On Friday, September 7, 2018, WSUSSLHA members gathered together for a game night. They played board games, ate some yummy food and had a blast getting to know their fellow members better! Thank you to all of members that attended. Stay tuned for more social events throughout the semester!

On September 22, 2018, WSUSSLHA members participated in the Walk of Hope. This event was held by the Hereditary Neurological Disease Centre, specializing in Huntington's Disease. This walk is held to benefit Huntington's Disease research. Thanks to all of our members who participated for such a great cause!
On September 26, 2018, the Fundamental Learning Center attended our WSUSSLHA meeting. This is a privately funded educational not-for-profit organization which serves children with significant reading, spelling and writing difficulties, including children with dyslexia. Their mission specifically addresses the importance of teaching children to read utilizing research validated literacy instruction and educating parents and the educational community with the same intention and resolve. During their presentation at our WSUSSLHA meeting, they provided simulations to experience ADHD, dyslexia and being hard of hearing. Members were able to participate in these simulations as well as learn a lot of information regarding these topics.

My name is Daphne Keese and I am a lateral entry student, currently taking undergrad prerequisites and hoping to get into the SLP program next fall. I am returning to college after many years, and I am enjoying being back in the classroom again. My education includes a degree in Elementary Education, earned in 1991 from Missouri State. I have also taken continuing education courses at WSU and The Fundamental Learning Center with primary focus on teaching reading, and with special emphasis on teaching students with dyslexia. I have spent the years since earning my bachelor’s degree doing many things, including raising a family, substitute teaching, tutoring, homeschooling, and being a caregiver. I am also a breast cancer survivor, having spent last year going through treatments for that. Now that my children are grown and I am healthy again, I'm pursuing a second career for the next phase of my life, and I'm finding that to be very exciting!

I am loving all the new knowledge and the friendships I am gaining through this experience. I live with my two sons, who are also students at WSU, and a very spoiled cocker spaniel named Freya.