

October 2010

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1st Annual 5K For Keystone

Join in a fun and healthy opportunity to raise funds for Keystone special education classrooms by attending the rain or shine 5K and 1 mile walk! The run/walk will take place at the Jefferson County Conservation District Slough Creek Point Education Area at 9:00 a.m. (registration 7:45 - 8:45). The registration fee is \$5.00 or \$12.00 with a T-shirt and lunch grilled by Dr. Tim Marshall. There are excellent door prizes donated from Longhorn's Steakhouse, Jazz Louisiana Kitchen, King's Construction, Quik Trip, and Stix Grill. There will also be a raffle for KU and K-State blankets. Contact Lisa Morando lmorando@keystonelearning.org for more information.

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It's Not Too Late! Register Now!

Special Ed.
Calendar

October

Social Workers Mtg. 1st
PDC Mtg. 6th
Speech Paths Mtg. 6th
New Para Inservice 7th
Psych's Mtg. 11th
Super's Mtg. 12th
Para Committee 13th
Board Mtg. 20th
Keystone 5K 23rd
KPAC Mtg. 25th

November

Social Workers Mtg. 12th
PDC Mtg. 3rd
Speech Paths Mtg. 2nd
New Para Inservice 2nd
Psych's Mtg. 8th
Super's Mtg. 9th
Board Mtg. 17th
Keystone Closed 24th-26th

Things Due

To Melody: Para Schedules past due
To Krystal: Network Use and Handbook Acknowledgement Signature pages
To Robin: Past due-Para Confidentiality & Bloodborne paths. inservice New Teachers-Inventory & IDP Form
To Lisa: 5K registration

Announcements

Births: Jim Faris - Boy
Becky Chermok - Girl
Marlayna Wynkoop - Girl
Donna Trainer - Grandson
Deaths: Mary Melton - Dad
Sarah Newman- Grandfather
Brenda Bertels- Mother-in-law
Marriage: Michaela Tyler
Engagement: Deni Faimon

DIRECTOR'S DIALOG FROM TIM MARSHALL

Educators are special, and special educators are...well, really special!

You take the students who aren't successful with the curriculum, instruction, & assessment provided to all students and you teach them. And they learn! Those discrete skills, what children must learn and the order that they learn it, doesn't change for a child with a disability. What changes is the way it's taught and the materials used to design the lesson. Over the years, publishers have directed most of their efforts toward Tier One students. Lately they have devoted more materials to students who need intensive supports. Two of the handful of publishers that have devoted their work to strategic and intensive supports for students who have difficulty learning have merged and formed a partnership with the Kansas state department of education. MTSS trainers received a booklet called "Partners in improving outcomes for all students" from the partnership. The notebook contains sample information of their programs for Tier II and Tier III interventions. Trainers also received several boxes of sample teaching materials to use as examples of "best practice" for MTSS trainings. The materials sent to Keystone will be cataloged into the media library and soon be available for teachers to check out.

An overview of the materials:

Voyager Passport Reading Program - a "strategic" tier II K-5 intervention.

Voyager Read well program - an "intensive" Tier III K-3 intervention. An "evidence-based literacy program that provides the foundation for reading success.

Journey passport reading Program - a 3-part program for struggling adolescents in Middle & High School.

Voyager Language! Focus on english learning program - a grades 3-12 Tier III intervention with pre-primer skills.

Vmath-Math intervention that works - a grades 2-5 Tier II supplemental math skills program. VMATH Levels g-I Grades 6-8 Tier II.

Transmath "gateway to algebra" - grades 5-12 Tier III intervention.

Inside algebra Series - For Tier II & III High School Students. Touted as perfect for credit recovery.

The KSDE Special Ed Department feels strongly that these materials will enable students to achieve at high levels. The concept of the state endorsing or promoting materials is new to me. I encourage you to look at the materials as you have time.



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JDLA Service Learning

OES 3rd graders are entertained by "Bring Your Own Bag" presentation from JDLA students.



Three students volunteered at the Topeka Water Festival on a JDLA no school day.



JDLA students see a presentation from "TJ the Fish Guy"

KISN Webinar Announcement

Webinars will be held on Tuesdays at 3:15-4:00 p.m.. There is room for 100 participants on a first come - first serve basis. Certificates will be provided to the "live audience". To register go to www.KansasASD.com training calendar.

Dates and Topics:

Oct. 26: Boardmaker Schedules
 Nov. 9: Boardmaker Interactive Features
 Nov. 23: Incredible 5-Point Scale Introduction
 Jan. 11: Developing 5-Point Scales
 Jan. 25: Social Narratives (Stories)
 Feb. 8: Social Narratives Powerpoint w/ voice
 Feb 22: Video Modeling Introduction
 March 8: Video Modeling - Editing Video
 March 22: PECS - Intro., Reinforcer Assessment, Phase 1
 April 12: PECS Phases 2-4
 April 26: Behavior Mapping
 May 10: Reinforcement Systems

Contact Katie Thomas w/questions at ktthomas3@kumc.edu

For any technology questions

you may have please contact Dan Hinrichsen at 785-550-7803 or daniel@keystonelearning.org. Repairs to computers and printers should be directed to him.

Rhonda's Writings

Most of you have been very busy the past month assisting us with File Reviews. I know our files won't be perfect by the time the Federal Review occurs; but hopefully the big problems are cleared up and the minor blemishes will be cleaned up at the next IEP meeting.

Rob and I appreciate the time and effort you are putting in to make the files look great!

Just to put a bug in your ear: The State is going to do the same process for Alternate Assessments this year. If you have student(s) whom you believe need to take this test, please meet with your school psych if the student(s) did not take the Alternate Assessment last year. If you have a student who needs to continue on the Alternate Assessment please discuss it with the team (including principal) so that everyone is aware.

If you are going to administer the Alternate Assessment, recognize that it is not too soon to be reviewing and picking your indicators and

developing the assessment. I do not want to be choosing indicators over Christmas this year, so please have your indicators with the evidence labels ready for review by Nov. 18th. For those of you who do not have to administer an Alternate Assessment - THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS!

Rob and I will be out doing observations for evaluations soon. If you would like us to observe something specific, send us an email and we will try to make it.

Last, but not least - this is School Social Worker Month. Please take time to thank your fellow social workers for all that they do.

On the same note, I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication. Each of you play a significant role in making Keystone great!

American Education Week is November 15-19
 We appreciate all of our employees and everything you do for children!

Upcoming Lecompton Conference Room Calendar

Oct.

1st- PAT Meeting
 11th- TinyK Meeting
 15th- KISN Workshop
 20th- KASA Superintendent Council
 25th- TinyK Meeting
 26th- KAW Valley Coop Meeting
 27th- WebKIDDS Training
 28th- WebKIDDS Training
 29th- WebKIDDS Training

Nov.

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