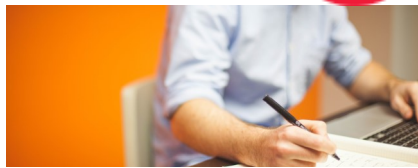# *SHESC Tidbits*

'Art of Digital Teaching' Helps with Technology Integration

Teachers are increasingly required to master integrating technology in the classroom, yet many have little to no training on how to do so effectively.

The Art of Digital Teaching professional development course by Odysseyware®, meets iNACOL's National Standards for Quality Online Teaching and gives educators critical support to more effectively integrate technology in the classroom, and to aid online and blended learning.

Teachers will learn: how to make intentional connections with students through technology; the three keys of teaching digital citizenship; best practices for collaboration with students and teachers online; and strategies for differentiation, including online assessments and real-time data.

This course is ideal for both new and experienced teachers. Those who are considering or are new to digital tools; are hesitant or unsure about how to start; or are experienced with technology but want to integrate it more effectively will all benefit from the course.

For more information, contact Troy Marseline at TMarseline@smokyhill.org or 785-825-0435.

Delta Conference Focuses on Improving Teacher Skillsets

In math, the humble delta represents difference, change, transformation.

At Delta — June 11-15 at North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit — the simple triangle represents developing change for teachers to ensure every student learns, every day.

During these five days, teachers will train in a variety of teaching methodology and infusion of Career Ready Skills into lesson plans to engage students. With keynote discussions from national leaders, participants will be exposed to new leadership philosophies. Finally, they will develop critical connections with peers, and develop a personal and professional plan describing their methods and value to the school and community.

For more information, contact Kurt Dillon at KDillon@ksde.org or Joe Ryan at JRryan@smokyhill.org.

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Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

April 2 (Hays)
School Safety: More Than Just Your Crisis Plan

April 9 (Salina)
Focus! Choosing and Evaluating a Manageable Number of Initiatives

April 10 (Salina)
Promoting Social-Emotional Growth and School Mental Health: Developing a Plan that Works for You

April 12 (Hays)
April 15 (Salina)
Strategies for Promoting Adult Social-Emotional Learning

April 15 (Salina)
KSDE Safe and Secure School Workshop

April 23 (Salina)
Planning Effective Professional Development

April 23 (Salina)
Instruction Designed to Prepare Students for an Ever-Changing World

April 29 (Salina)
April 30 (Hays)
LETRS-Teaching English Learners

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

Spotlight Feature: SHESC Part of Record $325K Match Madness Fundraiser

Chase Owen, 5'8"guard with the Salina Saints, shot in the free-throw contest at the Match Madness fundraiser on March 21 for Smoky Hill ESC, earning a $100 bonus for the service center.

Smoky Hill ESC wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us during the 2019 Match Madness fundraiser event on March 21. Thanks to your generosity, $759.82 will go to support our mission, up to 50 percent of which will be matched by the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

On top of this, some great free throw shooting by Chase Owen of the Salina Saints earned the service center a $100 bonus— the maximum available during the contest! Altogether, it will mean more than $1,000 in support of education.

Smoky Hill ESC was one of more than 70 nonprofits and governmental organizations who participated in the one-day event, which allowed donors to support as many participating institutions as they wanted with one convenient transaction. This year dramatically outstripped 2018's Match Madness with $325,674 in donations — a more than 21 percent increase!

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning." - Brad Henry, former Oklahoma governor

Smoky Hill Volume Purchasing NEWS!

Updated Athletic Gear Prices Now Available

Starting on April 1, the new volume purchasing program catalog for athletic supplies will be available at www. smokyhill.org.

As a new convenience, products from both Nasco and Sports Connection are combined into a single catalog—no more flipping back and forth!

<u>What you can save</u>

- Wilson football
  $88.95 Now: $81.25
  9% savings!
- Spalding basketball
  $58.95 Now: $48.60
  18% savings!
- Playground ball
  $6.75 Now: $3.18
  53% savings!

23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament Registration
Deadline May 19

The annual Smoky Hill Education Foundation Charity Golf Tournament is set to tee off on Tuesday, May 28 at the Salina Municipal Golf Course—2500 E. Crawford St. in Salina.

The donation to play is $268 per team (includes 4 green fees, 2 golf carts, lunch, prizes, beverages, and a chance to win a new Traeger Grill!)

A $10 Team Mulligan— available to purchase at time of check in—will allow each member one extra shot.

You can also support the tournament by donating a prize, sponsoring a hole for $50, or making a cash donation of any amount.

- 7:30 a.m. Check-in & Doughnuts
- 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Lunch & Prizes to follow at conclusion of tournament.

Prizes awarded for: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Championship Flights, Closest to Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Putt and more!

Register by May 19 with Carolyn Hull-Matthews at: 605 E. Crawford St., Salina, KS 67401; 785-825-9185; or CHull@smokyhill.org.