

# News of the Stars

A Newsletter of shining stars of Kauri Sue Hamilton School

## Principals Message

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year!

I would like to extend a special welcome to the new families joining Kauri Sue Hamilton this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! I am honored to be your principal. I hope you are all doing well, staying safe, and making healthy adjustments to life as we now know it. We completed our FIRST WEEK back and our students did awesome! I am really impressed at how our students are following procedures related to staff wearing masks, students that are able to wear a mask, trying to wear a mask, or tolerating a mask for a little bit longer, navigating the “one-way” hallways, and using sanitizer at every transition and really adjusting to the new normal of this pandemic. For our online learners, I want to thank all of you for working through the “first week” technical glitches as we all really start to find our groove for our online instruction. Our teachers are working SO hard to master teaching BOTH in-person students and online students at the same time. It is quite the difficult task to manage two different groups of students as well as managing the various intricacies of Zoom, Google Classroom, and other resources simultaneously. I am confident that it will just get better and better each week as everyone adjusts to the new routines!

Although this year looks different than any other year, we are dedicated to providing your child a memorable, interactive, fun, and engaging learning experience. We pride ourselves on doing whatever it takes for the Kauri Sue students and their families. Now more than ever it is so important to work together. I challenge us all to be thinking about ways we can bring our community together. Some ideas might include writing a letter to a student, parent or staff member, calling a parent or staff member just to say “hello”, waving at someone, decorating a mask for someone. As a school we will be focusing on all of the positives that we can take from this experience. Let's make it a great year!

*Courtney Titus*

# Tuesday Tips

Grab your lunch and learn with us virtually every Tuesday at noon for less than 30 minutes!

These webinars are aimed to help support wellness at home during this complex time. If you are unable to join us live, look for the recordings on our website:  
**wellness.jordandistrict.org**

## September 2020 Topics

**9/8/20 @ 12:00pm - Back to School 101:** How to set up routines for success

**9/15/20 @ 12:00pm - Addressing Physical Needs to Increase Well-Being:** Why physical needs matter and tips to help ensure you're meeting them

**9/22/20 @ 12:00pm - Behavior ABC's:** Behavior basics to understand why children behave the way they do and how to support them

**9/29/20 @ 12:00pm - Ending Power Struggles:** How to recognize and end power struggles

### To Join the Live Virtual Meeting

Click the link below to Join Zoom Meeting at 12 each Tuesday, we will use the same meeting link every week  
<https://zoom.us/j/91795890545?pwd=SEhkYktyS3J2emYxQ0trTFBOVzRYQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 9589 0545

Passcode: 8kncN7



## Nurses update

Welcome back!

It sure has been a strange year, we are happy to see everyone back at school! Just a few reminders:

Please remember to do the daily Covid-19 Symptom checklist for your child in the morning before the bus comes. Please keep them home if they are having any symptoms! Our illness and exclusion protocol will still apply as it has in previous years for students experiencing vomiting or two or more episodes of diarrhea.

Per the Salt Lake County Health Department, if a student or employee is symptomatic with any of the symptoms listed below, they should not come to school and can seek COVID testing at a location listed at [Coronavirus.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.utah.gov):

- One or more of these symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fever of 100.4° F or higher
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell

- Two or more of these symptoms:

- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student or employee is symptomatic and tested for COVID, they should remain at home until test results are back. If tested, please contact Courtney Titus at 801.567.8500 or [courtney.titus@jordandistrict.org](mailto:courtney.titus@jordandistrict.org) and further instructions will be given at that point.

**Reminder:** the nursing dept will require new signed physicians order forms each school year for G Tube feedings, medications administered during the school day (including PRNs), and seizure rescue medications.

Please call or email us anytime for questions! 801-567-8500 ext 83037  
[kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org](mailto:kshs.nurses-uc@jordandistrict.org)

## Health Services



### Health Services Outreach

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We've all been affected in one way or another by recent events in our world today. We want you to know there are several resources available to help families who need it.

**\*We are an Eligibility office for Medicaid, Chip, Disability Medicaid, and the new Adult Expanded Medicaid. We can see if you qualify and help you apply!**

**\*ACA is the Affordable Care Act.** If you have lost insurance, moved, had a baby, or experienced another major life event you may qualify for Special Enrollment. Open Enrollment begins November 1<sup>st</sup>-December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about the Marketplace, call us. As Certified Application Counselors we will take the time to help you find the coverage you and your family need.

**\*HEAT** is a utility assistance program through UCA (Utah Community Action). We help you fill out your application and submit it to the HEAT office. Due to Covid-19, the program is now offered **YEAR ROUND!** Call us for more information.

**\*Other ways we can help:** Information on **Housing Assistance, DI vouchers, SNAP, Free and Reduced Medical and Dental Clinics, Prescription Discount Programs, Food Banks and much more.....**

## Sensory Spotlight

Brought to you by the KSHS Occupational Therapists:

What is SPD (Sensory Processing Disorder)?

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

- \* Children who are gifted and those with ADHD, Autism, and Fragile X syndrome, the prevalence of SPD is much higher than in the general population.  
(STAR Institute, 2016)**

# Important dates coming up

<b>September 7th</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>October 9th</b>	<b>Boo to the Flu (Flu Shots from 2-6pm for KSHS family &amp; friends)</b>
<b>October 15th</b>	<b>Picture Day</b>
<b>October 16th</b>	<b>End of 1st Quarter</b>
<b>October 19th-26th</b>	<b>Fall Recess No School</b>
<b>October 28th</b>	<b>Pumpkin Delivery</b>

## Transition Update

### Pre ETs

In this class, we are learning about the students and what they like. What they do well, and what their interests are. We keep track of their work and compile a Positive Personal Profile.

Every month we will learn a new topic ranging from Safety to Good Hygiene to Manners and much more. This will prepare the students to be more independent someday where that is possible. Otherwise, they are learning to listen and participate with help, learning about jobs, and community helpers this month.

I am new this year and have so far enjoyed every student that comes to my classroom. They are all so different and bring a wonderful learning experience for me.

I look forward to getting to know each student's name and about their likes and dislikes.  
Melinda Smith (Transition Teacher)

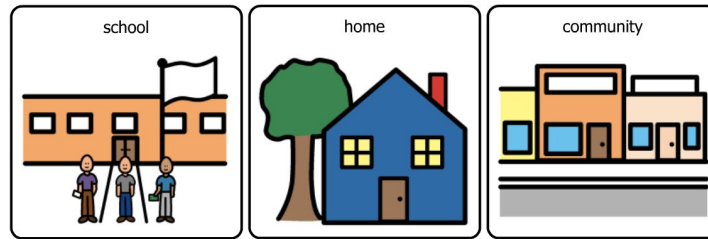
**Find us on Facebook: Search for the group Kauri Sue Hamilton Friends or follow this link:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/949884138823320>**

## Speech Update

### Speech - Language in Routines

Welcome back everyone! Whether your student is in-person learning at Kauri Sue or logging in virtually to class lessons, the Speech Team is here to keep up with communication in all environments and routines. In fact, that's our theme this year: Language In Routines! We will focus on routines at school, at home, and in the community.



We will be reviewing core vocabulary learned last year as well as focusing on fringe words based on the theme of the week. *Fringe* vocabulary refers to vocabulary that is specific to a topic, environment, or individual. For these first few weeks we are targeting the core word 'different' and comparing it to things that are the 'same' at school, including some new fringe words such as...



If you have questions about your student's communication system or need supports at home, please reach out to your Speech-Language Pathologist!

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**A BIG thank you!**

The staff at the KSHS were surprised last week by a large donation of t-shirts and sweatshirts to provide protection (a form of PPE) for all staff as they work with students. Design Ink is a top, local screen-printing company owned by Shawn and Wendy McCardle. When they found out that staff were going home after a long day of work and taking off their clothes in their garages in order to contain any bacteria that might be on their clothing; they stepped in to help. Friday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>, staff picked through piles of clothing that was donated by Design Ink. Many of the staff were able to pick 4-5 shirts that they can rotate during the week. At the end of the day they change out of their shirts and leave them to be laundered and worn again.

Thank you staff of Design Ink and Shawn and Wendy for your kindness.

