

News of the Stars

A Newsletter of shining stars of Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Principals Message

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! Students have settled right back into their school routines and classrooms look great! Now we head into the holiday's having completed half of the school year! It is a time of reflection and thanks and I want to acknowledge the cast of hundreds who make Kauri Sue the best school anywhere!

There have been so many great experiences already for our students and the rest of the year promises even more! Thanks to our teachers and educational support assistants for their unending energy and dedication to creating lessons for our students that are creative, engaging and fun; to our office staff for their personal touch in supporting students, staff and parents needs; to our custodians for keeping the campus cleaned and functioning; to our nurses for their care with students and staff; to our food services staff for being so caring and flexible with the changes that had to be made in serving student and staff this year; to our itinerant service providers for their dedication to meeting the unique needs of every student; to our parents for sending your child each day and working with us to keep everyone safe; and of course to our students, whom this is all about.

As we prepare for our final weeks of 2020, I am grateful for the many gifts in my own personal and professional life. It is a daily joy to come to Kauri Sue and share in the education of all our students. I wish each of you all the best as you celebrate the winter break and holidays with your family and that the new year ahead treats us all with kindness, good health, and abundant joy!

Courtney Titus
Principal

Music Corner

Kauri Sue Holiday Fun

In music this month, we've been working on filming our students for our Kauri Sue Holiday video. In lieu of our normal program, we are creating a video that all of the students will be involved in. There will be singing, dancing, jokes, and a parody on a Christmas classic. The students have had fun dressing up and being filmed for the "12 Days of 'Rona". We can't wait for you to enjoy our spin on this holiday classic. An email will be sent out with the video for you to view before our winter recess. Thanks to those who've sent their students in holiday outfits---I can't wait for you to see the video!



The Twelve Days of
Coronavirus!

Happy Holidays!

Cassie Bringhurst

Music Therapist

Nurses update

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW TUBIE FRIEND!

Kauri Sue Hamilton nurses would like to welcome our new training bear. The only problem is the stork dropped him off without a name! We hope our Kauri Sue Family will come to the rescue and help us name him. Please send your name suggestions to kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org. The winner will receive a special surprise!

We use this new bear for training purposes but if you would like one for your child to help normalize their medical condition, at a minimal fee, see brochure below.

Thank you for participating. The winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.



[Here is the link to enter your name for our new Tubie Bear](#)

Taking the fear out of feeding tubes, one Tubie Friend™ at a time.

A Tubie Friend™ is a special friend that “looks just like me” to help normalize the medical condition a child is living with through play therapy. They provide comfort and support during procedures, surgeries and hospital stays.

Tubie Friends™ is a 501c3 nonprofit organization run by volunteers who adapt stuffed animals to have real feeding tubes and other medical equipment to match the child.

Tubie Friends™ help spread awareness, acceptance, and are relatable teaching tools for siblings, caretakers, family, teachers and classmates.

If you would like to donate or volunteer your time or services, please contact us. If you know of a child who would benefit from a Tubie Friend of his/her own, please complete the online request form found on our website. You can also find us on Facebook.



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It's amazing how many children with feeding tubes have never seen another child with a tube. I use Tubie Friends in our feeding program. Having a Tubie Friend has been a comforting aspect of the journey for the children.

Karen - OTR/L



"I can't tell you how much Casper's Tubie Friend means to both him and his two older siblings who are trying to help understand about his G Tube and how he eats differently. It's less scary now, for all of us really."

Amy L. - Parent



Our hope is that no family will go through this without the support of others who know what it is like and without the love of a Tubie Friend.

Cheryl & Shannon
Tubie Friends Co-Founders



If you would like to make a donation or volunteer to help us reach more children, contact us at tubiefriends@gmail.com

Transition Update

In Pre E.T.S. For November we discussed getting dressed and how to dress for cold weather with games and activities that were fun to create! The last week before Thanksgiving week we started a new kitchen unit. So far we have identified some of the kitchen items we use daily through recognition games and songs.

The next couple of weeks we will continue to learn about kitchens and how to use stoves and ovens with more games and activities etc. we are working up to trying some easy recipes.

This should be a fun unit and I am having so much fun with the students and teachers I work with.

Happy December!

Melinda Smith

Sensory Spotlight

Brought to you by the KSHS Occupational Therapists:

<https://www.twentynesenses.org/2020/02/18/sensory-spotlight-what-is-spd/>

Gift Ideas for “Sensational Kids”

Chewelry

Noise-Blocking Headphones

Play-Doh

Water Beads

Handheld Vibrating Massager

Vibration Teether

Vibration Toothbrush

Compression Vest

Under Huggers

Seamless shirts

Seamless socks

Fiber Optic light

Bean Bag Chair

Weighted Blanket

Indoor Swing

Exercise Ball

Sit N’ Spin

Mini Trampoline

Liquid Fusion Tiles

TickiT Silishapes Sensory Circles

Bubbles

Fidgets:

- Monkey Noodles
- Hedgehog Ring Fidgets
- Koosh Ball

Resources:

<https://www.southpaw.com/>

<https://www.taylorbugkisses.com/sensory-friendly-clothing>

<https://www.arktherapeutic.com/chewelry/>

<https://funandfunction.com/>

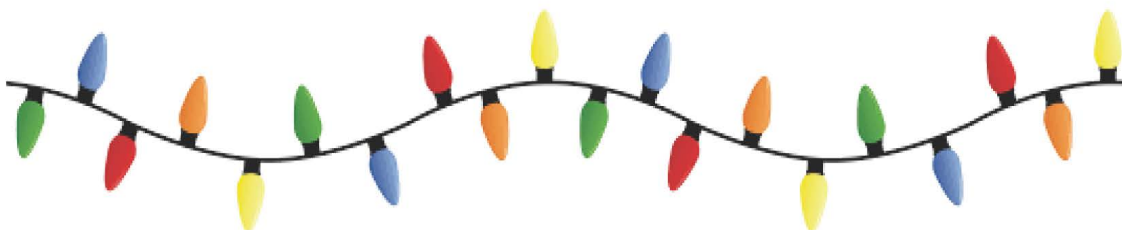
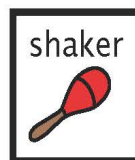
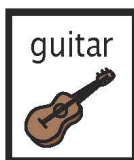
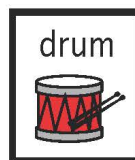
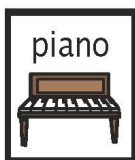
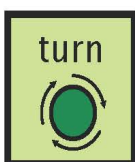
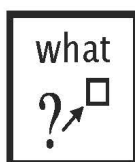
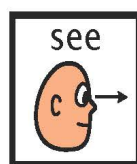
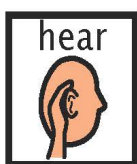


From the Speech Team



We are talking about the routine of music during this festive month. We will be having the students guess 'what' instrument they hear using the song 'Do you hear what I hear'? They will request to 'play' an instrument and take a 'turn'.

The following week we will shift to 'Do you see what I see?' with a holiday theme. We will close out the month talking about what the students 'like' and 'don't like' while continuing on with the holiday music theme.



HEALTH SERVICES

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The Holidays are upon us! Taking care of yourself and your family's health has never been more important. What better gift than the gift of health? Regular checkups and screenings and access to quality health care is vital.

In the spirit of Christmas, here are 12 ways Health Services is here to help you and your family!



a Partridge in a Pear Tree...

On the twelfth day of Christmas, Health Services gave to me...

- 12- Twelve Plans to choose from the **ACA** (at least)
- 11- Eleven Free and Reduced Medical and Dental Clinics
- 10- Ten helpful Resources for People with Disabilities
- 9- Nine Reasons to apply for the **HEAT** program
- 8- Eight services covered by **CHIP** (Children's Health Insurance Program)
- 7- Seven listings to local Food Banks
- 6- Six Prescription Discount Programs
- 5- Five **Medicaid** programs!!
- 4- Four Amazing Staff members
- 3- Three ways to apply for **SNAP** (food stamps) during the Pandemic
- 2- Two languages (Hablamos español)
- 1- One great feeling Health Services gives to me!!

Important dates coming up

Monday December 21st-Monday January 4th No School (Winter Recess)