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Smoky Hill SHESC Tidbits

"Under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...a seed waiting to sprout."

Visit <u>www.smokyhill.org</u> or call 785-825-9185 to learn more about SHESC!



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

2/2/16, Content Area Literacy-Primary, Hays

2/2/16, Lost Boys, Salina

2/3/16, Tech Stations for K-2 Learners, Salina

2/4/16, Google Academy 101, Hays

2/8/16, Lost Boys, Hays

2/9/16 & 4/14/16, CHAMPS, Salina

2/11/16, 21st Century Classrooms, Hays

2/12/16 & 4/19/16, Discipline in the Secondary Classroom, Hays

2/16/16, LETRS Module 4: The Mighty Word, Salina

2/17/16, LETRS Module 4: The Mighty Word, Hays

2/18/16, WEBINAR: Making the Marvelous iMovie

2/18/16, Mean Girls, Salina

2/19/16 & 4/21/16, Discipline in the Secondary Classroom,

2/23/16, Changing Diversity Intolerance, Hays

2/25/16, Changing Diversity Intolerance, Salina

2/26/16, Mean Girls, Hays

Look for complete listings of workshops and descriptions at <u>www.smokyhill.org</u>

TECHNOLOGY WORKSTATIONS FOR THE K-2 LEARNER

Struggling to manage and design an effective classroom that capitalizes on technology for the younger student? Come learn about tech task cards in which students can effectively complete and navigate independently. Perfect solution for center time or small group instruction! Task cards for the iPad as well as the laptop will be shared!

Join Sharlene Ramsey on February 3rd from 9:00-12:00 at our Salina office! Register at <u>register@smokyhill.org</u>.



STILL TIME TO JOIN THE LETRS VIRTUAL CADRE

LETRS Virtual Cadre. Have you attended at least one LETRS module? Then get ongoing support by registering to join the four monthly Zoom webinars from 7:15 to 8:00 AM. Rachel wants your questions. Email her a week before each scheduled webinar, so that examples can be prepared and presented. A question-answer discussion time will also be included at the end of each webinar. Topics included are Phonics & Word Study on January 27; Vocabulary on February 24; Comprehension on March 30; and Writing on April 27. Register by calling Susan Phillips at (785) 825-9185 or register@smokyhill.org.

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Looking ahead to warmer days!

Training Opportunity for Teachers of English Language Learners.

More and more students are arriving in our schools with limited English proficiency. In order to provide support for regular classroom teachers, especially those with English Language Learners, <u>Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)</u> trainings (Modules 1-3 and Teaching English Learners) are being offered this summer. Additionally, teachers may attend all four modules for 2 hours of Baker graduate credit. Rachel Loersch will emphasize the concepts that are assessed on the ESOL Praxis, so that after completing these 4 modules and some serious study time, participants should feel confident in their ability to pass the Praxis and get the ESOL certification added to their license. For more information about LETRS or working with English Language Learners, contact Rachel Loersch, <u>rloersch@smokyhill.org</u>.



2016 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2016 Career & Technical Education Annual February Conference will be held February 9-10, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Manhattan Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas. It is sponsored by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies (KAESA) in cooperation with KSDE and KBOR.

The conference will be presented in strand format with individual sessions for: Administrators and CTE coordinators; AV Communications and Visual Arts; Business, Finance and Marketing; Construction, Manufacturing and Transportation; Counselors; Family and Consumer Science; Health Science; Information technology and STEM. Business and industry sponsors are Washburn Tech, Trane, National Geographic/Cengage Learning and Odysseyware as well as a host of additional vendors also support the conference.

Pre-conference events on Monday February 8th include CPR/AED training, a new CTE Coordinators workshop, KSU West Stadium Center tour and an evening social at the Tallgrass Taphouse sponsored by National Geographic Learning/Cengage Learning. The Tuesday evening highlight is an evening social at the Flint Hills Discovery Center sponsored by Trane. Additional program details as well as conference registration can be found on the home page of www.smokyhill.org. Smoky Hill Perkins Consortium members are eligible to have conference expenses reimbursed. Please contact Joe Ryan for details jryan@smokyhill.org.