

From the Head Teacher, Dr. Petra M. Horn-Marsh



Happy Spring Parents/Guardians!

Yes, winter was a season we needed to get rid of the dead leaves and grasses for greener plants and lovelier flowers as spring had sprung forward which means being outdoors more; however, we still have school work to do until the end of the school year.

We also want to talk with parents, guardians and all adults who teach, care for, and work with children about the benefits and dangers of children playing video games, surfing for information, and/or contacting people online. Law enforcement and people knowledgeable about how the internet web can help and hurt users, both adult and young users, have emphasized on the importance of the roles of parents and guardians in ensuring the safety of going online (Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>).

For example, police have appealed to parents to:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe (please see page 5 for age restrictions for social media platforms)

Among the most common signs to watch out for include children who:

- Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online
- Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media
- Are switching screens on their device when approached
- Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages
- Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices

If you find yourself needing to report something suspicious and/or intervene, please contact your local police and/or call an internet hotline number set up for parents (for example, Olathe parents/guardians can call this hotline number 913-780-7777). If you have questions or need to share your concerns with us, please contact me at phornmarsh@kssdb.org or our social worker Janna Wiesner at jwiesner@kssdb.org.

Let's have a great final quarter of the school year!

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Student of the Month Recognitions

Every month, we would like to recognize a student for demonstrating the elementary school five pillars of PRIDE based on the recommendations from teachers. The five pillars of PRIDE are:

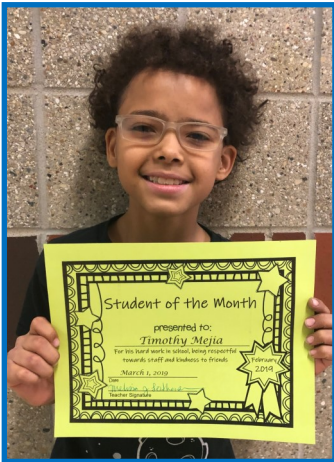
P = Preparation (e.g., coming to class ready with completed homework, a pencil and an agenda book)

R = Respect (i.e.: following staff instructions, respecting others and their property, and using appropriate manners)

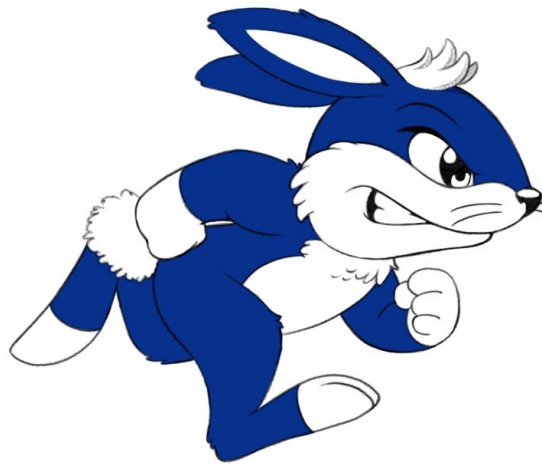
I = Independence (each student's ability to independently follow classroom expectations)

D = Diversity (individual students share, include all peers, and show kindness to everyone regardless of gender, race, creed or preference)

E = Effort (working to their best potential)



Student of the Month for February
Timothy Mejia



WELCOME New Staff



Rosita Gonzales
Language Facilitator



Kim Wroldsen
Sr. Administrative Assistant
Student Life/Athletics



Ari, Abby and Christian proudly showed off the puzzle that they worked on during recess indoor due to the cold weather.

2019 Kansas Youth Art Month Exhibit

By Ms. Takako Kerns, Art Teacher

Every year March is set aside nationally to celebrate Youth Art. The Kansas Art Education Association coordinates a celebration at the state level, which features an art exhibit at the Alice Sabatini Gallery, Topeka Public Library and a reception for student artists, parents, and teachers.

The exhibit is from February 11 to March 10. KAEA also partners with Sargent Art in sponsoring an art competition during Youth Art Month. Entries are on display at the YAM Exhibit and Award recipients will receive recognition at the YAM Celebration on March 10th during the YAM Celebration and Reception. One of our elementary student's artwork is selected for this exhibition, Eli Grove. We congratulate Eli on his achievement!!



2019 Young Artist Show

By Ms. Takako Kerns, Art Teacher

This show is open to all Pre-K - 8th grade students, and we have displayed both the 2D and 3D artwork. I am delighted to share the news that three of our KSD Elementary school students' artwork will be displayed at the Image Art Gallery. The art show is from February 15 to March 9.

Ava Hindman
"Sunflowers"
Watercolor Painting



Abigail Johnson
"Winter Forest"
Tempera Painting



Ari Rozean
"Self Portrait"
Oil Pastel



Dr. Seuss Birthday and Green Eggs!

By Ms. Melissa Leitheiser, 1st Grade Teacher

Dr. Seuss' birthday was on March 2nd. We celebrated his birthday by reading the book that Dr. Seuss wrote "Green Eggs and Ham." After the reading activity, the students from kindergarten to 2nd grade got together and ate green eggs and ham. It was a fun experience!



Honor Roll Achievements for 3rd Quarter

Superintendent's Honor Roll

GPA: 4.0

Petra M. Horn-Marsh, Early Childhood/Elementary
Head Teacher, Leo Grove, Eli Grove, Mary
Christensen, and Lorelee Plummer, Parent/Staff
Representative



Head Teacher's Honor Roll GPA: 3.5-3.9



Front L to R: Lorelee Plummer, Parent/Staff Representative, Isaac Plummer, Timothy Mejia, Ari Rozean, Allie Brown, Josie Stewart, Sophia D'Angelo, Leornalis Garcia, Abigail Johnston, Francisco Galindo, Tyler McCallum, Orlando Cobos– Sosa, Ismail Aziz, Brayden Mallicoat, Peyton Jones, Colton Labine and Petra M. Horn-Marsh, Early Childhood/Elementary Head Teacher

Honor Roll GPA: 3.0-3.4



L to R: Lorelee Plummer, Parent/Staff Representative; Eric Dingley, Syncere Redmond, Kasandra Rodriguez, Phoebe Muzzy, Skylet March, Phealon Keen, James Morris, Dillon Cooper, Armando Wigley, Cameron Wigley, and Petra M. Horn-Marsh, Early Childhood/Elementary Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Perfect Attendance (0 Absence & 0 Tardy)



L to R: Lorelee Plummer, Parent/Staff Representative; Ava Plummer, Jeremiah Phillips, Raymond Wentz, Edwin Padilla-Garcia and Petra M. Horn-Marsh, Early Childhood/Elementary Head Teacher

Blue Attendance Award (1-2 Absences & 0 Tardy)



L to R: Lorelee Plummer, PSO Representative; Ava Hindman, Ariel Wedel, Tegene McCallum, Elisha Watson, Logan Wiesner, Nawaf Alsaadi and Petra M. Horn-Marsh, Early Childhood/Elementary Head Teacher



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



Harlem Globetrotters

By Ms. Valerie Watson, Senior Administrative Assistant

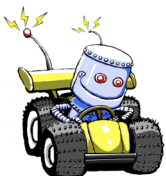
Harlem Globetrotters basketball team visited KSD on January 24th, 2019 to perform some basketball tricks and to give a presentation to our students about bullying solutions. The students from early childhood to secondary school got together in Foltz Gym to watch a pair of Harlem Globetrotters players doing some tricks and watching some KSD students and some staff attempt to do some tricks. It was fun to watch. One of the player shared that he is a Child of Deaf Adult (CODA), meaning both of his parents are deaf, and he signed with some of our students when they were doing tricks. Here are some pictures of their visit here at KSD.



Robotics Team Visits KSD

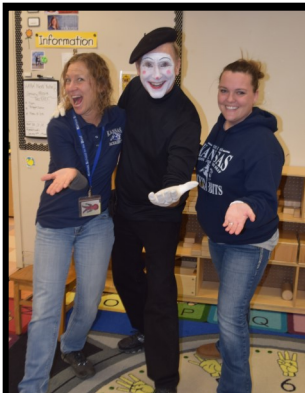
By Ms. Molly Rothwell

The FIRST Robotics team from Olathe Northwest High School came to Emery Hall on Thursday, February 28th. The high school students were quick to engage with our students, despite the language barrier. Our 3rd-6th graders were allowed to control the Lego Robots through various mazes on the floor and then tried their hand at programming the robot to move through the maze independently. To end the session together, every student had the chance to a duel against another student, the goal to push the other robot outside of a predetermined circle. A good time was had by all! We are looking forward to more interactions with the ONW Robotics team and improving our skills with coding!



Deaf Mime Visits KSD

On January 18th, 2019, J.J. Jones came to Kansas School for the Deaf to give a mime performance to the students from Early Childhood to Secondary school. The students really enjoyed watching the performance and got a cool autographed picture of JJ Jones after the performance.



Healthy Teeth

By Student Teacher Becca Olsen with Ms. Nancy Milner



This month we learned all about what it takes to have healthy and happy teeth! From brushing and flossing, to what we eat, we explored it all. Together we sorted different foods into two categories: helps your teeth and hurts your teeth. We loved to eat the sweets which were sorted on the right, but realized that was part of why it was so important to brush! The students counted and rolled out white playdough for teeth during math small group. They were strengthening their fine motor muscles in their fingers and practicing counting at the same time! The students were lucky enough to get a visit from our very own school nurse, Peggy! Nurse Peggy demonstrated proper teeth cleaning on a model mouth. After, they all got to practice on themselves. I was sure you had never seen them so excited to brush before!



The day after leaving eggs in soda overnight as teeth substitutes for our experiment, the students scrubbed with toothbrushes and toothpaste to try and get them clean. Although they were whiter when done, we couldn't get them back to their pre-root beer whiteness. This was why we needed to brush our teeth every day!



We are pleased to announce our winners of the Marie Jean Philips Competition at Kansas School for the Deaf. Please congratulate them when you see them.

The 1st place winner's work in five different age categories have been submitted to Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts for the national competition. Wish them good luck!



ASL Storytelling

Ages: 8 & Under

- 1st Place— Ava Plummer
- 2nd Place— Elisha Watson
- 3rd Place— Kiya Altic
- 4th Place— Logan Wiesner
- 5th Place— Raymond Wentz



Deaf Art

Ages: 8 & Under

- 1st Place— Ariel Wedel
- 2nd Place— Logan Wiesner
- 3rd Place— Elisha Watson
- 4th Place— Ava Plummer
- 5th Place— Tegene McCallum



ASL Storytelling

Ages: 9-12

- 1st Place— Tyler McCallum
- 2nd Place— Sophia D'Angelo
- 3rd Place— Colton Labine
- 4th Place— Leornalis Garcia
- 5th Place— Kasandra Rodriguez



Deaf Art

Ages: 9-12

- 1st Place— Abigail Johnston
- 2nd Place— Orlando Cobos-Sosa
- 3rd Place— Cameron Wigley
- 4th Place— Brayden Mallicoat
- 5th Place— Tyler McCallum



ASL Poetry

Ages: 9-12

Allie Brown



Dear Parents and Campers!

Camp Sunshine will be held on July 14-19, 2019 at Camp Marvin Hillyard, south of St. Joseph, Missouri. This camp is sponsored by the Sertoma Clubs of St. Joseph and coordinated by Beth Beadle and Taylor Borucki, Directors. It is a week-long overnight camp from Sunday at 2 PM to Friday at 12 PM.

The purpose of the camp is to facilitate social skills and team work in a fun environment between deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing children whose parents and/or siblings are deaf. The campers range from 7 to 14 years of age and come from different states and educational backgrounds.

The cost will be \$175 for a camper to attend. (\$150 per additional child) If you need financial assistance, please fill out the financial aid form online!!! (www.sertomadeafcamp.org) **Registration ends May 31, 2018. A \$25 late fee will be applied after the May 31st deadline.** Don't delay! We can only accept the first 60 campers who enroll.

If a person is age 15-17, he/she can have an opportunity to work as a CIT (Counselor in Training). A person who is aged 18 and up can have the opportunity to work as a counselor. Please go to www.sertomadeafcamp.org to fill out the staff forms!



Please contact the camp directors at sertoma@gmail.com if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Beth Beadle and Taylor Borucki
Camp Director/Assistant Director

Book Fair coming to KSD!

April 15th-19th from 8:00am-4:00pm

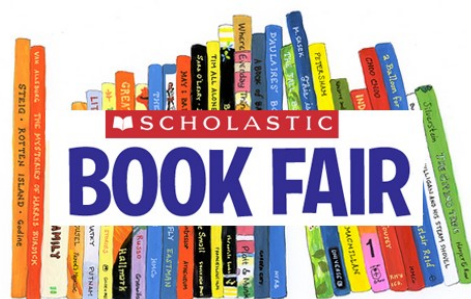
We will be open during the Art Show and Spring Program on evening of April 18th from 5:00pm- 8:00pm

New feature!

Check out our website: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ksd>

There is a new feature called student e-wallet. Parents can put however amount of money they want their child to spend at the fair in this e-wallet. Then when your child purchases books, they can use the money that is in the wallet. Easy to sign up and to use!

You can also start shopping at our fair online from April 7th to April 20th. Lots of books to choose from!! We will be sending home book fair flyers after spring break, but the flyer can be found on our webpage too! Check it out! All purchases from the book fair will help our libraries purchase new books for the next school year! Come and support our school!!



4/10/2019- ECC Field Trip to Suburban Lawn & Garden

4/11/2019- K-6th Grade AR Field Trip to Matt Ross Community Center

4/15-4/19- Scholastic Book Fair

4/16/2019- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Federal Bank Reserve, Union Station and Betty Rae'

4/16/2019- K-2nd and CBP classes Field Trip to Moon Marbles and Lions Park

4/18/2019- EH Spring Program and Art Show

4/22/2019- Snow Make up day-- **School WILL be in Session**



SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

KSD
Student Center
450 E. Park St.
Olathe, KS, 66061
5:30pm-8:30pm

Kansas School for the Deaf Cheerleading Squad is hosting a Silent Auction to raise money for National Cheerleading Association Cheer Camp at Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Items included:
Variety Gift Cards to local spots,
Themed Baskets,
Sports tickets, and
so much more!

CASH AND CHECK ONLY

REFRESHMENT AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED



Summer Education Series 2019

Theme: *World Civilizations - Ancient & Modern*



Participants: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students – Ages 3-21

Dates: June 10 – June 28, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Early Childhood
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Grades K-12
(OPTIONAL: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. for Grades K-12)

Location: Kansas School for the Deaf
450 E. Park Street
Olathe, KS 66061

Transportation: Provided by local school districts
Note: Parents and local district are responsible for informing KSD of arrangements made.

Residential Accommodations: To be determined by the local school district

Purpose: To further students' language & communication skill development, academic skills, world knowledge, and socio-emotional skills following the Kansas College & Career Readiness Standards and/or Essential Elements. Summer programs at KSD also fulfill the ESY requirement to ensure the provision of Free and Appropriate Public Education, so that the child can make progress toward the goals specified on the IEP and to prevent regression.

Contact: Petra M. Horn-Marsh – ESY Director
phornmarsh@ksfdb.org / 913-324-5848 (VP)



SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY ASL IMMERSION CAMP RAINFOREST ADVENTURES

WHEN: JUNE 6-9, 2019

Registration: Thursday, June 6
4:00pm-6:00pm

Camp Ends: Sunday, June 9 at 3:00pm

WHO:

Any family living in the state of Kansas with a child who is deaf or hard of hearing (ages birth to 18 years old)

HOW:

Start with the basics of visual communication and end at a beginner conversational level!

COST:

\$50.00 per camper regardless of age
Limited scholarships available



CONTACT:

Lori Colwell, Camp Coordinator:
lcolwell@ksfdb.org

WHERE:

Kansas School for the Deaf
450 E. Park, Olathe, KS 66061

Room, board, and supplies included

WHY:

To learn beginner level ASL in an encouraging and immersive environment.

Information for families who have attended camp for at least one of the last four years:
If a minimum of 5 previous families are registered, an intermediate track will be provided as well.

CHILD CARE:

Ages: 0-12 months, 12-18 months, 18 months to 3 years, and 3-5 years old

CLASSES:

Ages 6-8, 9-11 and 12 and up