Celebrating the Life of Shawn Kelly

Since 1995, Knox County Head Start has partnered with Kenyon College and the (Kenyon) Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity to host a holiday party for Head Start families. We invite you to join us for dinner, live acapella music, holiday activities and crafts, and a special visit from Santa!

Shawn Kelly was a Kenyon student, champion swimmer and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, who in 1991 tragically lost his life in a boating accident. Shawn’s parents established this celebration in his memory, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity has continued to honor Shawn and to give back to the community by coordinating this special event for Head Start children and their families.

The Shawn Kelly Memorial Holiday Party will be hosted over three nights at Gund Commons, Kenyon College:

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 5:30-7:30pm Centerburg Danville Northgate Child Care Partners

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 5:30-7:30pm Gambier Home Base

Thursday, November 30, 2017 5:30-7:30pm New Hope Early Education Center Fredericktown

If your family is enrolled in both center based and home based services, please plan to attend on Wednesday, November 29th if possible. Please RSVP to your Center Manager or Family Advocate by November 10, 2017 if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!
Your Child’s Health and the “First 45”

Knox County Head Start offers a full range of age and developmentally appropriate screenings, assessments, and follow-up for every child; to ensure each child’s individual needs are identified and met.

During your child’s first 45 days of enrollment, he or she received the following screenings:

**Growth Assessment:** Measures your child’s height, weight and blood pressure. You will also receive a Body Mass Index (BMI) % on your child.

**Vision Screening:** Our Sure Sight® vision screener checks whether children can see in various areas.

**Hearing Screening:** Our Octoaccoustic® hearing screener checks whether children can hear various sound emissions (OAE).

**Speech Screening:** Our developmental language screening identifies your child’s strengths and needs in communication (understanding words).

**Hemoglobin (Anemia) Screening:** Tells us if the body has enough red blood cells (Hemoglobin). The red blood cells and iron carry oxygen throughout the body. Anemia, low red blood cells or low iron, can slow a child’s energy, growth and development.

**Dental Screenings:** Knox County Head Start collaborates with local dentists to provide dental screenings, and to assist your family in establishing a dental home for your and your child. Head Start staff will assist you with completing the necessary documentation, including any pertinent health or dental family history, insurance information and permissions. If your family has already established a dental home, you may provide Head Start with documented proof of a visit within the last 12 months to meet this requirement. If you do not have dental insurance, please talk to your child’s Home Educator, Family Advocate or Family Provider for assistance in securing insurance.

If you have any questions about these screenings, screening results or if you need help in finding a medical/dental home please contact: Candy Thomas LPN, School Nurse 740-397-3454

*Parental consent is obtained for all screenings upon enrollment.

Families are Connecting to KCHS Through Social Media

Since August, 629 individuals/families have “liked”/followed our center pages on Facebook. 111 have joined us on Twitter and several more also follow us on Pinterest. Are you one of them?

If not, you may have missed out on some really helpful information for your family, such as:
- Announcements of upcoming parenting trainings and center events for families
- Photo galleries of our children, classrooms, and activities
- Tools to help the hyperactive child
- Get more accomplished around the house with kids at home
- Free webinar on “Managing Emotional Mayhem” in children
- Recognizing vision problems in young children
- Information on FREE community events and resources like Get Healthy Knox County, Farmers Market, and concerts
- Surviving a trip to the grocery store with little ones
- “Financial Friday” posts on improving family finances
- Helping kids to eat more vegetables
- First aid skills every parent should know
- And much, much more!

If you haven’t joined us on one or all of our social media platforms, please do! We work hard to bring you content that is meaningful and helpful. Additionally, there are private Facebook groups for parents who have attended or are attending the Conscious Parenting and Active Parenting trainings. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and YouTube. If you are having trouble finding us, please call Ellie Hughes (740-397-3454)

Practice being S.T.A.R. every day— not just when your child is upset.

Model being a S.T.A.R. when you are beginning to feel that you are upset. S

Smile

Take a deep breath

And

Relax

Ask your Head Start child to teach you how to breathe, using these icons: