

March 2018

SHESC Tidbits



ACT/SAT TEST PREP HELP

Method Test Prep, a Smoky Hill ESC partner, offers a variety of ACT and SAT Test preparation resources. Many school districts make the resources available directly through Career Cruising, but did you know that additional online resources are available to students?

While these resources are not free, a discount is available to users from Smoky Hill school districts. The cost-effective, online or in-person courses establish a strong foundation of content and strategies that students need to improve their ACT & SAT scores.

Check out the various courses available by visiting: <https://www.methodtestprep.com/classes/act-test-prep-online/> Users can enter the promo code "Kansas" at enrollment for a 10% discount on any online course.

For more information, contact Smoky Hill ESC at 785-825-9185.



STORYTELLER ANDY OFFUTT IRWIN

The Smoky Hill Education Foundation is proud to bring storyteller Andy Offutt Irwin to Kansas! If your school is interested in hosting an assembly for your students, call today to reserve your spot! Available dates are April 24-26th, and cost is just \$1 per student.

These assembly events are geared towards students in grades K-6. Andy will also be performing at the Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs, Kansas, April 27-28. For more information about the Kansas Storytelling Festival, please visit www.kansasstorytelling.com.

Each year, our storytelling events are well received by students and teachers throughout Kansas. Don't miss your chance to bring Andy and his talents to your school!

For more information about hosting an assembly or to schedule, call Diane Mann at (785) 825-9185 or email dmann@smokyhill.org.

Andy Offutt Irwin is an arts educator, theatre director, songwriter, comedian, keynote speaker, and traveling writer and storyteller. For more information about Andy please visit <http://andyirwin.com/>.



Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

**March 5—LETRS
Module 3: Spellography
For Teachers: How
English Spelling Works
(Salina)**

**March 7—LETRS
Module 3: Spellography
For Teachers: How
English Spelling Works
(Hays)**

**March 8—Classroom
Activities for Lost Boys
(Hays)**

**March 13—Classroom
Activities for Lost Boys
(Salina)**

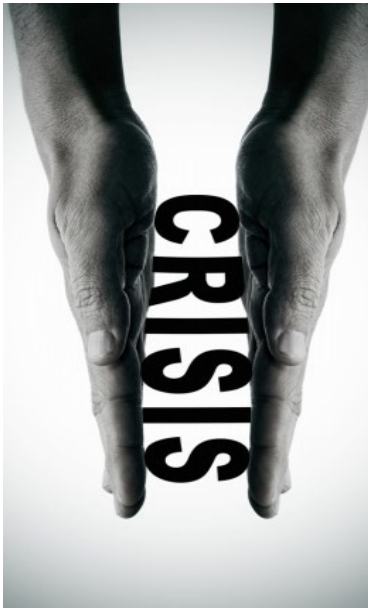
**March 27—Ruby Payne's
"A Framework for
Understanding
Poverty" (Hays)**

**March 28—Technology
Cadre (Hays)**

**March 29—Understanding
Dyslexia (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: SHESC CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In lieu of the recent school violence occurring in the United States, does your school feel comfortable with your current crisis plan? Do you have questions you'd like to ask, but aren't sure were to start? Smoky Hill is here to help you, your district and community.

Smoky Hill's Crisis Management Program is designed to assist school personnel in preventing, planning for, responding to and recovering from any emergency or crisis that may happen at, near or within schools.

Contracting with the SHESC for crisis management prevention and intervention is about communicating before, during and after a crisis with students, staff, the news media and the community. It is also about ensuring the safety of students and staff, protecting the district's property, and restoring normal educational processes as quickly as possible.

For more information regarding our Crisis Management Program, contact Noalee McDonald-Augustine at (785) 621-4414 or Joe Ryan at (785) 825-9185.

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X

Smoky Hill Volume Purchasing NEWS!

Help your district save money on the things you purchase today!

Exciting news! The Smoky Hill Education Service Center ESF Volume Purchasing site is now live and ready for you to make purchases!

The School Specialty and CDW-G catalogs are available online as well. We hope to have the Frey Scientific catalog up soon. Your district should see savings of 33% on most all School Specialty items, with free shipping on all items.

Is your district new to Volume Purchasing or uncertain on how to get started? No problem! Contact Vicki Eustice at (785) 825-9185 or by email veustice@smokyhill.org.



Cloud County Community College Wind Energy Technology Program in collaboration with Smoky Hill Education Service Center presents:

SPRING WIND DAY



Two dates to choose from:

Wednesday, March 7 or March 14 from 9am-2pm

Location: Wind Energy Technology Facility
1530 Lincoln (81Hwy), next to Dollar General in Concordia

Schedule: 9:15-9:30 Arrive and Sign In
9:30-11:00 Overview of Wind Energy Program by Bruce Graham
Degree, Certificates and Careers Available
11:00-12:00 Tour of Composite Lab (Blade Repair Program)
12:00-1:00 Lunch provided and visit with instructors
1:00-2:00 Tour of Wind Turbines, Substation Training Lab
Demonstration of Drones/sUAS's

*For tours, schools provide own transportation

Contact Joe Ryan to register: jryan@smokyhill.org

Registration deadline is March 2nd and limited to the first 50 participants each day. The March 7th date is full; March 14th still has availability.

There is no cost charge to attend this event. Ag, manufacturing and construction pathway students are a great fit for this program in addition to anyone interested in mechanics, hydraulics, electricity and substations.