

Utah Schools for the  
Deaf and the Blind

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## USDB Friday Letter - Teacher Success Story, Goalball & Basketball

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# USDB Friday Letter

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Dear friends of Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB),

Please enjoy this week's snapshot of the great work underway from USDB campuses and programs across the State of Utah.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Coleman', with a horizontal line above it.

Joel Coleman

USDB Superintendent

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## Teacher in the Spotlight

### Success Story



Image is a screenshot of a Youtube video showing teacher Hannah Ence.

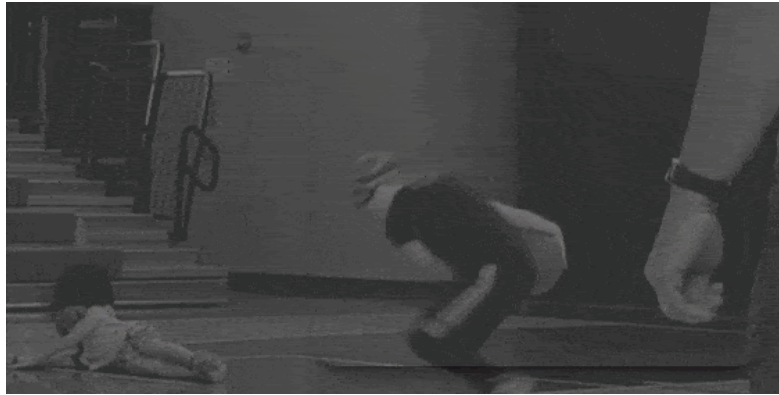
The Utah Education Network host Katie Blunt visited the Jean Massieu School of the Deaf in Salt Lake City to see Utah's EdTech Competencies in action. This story showcases 3rd-grade teacher Hannah Ence and how she implements and applies the principles of personalized learning to ensure her lessons meet her students' unique needs. This is the second story in a series. If you missed the first profile story featuring teacher Coleen Jennings, here is that [link](#).

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# Join the Utah Goalball Team

## An Accessible Sport for the Blind



It is GOALBALL season for blind and low vision students across Utah.

Any child in Utah who is blind or has low vision is invited to join the Utah Goalball Team. Boy or girl teens can join the Utah team. Both teens and children (12 and younger) can participate in the tournament in April. The practices are held across the state. Whether your student attends a Utah School for the Blind campus, participates in the USB Outreach Program, or other programs in any district, they are invited to participate. The teams compete using a special ball that makes sound when moving. Each player is blindfolded wearing blacked out goggles. So, whether you are fully or partially blind, everyone is equal.

The state tournament will be held April 28 from 8:30-3:30 at Copperview Community Center. This event provides students with a fun opportunity to see their friends from across the state. We are also offering practices across the state. [More Info from USDB's Kari Fredrickson.](#)

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## Oceanology







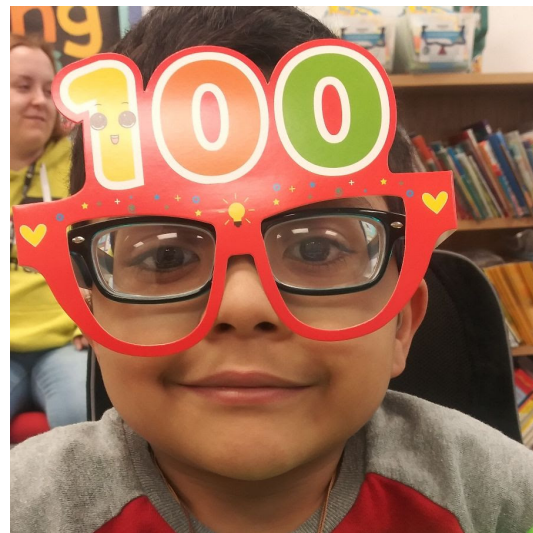
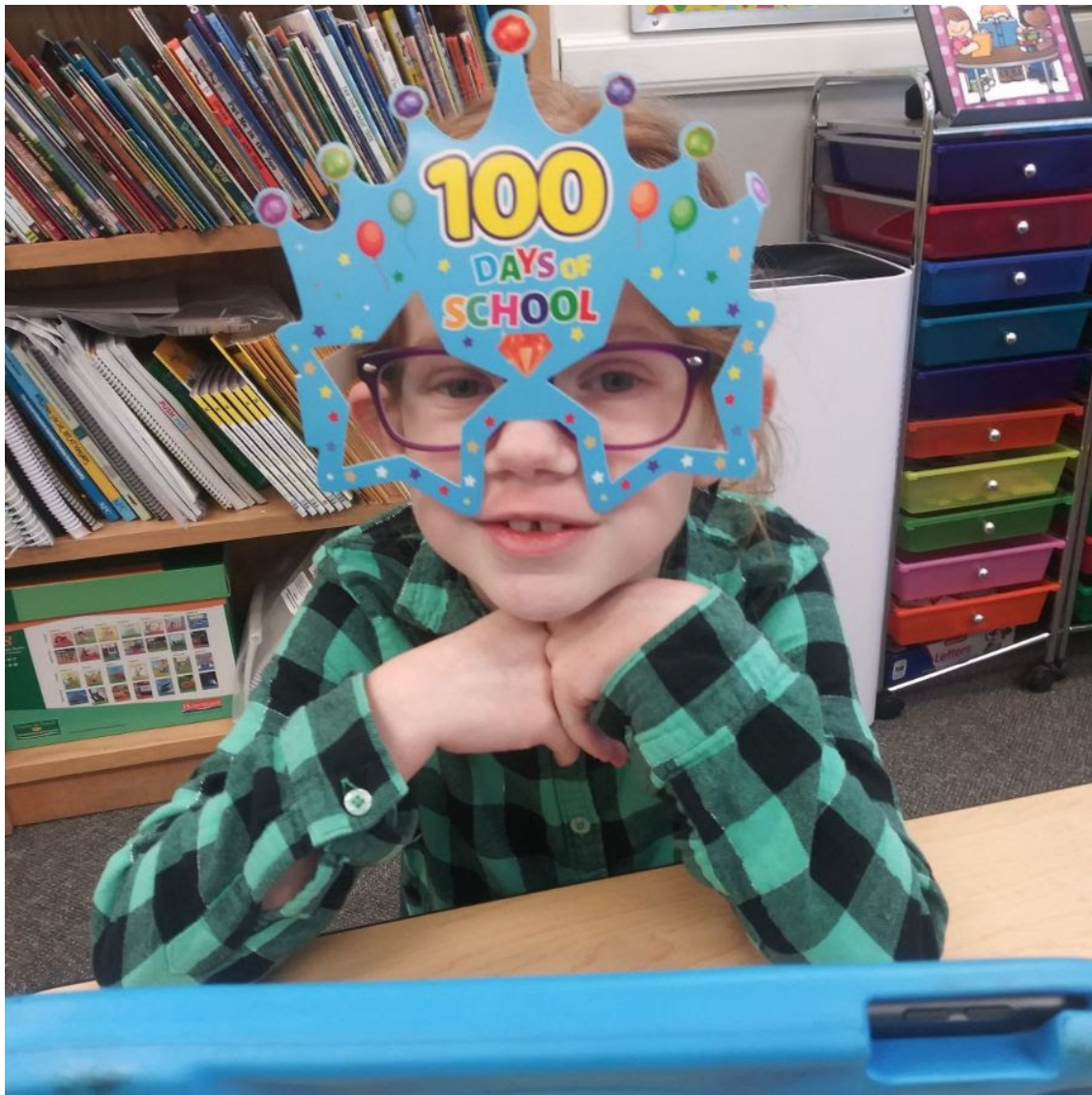
KBS preschoolers have been studying the Ocean and took a field trip to SeaQuest in the Layton Hills Mall. The students pet and fed a variety of fish from carp to sturgeon, baby sharks to stingrays, tortoise, iguanas, silkie chickens, lizards, snakes, and ducks. They even had little fishes nibble at their hands and learned a ton about different ocean, pond, and river creatures. The class had so much fun that they were exhausted after returning to the school. The pictures only show a little of the incredible experience that was had by all!

-Lacey Crittenden

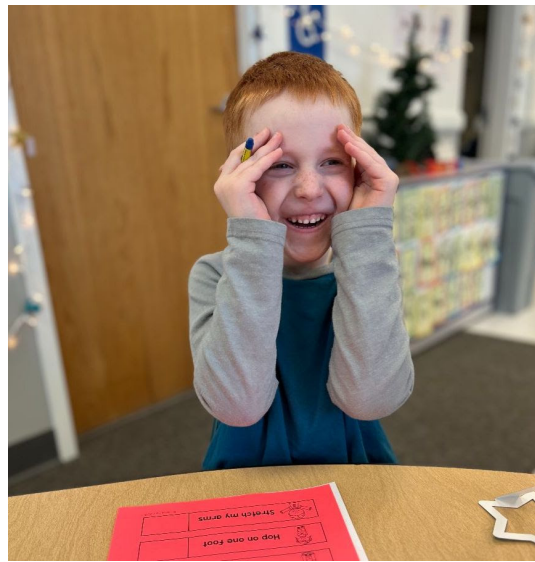
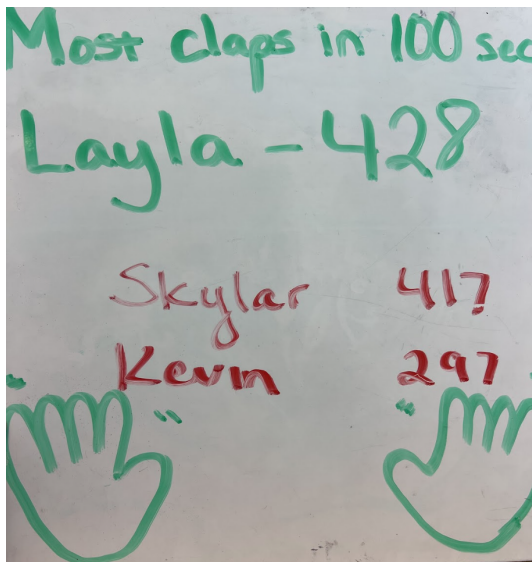
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## Celebrating the 100th Day of the School Year

@ Kenneth Burdett School, Ogden Campus







[More Fun Photos](#)

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## Girls and Boys Basketball Season Ends





Both boys' and girls' basketball teams have been working so hard and improving a lot since begin of the basketball season. The final games were held on Wednesday for both teams. The boys' basketball team won the final game. Here is a [link to a folder](#) of photography by Todd Keith and intern Chloe Yang. Thank you to family and friends who turned out to cheer us on. We appreciate your support.





## Mad Scientists







This week at the Elizabeth DeLong School, one classroom had a lot of fun pretending to be mad scientists. They used balloons to study static electricity! The school also posed for a group picture wearing their Phoenix mascot t-shirts.



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## Snow in Southern Utah !?!?





SUSD students experienced their first true snow fall this week. With much of the state getting record amounts of snow fall this year, St. George is joining in the winter weather



fun! Students made miniature snow men, tasted snow flakes, and enjoyed general frolicking activities as the snow fell!

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## Coats for the Cold Weather!



Operation Warm is a nonprofit organization. The group gave USDB hundreds of coats for students to stay warm this winter. If your student would like a complimentary coat, please let your teacher know. They come in all sizes. After students have received their coats, Operation Warm extends this offer to teachers and staff as well, while supplies last. Thank you to Operation Warm for the very generous donation of coats to keep many students warm this winter.



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## Have a Wonderful Weekend!



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