

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



Parents/Guardians,

November and December months mark a season of harvest and sharing. Sharing also involves giving, and these two great characters are what we want to teach and emphasize to the students. Students learn best through discussion and adult modeling, so here is an opportunity for you and us to model sharing and giving as we get closer to Winter Break.

The Parent Staff Organization (PSO) Holiday Store will happen on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Success depends on parent and other volunteers. Last year we have appreciated a number of parent volunteers, and because of that, we have had been fortunate to be able to give out \$1,000 to be divided among families for the winter months. This year we are asking the same from you.

Here are what you can do: donate any gently used or unused items for the PSO Holiday Store, come out to help with the store set up on Monday, December 3, 2018, and/or come out and help with the Holiday Store operations (work with students as they wrap gifts, bag purchased items, and other tasks) on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please look for the flyer in this newsletter issue.

I look forward to celebrating the harvest season with my family and friends, and coming back to school the following Monday to share stories of celebrations. I wish the same for each of you and your family!

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# KSD Sport News

## K-2nd Grade Soccer

This fall, 7 KSD students from Kindergarten to 2nd grade participated on the KSD youth soccer team which played against other teams in the Olathe Recreation and Park Soccer league. Their coaches were Taylor Borucki and Anthony Bishop. Most players played soccer last year and they won several soccer games this year. They all really enjoyed playing soccer and looking forward to growing more skills and to playing again next year.



## 3-6th Grade Flag-Football

This fall, 11 KSD students from 3rd to 6th grades participated on the KSD youth flag football team which played against other teams in the Olathe Recreation and Park Flag Football league. Their coaches were Kerry Mansol and Jayman Washington. Most boys played flag football last year and really enjoyed playing flag football.



## 2nd-5th Grade Volleyball

This fall, 13 KSD students from 2nd to 5th grades participated on the KSD volleyball team which played against other teams in the Olathe Recreation and Park Volleyball league. Their coach was Kylei Brooks. Most girls were new to volleyball and their coach noticed their volleyball skills improved greatly from the first volleyball practice to last volleyball game on October 9th. They all really enjoyed playing volleyball and were looking forward to growing more skills and to playing again next year.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Lady Jackrabbits for winning the Great Plains School for the Deaf (GPSD) Championship for volleyball. This is KSD's 3rd straight GPSD Volleyball championship!



## Deaf Culture Festival at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art



On September 8th, 2018, the Nelson-Atkins Museum hosted their annual Deaf Cultural Festival. The festival celebrated American Sign Language during Kansas City's Deaf Cultural Month. This festival included some Deaf Art, HipHop show from hard-of-hearing artist Matt Maxey of Deafinitely Dope, Shakespeare show by Deaf performer Crom Saunders, poetry by Stephanie Wilcox, as well as some hands-on art activities by Deaf Artist Cicely Boga. Our very own third grader, Sophia D'Angelo, performed her story "The Deaf Horse" in ASL. We received the word that The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art had a total of 2,645 people that attended the event. This is quite a contrast from the 400 attendees from last year!

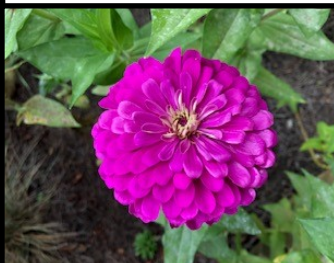


During the Deaf Festival, our own 3rd grader, Sophia D'Angelo was interviewed by KCPT channel. To see her interview, check it out at this link: <https://youtu.be/dvPfB4tDURA>

## 4th Grade Class visits Overland Park Arboretum

Ms. Jalaila Lyles, 4th Grade Teacher

We went to the Overland Park Arboretum in September for our field trip. We saw many beautiful plants, saw some bugs, held a daddy long leg, played on the train, did some bird watching, saw city models of the old Overland Park, saw waterfalls, and did a lot of walking!! Go check this awesome place out when you can!



# Student of the Month Recognitions

Every month, we would like to recognize two students, one student from the Kindergarten-2nd Grade/Center Based Program category and another student from the 3rd-6th Grade category, for demonstrating the elementary school five pillars of PRIDE based on the recommendations from teachers. The five pillars of PRIDE are:

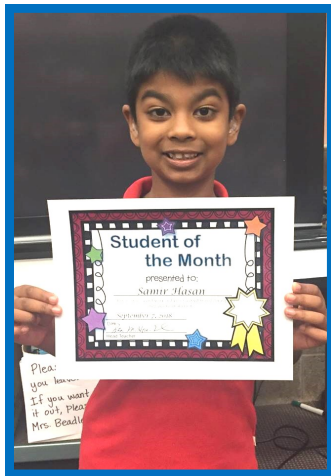
**P** = Preparation (e.g., coming to class ready with completed homework, a pencil and an agenda book)

**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 August  
K-2nd Grade/Center-Based Program Category  
Samir Hasan (1st Grade)



Student of the Month for August  
3rd to 6th Grade Category  
Mary Christensen (4th Grade)



Student of the Month for September  
K-2nd Grade/Center-Based Program Category  
Logan Wiesner (1st Grade)



Student of the Month for September  
K-2nd Grade/Center-Based Program Category  
Eli Grove (3rd Grade)



## Nancy Rourke Visits KSD

It was with our excitement to share that Nancy Rourke (N3) was our Guest Art Teacher for our PRIDE Activity on September 21st. N3 gave a brief background about her art & led a mini-workshop on painting. Our students and staff really enjoyed listening to her presentation and the mini-workshop activity. Here are some pictures from the workshop for you to enjoy.

For some background information on who N3 is, please go to:

<https://www.nancyrourke.com/biography.htm>



## ECC Fun Science Activity

By Ms. Stephanie Koehler and Ms. Nancy Milner, Early Childhood Teachers

When our preschoolers and pre- k students arrived to school everyday, they would go and visit the butterfly cage to anticipate if there were any new changes at the butterfly cage. There were 13 caterpillars in together. We all got to witness the caterpillars turning into cocoon. We watched the cocoon turning color into dark, darker, and darkest black, which meant it would come out anytime. Once, it came out, it was gorgeous BUTTERFLY. When the butterfly came out of its cocoon, each student saw and shout excitedly to get everyone's attention to see the butterfly. Our 12 butterflies' names were invented by preschoolers and pre-k Students. Their names were "First", "Rachel", "Emily", "Mark", "Eaiha", "Skylar", "Dedf", "Mariah", "Brody", "Cupcake", and "Queen". We learned that butterfly has gender, two spots on wings means it is a MALE and no spots on wings means it is a FEMALE. There were total of 6 males and 7 males. It was a fantastic science activity for us all.



## It's Camping Time!

By Ms. Melissa Leitheiser, 1st Grade Teacher

We went on a field trip to Shawnee Mission on August 28th to learn about camping, camp fire and the camping culture, and the students loved it! Some students had never been to camping, so this was a wonderful language rich experience for them. We set up tents, cooked foods over a fire, and some of them had never eaten a S'more before! The faces on some of the students' faces were priceless and the hugs were appreciated.



## What is EC Kids up to?

By Ms. Stephanie Koehler and Ms. Nancy Milner  
EC Teachers

We have had a busy and fun start to the school year here in ECC. Students made self-portraits on rocks during our All About Me unit. We were learning our letters, shapes, colors, and numbers while exploring the sensory table this autumn. Preschoolers learned about fire safety and went on a field trip to our local fire station.



## A Hike to Cave Springs

By Ms. Julie Bustos, 2nd Grade Teacher

On September 6th, Ms. Bustos and Ms. Hirsch's class went on a field trip to Cave Springs Park near Raytown, Missouri. It was a wood area, so there are many place/trails to hike. We hiked through the park and saw many different kinds of animals and saw a stream with small waterfall flowing from the stream. We then walked through a cave. There were many cave crickets all over the ceiling of the cave (it was gross but good learning experience for our students to see). After the hiking and touring through the cave, we ate lunch at the park, then went back to KSD. It was a great field trip overall!



### 3rd Grade Day out at the State Capitol

By Ms. Molly Rothwell, 3rd Grade Teacher

On September 18th, Ms. Rothwell took the class out on an annual trip out to Topeka to visit the State Capitol and to tour the State Capitol Dome. The 3rd graders and the staff had to walk all the way to the top of the capitol dome, 296 steps in total. The students then visited the capitol office and had the chance to see the governor's desk which was made by KSD staff back in the early 1900s. Overall, it was a fun day out at the State Capitol.



### SUNFLOWER GRINTER FARM

By Ms. Nancy Milner, Pre-K Teacher

It was our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual special field trip for Pre-K students. We were so fortunate that the farm, in the beginning, was drought, but then rain came for several days that helped with the blossoming of the sunflower. It was perfect time for us to visit the beautiful Sunflower Farm. We met the farmer and farmer's wife. We hunted for alphabetic letters and shapes on sunflower seeds; we found each one with excitement! For our Mathematics and Science, we compared unreal (fake) and real sunflowers. We counted the seeds for one-on-one correspondence. Our sensory table theme was sunflowers with some yellow rice to pour, dump, measure, and count. We measured our heights to the heights of sunflowers, so we could cut each for each student to bring it home. For Language and Literacy, we used the vocabulary list in ASL and English printed, reading the books about the sunflowers, role-playing from seedlings to full blossoming flowers, and drawing the sunflowers after the field trip.



## Honor Roll Achievements for 1st Quarter



### Superintendent's Honor Roll

GPA: 4.0

Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary  
Head Teacher and Sophia D'Angelo.

### Head Teacher's Honor Roll GPA: 3.5-3.9



Front L to R: Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary Head Teacher, Leo Grove, Mary Christensen, Isaac Plummer, Leornalis Garcia, Ari Rozean, Peyton Jones, Eli Grove, Colton Labine, Tyler McCallum, and Orlando Cobos– Sosa

### Honor Roll GPA: 3.0-3.4



L to R: Francisco Galindo, Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary Head Teacher, James Morris, Syncere Redmond, Timothy Mejia, EJ Wigley, Phoebe Muzzy, Abby Johnston, Marissa Montoya, Allie Brown, Cameron Wigley, Armando Wigley, Eric Dingley, Christian Molina, and Brayden Mallicoat

## Perfect Attendance Achievement for 1st Quarter

### Head Teacher's Perfect Attendance (0 Absences & 0 Tardy)



L to R: Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary Head Teacher, Ava Hindman, Kiya Altic, Tegene McCallum and Elisha Watson

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



L to R: Ariel Wedel, Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary Head Teacher, Ava Plummer, Samir Hasan and Logan Wiesner

### White Attendance Award (3-4 Absences & 0 Tardy)



L to R: Petra M. Horn-Marsh, ECC/Elementary Head Teacher and Nawaf Alsaadi

## Early Childhood Visits Red Barn in Weston

By Ms. Nancy Milner and Ms. Stephanie Koehler, Early Childhood Teachers

On our field trip to Red Barn in Weston, Missouri, we visited the barnyard and saw all animals. We also went through the prairie trail maze and had fun at fort hay-ride. Also, we went to the pumpkin patch to pick out a pumpkin to take home, ride on a hayride and took a trip to the observation bee hive to see the bees in action and the students got a honey stick. We were thrilled for students to experience different kinds of fun activities at Red Barn.



## Blue and White Friday!

On Fridays, students and staff are encouraged to wear blue and white clothes to show their Jackrabbit Pride!



## Kindergarten and 1st Grade visit Deanna Rose

By Ms. Melissa Leitheiser, 1st Grade Teacher

On September 6th, the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes went on a field trip to the Deanna Rose Farm in Overland Park, Kansas. We had a lot of fun. We did get rained on for about an hour, but we survived using ponchos and umbrellas! Students got to dig for gems/rocks, go fishing (putting worms on a hook was not fun), fed goats milk from a bottle, watched a cow being milked, went on a hayride, rode on a pony, and saw lots of cool animals.



## **Johnson County Museum Greetings!!**

By Ms. Jalaila Lyles, 4th Grade Teacher

We went to the Johnson County Museum in Overland Park, Kansas, last August. The building that now housed the Johnson Country Museum used to be a ice skating rink and a bowling alley, so you could imagine how big the building was. We visited a house that was brought inside the museum for an exhibition of how life from the 1950s in Kansas looked like. It was awesome seeing how families lived in the 1950s! We played at the children's play area, and put on a fun show. We pretended we were in jail! Go check this interesting place if you want to know more about Johnson County!



## **Want to keep up with Emery Hall News?**

Go to our Facebook page and  
request to be added at this  
link:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/KSDeafElementary/?  
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- 11/2/2018- Student of the Month Announcement (October)
- 11/7/2018- ECC Field trip to Ernie Miller Nature Center
- 11/8/2018- 3rd Grade field trip Nelson- Atkins Art Museum
- 11/21/2018- 11/23/2018- No School- Thanksgiving Break
- 12/4/2018– Holiday Store
- 12/7/2018– 5th and 6th Grade Ice Skating at Crown Center
- 12/13/2018– Santa Claus Photo Shoot
- 12/20/2018– KSD dismisses at 3:10pm for Winter Break
- 12/21/2018– 1/ 7/2019– Winter Break– NO SCHOOL

# KSD Holiday Store



**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

KSD kids look forward to this very important event! It is an opportunity for them to buy gifts for family and friends at a very low cost.

## **Here's How You Can Help!**

**DONATIONS OF GIFT ITEMS** --- We need them ASAP. Everyone has some gift items that they set aside or "regift". You will be doing them a favor!

new and gently used gift items

men's gift items

gift baskets

games

books

toys

knickknacks

jewelry

holiday candies (Kisses, Rolos, Milky Ways, Snickers, Reeses, M&Ms, etc.).

Also needed are gift bags, so that the kids can wrap their gifts.

\*\*\*\*At this time we are not accepting Christmas donations of any kind (decorations, figurines, ornaments, etc) except for gift bags. We have an abundant supply that has been donated to us.

\*\*\*\*\*Halloween is now over and the Christmas candies will hit the shelves. We are in need of all kinds of different bagged Christmas candies.

**VOLUNTEERS** --- Help is needed to work on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for Holiday Store set up (8:30am-4:00pm) and Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, when the store is open (8:30 - 4:00).

**Sign-up and/or questions to:**

Kathy Sbisa (Holiday Store chair) --- 816-590-4308 or [ksboys4@aol.com](mailto:ksboys4@aol.com)

**Bring all items to the EH office**

