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SHESC Messenger

Smoky Hill ESC Website Receives Substantial Re-Design

The Smoky Hill Education Service Center website has received a brand-new look and updated features! Additionally, SHESC staff completed a comprehensive review of all permanent pages for accuracy, current information, and fixing “dead” links.

Some of the changes are aesthetic, adjusting the template to new design specifications across SHESC publications and materials. The re-design also includes reorganization of some areas of the website and exciting new features. Among the changes:



- **New Main Menu:** Links at the top of the page display a dropdown list of any sub-categories as you hover over each section link.
- **“Jumbotron” Images:** Just below the main menu at the top is a new “Jumbotron” feature that highlights events and news.
- **“Jumbotron” Buttons:** These six buttons link to “landing pages” in carefully selected topic areas. Two new features in particular are “Educator Resources” — a carefully curated list of more than 100 free or discounted resources — and “How Do I...” — featuring answers to some of the most common questions at SHESC.
- **Social Media Feed & Links to New Social Media Presence:** A NEW feature that lets you read and interact with the latest Facebook posts and Tweets right from SmokyHill.org — all without needing to leave our site! There are also new social media links to SHESC’s NEW YouTube and Instagram accounts.
- **Monthly Newsletter Signup:** Our monthly newsletter email is now easier to receive. If you want to sign up directly to receive it digitally, we have a new form that will automatically maintain your information in our contact list.

Visit Go.SmokyHill.org/NewSite to read more about the website changes.

New Project-Based Learning Series Starts with Essentials in September

A new workshop series on the important topic of project-based learning will kick off on Sept. 10 with “PBL: An Introduction to the Essential Elements.”

Sessions will then continue into fall 2019 with three more workshops on Oct. 1, Oct. 16, and Nov.5.

All sessions will be held in Salina

from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The first session will introduce participants to the six essential elements of project-based learning and give opportunities to learn about each of the six and how they can be used right away to increase student buy-in, engagement, and achievement.

More is at Go.SmokyHill.org/PBL.

Learn more about the background and philosophy of the PBL series instructor at Go.SmokyHill.org/Girodat.



John Girodat



Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

**July 30 (Hays)
August 1 (Salina)
Medic First Aid**

**August 2 (Hays)
August 5 (Salina)
Annual PDC (Professional Development Councils) Training**

**August 3 (Salina)
KSHSAA Rule 10 Coaching Clinic**

VISIT: Go.SmokyHill.org/Workshops for more information (detailed descriptions, times and availability of college credit) and Register.SmokyHill.org/Register to register for these events.



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Join us to hear a father's moving and powerful message.

Darrell Scott

Father of Rachel Joy Scott

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., October 14, 2019

Webster Conference Center

2601 N. Ohio St.

Salina, Kansas



Rachel Scott was the first student killed in the 1999 Columbine tragedy. A few weeks after, Darrell Scott, Rachel's father, spoke to a Congressional House Judiciary Committee regarding issues of school violence. His words have become one of the most widely-viewed speeches on the Internet. Shortly afterwards, he founded "Rachel's Challenge" - a bullying and violence abatement program. More than two million students annually experience Rachel's Challenge and have the opportunity to accept the challenges, modeled after Rachel's life and writings.

Co-sponsored by:



For educators, mental health professionals, law enforcement officials, and community members.

\$65/person, breakfast and lunch included.

Contact Diane Mann at DMann@smokyhill.org,

April Klaus at AKlaus@smokyhill.org,

or call 785-825-9185 for more information.

Email register@smokyhill.org to attend.

Go.SmokyHill.org/Scott

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."

- Malala Yousafzai, education activist & youngest Nobel Prize laureate

Updates to Lumber, Cafeteria Supplies in Volume Purchasing

As of July 1, the new volume purchasing catalogs for lumber and cafeteria supplies are available at Go.SmokyHill.org/Lumber and Go.SmokyHill.org/Cafeteria.

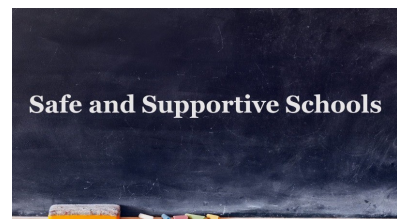
What you can save compared to the prior catalogs:

- Food storage bags (now in 1,000 count packages) **52% savings!**
- 24-inch Reynolds wrap foil **39.4% savings!**
- White Oak Plywood, 1/4" **\$2.28 savings per sheet!**

[Register Now for Safe & Supportive Schools Conference](#)

The Fall 2019 Safe and Supportive Schools Conference is co-sponsored by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies and the Kansas State Department of Education and is designed to assist administrators, administrative teams, teachers, counselors, technology directors, school resource officers, and other school employees with the process of implementing the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative.

Maximum 500 participants!



When: Sept. 23 and 24, 2019

Where: Hyatt Regency
400 W. Waterman St.
Wichita, KS 67202

Information on costs, booking rooms, cancellation policy, and online registration:

Register.SmokyHill.org/Safe.