

November 2018



SHESC Tidbits

SAFARI EDVENTURE DAY FUN & LEARNING

Over 400 K-5 students, teachers and parents joined us on Friday, October 5th for our annual Safari Edventure Day! Students participated in various hands-on science, agriculture, environmental and animal related activities stationed throughout Rolling Hills Zoo.



It was a great day, filled with fun and learning. Thanks to the following schools who participated in this year's event: Tescott Elementary, Holy Family Elementary, St. John's Elementary, St. Andrew's Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, Rural Center Elementary, Sylvan Grove Elementary and Ellinwood Elementary School.



LETRS TRAININGS & ESOL ENDORSEMENT

Help your teachers get an ESOL endorsement by next Fall!

LETRS 1—Salina (1-14-19) and Hays (1-15-19)

LETRS 2—Salina (2-11-19) and Hays (2-12-19)

LETRS 3—Salina (3-25-19) and Hays (3-26-19)

LETRS for Teacher of English Learners—Salina (4-29-19) and Hays (4-30-19)

Any teachers who have already attended a module may re-attend and refresh for only \$40 by bringing their *Second Edition* Module book to the workshop.

In May or early June, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) 1 1/2 review days will be scheduled as additional support for teachers to prepare for the Praxis.

Day 1—Review of Linguistics, Language Learning, Instruction & Assessment

Day 2—Professional Aspects of Teaching, review test with discussion

Charter \$125, Associate \$140, Non-Member \$165. \$30 discount for Title III.

To register for any of these trainings, please call (785) 825-9185.



Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

Nov. 6—Building a Kan-Do Responsive Culture (Hays)

Nov. 7—Building a Kan-Do Responsive Culture (Salina)

Nov. 9—Spelling—Words Their Way (Salina)

Nov. 13—Executing Instructional Leadership by Leveraging Feedback (Salina)

Nov. 14—KESA Fall 2018 KSDE Training (Salina, facilitated by KSDE staff)

Nov. 15—Bare Bones Grammar (Salina)

Nov. 16—Computer Science Roadshow (Salina)

Nov. 29—Morphology—Vocabulary Their Way (Salina)

VISIT: www.smokyhill.org for more information (detailed descriptions, times & availability of college credit) as well as links to register for these events!



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SPOTLIGHT FEATURE: JUULING & ITS DANGERS

What is JUUL? JUUL (pronounced “jewel”) is a brand of e-cigarette that has grown quickly in popularity since introduction to the market in 2015, fueled by a serious following among youth and young adults. JUUL’s popularity among youth raises significant concerns for pediatric health.



JUUL is a sleek, small e-cigarette that resembles a flash drive. Unlike other types of e-cigarettes, JUUL does not look like a traditional cigarette and thus may not be immediately identifiable as a vaping device. Due to their size, JUUL devices are discrete and can be easily concealed in a fist or a pocket.

JUUL operates by heating a “pod” of e-liquid containing nicotine, flavorings and other substances. When heated, the e-liquid creates an aerosol which is inhaled by the user. JUUL has spawned its own terminology: use of these devices is called “juuling.”

The public health concerns are many, which include: JUUL comes in youth-friendly flavors including: mango, mint and fruit-medley. For decades, the tobacco industry has used flavors to attract youth to their products. Secondly, juuling is highly addictive. The concentration of nicotine in JUUL is more than double the concentration found in other e-cigarettes. This high concentration is a serious concern for youth, who are already uniquely susceptible to nicotine addiction. The addictive potential is so high that the US Surgeon General has declared that youth use of nicotine in any form is unsafe.

Be informed and stay educated; visit www.healthykids.org to find more information on this dangerous habit.

Leaders don't create followers. They create more leaders.

Smoky Hill Volume Purchasing

Did you know that the SHESC Volume Purchasing program offers lumber and building supplies?

Liberty Hardwoods Inc., from Kansas City is the vendor and provides great prices and service!

For more information regarding lumber prices or with questions on any of our supplies, email Vicki Eustice, veustice@smokyhill.org or (785) 825-9185.

Start saving your district money today!



Smoky Hill Education Service Center is continuing to share this voluntary student loan financial planning benefit with school district employees through Fiducius (formerly ISLoan Solutions).

Trying to understand all the possible ways to better manage your student loans is a daunting task. We are pleased to offer a new loan relief benefit from Fiducius.

With their financial planning approach, the student loan advisors at Fiducius can help you navigate and determine your best option, including forgiveness, refinancing and consolidation. They may help you lower, or even eliminate, your student loan payment.

Your Smoky Hill ESC colleagues are already working with Fiducius to reduce their monthly payments by an average of 87% and are projected to receive an average of \$64,568 in tax-free loan forgiveness. It's easy to get started with this new benefit.

You can determine your eligibility and potential savings in just a few minutes and then talk with an advisor on the phone at your convenience, by using the following link: <https://smokyhill.myfiducius.com/register> to register. Enter code HILL to learn more. Questions? Call 1-513-645-5400, email info@getfiducius.com or visit <http://www.getfiducius.com/> for more information.