



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MARCH NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe that our school has now been open for 9 years. Where has the time gone? As the communities and neighborhoods around us grow, so does our student population; we opened in 2009 with 155 students and we now have 200. With this in mind, I am excited to announce that construction has started on an addition to our building. Six classrooms will be added in the south "backyard" area in a new wing that will attach to the west hallways. As you know, we have been fundraising for a new playground for a few years now too, specifically one that has equipment accessible for our students in wheelchairs. The playground will be built at the same time as the building addition. Construction on both projects is scheduled for completion by mid-December, but we will keep you posted.

Construction crews have been educated about the special needs of our students and are aware of our days off this spring so they can plan their work accordingly. We don't anticipate any classrooms needing to move to other spaces in the building until the summer when inside work will need to be done in order to tie the two hallways together.

If you come to the school you will notice a reduced number of parking spaces due to construction staging in the east parking lot. We apologize in advance if it is an inconvenience for you and your family. Last week we rearranged some bus areas to accommodate the construction in the back and things have gone smoothly.

Our intent is to keep disruption to our school to a minimum but please let me know if you have thoughts or concerns as we move through this process together. If you'd like to acknowledge the district for providing this opportunity for our school, please feel free to thank our School Board who approved this project.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Beginning February 6, 2018, and continuing through March 16, 2018, our school will be administering school climate surveys. All parents/caregivers and staff are being invited to participate.

The purpose of this survey is to gather input about school climate and effectiveness of the teachers and administrators at our school.

Responses are anonymous and no personal information will be collected. Reports will be made available to teachers and administrators to use in their school improvement efforts. The survey is short, taking less than ten minutes to complete. We have provided the links for you to access the survey.

Parents/Caregivers- https://uepc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3pa40U69aHEoZf
Faculty/Staff- https://uepc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5b6fcoR4UIOEKN

During the survey window, you are welcome to come into the school to use a computer in the main office to complete the survey. The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Rita Bouillon
Principal
Kauri Sue Hamilton School

Save the Date!

- March 9th - No School
- March 16th - No School
- March 28th - SIBS Night, 6 PM
- March 28th - Spring Fling, classes 102, 103, 104, 106, 202, 205, 206, 208, 209 and Kindergarten will be performing
- March 29th - Spring Fling, classes 101, 105, 201, 203, 204, 205, 210, 212 and 213 will be performing
- April 2-6th - Spring Break, No School



Reach for the Stars!!!

THANK YOU!

Darcy Briggs is student who is working on her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. One of her courses had a requirement to do a service project in the community. Together with Sue Wallace, she was able to make twelve heated rice bags for our school. We are in constant need of these bags, and we appreciate Darcy and Sue thinking of us. Thank you!!!



Health Services Department

A few Important Reminders:

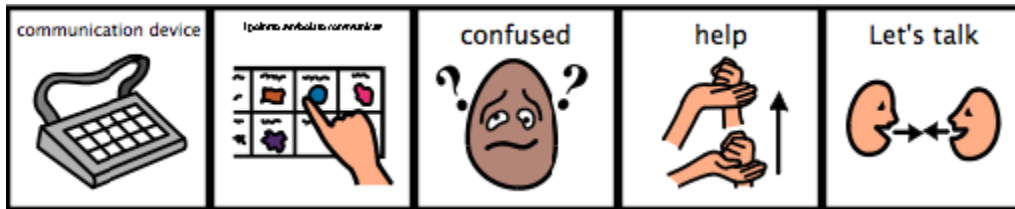
- In Utah, at age 18, your son or daughter becomes a legal adult. If he/she is not capable of making decisions about day-to-day needs, a parent, family member, or other concerned person must make a request to the Probate court to be appointed as their legal guardian. You can begin this process six to eight weeks before their 18th birthday. Parents do NOT automatically become their adult child's guardian, regardless of disability.
- At this time you can also begin the process of applying for SSI and Disability Medicaid. Once your child turns 18, the parent's income and assets no longer count. For more information about SSI please go to <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>
- We are coming to the end of the Home Energy Assistance Target (H.E.A.T.) Program. If you or someone you know needs help paying their utilities, we might be able to help.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

AAC Caregiver and Student Night

March 28th in conjunction with SIBS



My student uses pictures at school but how do I use them at home?
My student has a device but I have no idea how to program it!

Members of our district's Utah Assistive Technology Team (UATT) would like to invite parents and their students using assistive and augmentative technology to an informal learning opportunity March 28th from 6-7pm or 7-8pm at the Kauri Sue Hamilton School. During our SIBS night, we encourage parents to drop off siblings and join us with your student, devices, questions, and an open mind to learn more about communication for their student with disabilities. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please let us know if you are able to join us
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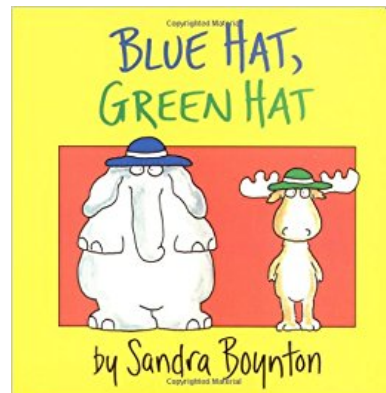
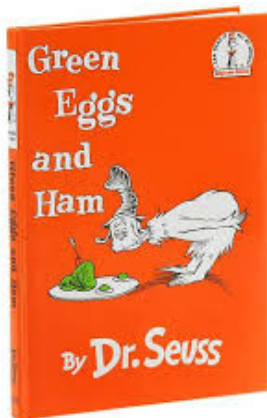
SPRING COLORS IN SPEECH!

While the white snow may still fall in March, we are looking forward to talking about spring colors in the Speech Department. This month, we will be covering the books *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss and *Blue Hat, Green Hat* by Sandra Boynton.

Green Eggs and Ham can be an empowering story about communicating when you don't want something but it also sends the message that it's good to try different things. In some classes we will make an edible treat and talk about sequencing while other groups can experience sensory activities such as hearing a train whistle or feeling the water beneath a boat. We will certainly be talking about the color green throughout the month!

Blue Hat, Green Hat is a silly story about clothing going on wrong body parts. This book enables us to address a variety of goals from discussing articles of clothing, colors, body parts, answering questions and using prepositions such as, "Where does it go?" "On your head!"

Sabotage can be a useful and fun tool for eliciting vocabulary. When your student is getting dressed, try putting clothes on the wrong body part: "Do we put hats on our feet?!" and support the student to say, "No!" and name the correct body part, "It goes on our head! Silly turkey!"



NOTES FROM NURSING

In an effort to help us see the “bigger picture” & give the best nursing care possible, the following information would be incredibly helpful to our nursing and classroom staff. Please notify Kauri Sue Hamilton Nursing with any of the following information. You can leave a message at 801-567-8500 or send an email to kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org :

Medications (at home or at school): any dosage increase or decrease, or addition or discontinuation of medication, recent immunizations

Behavior: aggression, new stim behaviors, change in eating or sleeping patterns or

Diagnosis: recent genetic testing results or new diagnosis

Illness: doctor confirmed cases of any illness. We especially want to share information about known contagious illnesses with other class members, staff and bus riders

Bruises, wounds, scrapes and scratches: please notify us immediately if there are new bruises, abrasions, pressure sores, MRSA wounds etc.

Hospital information: EMERGENCY room visits, hospital admissions, new doctor, change in appointments, scheduled surgery

***These changes are important to report so staff, teachers and nursing are better able to monitor for side effects or possible causes of changes, where applicable.

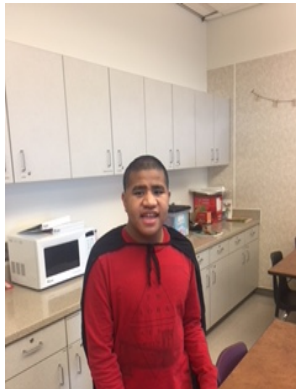
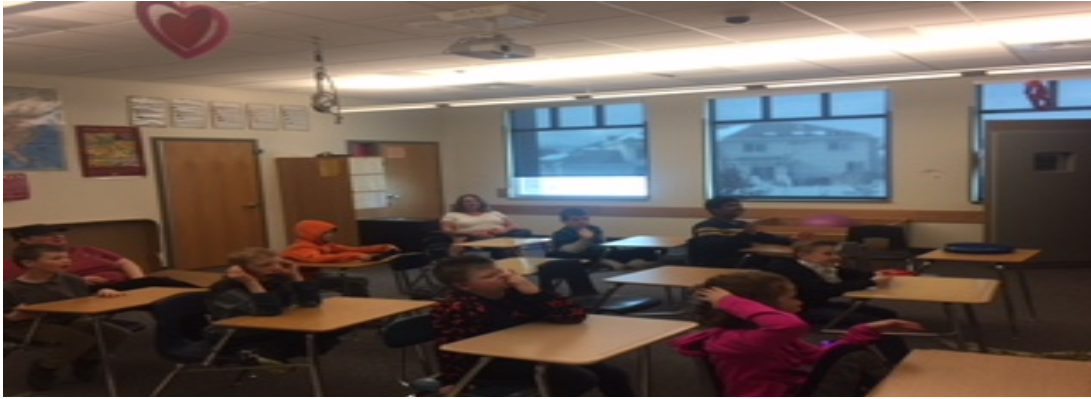
FUNNY BONE “MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY”

Artery.....The study of painting
Bacteria.....The back door of the cafeteria
Fester.....Quicker than someone else
Seizure.....Roman empire
Secretion.....Hiding something
Benign.....What you be, after you be eight

NURSING JOKES

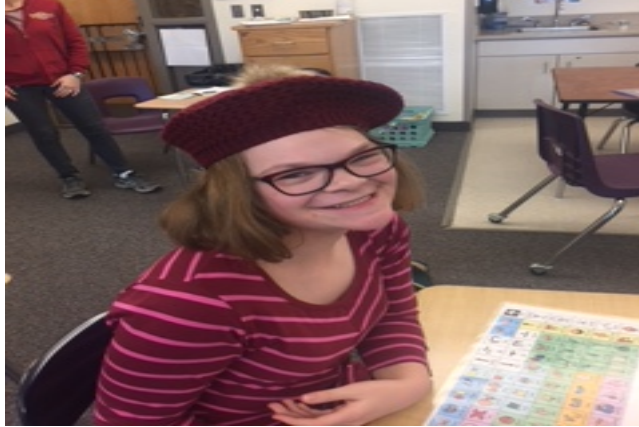
**Laughter is the best medicine... unless you have diarrhea.

WE ARE THE STARS!!!









**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STUDENTS
WITH US EACH DAY!!!**