

Ketterlinus Elementary School. Where we learn, love and laugh.

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The Dolphin Digest is **only** available digitally, unless you request a paper copy. In order to receive our weekly publication, please go to our school website at :

<http://www-kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us>. Go to the "Newsletter" option, then click subscribe. You will then enter your email address. **ALL** parents must subscribe in order to receive the newsletter. This also applies to returning parents. Please sign up today and stay up to date with KES Happenings.

If you require a paper copy, please complete the form below, then return it to your child's teacher so that we will have an accurate count.

YES!! I do not have an email address and will need a paper copy sent home with my child.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday will be an EARLY RELEASE day for our students. Dismissal time will be at 1:50 p.m. PLEASE make note of this time. We realize that a change in routine is sometimes difficult but it is extremely important that all children are picked up on time. Thank you for helping us to make afternoon dismissal run as smoothly as possible.

News from the Clinic



In compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056(7) regarding school health services, we are notifying you that students in Kindergarten, 1st grade,

and 3rd grade will be provided with a free screening for vision, hearing, height, and weight. This is to measure growth and development, as well as to detect other possible health problems. The screenings will be performed at the school by the school nurse and trained volunteers. Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing, that you do not want your child to participate. Please do so by September 5th, 2014. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Lisa at 547-8552.

Dear KES Volunteers-

Welcome to Ketterlinus Elementary School. My name is Michelle Moore and I am the Volunteer Coordinator. We are excited about this year and know that you will want to be a part of all the memory making moments. In order to participate in any of our special events, attend field trips, watch performances, visit the classroom, or have lunch with your child, you **MUST** be an approved volunteer. You can find the "School Access" form on our school website. Please keep in mind that the approval process could take up to 4 weeks. Please share this information with grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings over the age of 18 who plan to visit KES.

Looking forward to meeting each of you!
Michelle Moore

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.—Terri Guillemet



Dear KES Family & Friends –

Welcome back to the 2014- 2015 school year! We welcomed over 450 new students to KES this year! Congratulations to all students, parents, and staff members on being an "A" school from the Florida Department of Education. Everyone worked hard and we appreciate the wonderful support from our families and community/business partners. As we move into another year, please become familiar with the new assessments and standards. We will need to continue working as a team to help our students reach their fullest potential – academically, but most important emotionally and socially. Thank you for your support.

This summer was a very busy one with several conferences, trainings and workshops for staff members. Ketterlinus' fifth grade was selected to implement a technology pilot program. Each fifth grade student will participate in the 1:1 program in which each student will be assigned a laptop. This will be a blended program using both digital and traditional materials (textbooks). As the state mandates more digital resources, our district is being proactive and progressive in learning the best implementation of technology. Ketterlinus feels very fortunate to be participating in this pilot program. The results of this program will be shared district-wide towards further implementation.

Ketterlinus is a unique school – located in the downtown St. Augustine in the midst of the hustle and bustle of major tourist attractions and businesses. It is one of the many things that we love about our school. Our students are very fortunate to have access to many of these places. How often can a class just walk over to Project Swing? Or a teacher can walk down the street to get her students an ice cream treat from the Oldest Drug Store? **Please be stewards of our community by demonstrating good character by following our guidelines below during drop-off and pickup procedures.** Please have your child enter and exit on the passenger side of the car.



Where in the world is Miss Blevins? As many of you know, Miss Blevins left her "family" last March to hike the Appalachian Trail – just over 2,150 miles from Georgia to Maine. Many of you have followed her 5 month journal on her blog (www.trailjournals.com/murphy). It is with much anticipation that this weekend, most likely on Sunday, Miss Blevins will summit Mt. Katahdin. We are excited to see her soon and will keep you updated on when she will be returning to St. Augustine. The students have been asking me since the first day of school about Miss Blevins. We hope she will visit the school as soon as soon as she returns.

I am very proud of several staff and Ketterlinus students who have donated and participated ice bucket challenge for ASL. Last Wednesday, five of our students took the challenge and nominated Dr. Joyner, St. Johns County School District Superintendent for this challenge. We look forward to seeing our students participate in events for a good cause as part of our school-wide community service initiative.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kathy Tucker
Principal

News from Ms. Keaton, our assistant principal



Greetings Ketterlinus Elementary students, parents and community!

My name is Monique Keaton. I am the new assistant principal here at Ketterlinus Elementary. My service in St. Johns County began in 2004 at Mill Creek Elementary School as a classroom teacher. I taught there for 6 years. In 2010, my commitment was to the children, families of the Julington Creek Elementary school community. There I served as assistant principal for four years. Gladly, and with a very proud heart, I am delighted to now serve here at Ketterlinus Elementary; where my commitment and dedication is even greater. Your children deserve the best! Kathy Tucker, the faculty, staff and I will make sure they get it.

My career as an educator began in 1995. I taught grades 2-6 in Nashville, Tennessee and Asheville North Carolina. Prior to beginning my career as an educator I worked in Human Resources. Now, as I approach my 20th year as an educator, I am proud to serve alongside principal Kathy Tucker and the Ketterlinus personnel as we work to Advance our students Via Individual Determination, while living, loving and learning with character, wisdom and happiness.

Monique Keaton
Assistant Principal

~* Dates to Remember *~

- 09/01 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 09/04 PTO/Volunteer Orientation @ 7:45 a.m.
- 09/12 INSERVICE DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 09/16 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 09/16 Curriculum Night (6:00 –7:00 p.m.) -K.2nd, & 4th
- 09/18 Curriculum Night(6:00-7:00 p.m.)-1st, 3rd, & 5th

Ketterlinus PTO

We have many exciting things planned for this school year and need your help!! Please consider becoming a part of PTO. A membership form will be coming home with your child. KES PTO provides funding for AVID training, staff appreciation, family nights, technology and classroom supplies. Please plan to attend the first PTO meeting of the school year on Thursday, September 4th @7:45 a.m. We will enjoy coffee and social time until 8:00 a.m, then begin the PTO POWER HOUR.

KES t-shirts are on sale for \$12.00 each. This is a great way to show off your dolphin pride. Each Friday is Spirit Day at KES so you will want to wear your KES shirt to show your school spirit. Membership forms will be sent home with your child.



Cub Scouts

If your child is interested in sports, swimming, fishing, camping, archery or BB shooting, all while having fun with friends, come to the school cafeteria at any time from 6:30-7:45pm on Tuesday, September 30 to join Cub Scouts! All boys grades 1-5 are eligible to participate!



2014 Fall Season Sign-ups

Register online at www.MySALL.org anytime during the month of August.

St. Augustine Little League offers various divisions and playing levels in Little League Baseball and Girls Softball.

For questions, please email: Information_littleleague@yahoo.com

KES Family Night at Flagler College Soccer

Flagler College plays Emory Riddle in their first soccer game of the season on September 4th @ 7:00 p.m. Let's show our support for our local college sports! Admission is FREE! This is also a great way of exposing your child to different colleges so that they can begin to see themselves as future college students. See you at the soccer field!!



Volunteer Orientation

Please join Michelle Moore on September 4th for a volunteer orientation. This will be in conjunction with

the first PTO meeting of the year. Important information will be shared, so please save the date.



Coach's Corner

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! YES, there will be TOT this year.! TOT will be starting in September. Information will be coming soon.

Please remember to wear tennis shoes(sneakers) for P.E. Also, bring a water bottle with you each day. Continue to check the newsletter weekly for TOT updates.

Coach Allen

News from the Art Room

I am Mr. Lewis. I am beginning my 7th year as the Art teacher here at Ketterlinus, where I am proud to be a dolphin! I shout a big "welcome" to the new students, parents, and staff and "welcome back" to the old! I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Curtis L. Lewis II
Art Teacher



Ketterlinus Elementary Music

Hello! My name is Ms. Height. I will be your student's music teacher this year. I am excited to be a part of

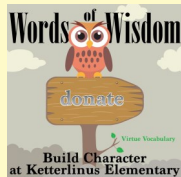


the team of educators at KES. This year, we will be singing, making music, and learning about different composers and types of music.

If your child is in grades 3-5, and is interested in being a member of the Dynamic Dolphin chorus this year, stay tuned for information.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing great music with you.

Ms. Height



WORDS OF WISDOM

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new program to Ketterlinus Elementary! The Ketterlinus team extends its sincere gratitude to the Hucce, Sipprell, Itnyre families for the majority of funding for this program. The St. Johns County Education Foundation funded the remaining funds needed to institute the program.

Words of Wisdom is daily character education program that is used school wide with students in grade Prekindergarten through fifth. It is scientifically research based program that aligns with both our school and district strategic plan. The program provides an inspirational daily message that is read over morning announcements each morning by school staff and community members. Each motivational daily message is high interest and integrates historical events and people, as well current well known people. The short message teaches "virtue vocabulary" - common character language that is used school-wide. In addition, it helps students build character and develop social-emotional skills while addressing issues such as bullying, cheating and academic achievement.

It was a GREAT first week at Ketterlinus!! Thank you to all of our students and parents.

LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF August 25th

Monday

- Homestyle Mac & Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Max Sauce
- Steamed Broccoli Florets
- Green Beans
- Apple Sauce
- Sliced Apples
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday

- Mini Corn Dogs
- Mini Cheese Ravioli
- Spinach & Romaine
- Salad with LF Dressing
- Corn
- Mixed Fruit
- Garlic Breadstick
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Fajita Chicken Salad
- Carrot & Cucumber
- Dippers
- Sweet Peas
- Fresh Apple Slices
- Garlic Breadsticks
- Choice of Milk

Thursday

- Hamburger
- Homestyle Chicken-Sandwich
- Roasted Potato Wedges
- Baked Beans
- Pears
- Choice of Milk

Friday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Hot Dog
- Cherry Tomato & Celery Dippers
- Sweet Potato Puffs
- Choice of 100% Juice
- White Wheat Roll