

April 2010

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# KEYSTONE CHRONICLE

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**Thirty-one Keystone students** competed for the 10th year in the Job Olympics at Johnson County Community College on April 1st. Students choose 4 of 28 contests in which to train and compete. The students competed in a number of job related activities on a variety of levels from simple hands-on tasks to challenging computer applications, job applications and interviews. Many paras, families, Richard Fox, custodian, and Betsy Schmelzle, social worker, went to the competition. Medals are awarded for first 3 places and ribbons up to the 10th place. Rhonda Denning, Keystone administrator, helped award Keystone with 2 trophies, 44 medals and many ribbons in the afternoon ceremony.

**KEYSTONE STUDENTS ARE JOB OLYMPIC STARS**

Allen Reinke, ACCHS took 11 students that brought home a 2nd place trophy in Division 2 schools, 6 gold medals, 9 silver medals & 4 bronze medals.

Mary Melton & Sharon Branson took 11 students from JWHS that brought home a 3rd place trophy in Division 2 schools, 5 gold medals, 7 silver medals & 4 bronze medals.

Alana Kasparek took 9 OHS students that received 3 gold medals & 4 silver medals.

## Special Ed. Calendar

### May

PDC Mtg. 5th  
New Para Training 6th  
Social Workers Mtg. 7th  
Psych Mtg. 10th  
Super's Mtg. 11th  
Retirement Reception 19th  
Board Mtg. 19th  
Keystone Closed 31st

### June

Super's Mtg. 8th  
Board Mtg. 16th

### Things Due

**To Carol:** Progress Reports

**To Krystal:** Para Evaluations (past due)  
Para Assignment Surveys May 1

**To Robin:** Inventories May 1  
SRA Pre-orders May 15  
Para Inservice (past due)

### Announcements

**Births:** Erin Beougher-Boy

**Deaths:** Tom Elliot-Father-in-law

**Marriages:**

**Have something you need or want to get rid of?**

**Check out the new Swap/Wish page on the web site!**

[www.keystonelearning.org/SuppliesWishList.html](http://www.keystonelearning.org/SuppliesWishList.html)

### DIRECTOR'S DIALOG FROM LINDA ALDRIDGE

#### ENDINGS/BEGINNINGS

FOR THOSE KEYSTONE STAFF WORKING DIRECTLY WITH KIDS, SPRING IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MODEL THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDINGS. OUR STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH WE END A SCHOOL YEAR IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THOSE FIRST FEW WEEKS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. AS TEACHERS PLAN CAREFULLY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS RIGHT UP UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OF THE LAST SCHOOL DAY, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE MESSAGES YOU SEND.

CONTINUED HIGH EXPECTATIONS, ALONG WITH CAREFUL PLANNING CAN HELP TO SEND ALL THE RIGHT MESSAGES. EMPHASIS ON THE LAST DAY ALONG WITH COUNT DOWN DISPLAYS, CAN SEND THE EXACT OPPOSITE MESSAGE. LIKEWISE, THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE SCHEDULE UTILIZED WHEN PACKING UP FOR SUMMER. STUDENTS SOMETIMES QUIT LEARNING IF THEY THINK TEACHERS HAVE PACKED UP FOR THE YEAR. TEACHING IS HIGHLY COMPLEX WORK. REFLECTIVE THINKING AND PLANNING ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS WILL PAY OFF IN INCREASED STUDENT LEARNING. INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS

PRECIOUS; MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!

IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT IS ALWAYS TRUE WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN, IT IS THAT THERE ARE NO STANDARD SOLUTIONS OR APPROACHES FOR ANYTHING! THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE, FOR A PARTICULAR CHILD, TO DO AN END-OF-SCHOOL COUNTDOWN. THERE ARE ALSO SITUATIONS WHERE THE SCHEDULE FOR SHUTTING DOWN A CLASSROOM IS COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF THE TEACHER. JUST REMEMBER THE POWER OF THE TEACHER; WITHIN YOUR PARAMETERS OF CONTROL, CONTINUE ALL THE ROUTINES AND PROCESSES ESTABLISHED TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF PRECIOUS INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SPRING!

LINDA



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**JDLA  
Service  
Learning**

## JDLA Graduates 10

JDLA will graduate a total of 10 students this year! There will be 1 student from Atchison County Community High School, 1 student from Jeff West High School, 1 student from Perry Lecompton High School, 1 student from McLouth High School, 4 students from Oskaloosa High School, and 2 students from Valley Falls High School.

All students, staff, family, and friends from the districts are invited to the ceremony on May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the JDLA building in Lecompton, KS.



## JDLA Calendar Of Services & Events

- April 21st-Franklin Co. Earth Day Festival
- April 22nd-Mini-Earth Day Water Festival
- April 29th-JDLA Water Festival
- April 30th-JDLA Water Festival Celebration
- May 7th-Bulb planting w/Topeka Parks & Rec.
- May 11th-JDLA Graduation
- May 26th-Last day of JDLA school

Check out all Keystone Learning Services has to offer at our web site: [www.keystonelearning.org](http://www.keystonelearning.org).

The Teacher Handbook has been expanded into separate documents at [www.keystonelearning.org/TeacherHandbook.html](http://www.keystonelearning.org/TeacherHandbook.html)

## COUNT YOUR KID IN

CYKI screening is provided to children birth through five years of age in the areas of cognitive skills, social/emotional skills, fine and gross motor skills, speech and language skills, vision and hearing. Screenings take place in local community settings and last approximately 1.5 hours.

If you have concerns about your child's development sign up for a free screening clinic. Call 785-863-3410 ext. 231 or email [vkelling@keystonelearning.org](mailto:vkelling@keystonelearning.org).

**UPCOMING SCREENINGS: APRIL 30, 2010 - MERIDEN  
MAY 21, 2010 - EFFINGHAM**

## 2010 KASEA Award Winner

The Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators held their annual Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010, at the Wichita Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Congratulations **Lee Stickle** for receiving the Special Education Professional of the Year for providing leadership & services for Kansas students with exceptionalities!

## Sharon Branson retires after 23 years with Keystone!

*Please come celebrate with them at a reception to be held at the Oskaloosa school library on May 19th from 4:00-5:30!*

## Meredith Williard retires after 14 years with Keystone!

## Summer break is fast approaching!

If you want to be swimsuit ready join the Spring Walking Group at 4:35 on Thursdays at the Jefferson County Court House. A route suggestion is provided and you can walk at your own pace and length of time.

Bring your tennis shoes, bring a friend!

## Upcoming Lecompton Conference Room Calendar

May

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3rd-Tiny K Meeting      | 27th-Promethean Curriculum |
| 7th-Parents as Teachers | 28th-Promethean Curriculum |
| 10th-PAT Play group     | 31st-Tiny K Meeting        |
| 11th-JDLA Graduation    |                            |
| 17th-Tiny K Meeting     |                            |
| 18th-WebKIDSS           |                            |
| 24th-Tiny K Meeting     |                            |

June

- 2nd-Promethean Foundations
- 3rd-Parents As Teachers
- 7th-Tiny K Meeting
- 14th-Tiny K Meeting
- 21st-Tiny K Meeting
- 28th-Tiny K Meeting

