



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MAY NEWSLETTER**

As the school year draws to a close, I have reflected on all we have accomplished during this REACH FOR THE STARS year and I want to thank everyone who has made it possible.

First and foremost, thank YOU for sharing your child with us every day. We depend on your partnership, support, communication, understanding, and feedback.

We accomplish all we do with the foundation of support we receive from the Jordan School District Board of Education, our Superintendent Patsi Johnson, everyone at the District Office, and our Special Education Director, Lisa Robinson.

Community participation gives your children an opportunity to enlighten others when groups provide service for us. This year we have received the benefit of service from: Riverton High PLT, Riverton High Football Team, Herriman High School, Copper Hills High, Southland Elementary, Jordan Education Foundation, American Prep Academy, Larry H. Miller Foundation, Sheriff Rosie Rivera, Mayor Trent Staggs, Juan Diego Catholic High School, Salt Lake Community College, University of Utah, Westminster, Jordan Credit Union, South Valley Chamber of Commerce, Utah's Art Access, Tammy Hansen-Realtor, Utah State Prison, Fire Stations in Riverton, Bluffdale and Herriman, etc. Thanks to the community for embracing your kids, our school, and our vision.

Thanks for a great year!

# Save the Date!

- May 16- Graduation in the Atrium, 10:30 AM
- May 28- Memorial Day, no school
- June 1- Last day of school, 1:45 dismissal
- June 19- ESY Begins
  - June ESY hours, 9:15-12:15
  - July and August ESY hours, 8:45-12:45



*Reach for the Stars!!!*

# **THE KAURI SUE HAMILTON CUSTODIAL STAFF**

**Jeremy Peart, Stacie Robertson, and Terry Hart are the custodial staff that are responsible for cleaning our building which helps make the school a welcoming environment. Jeremy is our head custodian and has been with us for two years. Stacie joined our staff last year and has done a great job for us since beginning here. Terry just transferred to our building and is excited to join us. When you see them, make sure to say hello and thank them for the great work that they do!**



**Terry, Jeremy, and Stacie**

## Family Night Planning for the Future – Life After Graduation

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a great evening learning about customized employment, hearing from families that have been a part of the customized employment process, met with state providers, and even enjoyed some good food. A big THANK YOU to the parents of those 14 to 22-year-old students who attended this event. We plan to have a similar event in the Fall so plan on attending and learning about services and funds availability, essentials of transition, and valuable resources.

We passed out surveys the night of the event. If you were unable to turn yours in, you can send it with your student to school. Another option is to scan it and email it to [teri.griffiths@jordandistrict.org](mailto:teri.griffiths@jordandistrict.org). If other questions or concerns have come up since that night, you can call Teri Griffiths, Assistant Principal at (801)567-8511.

We would also like to recognize local retailers that made this event possible. Salsa Leedos at 13298 S Market Center Dr., Riverton, Peterson's Fresh Market at 1784 W 12600 S, Riverton, and Harmons. Please frequent these businesses to show your thanks.



## Thank you, Mayor Staggs!

On Saturday, April 24, Mayor Staggs ran in the Riverton Half Marathon. He decided to donate five dollars of his own money for every participant that finished ahead of him to The Kauri Sue Hamilton School. He graciously ended up donating \$1,255 to the school. Our very own Jessi Rich and Gabi Jones ran in the 5k race, and Robyn Nielson ran in the half marathon. It was a great event and we want to thank Mayor Staggs for his generosity!



# Health Services Department

Another year of school completion means another year of growth for our children. Now is a good time to review **GUARDIANSHIP**. Guardianship is surrogate decision-making for a person who is over 18 years of age. At this age your child will reach the “age of majority.” When a person reaches the age of majority, they receive all the rights of an adult!

If your child cannot manage the activities of

- ✓ daily living
- ✓ education
- ✓ support services
- ✓ mental and physical health care
- ✓ medication
- ✓ therapy or other therapeutic devices



*“My disability has opened my eyes to see my true abilities.” Robert M. Hensel*

GUARDIANSHIP will allow you to continue to make decisions for them. Even if a person is not functionally competent to exercise the rights of an adult, they legally have these rights unless otherwise indicated by a judge in a legal proceeding. The process of guardianship requires a court hearing and at least one attorney to represent your child. In the Health Services Office, we have information on guardianship or there is help online at [www.utcourts.gov/howto/family/gc/](http://www.utcourts.gov/howto/family/gc/). We are here to help you!





# NOTES FROM NURSING

Here we are, at the end of another school year already! A couple of reminders from nursing:

- If your student has been receiving medication at school during this school year, the medication will need to be picked up before the end of the year. We are not able to keep medications for students over the summer for the next school year unfortunately, so we ask that you please pick up remaining medications for your student. Please come **between May 29th- June 1st to pick up medication** unless they will be given at ESY.
- Unfortunately, medications cannot be sent home with the student or with the bus driver.

Medications left at the school *after* two (2) weeks from the above date will be disposed of per Jordan School District policy with the exception of emergency medications (i.e. Diastat or Versed, we will not destroy without permission from parent).

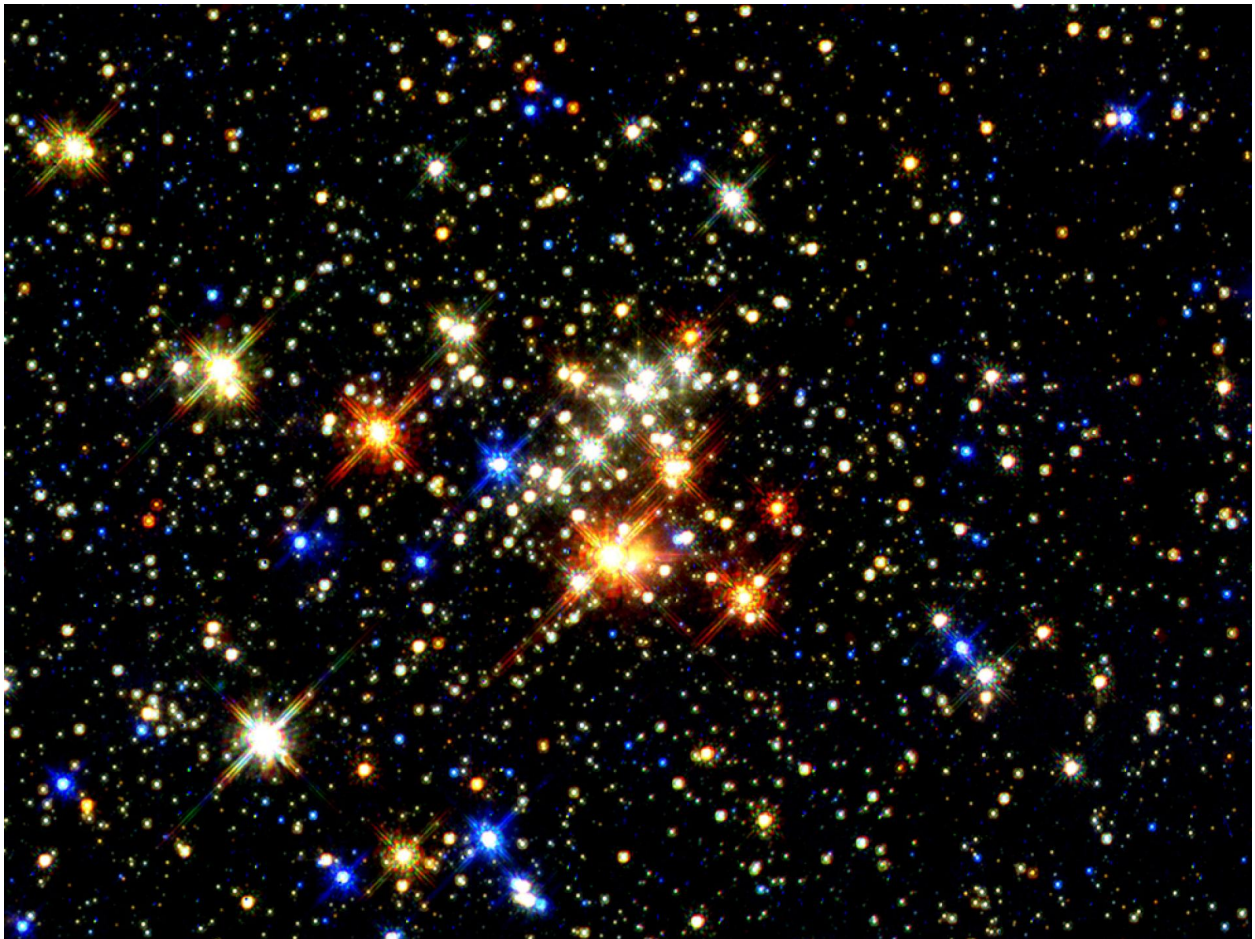
- If your student has medications given at school (PRN medications as well), or tube feedings during the school day, we need doctor's orders for next school year. We will be sending these notes home in the next couple weeks in a red folder. These forms include:
  - School Medication Authorization Form(s) (*Parent & Physician signature required*)
  - G-Tube Feeding Orders Form (*Parent & Physician signature required*)

These forms need to be reviewed and signed in order for us to give your student medication, tube feedings and/or other specialized treatments for the next school year. (Not all forms apply to all students). Please make any necessary changes and notify the nursing department throughout the school year if any changes are made in the future. Remember, we will need one for each medication and any time medication changes occur throughout the school year we must also have a new prescription. The medication must be in correctly labeled bottles/bubble packs with medication name, dose, time, and provider name.

Please submit the forms to your child's physician after signing them yourself and have their office fax the completed forms to: Kauri Sue Hamilton School at (801)-567-8521 ATTN: Nurses. You may also mail the forms or drop them off if you prefer. **We must have the signed orders prior to the beginning of school, we cannot give any medications without current orders.**

To ensure that your student has his/her medications for the first day of school, prescription medication can be brought to Kauri Sue Hamilton nurses between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM on the following days: **August 16-22, 2018.**

- Please call us or email us with any questions! [Kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org](mailto:Kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org)
- You can also text us anytime with questions or concerns! The nursing staff at KSHS use **Remind.com** to stay in communication with parents and caregivers. *Remind* generates a generic phone number for the nursing department and allows us to text from our computer. We can also receive messages so you can easily notify us of upcoming surgeries, hospitalizations, and other medical updates.





Laughter. Joy. A milestone that was unexpected. My toes leap from the ground in victory. I dance with pride for my child, for myself, for us.

Sadness. Sorrow. A setback I feared. I hide somewhere and allow a few tears. I bow my head in heartache for my child, for myself, for us.

How is my child doing today? "Great!" I say. But once again, I jinxed it away. A meltdown. A seizure. A sleepless night. A doubt in my mind, am I doing this right? But I remind myself what is right: my child, our love, us.

I've been supported by some. Ridiculed by others. On trial often. Hopeful always. I'm scared. Tired. Grateful. Protective. So many things. But above everything else, I'm a champion for this child. So when tomorrow brings a spontaneous smile, a new vocalization, or a fear that is overcome, my toes will leap from the ground in victory. I'll dance with pride for my strong, beautiful child, for myself, for us.

Never give up.

