

★★News of the Stars★★

Kauri Sue Hamilton School

January 2013

Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! Thanks to those who called or wrote over the past month to let us know that you appreciate the safety procedures we have in place at our school. I thought this would be a good opportunity to review those procedures for all of our parents and caregivers.

We practice emergency drills throughout the year so that staff know how to keep your students safe and accounted for if an incident should occur. We practice evacuations and lockdowns as well as special procedures for bomb threats, violent situations, earthquakes and bombs. Classroom staff are responsible for keeping their students safe and accounted for but all other staff have assignments to sweep areas of the school and check accountability of everyone in the school.

Throughout each school day our northwest main office doors are open as well as the west entrance to the Child Development Center. All other doors are locked except when scheduled to be open during bus duty. We have ordered “crowd control barriers” that will direct visitors toward the main office to sign in and out. ***Please help us further improve our door security by checking in and out at the office each time you are at school.***

The district issues id badges to all employees and asks that they be worn at all times. These badges quickly identify district employees and allow “card access” to locked school doors. Fortunately they understand that it is difficult for our staff to wear these badges all day when we are lifting students and leaning over to work with them. However, staff are being asked to have them on their person at all times.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns about safety procedures at Kauri Sue. Thank you for trusting us with your child’s care each day and for working with us to make Kauri Sue the best school ever.



Calendar

Friday January 25- School Community Council Meeting 8:00

Monday February 18- No School, Presidents Day Holiday

Thursday February 28- early release, students released at 2:00

Friday March 1- No School

Thursday March 7- early release, students release at 2:00

Friday March 8- No School

Friday March 22. 8:00 School Community Council meeting

Wednesday March 27- Early release- Students released at 2:00

Thursday March 28- April 1- Spring recess

April 2- Students return to school

I Pad Training



On December 19, we held an iPad training for parents. This training was designed to help parents get iPad set up for Christmas morning and to teach beginners the world of iPads. Nancy Lagerberg, our district technology specialist, conducted the training and taught parents how to navigate settings, set up parental controls, download apps, books and guides, make folders and manage screens.

Nancy encouraged everyone to “play” on the iPad and get used to the functions. She also encouraged parents and grandparents to ask the young people in the family questions for help. One family brought a sibling of one of our students for the first part of the presentation. At one point the boy said “ I’ve know how to do this for 2 years” to which he was told “OK now teach your mother how to do it, then let her do it”. He turned to his mom, taught her how to do it like a master teacher then said “OK now you do it”. The next generation seems to be hard wired for technology! It is often us that need to ask for help.

We know the training was helpful for the beginners in the group, but it was also helpful for the more advanced users. I heard many comments like “ I didn’t know it could do this!?”, “That is something new!”, “Oh my gosh. I had no idea” and so on.

Nancy is willing to conduct another training if parents are interested so if you are interested in attending an evening training for the iPad please email Jenni Eyre at Jennifer.eyre@jordandistrict.org and let me know the specific iPad topics you would like to learn more about, and we will schedule another training in the coming months.

THANKS NANCY!



HEALTH SERVICES

REMINDER: The Health Services Department on the second floor of The Kauri Sue Hamilton School assists with Medicaid and CHIP applications, and provides guidance on Social Security, Guardianship, and many other community resources. Please call [801-567-8515](tel:801-567-8515) with any questions, or visit us upstairs.



NOTES FROM NURSING GERMS 101

Germs are microscopic life forms that exist all around us. There are 4 main types of germs that can cause illness: bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa.

- **Bacteria** – are one celled organisms. There are approximately 1600 species of bacteria, but less than 200 species actually make us sick, such as: *Group A streptococcus bacteria* - causes “strep throat”, *Escherichia coli* (commonly called “E. coli”) can cause food poisoning & urinary tract infections

- **Viruses** – are even smaller than bacteria. Unfortunately, unlike bacteria, antibiotics do not work on viruses. Some examples of viral illness include: the “common cold”, the flu cause by the *influenza virus*, chicken pox cause by the *varicella zoster virus*

- **Fungi** – are simple plants that can grow on our bodies. Fungi thrive in warm, moist, dark areas of the body. Some examples of fungal infections are: *Athlete’s foot* and *Candida* – a yeast, similar to a fungus, that can cause diaper rashes or thrush

· **Protozoa** – are one celled organisms that love moisture and commonly live in fresh water, oceans, and soil. Some common illness caused by protozoa include: *Giardiasis* – diarrhea and abdominal pain caused by the Giardia lamblia parasite and *Malaria* – caused by the Plasmodium species through an infected mosquito

TEST YOUR GERM KNOWLEDGE!

“Zoonotic infection” is the term used to describe an infection transmitted from animals to humans. True or False?

True! – certain illness can not be transmitted to humans (distemper, heartworms, etc), but some can, such as rabies, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Campylobacter jejuni, tapeworm, ringworm, & cat scratch fever!

People can get Salmonella from pet iguanas, snakes, and turtles. True or False?

True! – reptiles shed Salmonella in their feces and it can cause abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, and fever. Children are at risk for more serious illness such as meningitis and sepsis as a result of Salmonellosis!

Children get more colds than adults do. True or False?

True! There are more than 200 viruses known to cause colds. The best way to prevent the spread of a cold or the flu is good hand washing.

HAND WASHING TIPS

- · Wash before eating and cooking
- · Wash after touching animals
- · Wash after using the bathroom
- · Wash after blowing your nose, coughing, & sneezing
- · Use warm water
- · Use soap and lather for 10-15. Make it fun by singing a favorite song!
- · Use colorful soap made for kids – some even come in fun shapes and scents!
- · Make sure to get in between your fingers, under fingernails, and around the wrists
- · Rinse & dry well with a clean towel
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WHEN SHOULD STUDENTS STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?

- · For a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- · Student must be fever-free without fever-reducing medication (such as Tylenol or Motrin) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- · Vomiting and/or diarrhea. Student may return to school 24 hours after last episode
- · Uncontrollable, infectious cough
- · Suspected communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, lice)
- · Suspected infection of the eyes (i.e. conjunctivitis), nose, throat (i.e. strep throat), skin (i.e. scabies), or scalp (i.e. lice)

- A rash of unknown origin – student may return to school when written authorization is received from the health care provider
- Students should stay home for the first 24 hours on antibiotic therapy to prevent spreading infection to friends and teachers!

ITS COLD AND FLU SEASON AGAIN!

It's not always easy to tell the difference between a cold and the flu, but here are some general symptoms that may help differentiate between them:

Flu Symptoms	Cold Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden Onset • High Fever • Severe Exhaustion • Dry Cough • Headache • Decreased Appetite • Muscle Aches • Chills • Usually no sore throat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow Onset • No (or mild) Fever • Mild Exhaustion • Severe or Hacking Cough • Usually no headache • Normal Appetite • Usually no muscle aches • Usually no chills • Sore Throat

STAR ROOM

(Sensory Time Activity Room)

We have a new room in our school that has been designed with our students' many sensory needs in mind. This room is a place where the students can go for either structured or unstructured play/exploration time. We are still in the process of adding items to the room as time and budget permits, but it seems to be a big hit so far.

The equipment (platform swing, rocking chair, balls, barrel, trampoline, play tents) in the room was chosen to provide the students with a variety of sensory experiences (vestibular, proprioceptive, tactile, and olfactory) that are mostly self-directed. There will also be a variety of tactile sensory bins available for exploration, as well as favorite toys to interact and play with. We hope that both the students and teachers will enjoy exploring the room, and have a lot of fun sensory experiences together.



Parent Family Involvement Team

Oquirrh Elementary School

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December 21, 2012

Dear: Rita Bouillon
Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Oquirrh Elementary and our principal Nancy Ward wants to thank you for your wonderful gesture and selecting our school for a food drive and also donating Christmas toys to help provide Christmas to our students in need. Your wonderful gift greatly helped our students and their families to receive a Christmas gift and something they will treasure. Our title one school, Oquirrh, benefited from your donation. We are thankful and happy to know they are schools and staff that care for our students in need. On behalf of the parents and students, I thank you. You did such a remarkable job putting together the donations to help students and their families that are in such great need.

Thank you again for your generosity. Your help ensured our families had an incredibly happy and memorable Christmas. You have made it possible for us to help put a smile on student's faces. We hope your holiday was brightened by knowing that you provided a priceless experience for families in need.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Sadler

Jordan School District

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