



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2019

I can hardly believe that The Kauri Sue Hamilton School opened 10 years ago! Time has flown by and I am so proud of the school we have become. Thanks for sharing your kids with us each day. The positive and supportive atmosphere that we have created at the school is the foundation that allows your kids to grow, develop and improve each day. Thank you for sharing in our vision of developing independence and networking with the community.

It is with deep regret that I share with you the news that I will be leaving The Kauri Sue Hamilton School at the end of this school year. I will miss seeing you at IEP meetings and when you stop in at the school. I will miss seeing our students' brothers and sisters grow up and seeing them at our SIBS group. I will miss the rewards and challenges of our school. But, I am excited that the district is giving me a new opportunity as the Principal at South Valley School, our "sister" school serving students ages 18-22. I am also excited to announce that our former assistant principal, Courtney Titus, will return to Kauri Sue as the new principal. Courtney moved from Kauri Sue to the District Office two years ago and has learned so much about the bigger picture of Special Education in Jordan School District.

Thank you for getting to know me, for sharing your stories and your lives and for trusting us with your kids each day. I will miss you all terribly but I will not be far away and I will continue my love of Special Education and making the world a better place for our kids.

Thank you,

Rita

A Season of Giving

Happy New Year to our Kauri Sue Family! Here is a picture of just some of the gift and food donations for this year! What a beautiful sight! Thanks to all of you who participated and made the holidays brighter and easier for so many children and their families. Everyone who gave and received felt the spirit of love that comes with the holiday season.

Thanks for sharing your children with us everyday!



Save the Date!

- February 18th- President's Day, No School
- March 6th- SIBS Night, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- April 10-11th- Spring Fling
- April 15-19th- Spring Break, No School



Reach for the Stars!!!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

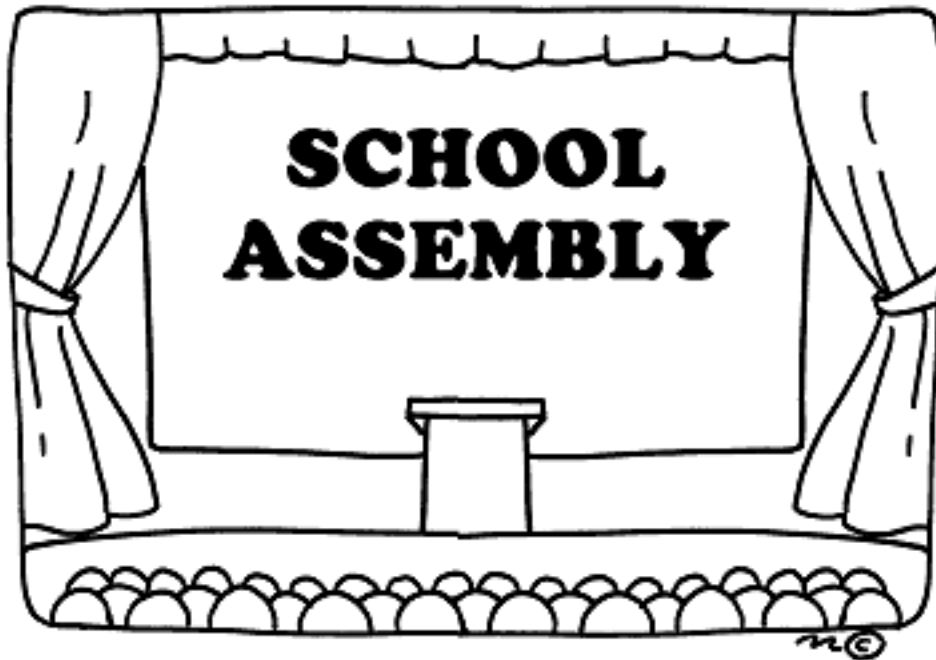
This month, we would like to spotlight our Occupational and Physical Therapy staff. Occupational Therapists, Lori and Melissa, work with students to help them improve their fine motor skills. This includes providing instruction and equipment for feeding, handwriting, sensory integration, functional skills, and prevocational tasks. Our Physical Therapists, Shelley and Hailee, as well as their assistant Marti, work with students to improve their gross motor skills. They spend tireless hours working on range of motion and mobility exercises with students, along with working to adapt wheelchairs, standers, adaptive bikes, orthotics, gait trainers, etc. We appreciate the work of these wonderful employees and thank them for their efforts!



Attention Parents!

At the Kauri Sue Hamilton School, we strive to provide meaningful experiences for students that will contribute to their school experience. With this in mind, we need your help! We are looking to increase the number of assemblies and performances at our school, and would like your input and ideas for including new acts for our students to enjoy. Possibilities include music groups, gymnastics, dance groups, etc. If you have any ideas that would help us, please email Katie Corsi at katie.corsi@jordandistrict.org, or call her at 801-567-8500 with your information.

Thank You!!!



**JORDAN FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER
PARENTING CLASS**

Parents and Caregivers,

Did you know that our School Psychologist, Dr. Taryn Nicksic-Springer, is teaching a parenting class at the Jordan Family Education Center? The class is a six-week course that began on January 8th. The name of the course is “Effective Parent Training” and goes from 7:00-9:00 PM. **Parents do not have to attend all six weeks of the course in order to register.** For more information or to register, call 801-565-7442.



EASIEST FUNDRAISER EVER

Please send in a check for \$20 as your donation to our school fundraiser this year. We are raising funds in part to help provide community-based experiences for our students. In return, we will send you a copy of *This Land*. And, the first 100 people to reply will get a copy signed by the author, Ramona Merrill.

This Land is a book that was created in celebration of Utah and the grand opening of the new Mountain View Village shopping center in Riverton. The project was funded by CenterCal, the properties company developing Mountain View Village. The books were donated to our school thanks to Mayor Staggs suggesting us as a benefactor of this endeavor. It is a beautiful book and any money received is 100% profit for our school!

We have tried hard to sell this book. . . at the grand opening of the Mountain View Village shopping center, at the Riverton Town Days, in our main office, and throughout the district. Unfortunately, we have only sold a few copies. I'm hoping this new approach will help us raise money for our school and get this beautiful book into the hands of some appreciative readers.



SPEECH NEWS

Staying with this year's theme of 'Places You Go in Utah', we are covering sporting events in the month of January. We began with bowling because many of our classrooms take bowling field trips. We covered vocabulary words such as 'bowling ball, pin, up, down, 10, strike, and spare'. We will move on to baseball and focus on 'ball, glove, bat, hit, run, throw, catch, stop, go'. A few of the rooms will be playing against each other. The third week will be all about basketball. We will talk about bouncing and shooting the ball, and turn taking. We will explore the game of soccer the fourth week teaching vocabulary 'kick, goal, run, in', and body parts. Last but not least, we will kick off Super Bowl week with football. Vocabulary words include 'kick, throw, run, catch, and touchdown'. Along the way, we will be describing the unique features of the various sports balls by color, shape, and size. Hip, Hip, Hooray!!





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SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) FOR CHILDREN

If your disabled child is younger than age 18 they might be eligible for SSI payments. Your child's income and resources are considered when deciding eligibility, as well as the income and resources of family members living in the household.

HOW DOES THE SSI DISABILITY PROGRAM WORK FOR A CHILD? To be eligible for SSI benefits, a child must be either blind or have a disability.

- ☐ _A child may be eligible for SSI disability benefits beginning as early as the date of birth; there is no minimum age requirement.
- ☐ _A child may be eligible for SSI disability benefits until attainment of age 18.
- ☐ _When the child attains age 18, we evaluate impairments based on the definition of disability for adults.
- ☐ _A child with a visual impairment may be eligible for SSI benefits based on blindness if the impairment meets the definition of blindness..

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR A "DISABLED" OR "BLIND" CHILD?

- ☐ _If under 18, whether or not married or head of household, the child has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment or impairments which result in marked and severe functional limitations; and
- ☐ _The impairment(s) has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months or be expected to result in death.

SSA is committed to providing benefits quickly to applicants whose medical conditions are so serious that their conditions obviously meet disability standards.

If you are interested in learning more about SSI for your child, we can give you a "Child Disability Starter Packet" in the Health Services Dept. at KSHS.

NOTES FROM NURSING

The nursing department has been using the Remind system to notify parents via text messages of medical concerns, illnesses, minor injuries, medication refills etc. When we text you for the first time you will get a text from an odd number and see a welcome message. All the nurses can see the messages and responses so we are all aware. We have found this to be a great way of communication, and often get faster response than phone calls or emails.

However, we have been made aware that anyone with Verizon Wireless may not receive messages from Remind starting January 28th 2019. This is due to the fees Verizon is charging Remind, making it impossible for them to continue supporting free text messaging for anyone with Verizon Wireless as their phone carrier.

If you are a Verizon customer, to make sure you continue receiving our messages, **please [download the mobile app](#) or [enable email notifications](#)—both of which are free of charge.**

Since we are not aware of who has Verizon Wireless, we will continue to text as needed. If we do not get a response we will follow up with phone calls. Also, if you prefer not to receive text messages for any reason please let nursing know.

If you have any questions, please call or message us anytime!

Thank You,

Kauri Sue Hamilton Nurses- Carla, Jessica, Jen, Lindsey and Liz