

Principal's Corner

Dear KES' Family and Friends –

Congratulations to KES PTO for being selected as one of the Top Five Business/Community Partners of the Year. I have said this for many years – we may be small, but we are mighty! This describes our PTO. Last year, our PTO raised over \$25,000. The funds were used to purchase our school-wide Accelerated Reader Program and recess equipment, as well as additional laptops. This school year, their focus will remain on technology for our students as well as revitalizing our music program.

Our music program, under the direction of our new music teacher, Thomas Ball, is gaining momentum. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Ball join our school and community. He decided to move here from Nevada to be closer to family. In just a short amount of time, he has rebuilt the music education program at our school through a donation of a piano, a \$1,000 grant through The Friends of St. Augustine Amphitheatre and a \$2,500 PTO donation. There is still a great need in replacing damaged and lost instruments. We are excited to see how much our music program has grown and to see the love of music back with our students.

Many thanks to our families that donated jars of jelly, peanut butter, cereal, or mac & cheese during our annual Costume Parade. These food items are donated to St. Francis House to provide for those that are in need. I love seeing our KES community displaying the pillar of caring.

Hopefully, you have received your child's information on accessing Accelerated Reader and Freckle at home. It is a school-wide expectation that children learn to develop healthy academic habits that includes reading nightly. Research shows that a child that reads each night for 20 minutes will have a better vocabulary and be more successful in school. We encourage you to have your child read nightly just as they would brush their teeth nightly – a healthy habit.

I want to do a shout out to our Media Advisory Council. They have been a wonderful new committee at our school. This group of parents, staff and community members review media center purchases. They were very prompt in reviewing our SSYRA (Sunshine State Young Readers Award) books. This allowed our students to get quick access to these highly sought-after books. Our students have earned over 100 brag tags. If you have any questions regarding books, please reach out to me or Kim Hinman, media specialist.

Finally, FALL IS HERE! It is my favorite time of the year. I love spending time outside with family and enjoying the fresh air. Hopefully, I will be able to get a good hike in the mountains soon. I strongly encourage you to get outside and enjoy some family time. We have some great places to walk, run or hike. Guana is my favorite local trail during the cooler weather. Like brushing your teeth, reading nightly....get outside! It is healthy!

Kathy Tucker, Principal

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

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| 11/1 | PTO Meeting – 7:55 a.m. |
| 11/2 | Wear Your Words |
| 11/2 | Early Release – 1:45 p.m. |
| 11/4 | Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt |
| 11/4 | Picture Retakes |
| 11/8 | Spirit Night at Huey Magoo's - 5:00-8:00 p.m. |
| 11/9 | Early release - 1:45 p.m. |
| 11/11 | Veterans Day - Holiday |
| 11/15 | SAC Meeting - 7:45 a.m. |
| 11/16 | Early release - 1:45 p.m. |
| 11/17 | Interims Issued |
| 11/18 | Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt |
| 11/23-11/25 | Thanksgiving Break |
| 11/30 | Early release - 1:45 p.m. |



Thanksgiving Break is November 23-25. Our KES staff is thankful for all our amazing students and supportive parents! We wish you a restful Thanksgiving!

LOST & FOUND

Please have your student check the Lost & Found to see if any of the items belong to them. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. In addition, please make sure all your student's belongings are labeled so that we can return them to your student. Thank you for your help in this matter!

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PTO News

The KES PTO is off to a great start! It has been great both reconnecting with familiar faces and welcoming new members into the group. We are grateful to the many volunteers who have gotten right to work. Spirit Nights have been a great success and we are so appreciative of the students and families that have come together in support of the school! Square One Art is back this year, and we hope our KES families enjoy the work their artists have created! We have some exciting projects in the works, and of course we will soon begin planning for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fun Run! If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to have you join. PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:55 a.m. in the Media Center.



READERS ARE LEADERS - Encourage your student to reach their AR Goal for the 2nd Quarter!



Don't forget to set your clocks back November 6th!



Music News

Greetings from the music room! Our year has gotten off to a great start. We are currently reviewing solfege and rhythm every day as well as continuing our work on our barred instruments such as the xylophones. KES has been lucky enough to receive ten new barred instruments from the school and PTO. We have also, in large part to the work of Mrs. Tucker, received a grant from the amphitheater for \$1000 for more music supplies! In addition, we are working on a second grant that ties in our character counts program with music. Wish us luck! - Mr. Ball



Student Advisory Council (SAC) Dates for 2022/2023

What is SAC? It is a group of parents, staff, and community members who meet monthly to discuss Ketterlinus's school goals and make decisions that are in the best interest of the school. Our KES SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:45 a.m. at a location TBA. We are looking for members and would love for you to be a part of this team. To sign up, or if you would like more information, please contact Bethany Hilbert at Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

**November 15th
December 20th
January 24th
February 28th
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th**



KES Early Act Club will be collecting Pop Tabs all year for the Ronald McDonald House. So, save your metal tops and drop them into the container located in the front office.

Cafeteria News

Menus are available on the school and district websites via the Meal Viewer icon. In addition, nutritional components are available on the website by holding your cursor over the individual items. Please bear with us as there may be changes to the menu due to regional shortages but know that every effort is made to follow the menu. We appreciate you making sure that accounts are paid in full!

Every year our KES staff makes the difficult decision to vote on the Teacher of the Year, Rookie Teacher of the Year, and School Related Employee of the Year.

Here are the results! Join us in congratulating:



Erin Cumpston
Teacher of the Year



Ty Clay
School-Related
Employee of the Year



Karen Hudgins
Rookie Teacher of the Year

It is time to pre-order your Ketterlinus Yearbook! Order now and save!

Cost is \$25 until 2/14 after that price goes up to \$30.00. Order and payment can be made directly on the Leonard's website at buytheyearbook.com. Use code 708488 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

2022-2023 Yearbook Ad Order Form- 5th Graders

Attention parents of 5th grade students! A limited amount of space in the 2022-2023 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 14th, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** **NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE** as space is limited! **Complete ad order form with payment and photos/messages must be turned in by this date.** We have three ad sizes available. Please make payments directly to Ketterlinus PTO via check, money order, or cash. **Please note: This order form is for ads only, not for yearbooks, which must be purchased separately.**

Photos must be submitted on a jump drive or by email to lindsay.robertson@stjohns.k12.fl.us. If submitting a jump drive, please remember to label it with your child's name. **ALL** photos must be submitted in **jpg format** and separate from the dedication wording, which can be emailed and typed in Microsoft Word or can be submitted on the jump drive. **Please, no PDF formatted ad materials. Please direct any questions via email, and payments to Lindsay Robertson.**

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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| ¼ Page | \$35 | 1-4 Photos, plus message |
| ½ Page | \$60 | 1-6 Photos, plus message |
| Full Page | \$100 | 1-12 Photos, plus message |



Character Counts! Pillar of Fairness!

The following students were selected in the month of September/October for the Fairness Award for their classroom. Please extend a warm congratulations to the following students:

VPK – Connor P. Kindergarten

Bowers – Nala F.
DeFalco – Frances B.
Golz – Alyana C.
Mercer – Everett W.

2nd Grade

Donlan – Kingston E.
Lavery – Lance G.
Owens – Kyler B.
Walker – Tavorias H.

4th Grade

Gliniski – Noa W.
Killin – Anna Y.
Sturm – James K.

3rd Grade

Edwards – Grant E.
Gleeson – Carmen A.
McDonald – Julep P.
Wenglowsky – Sawyer S.

5th Grade

Cabrera – Grace H.
Cumpston – James T.
Edging – Kiran S.

1st Grade

Hudgins – Lila B.
Jett – Gabriella C.
Razey – Kinley B.
Tagliarini – Kylan C.



WordMasters Challenge

This year our Grade 3-5 students will be competing again in the **WordMasters Challenge**. The WordMasters Challenge™ is a national competition for students in grades 3-8 that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Each year, over 125,000 students from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the WordMasters Challenge. Unlike other language arts competitions for this age group – which focus on grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other language mechanics – the WordMasters Challenge™ helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. The contest addresses higher-level word comprehension and verbal reasoning in two ways:

1. It challenges students to complete analogies based on relationships among words they have learned.
2. It bases the analogies on special vocabulary lists, developed for each grade and difficulty level by experienced teachers, which participants are encouraged to study before each meet.

Excellence in the competition will require both a mastery of the meanings of the vocabulary words (of a difficulty appropriate to each grade level) and thoughtful reasoning about the relationships between these words and more familiar language used in the competition's analogies. KES students began their training in October, and their first meet will be **November 16**.

Lunch Time & Recess is a favorite at KES!!



Reading Momentum by Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

As we approach the end of the second quarter of the 2022 school year, it is time to reflect on a very important question..... How is your reading momentum going at home? Parents often ask how they can help their child in reading.

1. Help your child meet his/her quarterly independent reading goal. Ketterlinus has fun, motivating structures in place to encourage our students to read outside of the school day. Are you supporting your child with his/her Quarterly Reading Goals?
2. Read to your child daily, even after your child becomes a fluent reader. Have fun and encourage discussions and laughs.
3. Keep your Routines and Rituals in place. Do not let up. Carve out time to maintain healthy reading habits.
4. Help your child move to the next level. Communicate with your child's teacher about your child's current independent reading level. As the year progresses, we want to continue to monitor reading growth and support our students as the text becomes more challenging.
5. Have questions about reading development? You can reach out to Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach at Ketterlinus. (904) 547-8540 ext. 24954 or email Suzanne.Brush@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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ART We Awesome



Dolphins,
Thank you for your interest in Art Club!! The first session of Art We Awesome is half-way through. Fortunately (and unfortunately), the second session is **COMPLETELY** filled already. The registration for the third session will begin before winter break and continue once we return in January. Thank you all for your interest and support of our school's art program.

Coffee with a Cop

was a beautiful way to start the morning with our parents, students, and staff gathered on the front porch of KES. We ate donuts, sipped coffee, and more importantly, spent time talking with our local Police Officers! Several of our KES students showed up with homemade thank-you notes and artwork for the Police Officers! A huge shout out to DOS Coffee & Wine for donating their amazing coffee.



Fire Prevention Week

Thank you to our local firefighters for teaching our students in VPK-2nd grade all about fire safety! Our students loved it! We appreciate all that our St. Augustine Fire Fighters do to keep us and our city safe!



Cove News

Our Cove staff would like to give a big shout out to our Cove parents and students for a job well done on the "staff look-alike" pumpkin patch project. They were awesome!

So, what is going on in the Cove for the month of November? Let's take a peek. We have tons of fun activities planned such as Movie/Popcorn Day, Fall Scavenger Hunt, Board Game Day, and Super-Duper Arts and Crafts. ***A gentle reminder: Safety is our #1 priority here at "The Cove". Please be prepared to show I.D. at any time when picking up your child.**

Ketterlinus Elementary School encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all the programs and activities scheduled at KES. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call the front office 24 hours prior to participation or visit.