

News of the Stars

A Newsletter of shining stars of Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Principals Message

It was a wonderful week for Thanksgiving, and now we head into the holidays. December is here! As we end 2019, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the Kauri Sue Hamilton School. The success we have experienced so far this school year owes a great deal to the staff, parents/caregivers and families like yours. I wish you a restful winter break and hope you enjoy this time with your children.

This is a time of reflection and thanks and I want to acknowledge the cast of many who make KSHS 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 for their unending energy and dedication preparing lessons for our students that are engaging and powerful; to our office staff for their personal touch in supporting students and parents needs; to our custodians for keeping the campus functioning. And thanks of course to our students whom this is all about.

For the New Year, I wish you health and happiness and I hope the winter recess provides a myriad of opportunities for you and your children to do things you might not be able to accomplish when school is in session. I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Courtney Titus

Nurses update

VISION SCREENING

Your child, if in grades K, 1,3,5,7,10, 13 or graduating this year, may be given a vision screening during this school year. Before screening is conducted, state law requires parents be informed that vision screening is not a substitute for an eye examination by an eye care specialist. Because academic learning is 80% visual, and visual problems are best detected and treated early, a comprehensive eye and vision examination is recommended. Healthy eyes and good vision are essential for success in school.

Vision screening may take place at any point during the school year. The vision screening method used at KSHS is performed with a photo screener by the school nurse.

You will receive a referral letter if your child fails the screening. However, even if your child passes, it is important that your child see an eye care specialist once a year.

School vision screening does not evaluate eye health and cannot uncover important vision problems or prescribe treatment. Vision referral aggregate numbers, will be reported to the Utah State Department of Health annually.

Please provide the school with written notification if you do not want your child to participate in the screening program.

KSHS Nurses

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Health Services

ACA-The Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment is only through December 15. If you are in need of Health Insurance we can help you sign up through the Marketplace, or see if you qualify for Medicaid or Chip as well. The best gift you can give yourself and your family is the gift of health through the Holiday's. Call us for an appointment today at

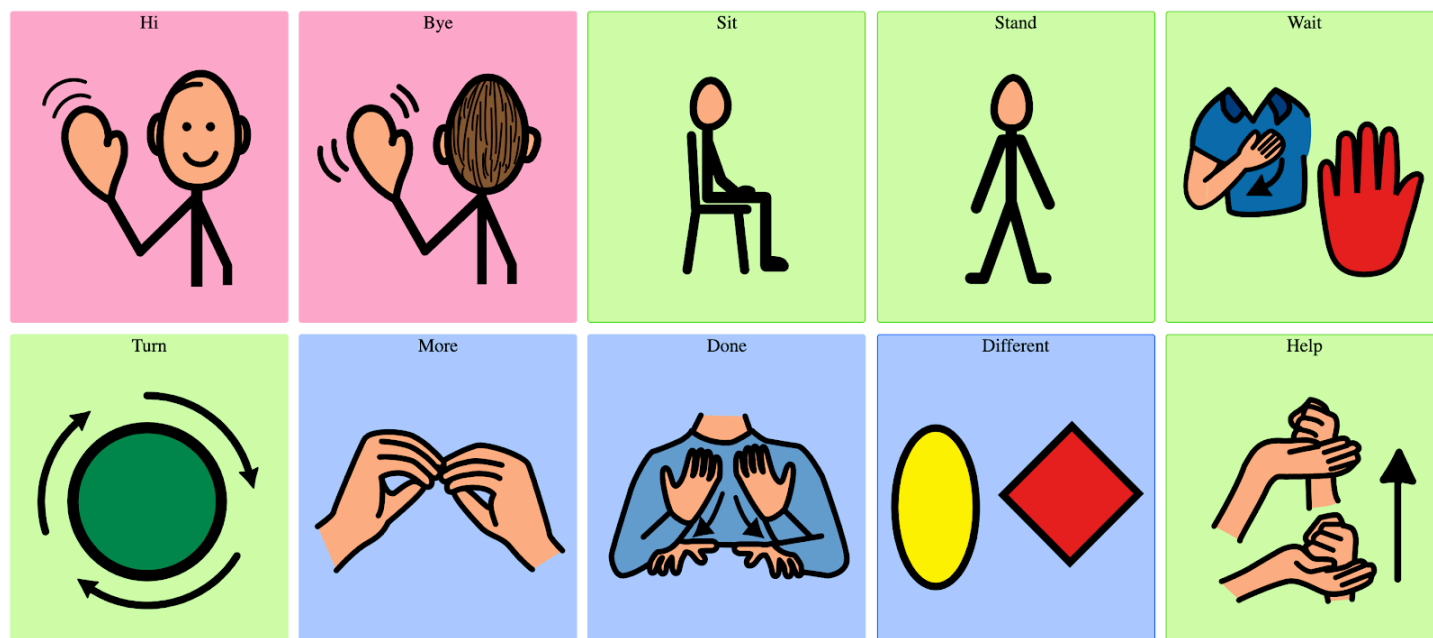
801-567-8515

Special Enrollment Periods for ACA- If you miss Open Enrollment but have a significant life event, you may still qualify for coverage through the Marketplace. Some examples include: Marriage, divorce, having a baby, moving, or loss of health insurance.

CHIP/Medicaid- There are no specific enrollment periods for Medicaid or CHIP, you can enroll at any time. Both programs provide free or low-cost health coverage to families and children, pregnant women, elderly, and people with disabilities. Give us a call and we will help you fill out an application in our office to see if you qualify.

Speech and Language

As the calendar year wraps up, we are continuing to expand our vocabularies with our **Word of the Week** program. Our **Word(s) of the Week** for December are 'different' and 'help'. Have a look below for a review of our words thus far. If you have a student using a Kauri Sue core board, do you notice anything different? Did you go to the bottom right corner to find "All Done"? The icons pictured below are in order of how they were introduced this year. The core boards we use at school are *different*, they are designed to take into account grammatical order, motor planning, and language expansion. If you looked for "All Done" in the bottom right corner, then you have developed a motor plan to find that word! Just like how you don't want to mix up all the piano keys for a musician, consistent picture symbols placement can benefit our students using Augmentative and Alternative Communication supports.



Transition Update

We recently received a letter from the Selective Service System. In the letter, the Director, Donald M. Benton mentions that there is an increase in the number of young men who fail to register for the Selective Service. There has been a decline in schools reminding young men of their obligation to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. This is a legal requirement.

When we read the letter, we thought that this might not apply to students that attend Kauri Sue Hamilton School, so we investigated.

According to information found at www.sss.gov/registration all of our young men (unless they require full-time medical care) must register within 30-days of their 18th birthday. The exceptions to this are:

- Lawful non-immigrants on current non-immigrant visas.
- Incarcerated, or hospitalized, or institutionalized for medical reasons.

If a young man is able to function in public with or without assistance, they must register. The process to register is very simple. Using the internet browser of your choice, log on to www.sss.gov. Click on the "register" tab on the left-hand side of the page. The questions you will answer are name, birthday, address, social security number, and how you were informed about registration. NOTE: If your son is over the age of 18 and has not registered, it is important for him to do so.

If you have any questions about this process or whether or not your son must register, please contact a member of administration.

Important dates coming up

December 3rd (1:30)

December 12th (1:00)

December 13th (10:00)

December 19th

December 20th

December 23rd- January 3rd

Assembly from Mountain Ridge High

Assembly from Dixie High School

Music Performance at the District Office

School Program and Santa & Mrs. Claus

Early Out Day

No School Winter Recess

REASONS WHY SANTA HAS AUTISM:

1. He lines up & names his reindeer over and over again
2. He wears the same clothes every day
3. He has an extremely limited diet of only milk and cookies
4. He gets stuck in the same routine year after year
5. He avoids social interaction & does all of his work at night when everyone else is sleeping
6. He checks his list over and over and over.....
7. He likes hanging out with people smaller than he is
8. Everything is black or white (naughty or nice) no in-between!
9. He loves squeezing into teeny spaces (chimneys!)
10. He is clueless about the social stigma of creeping into other people's houses
11. He spends an entire year preparing for one night
12. He does things that amaze people & has them wondering how in the heck he did it!