



We are now on FACEBOOK! See PTO Corner for more information!



~ Dates to Remember *~*

- ** Every Monday we have First Tee Golf
- ** Every Monday we have Young Rembrandts
- ** Tuesdays and Thursdays we have SES Tutoring
- ** Every Wednesday is Early Release at 1:50 p.m.
- 3/8 - Spirit Night at Cici's Pizza! 3-9 p.m.
Gamble Rogers Orientation @ 6 pm
- 3/13 - Helping Hands Day at KES
- 3/14 - Spring Concert
- 3/15 - Kindergarten Field Trip / Dr. Seuss Musical
- 3/17 - K-Kids Beach Clean up
- 3/19 - PTO Meeting at KES 3:15 p.m.
- 3/20 - Group Photos taken at school
- 3/23 - No school for students
- 3/26 - 3/30 - Book Fair in the Media Center

ATTENDANCE - DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that ALL students who have greater than 15 absences (whether excused or not) are **REQUIRED** to have a Dr's excuse note upon return, or the absence is considered Unexcused? This is a school district policy. Also, it is school policy that if your child will be absent for things other than sickness, that the parent put this information in writing ahead of the absence. Tardies - Any number of tardies greater than 10 are considered excessive. We will be scheduling meetings with parents to address attendance concerns in the near future. Please do your best to have your child to school, every day, on time, unless they are ill. With upcoming Florida Writes and FCAT testing, punctuality is SUPER important.

Your Child's Art Work!

Next week, PTO will be working with students to create a one of a kind art project! Once your child's art work is complete, it can be turned into a wide array of memorabilia! Notepads, coffee mugs, calendars, ceramic plates and much more! Please stop by our front office to see a sampling of items that have been created by student art work! Think Mother's Day!



We are now on FACEBOOK!

PTO has a Facebook page to provide information on school happenings and events to our KES parents. This is a PTO sponsored page and **in no way are we encouraging Facebook for elementary aged students.** Since so many parents have access to smart phones and Facebook pages, PTO would like to the opportunity for them to receive "alerts". The Facebook page is "Ketterlinus Elementary School PTO"...**to sign up you must have a Facebook account and then search under pages and "like" it.**

Yearbooks - Please READ!

The price to purchase a full-color yearbook is now \$25.00. Thank you to those who pre-ordered! We only have 70 yearbooks remaining! In order to avoid over-selling, we will no longer be accepting payments at school. If you'd like to pre-order, please send all payments directly to Leonard's Studio: PO Drawer 1928, St. Augustine, FL, 32085 or you may purchase at www.leonards.com/yearbooks and enter code **53905**. **** Any payments sent in to school will be returned with your child.** If any yearbooks remain in May when yearbooks are delivered, they will be sold on a cash and carry basis. Again, thank you for pre-ordering! (Order forms are available in our front office - please see Ms. Stacey).

~ Principal's Corner ~

Dear KES Family & Friends –

I'm happy to announce our newest members into the **Principal's Club**:

Anthony Izzo
Jordan Wright
Cody Nelson
Clayanna Duncan
Sage Bowman
Cierra Wise
Lucas Killian

The Principal's Club is a long standing tradition at Ketterlinus Elementary School. It is for third grade students who have mastered their multiplication facts. I am looking forward to seeing more third grade students in the Principal's Club. Speaking of accomplishments... WOW! Our fourth grade students seem to perform very well on **FCAT Writes!** based on feedback from students and teachers. Thank you to parents, teachers and especially the students for all their hard work. As I mentioned before, students in third through fifth grade will be gearing up for FCAT Reading, Math and Science (Gr. 5 only) from April 16th – 27th.

As spring is approaching, it is a sign that things will become very busy around the school. Please stay informed with the Dolphin Digest and with our PTO. Please see information in the "PTO Corner" on a new way to stay in the loop of school happenings. In addition, I would like for all parents to complete the SAC survey. A letter went home today on how to access this survey on-line or request a hard copy. This information will be shared with our staff and SAC (School Advisory Council) on ways to improve our school AND things that are working well. It is important to note what is working well so we can continue it.

Our staff and students have much pride in the school. In the next month or so, we are looking to increase our school spirit by introducing a school mascot – a dolphin. We will be "advertising" this position on morning news as we begin to "interview" potential candidates as a way to build the anticipation and excitement of our mascot. I'm pretty excited about it...perhaps it is the inner cheerleader in me. However, I think the students will truly enjoy having a mascot to continue our school spirit.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kathy Tucker

SAC SURVEY

Students were sent home with information regarding our annual SAC Survey. We ask that each parent take a few minutes to complete this important survey and provide us with feedback. If you do not have computer access, please let us know - we'd be happy to send a paper copy of the survey home. To take the survey on line, please visit: <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=ll3Kn64>

YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to join us as we celebrate National Music In Our Schools Month! The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. Throughout America, MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and to display the benefits school music brings to students of all ages. This year's theme is "**Music Lasts a Lifetime**" and we hope that you can join us for a brief performance during your child's regularly scheduled Music Day Class and time. The schedule is below:



	Resource Day 4	Resource Day 1	WOW Wednesday	Resource Day 2	Resource Day 3
	Monday, March 12	Tuesday, March 13	Wednesday, March 14	Thursday, March 15	Friday, March 16
8:45-9:25	SMOLEK	MARSH	CHORUS CONCERT!	PELLETIER	BRUSH
10:15-10:55	YELVINGTON	PRO/STRANGE	10:00-10:45	CELESTE	BLEVINS
11:00-11:40	HERX	HOWATT	N/A	CRUM	BALLINGER
12:20-1:00	WOOD	STORTER	N/A	STANFIELD	OWENS
1:05-1:45	O'CONNOR	GOLZ	N/A	GIBSON	DAVIS
1:50-2:30	MIMS	MERCER	N/A	KUSIAK	BALL

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

2012/2013 School Year

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012—it's time to register for Kindergarten! Please note that you must bring the following items to registration with you:

- **Child's Original Certified Birth Certificate**
- **Current Immunization Records**
- **Health Exam/Physical dated within one year**
- **TWO forms of residency (One Bill: Cable, Utility, Water, Home Phone AND a Lease or Mortgage Agreement).**

Also note that you must reside in the Ketterlinus school zone in order to register at Ketterlinus, or have approved out of zone waiver in your possession. We will only hold registration on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 9:00—1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12, 2012, 9:00—1:00 p.m.

If you have other questions regarding Kindergarten Registration, please visit:

<http://www.kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

**** Is your Kindergartener Zoned for the New School "L"? ****

The new school located near Palencia will be holding kindergarten registration and registration for any new student to St. Johns County Schools who will attend Elementary "L" at the Palencia Amenity Center (old fitness center room) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on March 20, and April 12. Information about registration can be found on the school's web page at www-eleml.stjohns.k12.fl.us or by calling 904.547.4012.

~* PTO Corner *~

PTO Helping Hands will meet on Tuesday, March 13 from 9-11 a.m. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, please join us!

We will have **SPIRIT NIGHT at Cici's Pizza** on Thursday, March 8 from 3-9 p.m. Come out and enjoy pizza with your family and see some of your friends from school!

Attention all 5th Graders!

On Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:00 PM, Gamble Rogers Middle School faculty and staff will welcome all current fifth grade students, and their parents, who will be attending GRMS next year. Please plan to attend this informative and fun-filled evening to learn more about sixth grade and to help prepare and excite families for the middle school years. GRMS is looking forward to welcoming you to our school! Questions? Call 547-8700.

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be distributed at all schools during the week of March 1st. Applications are due back to science teachers by March 14th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 15 at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link.

This summer program is available to all students in grades five through eight and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three seven-day sessions are held at Menendez High School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be June 11th through June 20th, June 25th through July 5th, and July 9th through July 25th, (the school district will be closed during the week of July 16th through 20th). Small classes that average 14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is —hands on in the field, with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, and more. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

IMPORTANT TOT PERFORMANCE

Our fabulous TOT teams will travel to Sebastian Middle School on March 22, 2012 for another performance! Please remember to return your TOT permission slip, if you haven't already done so.

BOX TOPS

It's that time! Please send in all of your Box Tops BEFORE Spring Break! We appreciate your help - thank you for helping our school!

"Teacher's Survival Kit!"

Is the scent and taste of peppermint is proven to increase motivation, decrease feelings of fatigue and improve memory? True! Mint has the potential to promote the brain to a more energetic, accurate functioning which is good news for teachers who work with students of all ages! With that said, our PTO team is looking for donations of a few small items. These items will be used to create a "Teacher's Survival Kit" as our teachers and students enter the next several weeks. All grade levels are preparing for mile marker tests and these items will help our teachers, help our children! Most of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree, dollar store for only \$1.00!



- Bags of peppermint
- Crystal Light or other drink packets
- Post it or other small note pads
- Pencil erasers/cap erasers
- Mounds Candy Bars / Peppermint Patty's
- Rubber bands

If you are able to contribute any of these items, please send to our front office labeled for PTO. Thanks!

Gifted Out of Zone Waiver

The Gifted Out-of-Zone Waiver process will begin on March 1. There will be a link to the form on the district website. Please be reminded that parents only complete a form if they are requesting gifted services at a gifted cluster site. The form does not need to be completed if the student is going to receive gifted services at the home zoned school. If there are any questions regarding the Gifted out-of-zone waiver process, please call Tina Kennon at 547-7546.

The St. Johns County Education Foundation (SJCEF) and Nissan of St. Augustine are presenting Arts Alive, a unique opportunity for students, teachers and staff of the St. Johns County School District to showcase their talents as visual or performing artists. Arts Alive is quickly approaching, and it's time for teachers and students to submit their work and prepare for auditions!



All entrants should register for participation on the Arts Alive website, www.artsalivestjohns.com. While walk up participants will be welcome at the performing arts auditions, it is recommended that they fill out the online form to reserve a spot. Visual artists also need to fill out the registration form, and submit their artwork online. The first audition will be on March 8 at Fruit Cove Middle School, the second will be March 15 at the St. Johns County School District Office, and the final audition will be March 22 at Murray Middle School. All auditions will be held from 3-6 PM on those three Thursday afternoons.

(Kindergarten through twelfth-grade students, along with any faculty and staff of the St. Johns County School District can submit their own piece of visual art, or audition for the performing arts performance. Arts Alive will be held on two separate nights during the same weekend in May. The visual arts exhibit and auction will be held on May 17, in the showroom of Nissan of St. Augustine from 6-9 p.m. The performing arts show will be held on May 19, at St. Augustine High School from 6-10 p.m. These events will feature the top visual art pieces and performances from juried submissions and auditions, taking place in March.)



The Dolphin Café "Lunch Box!"

This is our hot lunch menu. Please note that our menu is subject to change! Lunch is \$2.10 per day including milk. Milk is \$.60 if purchased separately.

Mon., 3/5	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce with a Garlic Breadstick OR Assorted Pizza, Seasoned Green Beans, Apple sauce, Assorted Fruit and Fruit Juices
Tues., 3/6	3/6 Asian Glazed Chicken over Rice OR Deli Sandwich on a Whole Wheat Bun, Oriental Blend Vegetables, Pineapple Tidbits, Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juices
Wed., 3/7	Hot Dog on a Bun or, Tater Tots, Sliced Strawberries, Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juices
Thurs., 3/8	Chicken & Rice with a Roll OR Cheese Tortellini with a Roll, Sweet Peas, Sliced Pears, Assorted Fruit/Fruit Juices
Fri., 3/9	Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Home-style Chili with a Roll, Oven Baked Potato Fries, Sliced Peaches,