Welcome Back Dolphins ~ Splash Into The New Year!

New Year's Resolutions!
When making New Years Resolutions for yourself this new year, please keep the following school rules in mind:

- Students may not be dropped off on Orange Street at any time. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. This is very dangerous, therefore the police department will be periodically monitoring for this. Please drop students off using the parent drop off area in our school parking lot. If your child is late, we ask that you park and walk your child in to the front office to sign them in as tardy.

- Students may not be dropped off at school before 8:00 a.m. The mornings are cold and we do not have staff to supervise students before that time. The soonest that students may enter the building is 8:00 a.m. at which time our staff is here to provide adequate supervision.

Dynamic Dolphins
Our chorus team, The Dynamic Dolphins will resume on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. At that time, we will begin preparations for our MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS month and will hold a concert in March.

No School for Students...
In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday, there will be no school for teachers, staff or students on Monday, January 16th. Also, please note that Tuesday, January 17th is also a holiday for student’s as it is a Teacher Planning Day. Enjoy your four day weekend!

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!
Full Color Yearbooks are on Sale!
Order forms for our 2011/2012 Ketterlinus full color yearbook are being sent home with students today. The cost for each yearbook will be $20 now through February 29th. After that, the price will increase to $25.00 per book. The yearbook will be jam packed with fun photo's and special times that we've had this school year! Please note—at this time all payments must be made payable to “Leonard's” NOT Ketterlinus. Only a small number or yearbooks have been ordered—he sure to order yours early to not only receive the best price, but to guarantee your copy! This year we are offering on-line ordering where you can pay with your Debit or Credit Card. Please note, any payment that is made to Ketterlinus will be returned to your child. Please see the Yearbook order form for complete details. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Gualtney at 547-8546. (Order forms to purchase a one line message and/or a quarter page ad will be sent home with students in February).

Principal's Corner
Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all spent some well deserved time with your children and other family members. We are quickly approaching second semester which will begin on January 13th. This time of the year is very crucial as teachers are getting into the “meat and potatoes” of the curriculum. I ask that you schedule family trips and appointments around the school day. It is very important that students come to school every day and on time. Early check outs and frequent absences directly impact student learning. We realize illnesses do occur and ask that if your child stays home if they have diarrhea, fever above 99 degrees or is vomiting.

Many parents and students continue to ask about the Dolphin Dash. We had to postpone the 5k run due to permitting. Due to the time constraint with the additional requests from the permitting committee, it was decided by the committee that the Dolphin Dash will be take place next school year. This will allow the committee more time for the permitting process and keep the original concept of the race. Please spread the word…the Dolphin Dash will be held next school year.

A big welcome to our new assistant principal – Mr. Jim Roberts! Mr. Roberts is the district coordinator for Title 1 services. He has moved his office to KES and will be here full time serving in both roles. Prior to taking over the role as the district Title 1 coordinator, Mr. Roberts served several years as an elementary school principal and assistant principal. We are excited to have him at Ketterlinus! Please take a moment to stop by and say “hello” to Mr. Roberts.

Mrs. Marna Fox, our former part-time assistant principal has returned to her full-time role as secondary science coordinator. However, Mrs. Fox will continue to be a frequent visitor at KES. She absolutely fell in love with the students, staff and parents – who wouldn’t?! We will look forward to seeing Mrs. Fox making weekly visits to the students and staff.

Finally, please make note of the flyers that were sent home this week with the newsletter. Very important information on zoning waivers and yearbooks were included. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker

TOT Performances
Saturday, January 21, 2012
1:30 p.m.—Flagler College Women’s Game—Intermediate TOT, 3rd Grade
3:30 p.m.—Flagler College Men’s Game—Advanced TOT, 4th Grade

Friday, January 27, 2012
9:45 a.m.—Ketterlinus School Performance, All 5 TOT Teams will perform in full uniform at school
6:30 p.m.—TOT Family Night, all 5 Teams will perform for friends and family in the KES Gym

Saturday, February 11, 2012
1:30 p.m.—Flagler College Women’s Game—Tiny Tots, Kindergarten & 1st Grade
3:30 p.m.—Flagler College Men's Game—Basic TOT, 2nd Grade

Saturday, February 25, 2012
3:30 p.m.—Flagler College Men’s Game—Elite TOT—5th Grade

It is very important that all TOT students attend their scheduled performance and arrive on time.
**Dates to Remember**

1/13/12 — 2nd Quarter Ends
1/16/12 — ML King Holiday — No School
1/17/12 — Teacher Planning Day — No school for Students
1/18/12 — District Wide Spelling Bee
1/21/12 — Matanzas 5K Run

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**Little League Registration**

Registration for the spring season for baseball and fast pitch softball will be held at the Ponce Mall on:

- **Thursday, January 05, 2012** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Saturday, January 07, 2012** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Tuesday, January 10, 2012** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Saturday, January 14, 2012** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Children 5 to 16 are eligible to play. The child must be 5 year's old by April 30, 2012. Forms are assigned by age. Please bring the players Birth Certificate as we will need to verify the child's age. Registration fee is $60. Cash, checks, or credit or debit cards are accepted. Scholarships available. For more information please check the website (www.mysall.org) or call 823-9825 (leave a voicemail).

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**IMPORTANT!**

**Zone Waivers for School year 2012/2013**

A letter from Mr. Paul Abbatinozzi, Director for School Services, is being sent home today with all KES students. Parents, we urge you to please read this letter carefully as it pertains to the zoning changes that will affect many of our families for next school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school office, or Mr. Abbatinozzi at the number provided in the letter. If your child is currently attending KES on an approved zone waiver, of if you have moved, you MUST complete a new waiver to remain at KES for the upcoming school year.

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**News from Nurse Jean, R.N.**

Children enjoy pushing physical boundaries and testing their balance and reflexes. As young bodies develop the increased demands on a healthy skeletal system helps bones grow stronger. Trying new exercises or activities can be awkward and increase the risk for a fall and injury. This is why parents want their children to wear protective gear! If your child is trying skate boarding, bike riding, or roller-blading for the first time, offer support and a helping hand. Muscles can develop memory which improves with practice, but falling can be part of that process. Protect your bones, joints and skin from impact injuries by wearing the right protective gear for each activity.

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**Counselor Corner: CAPPUCCINO MONDAY IS BACK!**

There have been some requests to offer a CAPPUCINO MONDAY book group for parents again this year. You are invited to read together with me one of my favorite books and/or participate in a discussion of the ideas presented. The book I have selected is: **Parenting With Love and Logic** by Jim Fay and Dr. Foster Cline.

Fay and Cline offer many practical and applicable ideas about how we can raise happy, responsible, and emotionally healthy children. The goal is to keep our healthy families healthy!

**Book Review From Library Journal:** *In the context of a healthy, loving relationship, "Love and Logic" parents teach their children responsibility and the logic of life by solving their own problems, providing skills for coping in the real world. After laying out the principles of "Love and Logic," the authors provide "parenting pearls," which are strategies for applying the method to actual situations such as back-seat battles in the car, homework, and keeping bedrooms clean.*

Don’t have the book or don’t want to buy the book? ... no problem! ...... I will have books available if you would like for me to send one home for you to read prior to the discussion. Not really the book group type, but would like to read the book...no problem! I would be happy to send a book home for you to read and return.

No time to read? ... no problem! ... participate in the Cappuccino Monday come to the discussion group at school (TBA) OR participate in a computer based discussion blog and be inspired by the discussion and ideas shared by other families. Or, I will be purchasing a few copies of an audio book that will be available to be checked out.

If you are interested in finding out more information about how to participate, please complete the form below so I can order books and plan a forum that would work for most of you. I will get back in touch with you with more details.

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(Please complete return to Mary Warren, KES Guidance Counselor)

Name: ______________________  Phone # _______________ Email Address:  _________________

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**Parenting With Love and Logic**

By Jim Fay and Dr. Foster Cline.

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**Field of Dreams Baseball**

Field of Dreams is a specially designed turf baseball field that will allow mentally or physically disabled children living in or near St. Johns County, Florida the opportunity to play baseball, to wear a uniform and play as a member of a team. Field of Dreams is a place where all of our area's exceptional kids can meet on the field and play ball. What child does not want to hear the cheer of the crowd? What child does not want to receive a trophy? And what child does not want the opportunity to play America’s favorite sport? At the Field of Dreams they will and can.

Who can Play?

Any special needs child from ages 5 to 18 or up to age 21 if still in high school.

**Registration is Now Open!!!**

Registration for the 2012 season is now open and will continue the entire season of **September**. You can also register in person during our Open House & **Meet the Players** Day Sunday, September 9th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Aberdeen Park 1401 Shellent Drive St. Johns, FL 32259. Registration fee is $50.00 a season. Fees are non-refundable. The Field of Dreams Open House & **Meet the Players** Day will be held on September 9th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Aberdeen Park 1401 Shellent Drive St. Johns, FL 32259. Registration is now open. Note: this is a different location from the Surfside Park in Jacksonville East.

Volunteer Opportunities

Field of Dreams is always thankful to our volunteers and would be happy to have more support. Please contact us if you have the desire and ability to help us provide a quality program.

**Donations & Sponsors**

The field is non-profit and the fields are constructed in which a turf outfield is being developed. This will allow for additional sports to be played at the Field of Dreams. We are actively seeking corporate and individual Sponsors to help us complete the field and help kids and families.

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**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 $0.60 if purchased separately.