

KGTC President's Letter

March 17, 2020

Happy St. Patrick's Day

I truly hope this letter finds you all healthy and managing life in the most positive and productive way possible. With the YMCA's closed in Wichita, I am happily busy painting my kitchen. :*)

For our March 28th meeting, we are going to meet as previously scheduled but are going to give ourselves a new brain wrinkle (for some of us) and meet via' ZOOM. Jessica LaFollette, Lindsay Black, and I just practiced "Zooming" earlier this afternoon and it appeared to work quite well with the three of us. It sounds more detailed (to me) below than what it actually was getting connected earlier when we were testing it out. I just typed in the site: "<https://zoom.us/j/234898109>" and it gave me easy directions to get connected. If I can do it, trust me, any of you can. :*)

Saturday, March 28, 2020, KGTC Meeting at 10:00 am

Jessica has shared the following directions:

"Click the link below from any computer connected to the internet, but they will need to give Zoom permission to load a new window and access the camera/microphone.

If they want to call in from a smart phone I think they just click the "one tap mobile" link.

Jessica LaFollette is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KGTC Board Meeting

Time: Mar 28, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/234898109>

Meeting ID: 234 898 109

One tap mobile 234898109# US Toll Dial by your location US Toll

Meeting ID: 234 898 109

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ac0Cej0e0C>

If you are unable to connect via' web connections, you are welcome to call Jessica, Lindsay or myself at:

Connie 620-330-1486

Jessica 913-220-3650

Lindsay 785-727-0610

We will answer and hold the phone up to our computers when you need to speak or share something.

Please keep in mind there are only three phone numbers listed above, so we will be limited to the number of people calling in to participate by phone. Just a thought.

Jessica and Lindsay enthusiastically shared a *Sneak Peak*, (YES, an in a high peak), of our Fall KGTC Conference and stated our keynotes will be Brandi Klepper and Brian Housand. More to follow at the board meeting on Saturday, March 28th. Whoo Hoo, way to go Jessica and Lindsay!!!

Web links that have been shared for any of you who may be requested to begin teaching from home.

*<http://www.giftedguru.com/learning-at-home/> Link to an excellent learn from home article from Lisa Van Gemert. It is very thoughtfully written for gifted kids and parents.

[Learning at Home Resources: Ideas for Teachers and Parents - Gifted Guru](#)

Looking for Ways to Help Kids Learn at Home? Looking for great, free resources for learning from home? Whether it's due to school closure, summer break, homeschooling, or just wanting to build a house of learning, I'm sharing some great ideas. www.giftedguru.com

*The following information comes from our ever faithful Robyn Aeschli, KLFA connection:

Re: Math Resources for at home and online –

With the closure of school sites across the state, the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics (KATM) board is offering a list of resources to both teachers and guardians. For many teachers, instruction will resume at (near) scheduled times and the learning will shift from class-centric to home-centric. Schools opting for extended breaks instead of shifting to online learning means guardians will have the opportunity to take on the role of “math teacher” - and we sincerely hope they give it a try! (We bet both guardians and their students will learn much this way.) In either situation, the [Learning Resources Document](#) will hopefully be of value.

The [Learning Resources Document](#) is divided into grade bands along the left and by learning experience along the top. Every grade band has at least one item listed in each learning experience type.

More information about math resources during this uncertain time can be found at: [KATM website](#).

Robyn also shared the following link from Dr. Melissa Reed who is the Kappa Delta Pi advisor here at ESU: KDP has organized some resources that are helpful to teachers/classrooms:

[https://www.kdp.org/covid19.php?utm_source=\(direct\)&utm_medium=none&utm_campaign=\(not%20set\)&_zs=Guhua&_zl=ifR12](https://www.kdp.org/covid19.php?utm_source=(direct)&utm_medium=none&utm_campaign=(not%20set)&_zs=Guhua&_zl=ifR12)

Facebook account: (fun and easy)

100 Activities To Do At Home During School Closures - entertainkidsnadime.com

*****Last but not least, my sincerest condolences to all the board members that worked so diligently in setting up Regional Conferences which have been recently cancelled, or will be in the near future. I know the hard work that goes into getting everything set up, a meeting place secured, speakers found and notices out. I can only offer sincere thanks of appreciation for all you do. *****

Thank you to everybody for being so flexible, for the dedication to keep the ball rolling for our October State Conference and for the well-being of KGTC in general. I look forward to seeing you all via' live computer screen on March, 28th. Keep your positive outlook and great sense of humor and brighten someone's day. You don't know what you might say to someone that might pick them up and get them to thinking about something bright and cheery at this time in our history. Last week at the grocery store I texted my daughter and let her know the store was out of eggs. She texted me back and let me know chicks were on sale at Orscheln's.

I'll bring the donuts and coffee for our March Board Meeting. :+)

Hugs and Blessings,

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