

★★News of the Stars★★

Kauri Sue Hamilton School

November- December 2013

Message from the Principal

Let us be grateful to people
who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners
who make our souls blossom.

I just walked through our cafeteria and saw a young boy skipping away from his lunch at the table. He was bright eyed and smiling. I asked the teacher if she wanted me to help him back to his seat. She replied "No, he isn't usually like this but he's just really happy today. He skips away but comes right back to eat more."

I thought how wonderful it was that his teacher was allowing him to express his joy. She looked just as happy as he was at that moment. Your children make us happy each day. Thanks for sharing them with us!

Happy Thanksgiving!



In Loving Memory of Stevie Hendrickson September 22, 2005-November 10, 2013

We will miss your mischievous smile and great humor

HEAT-2013-2014

Home Energy Assistance Target

WHAT IS HEAT?

HEAT is a federally funded program that provides winter utility payment assistance to low-income households, targeting those who are truly vulnerable - the lowest-income households with the highest heating costs: the disabled, elderly, and families with preschool-age children.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY? You may apply anytime between

November 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014

Please bring the following documentation:

- 1-Identification: Current Driver's License, State ID, or Permanent Resident card.
- 2-Social Security cards for yourself and EVERYONE living in your household.
- 3-Proof of medical expenses you **paid** in the month prior to the month of your appointment.
- 4-Proof of any child support and/or alimony you **paid** in the month prior to the month of your appointment.
- 5-Proof of disability.
- 6-Proof of a child in the home age five (5) and under (birth certificate, blessing certificate, etc.).
- 7-Copies of current utilities bills of gas and electricity
- 8-Proof of all income received in the previous month of the appointment

2013-2014 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL & MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS

Household Size	100% of Poverty	125% of Poverty UTAP	150% of Poverty HEAT/HELP	Household Size	100% of Poverty	125% of Poverty UTAP	150% of Poverty HEAT/HELP
1	958	1,197	1,436	8	3,303	4,161	4,957
2	1,293	1,616	1,939	9	3,638	4,613	5,460
3	1,628	2,034	2,442	10	3,973	5,065	5,963
4	1,963	2,453	2,945	11	4,308	5,517	6,466

5	2,298	2,872	3,448		12	4,643	5,969	6,969
6	2,633	3,291	3,951		13	4,978	6,421	7,472
7	2,968	3,709	4,454		14	5,313	6,873	7,975

HEAT provides for several deductions such as: paid alimony/child support, medical expenses, and vulnerable age groups.

✓ WHERE CAN I APPLY?

Oquirrh Elementary School
Parent Family Center - West Jordan
 7165 South Paddington Road -West Jordan, Utah 84084
 To make an appointment, please ask for Mrs. Sadler
 Phone: (801) 565-7474

Kauri Sue Hamilton School
Health Services -Riverton
 2827 West 13400 South -Riverton, UT 84065
 To make an appointment, please ask for Ms. Thompson
 Phone: (801) 567-8515

If you have a **24 hour shut off notice** or have any questions in reference to your current **HEAT** application Please call **(801) 521-6107**

The Secret is Out!

(Recipes that is)

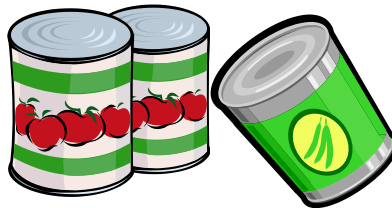


GREAT Christmas gift!

Kauri Sue Hamilton School Cookbooks on Sale now. \$14.00

All proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks goes to E. L. F. (Extra Love Fund)*

*This fund helps provide some extra love to staff members who are in need.



Thank You to all of the families and staff who donated food for our food drive. We were able to donate over 500 items to the Parent and Family involvement team at Oquirrh Elementary School. Ann's Room (210) won the pizza party by donating over 180 food items!

Hero's among us!

Suzanne Sphar – Para-educator in Laurie Tovey's room (209) has been honored by the state of Utah as a Silent Hero for donating gallons of blood since the 80's. She has helped over 500 people with her blood donations, way to go Suzanne.



Calendar Review

November 26	Full day of School
November 27-29	No School- Thanksgiving recess
December 3	Picture re-takes
December 19	Santa (United Commercial Travelers) at KSHS
December 23- January 3-	No School Winter recess
January 6, 2014	School resumes
January 15	S.I.B.S night 6-8
January 20	No School- Martin Luther King Day
January 23	Early release- Students released at 2:00
January 24	No School- Grade transmittal Day

Big Thanks

The Assistance League of Utah- Thank you for donating books for the library at Kauri Sue Hamilton School.

Jake Cram – Thanks for cataloging all of our library books.

Jordan Education Foundation-Thank you for funding 6 mini-grants for our classrooms (\$3400.00)

Rosemary Payne and Oakcrest Girls camp- Thanks for the hundreds of sock balls for P.E.

Utah State Prison- Thanks for the pumpkins

Herriman High School Peer leadership Team- Thanks for the Spooky Sensory day.

Anamarie Rodabough- Thanks for the Parent training on Guardianship

Scout troop – updated our emergency backpacks



A Heads Up About Head Injuries

Head injuries are serious. They can range from a mild bump on the head to a concussion to a life threatening injury. Some of the students at Kauri Sue Hamilton School are at an increased risk for falling and bumping their heads. They can be pretty rough on themselves as they play energetically on their own and together. Many of them have impaired mobility, imperfect balance and some of them have seizures. They often require the use of wheelchairs, crutches or walkers. They also experience behavioral issues such as self-hitting which increase their risk of getting hurt. Should your child hurt his or her head at any time, it is a matter of great concern for you and for us.

Why the Big Deal?

Your brain doesn't simply sit inside your head; it floats there in a special type of protective fluid, called cerebral spinal fluid or CSF for short. Usually, this fluid serves as a cushion and protects the brain from being hurt by your day-to-day movements. However, if the head is hit hard enough the protective fluid cannot protect the brain and it hits the inside of the skull causing a mild to severe head injury. This means bad news. Whether a mild concussion or a serious head injury, also known as traumatic brain injury or TBI, these head injuries might seem like nothing at first, but in time you may see alarming changes in your child's appearance and/or behavior. Many problems that come from a bonk on the head are not obvious until several hours later. But this doesn't mean there is not head injury! Therefore it is very important to watch the child carefully for symptoms of a head injury, and get needed help sooner rather than later.

What Should I Look For?

Concussions usually affect four areas of your child's life: Thinking/Remembering, Physical, Emotional/Mood, and Sleep. As many of the students at KSHS cannot tell us how they feel, extended crying for no discernible reason or an unusual refusal to eat are sometimes our only emergency signs. Watch for these signs soon after the head injury so you can have your child seen by a doctor right away to make sure the injury is properly treated:

- **Nausea and vomiting**
- **Increased drowsiness and sleeping more than usual**
- **Unusually difficult to arouse from sleep**
- **Unusual or increased balance problems or dizziness**
- **Severe headache that won't go away**
- **More agitated than usual**
- **Feeling or acting unusually angry, sad, nervous, or more emotional than usual**
- **Numbness or tingling anywhere in the body**
- **Difficulty thinking or remembering**
- **Unusual sensitivity to light or noise**
- **Blurry or double vision**
- **Feeling "funny," "bad," or just "not right"**

What Do I Need to Do If I Suspect a Concussion?

Get medical attention **RIGHT AWAY!** A healthcare professional will be able to determine whether immediate medical intervention is required, when your child can safely return to school and play, or refer you to a specialist.

At home, be sure your child takes it easy and rests his or her body and mind to allow his or her brain time and energy to heal. Limit exercise and time spent concentrating intensely (this includes playing video or computer games, not just studying!) as this will tax the brain and delay or reverse the healing process.

What Should I Expect From KSHS If This Happens at School?

On September 27, 2011 Jordan School District enacted a new policy (which you can read at <http://policymanual.jordandistrict.org/policies/as097.html>) requiring schools to notify parents if this

should happen while their child is at school. We ask that you let us know if something happens to your child while at home so we can be watchful on our end as well. This district policy requires that a standardized form (which you can see at http://www.jordandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/head_crf.pdf) be filled out each time a child experiences a head injury. The form records which, if any, symptoms were seen when the event occurred and that a parent or legal guardian was notified and what, if any, medical attention was required and given at the time. The form also provides a list of symptoms to be wary of. This is provided to the parents and kept on file for every incident. If any symptoms were to surface during school hours, you would be contacted by phone immediately, if possible, and asked to transport your child for medical attention. If the symptoms were severe we would call 911 for emergency transport and then contact you.

We care about the safety of your children, and know you do too! If you have further questions, don't hesitate to call us (801-567-8500).

For more complete information on what to look out for and when to take your child to the doctor or nearest emergency department please see: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/signs_symptoms.html and/or <http://www.chop.edu/service/concussion-care-for-kids/home.html>.



We are still collecting Box Tops, labels for education and Coke Rewards!

Big congratulations to Debbie Fisher's class who won the Pizza party for October's collection contest, Kyle Baker a student in 202 brought in over 500 box tops!

Thank you Melody Terry for coordinating this.

Follow us on www.helpforkaurisue.blogspot.com

Watch for the next collection sheet to come home.

Happy Holidays

From Your Friends and Family at
The Kauri Sue Hamilton School

What Has Been Accomplished?

In 2005, The Opportunity Foundation of America (OFOA) began a partnership with the Boston College EagleEyes Project and signed a formal license agreement to manufacture, distribute and provide training for the technology. There are hundreds of EagleEyes systems distributed in the USA and Canada, in schools, universities, non-profit organizations and individual homes.

OFOA provides free ongoing support, webinars, and updates to EagleEyes Users.

Learn More

Contact The Opportunity Foundation of America for more information or to schedule an evaluation.

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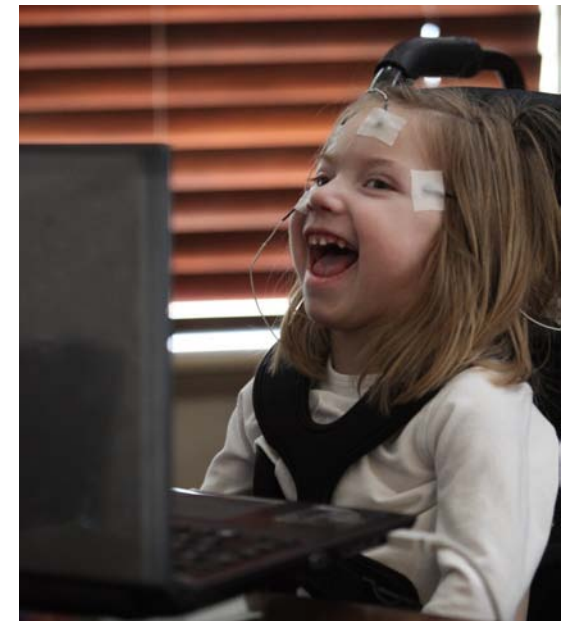
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EagleEyes

Eye Controlled Technology

Now utilized at your school



What is EagleEyes?

EagleEyes is an innovative eye-controlled technology that acts as a mouse replacement and helps children and adults with profound physical disabilities interact and learn by using a computer.

EagleEyes was developed at Boston College by Computer Science Professor Jim Gips. The technology is primarily for children and adults with severe special needs. These individuals are most often non-verbal, paralyzed, and at most have a Yes/No method of communicating or are completely locked in.



How Does it Work?

Electrodes are placed above and below the user's dominant eye and on both temples to magnify the electrical signal of the eye and convert it into the mouse cursor.

Basically, the mouse pointer follows the location the user is looking at on the screen and the eyes replace the mouse. Each selection is made by looking at a small area of the screen for a short period of time which causes a mouse click. (Only single click functionality is available.)

EagleEyes is easily calibrated to any head position. The user does not have to be perfectly still, and in fact, head movement can be used to augment the user's control.



Who can use EagleEyes?

EagleEyes can be used for education, recreation and communication. Even if an individual already has an assistive device, EagleEyes can allow anyone the opportunity to recreate and play independently with many programs on a computer or the internet.

Generally EagleEyes is a good device for anyone who has limited range of motion of their arms and hands and limited purposeful head movement. EagleEyes allows the user freedom to use many computer programs according to their skill level.

EagleEyes at Your School

EagleEyes is being used at your school or organization. If you would like to try this technology or allow it to be used, please contact your teacher or administrator.

If you are interested in having this technology in your home, please contact The Opportunity Foundation of America directly.