Support Students with Disabilities during School Crises
Are you looking for a teacher’s guide to ensure that students with disabilities have the best opportunity to be safe during a school crisis? This link will give you some valuable resources and things to consider to ensure the safety of students with disabilities. http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0040059914534616

Don’t Underestimate English Language Learners with Disabilities
Research has shown that English learners with disabilities have higher academic performance and linguistic development when exposed to both languages. For more information about English learners go to https://tinyurl.com/ydcvwz5k.

Disability Funding Lawsuit in Oklahoma Dismissed
The lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and Oklahoma Disabilities Law Center to prevent Oklahoma agencies from cutting funding for two programs that help residents with mental and physical disabilities remain in their homes has been dismissed by a federal judge. Follow this link for the details: https://tinyurl.com/y9ntppau

Help students with disabilities thrive in STEM
Technology can provide access in new and innovative ways. EdTech provides tips for using assistive technology to increase communication, access and learning for students with disabilities. https://tinyurl.com/yao3lkaf

Is your school adding minutes to the school day?
According to Andrea Kunkel, if your district is adding minutes to the school days to make up for time missed from work stoppage, you will need to edit the length of the school week for each site in EdPlan and make any necessary changes to IEPs. These IEP changes can generally be made without an IEP team meeting, if the teacher contacts the parent to discuss the change. If they reach an agreement, the teacher amends the IEP in EdPlan and provides the parent and school team members copies of the revised IEP.
Resources

Pitsco Education is offering a $350 grant each month to help make hands-on learning possible for teachers. This grant is awarded in the form of a gift certificate that may be used to purchase hands-on STEM products, curriculum and more. For more information, go to https://tinyurl.com/y83kgmqo.

MyBioSource Inc. offers a total of $1,000 in scholarships for high school seniors, undergraduates and graduates as well as international students who have learning disabilities and are enrolled in accredited colleges/universities for the fall 2018 semester. The scholarship deadline is June 30. For details, go to https://tinyurl.com/yd2hmkve.

Events

Oklahoma Transition Council is hoping to promote a deeper understanding and support of transition and transition resources by hosting free webinars. The Community Resources webinar will be May 8 and the LifeCourse Tools webinar will be July 18. Registration can be found at https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3t9KwjDSbD9hrq5.

Working on the Wichitas Summer Camp will be June 3-8 or June 10-15 in the Wichita Mountains. Department of Rehabilitative Services clients can camp outdoors and earn money while gaining work skills and experience. Go to https://tinyurl.com/ybzlk3q4 for more details.

The Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council has announced the 15th Annual Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum for June 12-16 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. YLF teaches students how to take charge of their lives and gives them leadership opportunities. More information can be found at https://tinyurl.com/ydd3nnnl.

Quote

To the world you may be just a teacher, but to your students you are a HERO!

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