

Summer
Special
Edition!

May/June/July 2020



SHESC Messenger

New Educator Support Services Now Available



Coronavirus
COVID-19

Kansas educators have been working under Continuous Learning Plans for more than a month now.

Smoky Hill Education Service Center staff members understand

that change is not always easy. That is why SHESC consultants and support staff have continued to add new events, products, and services to aid in the Continuous Learning process.

First, SHESC consultants have started two virtual support groups to allow peers to connect, learn, share, and discuss. Both groups are free!

Noalee McDonald-Augustine established the “Social, Emotional, and Character Development Virtual Application Group” to support Social Emotional Learning from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Melissa Fast is facilitating a virtual Mathematics Collaboration Group aimed at providing opportunities for educators to connect with their peers and to discuss how to support mathematical learning and skills during virtual learning for students, staff members and parents. The discussion topics are determined by the group, and you can post a question, get feedback on an idea, share resources, or schedule an online chat session.

Participants will be divided into elementary (K-5), middle school (6-8), and high school (9-12) groups to allow for more focused conversations on the content and supports needed.

New Educator Resources For Continuous Learning

- SECD Virtual Application Group: Email Noalee McDonald-Augustine at nmcdonald@smokyhill.org
- Mathematics Collaboration Group: Email Melissa Fast at melissafast@smokyhill.org
- COVID-19 Resources (including Reflection Questions): go.smokyhill.org/COVID19
- Educator Resources: go.smokyhill.org/educator-resources

John Girodat is now providing “Reflection Questions” as a weekly resource, with new questions released on Thursdays. This printable resource includes “Big Picture” prompts, as well as focused questions on students and families, communication, and staff members. The questions will help school districts to focus on Continuous Learning tasks and to guide them through an unfamiliar process.

SHESC’s Educator Resources page has also recently been expanded to more than 150 free and discounted resources! In addition, the page has added new symbols to indicate resources that are particularly helpful during Continuous Learning.

Sign up for regular email updates and our monthly newsletter at go.smokyhill.org/mailling-list and follow us on social media to make sure you don’t miss new opportunities.

Professional Learning Opportunities Coming Soon!

Note: We have made changes to June events as a result of COVID-19. Several workshops have been cancelled or moved and others are now virtual. Because this is an ongoing situation and may impact July, check the web calendar for current information.

June 2 (Zoom)

Teambuilding in the Virtual Classroom

June 3 OR June 4 (Zoom)

CHAMPS

June 4 (Zoom)

Multidimensional Approach to Learning Mathematics

June 9 OR June 10 (Zoom)

Interventions

June 9 (Zoom)

Project-Based Learning 1: An Introduction to the Essential Elements

June 10 (Zoom)

Rethinking Acceleration in Mathematics

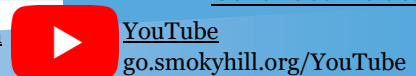
June 10 (Zoom)

Supporting Social-Emotional Learning through Grading and Homework

June 11 (Zoom)

Virtual Relationships, Teambuilding and Problem Solving... Oh My! – Part 1

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Fundraiser Golf Tournament Arrives Soon

Our annual tournament fundraiser supports education across the region for more than 31,000 students!

Visit go.smokyhill.org/golf2020 for more info, registration and a donation form.

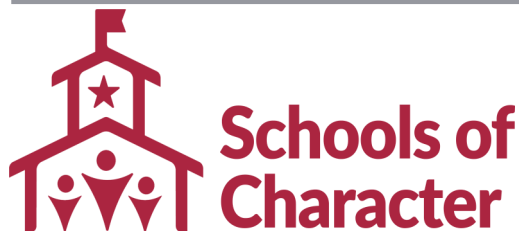
Registration deadline is May 22.

The event also includes great hole-in-one rewards and attractive door prizes from area businesses and restaurants!

June 1, 2020



*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
- Benjamin Franklin*



★ Character.org
Since 1992

Recognition Goes Online

On May 12, be sure to visit our YouTube page at go.smokyhill.org/YouTube, as well as www.smokyhill.org Facebook, or [Twitter](#) for a webcast of the 2020 Schools of Character recognition ceremony!

State School of Character

Criteria for selection are based on [Character.org's](http://Character.org) 11 Principles of Character, which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort. In Schools of Character, adults embrace their critical role as models, working together to positively shape the Social, Emotional, and Character development of the young people entrusted to them.

Shifting School Culture Recognition

Recognizes schools and districts that have developed and implemented an SECD initiative or program for at least one year, are transforming the school or district culture, and are growing student SECD skills.

Enhanced Spotlight Recognition

Recognizes schools and districts that are implementing new initiatives or are enhancing existing initiatives that will strengthen SECD skills in their students and school climate.

We Have Ignition!

*...with 'LIFT OFF
to STEM Learning'*

Don't miss a great opportunity this fall to encounter space on solid ground and get elbow-deep in exciting STEM activities!

In "LIFT OFF to STEM Learning!" teachers and students will interact with an actual Mission Control console from the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson and work with NASA Educator Steven C. Smith discovering hands-on STEM projects.

Watch for more details about this exciting opportunity, funded with a grant from the Greater Salina Community Foundation.



Steven C. Smith

Calendar, Continued

June 15 and 29 (Zoom)
Book Study of "Speech to Print: Language Essentials for Teachers"

June 15 and 29 (Zoom)
Book Study of "Language at the Speed of Sight"

June 16 (Zoom)
Learning-Oriented (Standards-Based) Instructional and Grading Practices

June 18 (Zoom)
Virtual Relationships, Teambuilding and Problem Solving... Oh My! - Part 2

June 18 and July 16 (Zoom)
Book Study of "Mathematical Mindset" by Jo Boaler

June 19 (Zoom)
Chronic Absenteeism

June 23 (Zoom)
Diagnostic for Implementation of the Mathematics Standards

June 30 (Zoom)
Family Engagement

July 1 (Salina); July 2 (Hays)
Building Student Emotional Bank Accounts

July 6 (Hays); July 7 (Salina)
Moving and Grooving in the Classroom

July 8 (Salina)
Project-Based Learning 2: Diving Deeper into the Essential Elements

July 9 (Salina); July 16 (Hays)
Creating A Culturally Responsive School Environment

July 16 (Salina)
JUUL, Vape and E-Cigarettes:
Unifying the Tobacco
Prevention Approach in
Kansas Schools

July 16 (Salina); July 17 (Hays)
LETRS Module 2: Speech
Sounds English: Phonetics,
Phonology and Phoneme
Awareness

July 17 (Salina)
Proactive Classroom
Management

July 20 (Salina); July 21 (Hays)
LETRS Module 3: Spellography
for Teachers: How English
Spelling Works

July 21-22 (Rolling Hills Zoo,
625 N. Hedville Road, Salina)
Teacher Safari 2020: Head,
Heart and Hands of SEL for
You and Your Students

July 23 (Hays)
Teambuilding in the Classroom

July 27 (Hays); July 29 (Salina)
AAA Driver Improvement

July 28 (Salina); July 30 (Hays)
Annual PDC Training

July 28 (Hays); July 30 (Salina)
Medic First Aid

August 1 (Salina)
OR August 8 (Salina)
KSHSAA Rule 10 Coaching
Clinic (One Day)

**VISIT [go.smokyhill.org/
workshops](https://go.smokyhill.org/workshops) for more
information as well as
links to register for these
events!**

Help Celebrate SHESC's 30th Anniversary

Smoky Hill Education Service Center will celebrate its 30th anniversary on July 1! We are inviting all of our colleagues at member and participating districts and schools to come

party with us! This special event will be at our Salina office, 605 E. Crawford St. and will be broadcast on Facebook Live if you are unable to attend in person.

We'll also unveil a **special announcement** that we are excited to finally share! Follow SHESC's social media or join our mailing list and watch for a special invitation with more details coming soon!



'Smoky Hill Virtual Adventure Program' Now Offering Teambuilding Activities from Afar

As we work towards emphasizing relationships in this new Continuous Learning environment, it can be a challenge. Having students work as a team when they are not physically next to each other can be difficult.

Educators may also need to reconsider what problem-solving lessons look like because most of us have a shorter attention span for a virtual classroom. We are simply not used to being engaged on a screen for such long periods.

You can't take your students outside or to the ropes course, but we can bring virtual teambuilding opportunities to your students. Whether we are working in-person or virtually, non-academic skills including effective communication, teamwork, strong work-ethic, perseverance, self-discipline, and critical thinking are essential. What do you have in place to give students the opportunity to get hands-on experience developing, struggling with, and reflecting upon these skills?

The Smoky Hill Virtual Adventure Program provides a perfect opportunity for individuals to practice and grow these skills through experiential learning. Experiential learning engages learners with a direct experience and then a focused reflection. This learning process can help students increase knowledge, develop skills, and clarify values. These virtual experiences will be active, with



participants working together in small groups as well as a large group.

The program allows participants to be involved in individual and group challenges that support and enhance Social, Emotional, and Character Development skills. The challenges require a combination of teamwork skills, individual commitment, problem-solving, goal-setting, and emotional risk-taking. The program is designed around the Experiential Learning Cycle: Experience, Reflection, Generalization, and Application.

This is an excellent opportunity for you and your group to experience something engaging, encouraging, constructive, and extremely educational. For more information on the Smoky Hill Adventure Program, visit [go.smokyhill.org/
adventure](https://go.smokyhill.org/adventure), or contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at (785) 621-4414 or nmcdonald@smokyhill.org.



KN95 Mask Orders From School Specialty

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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend N95 respirator masks as an effective preventative measure against the transmission of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. Currently in the United States, however, unprecedented demand has led to a critical shortage of the masks. On April 3, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved an Emergency Use Authorization for KN95 masks - the approval standard used in China with equivalent performance to N95 respirator masks. The authorization allows the import and use of KN95 masks during the COVID-19 situation.

Smoky Hill Education Service Center is pleased to announce that in partnership with School Specialty; educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and city and county governments can now order this critical item of KN95 respirator masks for delivery, while supplies last!

Product and Ordering Details

Cost: \$134 per box.

Quantity: 20 masks per box.

Cost per mask: \$6.70.

Minimum order: 50 boxes (total 1,000 masks) minimum. Total of \$6,700 for a minimum order. Order in multiples of 50 boxes.

Payment: By purchase order only at time of order.

Shipping: Free, 7-10 business days after placing an order (subject to change based on delivery schedules).

Fees: No fee for current charter and associate Smoky Hill ESC members. A 2% administration fee will apply to non-members (\$134 per every 50 boxes), invoiced after the end of the quarter on June 30, 2020.

Product: China imports via a trusted United States company with experience in serving K-12 education. Meets China's KN95 standard for respirator masks (equivalent to NIOSH N95 standard). Loops fit over the ears.

To order: Send this completed form to vp@smokyhill.org.

Organization Name: _____

I affirm that this is an educational, non-profit, or government organization and not subject to sales tax. (REQUIRED)

Contact Name: _____ Delivery Phone Number: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Street City State Zip

IMPORTANT: Please ensure someone is available to take delivery of the masks at this address. Contact Mike Simler with School Specialty at 719-367-3936 or mike.simler@schoolspecialty.com to coordinate delivery.

Billing Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

of boxes: _____ (50 minimum, multiples of 50) x \$134 = \$ _____ (Due now by PO)

Administration fee (2% of order): # boxes _____ x \$2.68 = \$ _____ (Invoiced at end of quarter)

Check to indicate SHESC charter or associate member and not subject to a fee. Enter "o" in fee line.

Yes, I want to save money on everyday needs such as office supplies, copy paper, food, custodial items, furnace filters, light bulbs, and more by joining SHESC's volume purchasing program. Please [call me](#) [email me](#) to finalize needed details to register in the program. I understand the program features **no monthly purchase minimum and no standard monthly fee**, and that I will only pay a **2% administrative fee** of my actual purchase total, invoiced quarterly.

I am not yet ready to enroll in SHESC's volume purchasing program, but am interested in learning more. Please [call me](#) [email me](#) with more information. I understand I can also receive a free demo of the volume purchasing system.

Signature: _____



Through SHESC's volume purchasing program and its agreement with technology supplier CDW-G; educators, non-profits, and city or county governments can select from a wide variety of technology solutions - many at a substantial discount! Products include tablets, laptops, cybersecurity services and software, work-from-home solutions,

publishing software, and much more! Since January 2019, school districts have saved nearly \$28,000 by taking advantage of this partnership! Visit go.smokyhill.org/CDW-G for the SHESC "landing page" with CDW-G and go.smokyhill.org/VP for more information about SHESC volume purchasing!