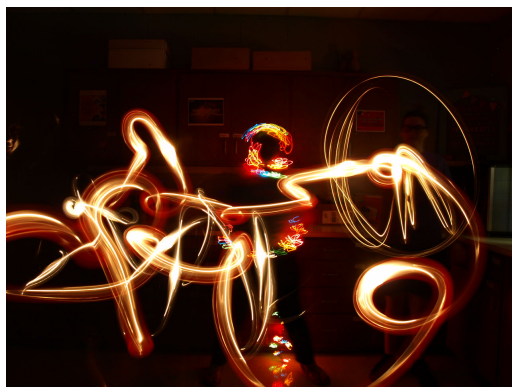
Busy start to school year for JDLA students!



Above: Cristo, JDLA's therapy dog, takes a break in the sun. Photo taken by JDLA middle school student.



Above: students prepare the JDLA garden for fall planting.



Left: light painting created by JDLA middle school students.



Right: wax painting created by JDLA elementary students.

Keystone is once again happy to host the annual **FALL FEST for HOMELESS PETS** event on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium at Keystone Learning Services in Ozawkie. A dinner as well as silent and live auctions will be held, with ALL proceeds benefitting the animals of JCHS! Come on out and support our homeless animals in Jefferson County. For more information, please contact kipelliot@yahoo.com



Dinner is free will donation!

Lots of great auction items to choose from, including trips and events, sport items, holiday gifts, antiques, gift baskets, gift certificates, and more!

Chili Soup
Chicken & Noodles
Delicious Desserts

Bring a "wish list" item for a chance to win a door prize! Wish list items: dawn dishwashing liquid, bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, fleece blankets, canned dog and cat food, cat toys.



When should I get vaccinated?

According to the CDC, you should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. **CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October.** Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout flu season, even into January or later.

Children who need [two doses](#) of vaccine to be protected should start the vaccination process sooner, because the two doses must be given at least four weeks apart.

Meet the Teaching Staff at Keystone!



Deena Simmons

I am a new special education teacher at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School. Being an educator has been a great joy of mine for 26 years throughout the state of Kansas. I have taught in urban, rural, public and private schools. For a brief time, I had the privilege of teaching in Africa. I am passionate and determined about finding individual approaches that will help as many students be successful as possible; especially in the area of reading. I am the proud mother of two sons, adopted from an orphanage in the Ukraine. Both of my boys are seniors this year. One plays soccer for his school and the other is proficient in computer programming and technology. Over the years, I have witnessed the dedication and heart of several Keystone employees. I am excited to be a part of this great staff.

Food Service Update
from Lisa Morando



There have been some changes in the food service program for John Dewey Learning Academy (JDLA). Brandi Barnhardt has accepted the Food Service Director position!

As part of this change, you will notice a new section to the newsletter with information about wellness education. As a part of the state lunch program, we are required to have a wellness program and educate our staff on different ways to incorporate health into our lives and classrooms.

The Wellness program committee has five current members. The members are Terri Coughlin-JDLA Principal, Mary St. John- JDLA teacher, Rena Kilgore- JDLA teacher, Brandi Barnhardt- Food Service Director and Lisa Morando-Business Manager. We will be working together to share information about health and how to make better choices. We hope this is a fun learning experience for everyone and look forward to creating a healthier Keystone!

Suicide Prevention: Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

Presented by Kara Bennett, Coordinator of Suicide Prevention Programs, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), MN

Learn the three steps anyone can take to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States, and more than one million adults have been trained in classroom settings in more than 48 states.

www.myinfinitec.org

October 8th through the 14th is **Anti-Bully Awareness** week. This year's theme is CHOOSE RESPECT. Schools are encouraged to address bullying throughout the entire school year. For resources and further information:

Stopbullying.gov: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

KSDE Bullying page: <http://bit.ly/2xkR5R>

KSDE Training page: <http://bit.ly/2Ozlm4m>



Need to schedule a meeting at Keystone?
Contact Linda K. Chalker at
lindak@keystonelearning.org



"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

Count Your Kid In!



FREE INFANT and PRESCHOOL SCREENING CLINICS

October 26-Perry

November 16-Meriden

December- 14-Valley Falls

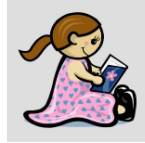
January- 18-McLouth

February 22-Effingham

March 29-Nortonville

April 26-Easton

May 10-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.

October Screening Information

WHEN: Friday, October 26, 2018

WHERE: Perry United Methodist Church, 220 Oak St., Perry, KS



Happy Halloween!



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