

★★News of the Stars

Kauri Sue Hamilton School

October 2012

Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that we are already in our 7th week of school. Where has the time gone? Thank goodness for the beautiful fall weather we are enjoying. Although our students love their recess time outside, I want to remind parents that we track the air quality each day and advise classrooms when there is a red air quality day that requires our students to stay inside. However, because we recognize that our students need time to move and play, we are creating an additional motor/sensory space in our school where our vocational lab has been. Thanks to our OT and PT staff who have been creative in this approach - our vocational lab work will now be completed in the upstairs teacher workroom. This additional space will give our students another space inside to have sensory and movement opportunities. Although the work is complete yet, be sure to check out the space when you are in the building in the near future.

Staff are completing dozens of IEP meetings this time of year and holding parent teacher conferences if your child's IEP is in the spring so it is great for us to see all of you in the school building. We also look forward to seeing you at our Halloween Parade to be held on Halloween at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Thanks for your support and for sharing your child with us everyday.



Look what we got with our Gold Medal Schools award Money!

The students worked hard this year walking and running in the gym, standing in their standers, using their gait trainers and eating right, we earned a Silver medal and a \$500.00 award through the State Gold Medal Schools Program.

Many parents have asked us where to get a bike like the ones we have at school. We found this bike at Walmart.com for \$269.00 and had it shipped to the store, they even assemble it for free. If you are interested in purchasing one for your child, come check it out during P.E. and watch your child ride.

Riverton PLT

We are happy to announce that the Riverton High School Peer Leadership Team has again chosen to volunteer weekly in classrooms at Kauri Sue. The students have already started getting to know the students in "their" class. They are also excited to plan and attend our Annual Twilight dance in May.

Riverton PLT we are glad you are here.



The Kauri Sue Hamilton School in the news!

Recently Coach Miller from the Riverton High School Football team made good on his promise to outfit every student and staff member at Kauri Sue Hamilton School with a t-shirt emblazoned with the Riverton colors and logo and the words "Family, Friend, Big Fan" . We proudly wear our shirts on Friday to support our football friends at Riverton High. This is the second year Coach miller has given us t-shirts. He originally came to our school to thank a student who had made a poster for a cookout Coach Miller participatd in at Petersen's. When he came to the school he gave the student a Riverton Football shirt. The student hugged Coach Miller and was so proud. But another student came over and grabbed the shirt and clearly wanted it for himself. This moved Coach Miller so much he decided everyone at Kauri Sue deserved a shirt. He delivered them with the help of his team. The team members led a pep ralley with our students and sang their fight song then went to classrooms to meet students and deliver shirts. Many of the football players commented on how much love they see in our kids and staff how inspiring our students are to them. This act of generosity and kindness led a neighbor of our school to nominate Coach Miller for the "Pay it Forward" program sponsored by Channel 2 and Mountain America Credit union. You may have seen it on the news as Coach Miller was presented with a \$500.00 check to continue his community effort. If you missed it, you can still watch the clip on the website for KSL-Channel 2 We are happy Coach Miller has been recognized and that the coach, team and community recognize our special school and students.

Calendar Review

October 18 and 19, No School Fall Recess

October 22, Pumpkins –Donated by Utah State Prison

October 26, Spook Alley presented by Herriman PLT

October 30, Picture Day

October 31, Halloween Parade 10:00

November 1, Early Release – Students released 2:00

November 2, No School- Grade Transmittal day

November 8, Early Release-Students released at 2:00

November 9, No School- PTC Comp Day.

November 16, School Community Council Mtg. 8:00

November, 21,22,23, Thanksgiving Recess- No School (please notice, Monday and Tuesday will be full days, there will be **no** early release this week.)



Did You Know? You can always go on line to see school schedules. We are on a traditional Elementary school schedule. Go to Jordandistrict.org then calendars, traditional elementary.

Super SIBS

(Super Incredible Brothers and Sisters)

Kauri Sue now has a SIB GROUP thanks to Mike and Ruth Braga, Brandon's mom and dad. The first activity night was held on Wednesday, October 3rd and the brothers and sisters who participated had a great time. They enjoyed visiting and getting to know each other over a dinner of pizza and cinnamon rolls. Ruth talked about how siblings of our students are often the foundation of their families and can be a SUPERHERO to their brothers and sisters who have significant disabilities. Students painted a rock and created their own SUPERHERO poster to take home. The favorite activity of the night was playing in the gym on the scooters and adapted bikes their brothers and sisters enjoy each day! Many of the sibs commented that they wish they could come to school at Kauri Sue. We have a poster hanging in the atrium with the handprints of those siblings who participated and look forward to having even more participation at our next activity night scheduled for January. Watch for more information to come home in the next few months. In the meantime, please like us on FACEBOOK – KSHS SIBGROUPS - and check out the pictures from our first activity.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Run, Walk and Roll. We had many families who ran, walked, strolled our Gold Medal Mile. Each lap earned them another star and the bragging rights for who had the most stars! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.

Riverton Meadows Ward

Cindy and Jennifer (cafeteria)

Dannon Yogurt

Rhodes Bake and Serve

Students and Staff of Kauri Sue Hamilton School



Winter is coming, please label Jackets coats, gloves and hats.