



Please sign up to volunteer at our FALL FESTIVAL! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0C49AFAF28D-2012

Photo Retakes!



Photo Retakes will take place here at Ketterlinus on Thursday, October 25, 2012. Your child's photos are expected to be in soon from the original photo shoot. Retakes are for students who were absent or if you are not happy with the original photo once it arrives. **Please note: in order to have retakes done, the original package must be returned ON the photo retake day.**

We need LOTS of cookies!

PTO is looking for donations of cookies for our Fall Festival "Cookie Walk"! Please send cookies of any variety to the front office by Wednesday, November 24. We will bag cookies into individual bags to award as prizes during our cookie walk!

Thank you and Thanks, Zaxby's!

We had such a great time this week at Zaxby's spirit night! It was so nice to see so many familiar faces! Even Lizzie made an appearance! Thanks to you, and thanks to Zaxby's, Ketterlinus PTO raised \$400!

Morning Breakfast

We stress the importance of students arriving to school and class on time. Students who need to eat breakfast at school need to arrive by 8:10 a.m., at the very latest, in order to eat breakfast and make it to class by 8:30 a.m. That is when the tardy bell rings. We are finding that many students are arriving late, then eating breakfast. This is making them tardy to class. All car riders, walkers and bike riders who arrive to class after the tardy bell will be marked tardy, even if they were at school on time. Instruction begins first thing each morning, and it is important for all students to be in class, on time, every day.



Next week is:

Red Ribbon Week! - Wear RED on Monday and say NO to drugs!

Bus Transportation Week! Thank a bus driver!



Volunteers Needed!

You must be already be approved in Student Access
Ms. Brush - Mentor one-on-one with the READ NATURALLY PROGRAM. Training will be provided.
4 days a week -8:15 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Ms. O'Conner - Work with students with flashcards.
2-3 days a week-8:20 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Ms. Wood & Ms. Redmon - Level classroom books in the Library.
Data entry required. Any time during school hours.
For More Information Contact the Volunteer Coordinator:

Shawna Petrello at: shawna.petrello@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Introducing the VFW Americanism Art and Essay Contest

Several SJC schools are participating in the VFW Americanism Art and Essay Contest. There are three different categories divided by grade (k-2, 3-4, 5). K, 1st, and 2nd will use a "vote" template and design or color it in their own way. The final design will become a vote button!! 3rd and 4th grade will design a poster no larger than 15 inches x 15 inches. The topic is "What voting means to me". It can be done in crayon, colored pencil, or even watercolors! There is an essay contest for our fabulous 5th grade writers!! The essay topic is "How does my vote count?" The school's deadline is Thursday, November 29, 2012, so there plenty of time for planning ideas before starting. All entries will be accepted so get to work kids! The vote template and entry forms can be picked up from the bulletin board outside the art room. Good luck to all participants!

Principal's Corner

Dear KES Family and Friends,

It has been a very busy month at Ketterlinus and very exciting things will be happening. Next week, we will have our **PTO Fall Festival** in the patio/playground area on **Thursday, October 25th from 6pm - 8pm.** Please come out and join us for this FUNraiser. Our PTO is need of cookies for the cookie walk and volunteers. Please see our school website for the on-line volunteer sign up.

We will have a **Teacher Planning Day on Friday, October 26th.** Our teachers will be finishing up the 1st quarter reports cards and planning for next quarter. **Report cards** will be issued on **Monday, October 29th.** I have mentioned in the past that there have been several changes. One of the many changes is our new student information system - eSchool Plus (ESP). This system also generates our report cards. As a result, our K-5 report cards will have a different layout and will be 2-3 pages (front to back). In addition, students in grades kindergarten and first are implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This will be reflected on the **new report card.** The standards on the report card are the expectations at the end of the year. As a result, your child may receive "P's" for progressing on their report card. Some of these standards, specifically Language Arts and Writing, are just being introduced and are not expected to have mastered during the 1st nine weeks of school. However, I ask that you call your child's teacher if you questions or concerns.

Have a GREAT weekend! Mrs. Kathy Tucker



CALLING ALL PUMPKINS!

We are hosting a Storybook Pumpkin Contest! Pumpkins should be based on a storybook and be painted or decorated, NOT carved. Please bring the storybook or a copy of the book cover to display beside your decorated pumpkin. You can bring pumpkins beginning October 22-25th. Contest winners will be announcing during the fall festival. Pumpkins will be on display through Halloween and can be picked up on October 31, after our costume parade.

Parade with a Purpose! Wednesday, October 31st

(weather permitting)



KES has a long tradition of having a costume parade each October. This year, our costume parade will be on **Wednesday, October 31st** at approximately 8:50am in the bus loop. Our parents and students have always enjoyed this event very much. We would like to continue a tradition that started last year by having our students participate in a community project. This year, we would like the students to bring in \$1.00 and/or a canned good. The \$1.00 will go towards Ketterlinus Kids Care Program, and the canned goods will be donated to St. Francis House Food Pantry. The Ketterlinus Kids Care Program provides funds to purchase items (food, clothing and toys) for children during the holidays.

To ensure that your child can fully participate in and enjoy this event, please follow our guidelines. Costumes should be age appropriate and fit appropriately to ensure your child's safety when walking around. It is very difficult, and takes valuable time away, when we have to remove costume items or not allow a student to participate who does not follow our guidelines.

- *Students should wear sneakers (no heels or boots) with their costumes.
- *Students should come to school wearing their costume and bring their school clothes in a bag to change. It is very helpful for students to wear as much of their school clothes under their costume for ease and time.
- *No makeup (including fake blood) or sprayed colored hair
- *No "scary" costumes or masks - Ex: Hockey or "Scream" masks

***No weapon props**

Parents should sign in at the front office on the clipboards and report directly to the bus loop - not the classroom. In addition, we ask that parents stand on the INSIDE of the loop. This will allow parents to have a good view and will not interfere with students watching the parade.

Please take our School Survey

Parents, please take a moment to complete two surveys on our school website under the "Parent & Student Information" section (one is for the parent, and one is for the student). This feedback is greatly needed to assist our School District as we pursue accreditation. You can find the survey on our website on the left hand side: <http://www-kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>



The Book Fair is coming!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Ketterlinus Elementary School from Wednesday, October 24 through Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The book fair will be held in our media center each day from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM and on Thursday evening (October 25) for the PTO Fall Festival from 5:00-8:00 PM.

We invite you to visit our book fair to experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved with encouraging children to read. Remember, the more they read, the better they'll get. We hope to see you there.

~* Dates to Remember *~



- 10/22 1st Quarter Ends
- 10/25 Photo Retake Day—wear your smile!
KES FALL FESTIVAL! 6-8 p.m.
- 10/29 1st Nine weeks Report Cards
- 10/31 Costume Parade @ 8:50 a.m. (weather permitting)
- 11/12 Student / Teacher Holiday—Thank a Veteran!
- 11/13 Spirit Night at Dairy Queen! 5-8 p.m.
- 11/20 KES Family Movie Night—Francis Field

Become a Surrogate Parent for an ESE Student

There are exceptional students in our community who very much need a surrogate parent. A surrogate parent is an individual who has been appointed to act in the place of a parent in safeguarding a child's rights in the special education decision-making process. The surrogate parent represents the interests of the child in all areas relating to the exceptional student education process and the provision of a free appropriate public education. A surrogate parent is not someone who takes care of the child (like an adoptive parent or a foster parent). A surrogate parent is not financially responsible for the child.

Surrogate parents have a very important role. They help the child and the school; they also help their community meet the needs of its exceptional students. The rewards for surrogate parents: the opportunity to share your time, use your skills, build relationships and see the results in your own community and in the life of a child.

We will be hosting a training on November 16, 2012, from 8:00 – 10:00 at 40 Orange Street, please contact Jill Bullard at 547-7712 to register. If you have questions about becoming a surrogate parent please contact Tina Kennon at kennont@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Yankee Candle Orders

All Yankee Candle orders have been submitted to the Yankee Candle company and will be arriving in time for Thanksgiving! Thank you for the awesome response! Parents will be notified by Alert Now Message and the Dolphin Digest when orders are ready for pick up. Please understand that we cannot send orders home with students as the candles are heavy and breakable. Thank you!

THANK YOU, Ancient City!

We'd like to thank Ancient City Baptist Church for a tremendous amount of volunteer applications that we have received this week! We are VERY excited to see community support in our school. With their help we are able to reach many of our students with tutoring as well as front office work, lunch duty and much more! We'd like to thank them for taking the first step in making a huge difference!

Tickets at door
\$0.50 per ticket
22 for \$10

VOLUNTEERS and COOKIES* Needed

Fall Festival

Thursday, October 25th 6-8PM

Wild Colored Hair Spray
Bounce House & Slide

Caricatures

\$4.00 presale at the door (45 available) Good for the Fall Festival only



Talented Balloon Artist
Fanciful Face Painting
Horse and Carriage Rides

Tasty Food & Drinks



Pizza

Cake Pops

Book fair open until 8:00 p.m.



Entertaining Demonstrations from
Community Organizations

Sponsored by Ketterlinus PTO

RECORDER LETTER

Dear Parents of KES 3rd 4th and 5th Graders,

Beginning **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 2012** your student will be studying the RECORDER (a song flute-like instrument) throughout the rest of the 2012-2013 School Year. Playing the recorder is a vital part of an elementary music class experience. It is an opportunity for every child to own and care for their personal musical instrument and the benefits are numerous including:

- Improves note-reading skills and develops musicianship
- Provides an instrument for improvisation and personal expression
- Develops ensemble performance skills
- Transitions them to various middle school band instruments in the coming years

Many students already own a recorder from previous years here at Ketterlinus or from another school. **IF YOU OWN A RECORDER, YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY A NEW ONE.** If you need to purchase a new recorder, please send a check or cash with the students name on it in the amount of **\$5.00.** All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students here at Ketterlinus are **required** to have their recorder with them every day. If there is a financial hardship, please send a note to me and we will help provide one for the student.

Here are a few helpful hints to help ensure your child's success on this instrument:

- **Be sure that the students names are labeled underneath their recorders**
- **Be sure that your recorder stays in your BACK-PACK EVERY DAY**
- **Only take your recorder out in 2 places: 1) HOME and 2) MUSIC ROOM**



Thank you for your continuing support of the K.E.S. Music Program. Please encourage your child to practice the recorder at home and we hope to see you at this years' **MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH** performances during your child's music class day and time during the week of **MARCH 4TH – 8TH, 2013.**

Literacy Coaches Corner

Florida schools are transitioning to new learning standards called Common Core. Florida, along with 45 other states, is working together by teaching the same standards to all children. As teachers transition from previous standards to the new ones, students will see changes in what is expected of them in the classroom. This space is dedicated to informing parents of the subtle changes, as well as challenges, these new standards bring to our children's education.

Language Arts Tip:

Kindergarten students are writers, too! Although they are learning the fundamentals of letters, sounds, and everything that goes along with learning how letters make words, students will be practicing drawing, dictating, and writing to share their opinions about books and other topics. Students will learn and practice this important building block by watching their teacher read a book, then they will respond out loud to the book, write words and draw pictures that represent their response to the book. How can parents model this important skill at home? As you read with your child, don't just stick to the words in the book. Stop frequently and comment on what is happening. Ask your child questions on what they think will happen next, if they agree with the characters choices, or what they would do differently if they were the star of the book. Then, write a simple opinion or response to the book on blank paper. Draw a picture that represents what happened in the story, while your child does the same thing. Its OK if they cannot spell or write all the words they will surely try to write. Help them write and spell as many words as they want. Together, show them how to correct misspelled words by writing the correctly spelled word in small letters above their words. By encouraging children to write their thoughts on the same page as the picture, you are reinforcing what teachers do each day... teaching children how words and pictures create stories. By practicing this rewarding activity with your child, your child will learn the valuable process of how images and words work together to create a unified story, which will ultimately prepare your child for their life as successful student

YMCA Camp, Friday, October 26, 2012

YMCA will host a "School is out, camp is in at the Y!" camp on Friday, 10/26 from 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Danielle at 471-9622.

Dolphin "Lunch Box"

All lunches served with a variety of milk.

Ice Cream can be purchased on Fridays for an additional charge.



Monday, October 22nd – Macaroni & Cheese or Asian Glazed Chicken over Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Cherry tomato & Celery Stick Dippers with Dressing, Peaches

Tuesday, October 23rd – Mini Corn dogs or Cheese Tortellini & Marinara Sauce, Baby Carrot & Cucumber Dippers with Dressing, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, October 24th – "Real Slice" Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach/Romaine Mix Salad with Dressing, Corn, Fresh Fruit

Thursday, October 25th – Hamburger on a Bun or Hot Dog on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Pears, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Cup

Friday, October 26th – **TEACHER PLANNING/Student Holiday**

Monday, October 29th – Max Cheese Sticks or Chicken Quesadilla Max, Steamed Broccoli Florets, Green Peas, Marinara Sauce, Peach-es