



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

*Thank you for sharing
your kids with us every day!*

I use this saying often and I mean it with all of my heart. This past weekend I felt a renewed sense of appreciation for being part of your lives when I attended Parker Steinhorst's viewing. Parker passed away on September 23rd at the age of 18 and a bright light is now missing from our school. It is so heartbreaking when we lose one of our students, but we are also filled with gratitude to have been part of such an amazing journey. . . to have shared in your joys and struggles. . . to have helped your child learn and grow. . . to have been by your side as we worked together through challenges. . . to have become a welcome and trusted part of your child's life. Thank you for trusting us with your child each day. We work so hard to bring out the best in your child and can only do it because we do it together. Parker's parents gave me permission to share these words from his obituary with you:

There was so much goodness in this young man that it flowed from him to everyone he met. Parker didn't need words to make us all feel special and loved; a smile, a laugh, a twinkle of his eye, and a little teasing were all he needed. The remarkable thing is that the gift that Parker gave doesn't go away, it doesn't fade, it only gains strength with time. We will miss this wonderful, miracle of a boy, but we will never forget him.

Parker was a special young man! At Kauri Sue we are lucky that all of our students make us feel special in their own individual ways. Our hearts grow and their gifts gain strength with time.

***Parker, you are missed and we are forever
thankful to have been a part of your life.***



Save the Date!

- October 12- Say Boo to the Flu Clinic, 2:00-5:00 PM
- October 17th- Short Day, School Ends at 1:45
- October 18th and 19th- Fall Recess, No School
- October 24th- Picture Day
- October 24th- SIBS Night, 6:00 PM
- October 30th- Halloween Parade, 10:00 AM in the atrium
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A DATE CHANGE)
- October 26th- Grade Transmittal Day, No School
- November 7th- Family Transition Night, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Kauri Sue Hamilton Atrium
- November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd- Thanksgiving Break, No School **(THERE'S NO SHORT DAY THIS WEEK)**



Reach for the Stars!!!

UPDATE ON BUILDING ADDITION

The building addition on the back of our school is on schedule! They tell me it will be complete mid-December or so. What a wonderful Christmas present that will be for our students and staff. We have a weekly meeting with the architect and construction crew and I toured the construction zone Monday – it looks just like our current rooms but it's so shiny and new. The architect took great care to match everything inside and out so it will look like it's always been here.

The new addition will add 6 classrooms to our school! Also, 2 classrooms were renovated over the summer in order to tie the new wing into the existing school. Technology has been updated since we opened 9 years ago, so we will enjoy new technology in each of the new rooms. These rooms will also have a better designed ceiling lift system since it was built in rather than added on later like in the original build.

The best part may be the new playground, thanks to generous donors who have contributed to our playground fund over the past few years. The play area was developed with access for students in wheelchairs and will fit nicely between the existing pool wall and the new addition. The north wall of the new addition is filled with floor to ceiling windows that allow lots of natural light and a nice view of the new play area.

I want to give a special thank you to the Jordan School District Board of Education for their support of our students and the program we provide through our school. The addition will allow us to meet the needs of the growing student population in our district.

Rita Bouillon, Principal



SAY BOO TO THE FLU!

Need a flu shot? Come get one at The Kauri Sue Hamilton School on October 12th from 2:00-5:00 PM in the cafeteria. CNS is partnering with schools and will donate two dollars per eligible immunization back to our school. Get vaccinated and remember to **SAY BOO TO THE FLU!!!**



Riverton High Football and Dance Team Capture the Hearts of The Kauri Sue Hamilton Community

On September 7th, 2018, the Riverton High School football team lost a hard-fought game to Pleasant Grove High School. However, the entire Riverton High School community, including students and staff, became the ultimate winners in the eyes of The Kauri Sue Hamilton School.

Last spring, the Riverton High School Head Football Coach Jody Morgan contacted us, and indicated that he would like to honor our students during halftime at one of their games during the 2018-19 school year. What followed this fall was several weeks of planning, with the Riverton High School Dance, Cheer, and Drill Teams coming to our school and rehearsing for a dance routine involving our students for the game on September 7th.

Before the game, Coach Morgan requested an honorary head coach from Kauri Sue Hamilton to be on the sidelines during the game. Brad Kelsch had the opportunity of a lifetime, participating in the coin toss, joined the team at halftime, as well as spending the duration of the game on the sidelines. Before the game, Coach Morgan had Brad join the team for the pregame speech. He asked Brad if he had anything to say to the players. Brad then promptly looked at one of the players and said "Drop and give me twenty!" The player immediately dropped to the ground and did twenty pushups. It was awesome! Brad could not stop smiling.

During halftime of the hard-fought battle between Riverton and Pleasant Grove, dozens of our students walked onto the field with Riverton's Dance, Cheer, and Drill Team to perform for the Riverton community. It was an inspiring moment that brought many Kauri Sue Hamilton staff and parents to tears.

We want to specifically thank Coach Jody Morgan for thinking of us. He and his team delivered shirts for all students and staff to wear to this game at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Everyone who wore these custom-made shirts or who mentioned Kauri Sue Hamilton School got into the game for free. Coach Morgan has indicated that he wants this to be an annual event, and the team will deliver shirts once again at the end of this school year. There are already plans to have our students perform again for the third game of the season next year! He summarized the experience with the following statement:

"It's great to see these young men understand that they need to be grateful to have the ability they have, and to understand that it is a game that is relatable to life. I want them to win in life more than in some football game."

We want to thank Riverton High School Drill Company Director, Brynn Perkins. She devoted a lot of time creating choreography for the performance and coming to every practice at our school prior to the game. Her dedication led to this memorable performance opportunity for our students.

Our students will never have the opportunity to participate in high school athletics. Most of our students go unnoticed by the general population. However, this caring act allowed the Stars of Kauri Sue Hamilton to shine brightly, and for this, we will forever be grateful to the Silverwolves of Riverton High School.







SAVE THE DATE!!!

Family Transition Night

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 PM

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| What is it? | An evening to hear about services available for your student and family |
| Who? | For families with students 14-years of age and older |
| Where? | The Kauri Sue Hamilton School atrium |
| Why? | Find answers to questions you have about what happens after graduation |

These are a few of the services you will have the opportunity to visit with:

DSPD

The Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) promotes opportunities and provides supports for people with disabilities to lead self-determined lives by overseeing home and community-based services for more than 5,000 people who have disabilities. Support includes community living, day services, supported employment services, and many more.

Utah Independent Living Center

The mission of the Utah Independent Living Center (UILC) is to assist persons with disabilities achieve greater independence by providing services and activities which enhance independent living skills and promote the public's understanding, accommodation, and acceptance of their rights, needs and abilities.

Utah Parent Center/Family Links

The mission of the Utah Parent Center (UPC or Center) is to help parents help their children, youth and young adults with all disabilities to live included, productive lives as members of the community.

Integrated Health Services Department

Our team offers assistance to families who have children and youth with special health care needs. We support families in coordinated care planning and provide education and resources that may be available to meet their unique needs. Services may include assistance with: -Connecting to Medicaid, CHIP, SSI, or other health insurance options. -Coordinating multiple resources including medical, social, behavioral health, and support services -Exploring solutions for housing, transportation, and financial issues. - Understanding processes of the school system.

VR/DWS/UWIPS

DWS serves hundreds of thousands of Utahns from various backgrounds with different types of needs. Through our divisions, we make a difference in the lives of many through temporary assistance and services for employment, child care, low-income families, refugees, individuals with disabilities, affordable housing and homelessness. The Utah Work Incentive Planning Services (UWIPS) help people on Social Security disability understand how working impacts their Social Security and other benefits (including Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, housing, and many others

Please bring your family and enjoy a light meal, visit with other families and take home tools needed to plan the next steps for your child.

EASIEST FUNDRAISER EVER

Please send in a check for \$20 as your donation to our school fundraiser this year. We are raising funds in part to help provide community-based experiences for our students. In return, we will send you a copy of *This Land*. And, the first 100 people to reply will get a copy signed by the author, Ramona Merrill.

This Land is a book that was created in celebration of Utah and the grand opening of the new Mountain View Village shopping center in Riverton. The project was funded by CenterCal, the properties company developing Mountain View Village. The books were donated to our school thanks to Mayor Staggs suggesting us as a benefactor of this endeavor. It is a beautiful book and any money received is 100% profit for our school!

We have tried hard to sell this book. . . at the grand opening of the Mountain View Village shopping center, at the Riverton Town Days, in our main office, and throughout the district. Unfortunately, we have only sold a few copies. I'm hoping this new approach will help us raise money for our school and get this beautiful book into the hands of some appreciative readers.



Need health coverage?

Marketplace (ACA) Open Enrollment is November 1, 2018 – December 15, 2018

Call **Jordan School District Health Services @ 801-567-8515**.
Certified Application Counselors are ready to assist with your application.

- If you have a qualifying life event, you can apply for ACA any time during the year. These events include:
 - Loss of health coverage
 - Changes in household due to marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, death.
 - Changes in residence
 - Changes in your income
 - Becoming a U.S. citizen
- You may also visit HealthCare.gov or call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users can call 1-855-889-4325.



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You have the right to get Marketplace information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio.
You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against.
Visit [CMS.gov/about-cms/agency-information/aboutwebsite/cmsnondiscriminationnotice.html](https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/agency-information/aboutwebsite/cmsnondiscriminationnotice.html),
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Health Insurance Marketplace



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DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

H.E.A.T.

Home Energy Assistance Target

H.E.A.T. is a program designed to help low-income families with their utility bills during the coldest months of the year; especially those households that are most vulnerable, such as the elderly, the disabled, and households with young children.

The Jordan School District is partnering with H.E.A.T. to help families within our schools. As a courtesy, we help you fill out the application and submit it to the H.E.A.T. office.

H.E.A.T. applications are being accepted **October 1 until April 30.**

Make your appointment by calling Health Services.

801-567-8515 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

| INCOME ELIGIBILITY Monthly Pre-tax Income Limits | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Household Size | H.E.A.T. Gross Income |
| 1 | \$1,518 |
| 2 | \$2,058 |
| 3 | \$2,598 |
| 4 | \$3,138 |
| 5 | \$3,678 |
| 6 | \$4,218 |
| 7 | \$4,758 |
| If more than 7 | Add \$540 per person |

| To Apply | Bring COPIES of the following to your appointment |
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| ID | Current driver's License, State ID, or Residence card for primary applicant |
| Social Security Cards | For you and everyone living in your household |
| Utility Bills | Last month's power and gas bills with account number |
| Income Verification | Proof of income for you and everyone working for the prior month |
| Birth Certificate | For children 5 years or younger |
| Medical Expenses | Proof of any medical expenses you paid in the last 60 days. |
| Proof of: | Child support and/or alimony you paid for the prior month |
| Disability | Proof of disability (if applicable) |

October 4, 2018



NOTES FROM NURSING

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian:

Students not currently followed by an eye doctor & in grades K, 1,3,5, & 7 will be given a photo vision screening sometime during this school year. The vision screening method used at KSHS is performed with a photo screener by the school nurse. 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.

If your child fails the screening, a referral letter will be sent home in their backpack. Please return to the nurses a copy of the eye care specialist's exam results once obtained. 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 information on children age 8 and under will be reported to the Utah State Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired as stated in Utah Law 53A-11-203.

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.

Please provide the school with written notification before October 15th, if you do not want your child to participate in the vision screening program.

KSHS Nurses
801-567-3037
kshs.nurses-uc@jordanschooldistrict.org

Best Treatment for Minimizing Calculus Buildup in Children with G/J-Tubes

Students with G/J-Tubes often have buildup of calculus in their mouths. The source of this problem is poor oral musculature control which is usually the reason that they are G tube fed to begin with. There are two main reasons why the buildup of calculus occurs without good muscle control:

1. There is poor swallowing function and so the saliva that is produced will sit and pool in their mouth, sometimes exiting the mouth as drool. When the saliva pools in their mouth, the chemicals that are in it like calcium and phosphorus, along with inherent plaque, adhere to the teeth and cause the buildup of calculus.
2. If they are continual mouth breathers, then the liquid part of the saliva dries up and the chemicals along with inherent plaque are left behind, turning into calculus.

The process of eating, chewing & swallowing food serves to self-cleanse the mouth and tends to decrease this build-up of calculus. There are no medicines, moisturizers or creams that can decrease this build up. Tartar control toothpaste can help only slightly. The best thing to do to minimize plaque is to brush with an electric toothbrush. These are most effective at minimizing the build-up of calculus. Battery operated electric toothbrushes can be purchased for as little as \$5 at your local grocery store. However, brushing alone will not completely eliminate the buildup of calculus altogether. It's important for children with G/J-tubes to have their teeth cleaned, under general anesthesia if necessary, every 1 to 2 years.