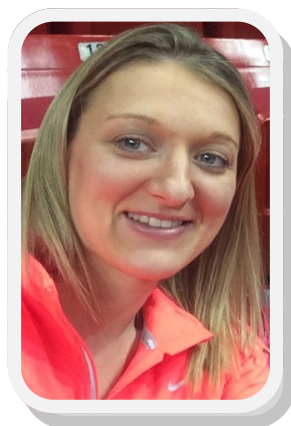


HEARTLAND PRESCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND
BETHESDA PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Present:

**HILLARY VEERHUSEN,
GUEST SPEAKER**



“Sign It, Say It: Using Sign Language to Support Young Children’s Verbal Communication”

Hillary is the wife of Coach Greg Veerhusen who teaches 6th grade at Heartland Community Schools. They have three children: Brooklynn is a 2nd grader, Kraten is a preschooler, and C.J. is their new addition just this past September.

Hillary works as a school psychologist for Lincoln Public Schools. This is her second year in Lincoln. Prior to that, she spent a year with Aurora Public Schools as a practicum school psychologist. Hillary has worked as a special education preschool teacher in Aurora, Nebraska and in Page, Arizona for 5 years.

As a preschool teacher, she used sign language on a daily basis with both typically developing students and students with special needs to encourage communication growth and appropriate behavioral requests. She has had training in American Sign Language, and multiple trainings on early sign language for kids. As a school psychologist, she has the opportunity to work with students from birth to age 21. When working with the families of younger students, she often talks about how communication and behavior overlap and how sign language can be used to support both.

Hillary will be sharing about the different uses of sign language with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. She will also teach the participants some useful basic signs. Please join us and learn how to use sign language with young children.

Monday, January 18, 2016

7:00—8:30p.m. (Snow date is Monday, January 25)

Bethesda Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall

930 16th St—Henderson, NE

***childcare provided starting at 6:30pm for children Birth-age 12**

Please complete the registration form attached and return by January 15 to either:

Dot Quiring, Heartland Preschool Teacher
Heartland Community Schools
1501 Front St, Henderson, NE 68371

OR

Kori Lewis, Bethesda Preschool Teacher
Bethesda Mennonite Church
930 16th St, Henderson, NE 68371

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

If you need childcare during the workshop, please list names and ages of children:

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Pre-Workshop Information

Please respond to the following statements in order for the speaker to plan the presentation:

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| I know about the benefits of sign language with young children. | Y | N |
| I know some basic sign language that can be used with young children. | Y | N |
| I have used basic sign language with my child(ren) or others. | Y | N |
| I have a proficient knowledge of sign language use with young children. | Y | N |
| I have used sign language frequently in my communication with children. | Y | N |

What I hope to gain from this workshop:

What age of child(ren) I plan to use sign language:

What specific questions I would like answered: