

We Learn, Live, and Laugh at Ketterlinus Elementary School!

Dolphin Digest going DIGITAL!

In order to receive our weekly publication, you will need to sign up at <http://www-kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Look on the bottom right side of the page where it says "School Newsletter". Enter your email address and press "SUBSCRIBE". ALL parents must subscribe to receive the newsletter, even if you were receiving it last school year. We are using a new email delivery system, and the entire data base was cleared. Please sign up today to stay up-to-date! The Dolphin Digest will also be posted on the website every week.

Mumford & Sons/Gentlemen Of the Road Concert

As we approach the highly anticipated GOTR concert event on September 13th and 14th on Francis Field (right across from Ketterlinus Elementary School), please anticipate and plan for heavier traffic beginning the week of September 9th. **I strongly encourage having students use our district buses if you live within the KES zone.**

Ketterlinus has been working with both the concert organizers and city officials to minimize the impact on the school's day-to-day operation. We are pleased with the conscious efforts of the Mumford & Sons band, concert organizers and city officials to minimize the impact on the school, but also with their assistance in helping our school's fundraising efforts with the "Raising the Roof with Books" initiative.

Key points for the week of September 9th:

*Traffic will be heavier than normal around the school, due to construction of stage and fencing.

Anticipate parent pickup line to be delayed. We strongly encourage having your child ride the bus.

*Remember to bring your ID to school, as we will have additional assistance (new faces).

*NO school on Friday, September 13th. It is a district inservice day.

*KES staff will be off-site at trainings on September 13.

*Please check the GOTR website for concert information at www.GOTRstaug.com

Volunteer News

Thank you to all of you who have submitted a volunteer application. I am currently processing them and will notify you just as soon as you are approved.



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are looking for volunteers to assist during Kindergarten lunch which is at 10:55—11:37. The volunteers will assist in monitoring the students, helping them open drinks and packages and assist with dismissal.

We are also in need of volunteers to help on 09/10 and 09/11 with art projects that we are preparing for the Gentlemen Of The Road Tour. We will need help with cutting and organizing projects.

Please email michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us if interested.

Principals Corner

Dear KES Family and Friends –

Thank you again for all your support and patience as we went through the first two weeks of school without a rainy day dismissal. As mentioned in a Principal Chat and at Kindergarten Orientation, it has rained every day on the first day of school for the prior three school years. So, this year was a pleasant surprise to not have to bring out my knee-high rain boots or see our neighbors bring out the canoes and skim boards at the corner of Riberia and Orange Street.

More terrific news...The kindergarten students are quickly learning the procedures for arrivals and dismissals. Kids are amazing with how much they can do! This brings up the topic of allowing your children to walk to class by themselves. Please allow your child to walk to class on their own once they enter the front doors. The students lining the hallways awaiting their classes to begin are monitored by our staff members. Most area elementary schools, after the first week, have not permitted parents to enter the hallways without having prior arrangements with the classroom teacher or administration. We realize this is a change in our procedures from years past, but please take the time to understand why. KES is committed to the security and safety of our students and staff. This summer, we worked very closely with the St. Augustine Police Department with a week-long safety training at KES. In addition, we had the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office conduct a security audit prior the end of last school year.

Everyone that enters our school should have made prior arrangements or have scheduled appointment with their child's teacher. We want to keep our hallways as clear as possible in order to keep an orderly and safe environment. Our mornings are extremely busy with having 480+ students entering our school in a short span of time. In addition, we want to account for every adult entering the building and their purpose for him/her being in the school and being near your child. **If you have an appointment or have made arrangements to volunteer, please sign in on the computer and the front office receptionist will call the teacher, announce that you have arrived, and direct you to the classroom. You will need to wear the yellow badge.** This tells staff members and students that you are cleared to be in the school. **Please know that my intentions are never to create procedures and policies that offend or inconvenience others, but to create the safest and most secure environment for our students, staff and volunteers.**

Kathy Tucker

News from our PTO

We would like to thank our newest business partner, Gordon Dental, for their generous support. Please consider our business partner for your dental needs!!

T-shirt orders are being filled, HOWEVER, we are out of stock on YS, Y M, and AM. If your order contained any of these sizes, it will be filled next week.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Newman. Her email is newmangang@comcast.net.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1st grade: Nathan Lott, Thomas Burpee, La'Kayla Strawbridge, Skylar Kleinschek, Mackensie Crowling, Richard Edsall

2nd grade: Lilla Mae Dexheimer, Logan Cline, Jack Brecko, Sophie Fox

3rd grade: Andrew Carter, Devyn Amonette, Sean Williams, Parker Selner

4th grade: Caleb Ferguson, Macey Hitchcock, Carter Brumbalow, Taylor Giles, Isaiah Schaefer

5th grade: Semoria Baldwin, Trenton Dowell, Eily Jones, Zina Asadi

~* Dates to Remember *~

- 09/02 Labor Day—Student/Teacher Holiday
- 09/03 Curriculum Night grades K/5 @ 5:45 pm
- 09/04 Curriculum Night grades 1/3 @ 5:45 pm
- 09/05 Curriculum Night grades 2/4 @ 5:45 pm
- 09/09 First PTO meeting at 8:00 A.M.
- 09/13 Teacher Inservice Day—Student Holiday
- 09/17 First SAC mtg. 7:45 A.M.—Science Lab
- 10/24 First Quarter Ends
- 10/25 Teacher Planning Day—Student Holiday

Easy ways to raise money for our school!

Sign up at Target! A percentage of every purchase will be donated to the school of your choice. Please sign up at [Target.com](https://apps.facebook.com/givewithtarget/school/79917) and chose your school.
<https://apps.facebook.com/givewithtarget/school/79917>

Save the labels off popular food items!

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/My-School>

Coke Rewards

<http://www.mycokerewards.com/schoolDetails.do?id=1056657278&x=55&y=9>

BOXTOPS—COLLECT ALL YEAR!!!

VPK Donations

Do you have old toys, puzzles, or games? Our VPK program is looking for your gently used wooden puzzles, building toys, and games for beginners. They are also in need of a small rug and items to make arts and crafts. Please send in any foam trays, shoe boxes, egg cartons or paper towel tubes for them to make treasures!



2013-2014 KES CHORUS

The Dynamic Dolphins Chorus consists of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students of Ketterlinus Elementary School. We rehearse every Wednesday **AFTER SCHOOL** and



have various performances throughout the year. Students who join this group may also have the opportunity to audition to be a part of our Percussion Ensemble and/or audition for vocal solos and duets. **NOTE:** You must be an active member of the K.E.S. Dynamic Dolphins in order to audition for Percussion Ensemble, vocal solos, etc... There is no audition requirement to join! See Mr. Neal to get a form, and sign up before Weds., Sept. 26th. Thanks for supporting your child's musical interests. I look forward to working with them this year! If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to call me at school at (904) 547-8540, or email me at nealb@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following classes had perfect attendance and no tardies this week. Keep up the great work!! Many studies show that regular attendance and timeliness are crucial in achieving success in the classroom. Let's all strive to accomplish this goal!

- Ms. Ball
- Ms. Yellvington
- Ms. Blevins
- Ms. Mims

Are you living in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground? On the street or in abandoned building? Living with friends or relatives due to an economic hardship? Are you a teenager living independently or with someone other than a parent or legal guardian? Then you may be eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact your school Computer Operator or your local Homeless Liaison, Mr. Chris Stone, @ 547-7589 for more details. You may also visit: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/>

KES Art Club with Mr. Lewis!



Just a reminder that 4th and 5th grade students who are interested in joining the KES Art Club may pick up registration forms from the Art room. The last day to register is September 6th. The first session will begin Monday, September 9th at 3:15 pm.

TOT NEWS

It's TOT time! TOT(Teams Of Tomorrow) will begin Wednesday, September 11, 2013 during WOW.

TOT registration packets have gone home and are due back Friday, September 6, 2013. Please go over the packet carefully with your child. Please make sure that all information is correct, especially phone numbers and email addresses. Emails will be the main way that I will keep you updated on performances and anything else TOT related.

I'm looking forward to a fun TOT season!!

LUNCH MENU FOR Sept. 3rd -6th

Tuesday

- Mini Corndogs
- Cheese Tortellini w/ Marinara
- Spinach/Romaine Salad
- Corn
- Mixed Fruit
- Milk

Wednesday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Chicken Fajita Salad
- Garlic Breadstick
- Baby Carrot & Cucumber Dippers w/ LF Dressing
- Dunk Cup
- Sweet Peas
- Sliced Apples
- Milk

Thursday

- Hamburger on a Bun
- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Potato Wedges
- Baked Beans
- Peaches
- Milk

Friday

- Chicken Nuggets & choice of Garlic Breadstick
- Hotdog on a Bun
- Cherry Tomato & Celery Stick Dippers w/ Dressing Dunk Cup
- Sweet Potato Puffs
- Choice of 100% Juice: Apple, Apple-Cherry or Fruit Punch
- Milk