

★★News of the Stars

Kauri Sue Hamilton School March 2013

Message from the Principal

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! AND I THINK OUR STUDENTS ARE AS ANXIOUS AS WE ALL ARE TO GET OUTSIDE IN THE SUNSHINE AND LEAVE WINTER BEHIND.

At Kauri Sue spring fever is often expressed through behavior. The other day I sat in the sensory room with a student who needed time to calm down. The teacher had already been sitting with this student and working toward relaxation for quite awhile, but needed a quick break herself. As I sat there I reflected on all our staff do to support our students through difficult times . . . educationally, behaviorally, medically and personally. When we consider our students' behaviors, behaviorists encourage us to look at antecedents, behaviors and consequences (the A-B-C of behavior), but it just isn't that simple with our kids. I know parents and caregivers are already aware of this. . . we don't always know what just made that child scream out in frustration or reach out and scratch someone who walked by or run down the hall away from his teachers and classmates. We do know that our kids can't tell us what is bothering them so we work hard to figure it out. We respect the fact that their *behavior* is their way of communicating to us.

I want to express my gratitude to our staff who remain patient, kind and positive and work hard to understand each and every child. Pain, constipation, aggressive behaviors, inattention, muscle changes. . . all of these factors present unique challenges at our school. Although our students have many similarities, they are as different from one another as night and day. I also want to express my gratitude to every parent and caregiver for allowing us to be a part of the team that figures out your child and makes sure they receive the maximum benefit from their education. When we write home notes back and forth sharing successes and frustrations, we are supporting one and other and becoming a stronger team for your child. When we are with you for a wheelchair evaluation or a doctor appointment, we are showing the medical community that we are united in caring for students with severe disabilities and we present a fuller picture of the challenges your child is facing and are more likely to create an effective plan.

Together we are stronger and working together allows us to provide the best possible tomorrow for your child. Happy Spring! Thanks for being part of the Kauri Sue family and for sharing your child with us every day.

Calendar Review

3-15-13 School Community Council Mtg. 8:00 a.m.

3-15-13 St. Patrick's day school activity. Shamrock Shuffle wear green!

3-22-13 Barnes and Noble Book fair (Sandy Location)- 9am-9pm

Online orders March 22-27 use book fair id # 10981280

3-27-13 Early release

3-28-31 Spring break- No school

4-2-13 Return to school from break

April is Autism awareness month

4-17-13 Great Utah Shakeout, Earthquake drill

April 24- Light up Blue airplane launch, blue lunch, wear blue!

Save the DATE(s)!

Graduation Ceremony May 22nd

Spring Fling: Escape from Africa May 29th and 30th

ESY: June 25th, 26th, 27st. July 9th, 10th, 11th, and 16th, 17th, 18th, July 30st, 31st and August 1st.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Barnes & Noble Bookfair



Friday, March 22, 2013

9:00a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Barnes & Noble – Southtowne

10180 S. State St.,

Sandy

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today and build your personal library!**

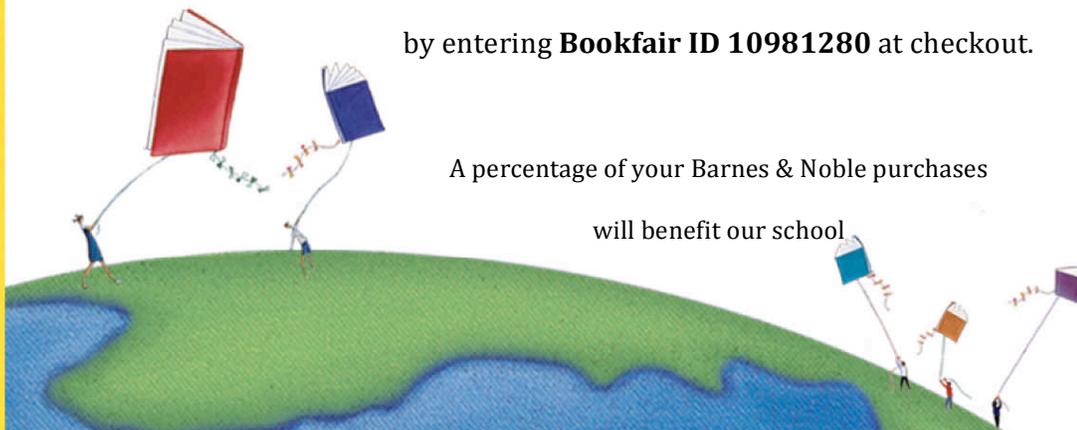
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KSHS Emergency Preparedness

Rita and Courtney were able to attend a “shooter training” that was held at West Hills Middle school while the West Jordan SWAT team was conducting their trainings for a scenario involving a shooter in a school. We were able to watch part of a scenario and be in the halls as the officers were tracking down the “bad guy” in the school. We learned in the case of a crisis that we need to stay “Mentally Tuff” and keep focused on keeping everyone safe.

Rita and Courtney will have the opportunity on March 25, 2013 to attend a Table Top Exercise where they will learn what to do in an 8.0 Earthquake. We have updated our incident command books in the school and have practiced many drills including – Shelter in Place of a hazardous incident, lockdown drills and Shelter in Place for a student, and we have completed a School Violence drill with the Unified Police Department. After every drill the Safety Committee meets to discuss how the drill went, acknowledge what went well, and make notes and follow up on what we need to work on or do better. We are continually practicing, meeting and drilling to help us respond appropriately and keep everyone safe in a crisis.



Kauri Sue Hamilton School to Participate in The Great Utah Shakeout

The Kauri Sue Hamilton School is registered to participate in the largest earthquake drill in Utah history. We will take part in this statewide earthquake drill on April 17, 2013. If you would like to register your family to participate in the drill register at ShakeOut.org/Utah. There will be a Utah Prepare Conference and Expo held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy. The conference highlights include: sheltering in place, fuel and energy sources, natural disasters: the realities of the aftermath, preparing kids while preparing yourself, cooking with food storage, health and sanitation, and communication. You can register online for the Utah Prepare Conference at <http://utahprepare.com>.

Elementary & Secondary Literacy

All of our students are working on literacy in their classrooms weekly. The secondary students are reading Winn Dixie and the elementary students are reading children’s books that with our “Read It Once Again” curriculum units. All classrooms are working from an Adapted Literacy Lesson Plan. This plan teaches the students to anticipate what is going to happen in the book or chapter by looking at pictures or objects related to the book or theme. Students learn the title and author of the book. Teachers are asking prediction questions, teaching students how to open the book correctly, point to text, sweeping from left to right to word-to-word pointing, and turning pages correctly. Students are identifying key vocabulary words in the book or chapter and are learning a repeated

story line. Lastly, students are answering comprehension questions related to Bloom's Taxonomy. Along with this teachers are creating extension plans that encompass cooking, math/science, art projects, technology, music/movement, and reenacting things from the book or chapter to further understand the concepts in print.



April is National Autism Awareness Month

This is an important time for members of the autism community to raise awareness and support. You can help make this the most successful Autism Awareness Month in history by [joining](#) Autism Speaks to *Light It Up Blue* in April. We will be having the following activities at Kauri Sue Hamilton School in support of the autism community.

April 24 - [Blue Air Plane Launch from the roof](#)

[Blue lunch! YUMMY](#)

[Wear Blue!!!!](#)

Century Link Donation

Our students require the use of specialized devices in order to communicate and equipment is expensive. Thanks to community partners like Century Link who become part of our Kauri Sue Hamilton School "family". We thank them for helping us to provide our students with something they need to enjoy life and to allow them to feel empowered. These devices allow them to experience independence and make an incredible difference in improving their quality of life. Thanks to Century Link for their ongoing support - this is the 4th year we've received this grant from them.

After receiving \$4000 in grant money from Century Link, our speech and language team contacted every teacher in the school to find out what their students needed the most to help with their communication.

Teachers responded immediately and enthusiastically. We stretched the \$4000 as far as we could and were able to buy toys to be activated with switches, two-location talkers, Step-by-

Step communicators, an interface to allow students to activate the computer with a switch and BIG MAC switches which allow students to share individual messages with others. What a difference this grant has made for all of our students!

Tools for living better on home IV & tube feedings

Oley Foundation Equipment/Supply Exchange

Are you looking for formula, pumps, tubing, or miscellaneous items? Do you have items that you no longer need? Check out the Oley Foundation's Equipment/Supply Exchange!

How the Exchange Works If you see something you need, contact Oley volunteers, Tammi & Robert Stillion at Oleyequipment@aol.com, or call toll-free, (866) 454-7351 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.

A full listing of items available—from tubing and bags to formula to durable items—is [posted on the Oley Web site](#). This list is updated every Monday, so check frequently. If you see something you need, contact Oley volunteers, Tammi & Robert Stillion at Oleyequipment@aol.com, or call toll-free, (866) 454-7351 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST. When emailing a request, **be sure to let them know which item you are requesting** and give a reference/reorder number if it's available.

If you don't find what you are looking for, you can put in a request for the item, and the Stillions will contact you if it becomes available.

To donate items, please contact Oley volunteers, Tammi & Robert Stillion at Oleyequipment@aol.com, or call toll-free, **(866) 454-7351 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST**. They will need your contact information as well as a list of the products you are donating, including expiration dates and reference numbers. Please include all the details requested on the [form](#).

Donated items will be listed on the Oley website for three months (without the donor's name, etc.). We ask donors to hold onto the items for the entire three months, OR until they are requested through the equipment-supply exchange. Donated items will be taken off the list at this time. (Unwanted items may be accepted by your local Humane Society or veterinarian.)

The equipment-supply exchange program cannot accept prescription drugs. The program also no longer accepts smaller, lower cost items such as gloves and gauze, however, you might consider donating them to [Doc to Dock](#), a non-profit organization that provides medical supplies to people in need overseas.

We ask donors to use their common sense before listing items: do you have a reasonable quantity to make it worth the expense and effort of listing and mailing the items?

If you receive or send any of the items, email or call the Stillions. It makes a huge difference in keeping the list as updated as possible.

Keep in Mind:

Oley cannot guarantee the quality of the supplies donated or be responsible for their condition.

It is the responsibility of the person receiving items to contact either UPS (800) 742-5877 or Federal Express (800) 463-3339 to arrange and pay for shipment of the donated items. Each case of enteral formula weighs about #17 lbs. and may cost \$20/case to ship, depending on the distance.

Please notify the Stillions if you do not end up taking the items they have referred you to so they can make them available to other members. If you find something that you are in need of contact Tammi & Robert Stillion at Oleyequipment@aol.com and we can let you know who has the items. If you don't find what you need you can also be added to the list of requested items. You might also check a similar program the [Hovannesian Feeding Foundation](#), a non profit organization that helps families with children experiencing feeding difficulties or Face book Medical Supply Exchange <http://www.facebook.com/groups/183532715060740/>. Another organization that might be able to help is the Patient Access Network Foundation (www.panfoundation.org) or (866) 316-7263.

If you are looking for a formula that's not available, you might also consider ordering it directly from the company. Depending on the formula, this can save you considerable expense over regular retail prices. Information on the major formula manufacturers is posted at: <http://www.oley.org/lifeline/ndtubetalk.html>.

You might also consider talking to your doctor or nutritionist to see if you can use a different formula; it may give you more options.

We don't normally get Ostomy supplies donated. If you have or need ostomy supplies please contact either [United Ostomy Associations of America](#) who has many chapters (800) 813-4673 or the [Osto Group](#) which provides free ostomy supplies to the uninsured for the cost of shipping (877) 678-6690.

Depending on the patient's tolerance for changes in diet, you might consider supplementing with Carnation Instant Breakfast or a homemade, [blenderized formula](#) as well. **Be sure to discuss this option with your physician/dietitian before trying it.**

Interested in other Oley programs? Everything is FREE of charge for patients and their family members. [Join today!](#)



The Health Services office is happy to announce that PCN, the Primary Care Network, will have open enrollment next month for the first time in over a year!

Utah's Primary Care Network (PCN) will open enrollment April 22- May 6 for adults without children and April 22- May 17 for adults with children.

PCN is a primary preventive health coverage plan for uninsured adults, ages 19-64.

Benefits include primary care physician services, prescriptions, dental services, eye exams, birth control, and general preventive services.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! Beginning April 22nd, all uninsured Utah adults may apply online at <http://health.utah.gov/pcn/> , or call [801-567-8515](tel:801-567-8515) and make an appointment to apply in person.

As always, if you are interested in applying for CHIP or Medicaid or have questions regarding SSI or guardianship, please visit us in Health Services, second floor of Kauri Sue Hamilton School, or call [801-567-8515](tel:801-567-8515).

Notes From the Nurses

Whooping Cough Concerns

There have been many questions recently concerning Whooping Cough (Pertussis) and the need to get a Pertussis booster. There have been outbreaks of Whooping Cough in several areas of the United States, including Utah.

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough—or pertussis—is a very serious respiratory (in the lungs and breathing tubes) infection caused by the pertussis bacteria. It causes violent coughing you can't stop. Whooping cough is most harmful for young babies and those with lowered immunity and can be deadly.

The DTaP vaccine protects against whooping cough.

What are the symptoms of whooping cough?

Whooping cough starts with the following symptoms:

- Runny or stuffed-up nose and sneezing
- Mild cough
- A pause in breathing in infants (apnea)

After 1 to 2 weeks, coughing, which can be severe, starts.

- Children and babies can cough very hard, over and over.
- When children gasp for breath after a coughing fit, they make a “whooping” sound. This sound is where the name “whooping cough” comes from. Babies may not make this sound.
- Coughing fits make it hard to breathe, eat, drink, or sleep. Coughing fits happen more at night.
- Babies and young children may turn blue while coughing from lack of oxygen.
- Coughing fits can last for **10 weeks**, and sometimes recur with the next respiratory illness.

How serious is whooping cough?

The disease is most dangerous for babies and young children. From 2004 through 2010, there were 148 deaths from whooping cough reported in the U.S. About 1 out of 5 babies and children with whooping cough will get pneumonia (a serious lung infection). Whooping cough can also cause seizures (jerking or staring) and brain damage due to lack of oxygen.

How does whooping cough spread?

Whooping cough spreads easily through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or

sneezes. A person can spread the disease while he or she has cold-like symptoms and for at least 2 weeks after coughing starts. Many babies and young children get whooping cough from adults or older brothers or sisters who don't know they have the disease. Pregnant women with whooping cough can give it to their newborn babies. Because whooping cough is so harmful in babies, everyone around them needs to be vaccinated—to make a circle of protection.

What is the DTaP vaccine?

The DTaP vaccine is a shot that combines the vaccines for whooping cough (pertussis) and two other serious diseases: diphtheria and tetanus. The DTaP vaccine protects children by preparing their bodies to fight the bacteria. Most children (about 89 children out of 100) who get all doses of the DTaP vaccine will be protected from whooping cough. But, protection from the DTaP vaccine decreases over time. Some children who are vaccinated do get the disease, but it is usually a milder case.

Booster vaccine for pre-teens and adults continues protection from whooping cough. Protection from the DTaP vaccine for babies and young children decreases over time. When this happens, a person is at risk for getting and spreading whooping cough. A one-time booster vaccine called Tdap for pre-teens and adults helps people stay protected against the disease. Pre-teens should get the Tdap vaccine at 11 or 12 years of age. Adults and teens who didn't get the Tdap vaccine as preteens also should get it.

If my child does not get the DTaP vaccine, will he get whooping cough?

Almost everyone who is not immune to whooping cough will get sick if exposed to it. Before the whooping cough vaccine, about 8,000 people in the U.S. died each year from the disease. Today, because of the DTaP vaccine, this number has dropped to fewer than 50. Cases of whooping cough have been increasing over the past several years and outbreaks of whooping cough can occur. We don't know exactly why the number of cases is increasing, but we think it's a combination of many different reasons. Doctors and nurses are more aware of pertussis and recognize it more often, the ways we test for the disease have gotten better, and more of the bacteria may be circulating.

In 2010, whooping cough made more than 27,000 people sick. Twenty five babies died. Many of these babies were too young to be fully protected against whooping cough. Several states have had outbreaks. Please talk to your doctor or healthcare provider for more information.

CDC-<http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html>