

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

Dolphin Digest is DIGITAL!!

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 to 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: _____



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!!

First Day of School Pictures



Will you share your "back to school" pictures with us for the yearbook? The photos can be emailed to: <u>Stacey.gwaltney@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>.

Please be sure to add "back to school" in the subject area, as well as your child's name. The yearbook is a collection of many KES memories made throughout the year, starting with the first day of school.

Dear KES Volunteers-

SAVE THE DATE: On Thursday, September 4th @7:45, we will have a Volunteer Orientation in Conjunction with the first PTO meeting of the year. Coffee will be served. If you plan to volunteer at KES, we would love for you to attend this orientation. Just a reminder: 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.

Below is a list of Current volunteer needs. Please let me know if you are interested.

**Volunteers to assist in the lunchroom each day from 11:00 to 12:00

***volunteers interested in becoming a mentor for one of our students

***Volunteers to level books for teachers

Looking forward to meeting each of you!



Principal's Corner

Dear KES Family and Friends-

Thank you again for all of your support and your patience as we learn the morning and afternoon dismissal procedures. We have had a wonderful first two weeks of school, thanks to your cooperation. The kindergarten students are quickly learning how to swim like Dolphins. Kids are amazing with how much they can learn and do!! This brings up the subject of letting your children walk to class on their own. Please allow your child to walk to class independently once they enter the front doors. The students are monitored by staff each morning and enjoy reading with their friends. KES is committed to the security and safety of our students and staff. We continue to work closely with the St. Augustine Police Department to ensure that our school is a safe place for our staff and for our students.

Every visitor that enters our school should have made prior arrangements or have scheduled an 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 the school.

IF you have made prior arrangements or are here to volunteer, please sign in at the computer located in the main office. The front desk clerk will assist you in obtaining a badge. Remember to wear the badge while you are in the building. This identifies you as someone who is cleared to be in the school.

Please know that my intentions are never to create procedures or policies that offend or inconvenience you. I create them in order to provide the safest and most secure environment for your precious children and for our staff and volunteers.

Kathy Tucker



Ketterlinus School Advisory Committee

In preparation for the upcoming year, we have scheduled the first School Ad-

visory Council meeting for September 16th at 7:45am. Childcare is provided. Please come be part of this very important committee of KES staff, parents, and community members that is responsible for the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan. 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule

> September 16, 2014 October 14, 2014 November 18, 2014 December 9, 2014 January 13, 2015 February 10, 2015 March 10, 2015 April 14, 2015 May 12, 2015

Ketterlinus PTO

Please consider becoming a part of our PTO. You will become a vital part of an organization that makes a difference at KES. 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.

Michelle Moore KES Volunteer Coordinator

~ 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

School Needs

We have many parents ask if there is a particular need for certain items. Currently, we are in need of recess balls/ sidewalk chalk. Our students love things to play outside. We are also in need of board games for our after school program. Thank you for your constant support.

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.

MORNING DROP-OFF

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:00 A.M. UNLESS THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THE COVE PROGRAM. THERE IS NO SUPERVISION AVAILABLE BEFORE 8:00 A.M.



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, Septem-

ber 30 to join Cub Scouts! All boys grades 1-5 are eligible to participate!

2014 Fall Season Sign-Ups

Register online at <u>www.MySALL.org</u> anytime during the month of August. St. Augustine Little League offers various divisions and playing levels in both Little League Baseball and Girls Softball. For questions, email: Information_littleleague@yahoo.com



PE Reminder—Please remember to wear your tennis shoes to P.E. class. Also, bring a water bottle. Remember to ONLY BRING WATER!!! Information regarding TOT will be coming soon!!!!

Coach's Corner

News from the Art Rooms



Now that our rules and procedures have been discussed and implemented, I am extending a warm welcome to all

fourth and fifth graders interested in joining Art Club. Please see your classroom teachers, or Mr. Lewis , for a copy of the reqistration. Art club will begin Monday, September 8th, at 3:15 pm in the Art Room. The cost is \$40.00. Students who join will be making plaster masks using their own faces as molds! Registrations will be accepted until September 8. I hope to have your child in Art Club.

News from the Music Department The Dynamic Dolphin Chorus will be starting on September 10, 2014 from 2:00 – 3:00 in Ms. Height's room. Every student in grades 3 - 5 will be receiving a registration letter in music class, so look for more information heading your way. Ms. .Height looks forward to making music with you this year!

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School Registration Forms

Please remember that all required paperwork for school registration needs to be turned in as soon as possible. If you are

missing any information you will receive a letter in your child's folder/backpack in the next few days showing what information is outstanding. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stacey Gwaltney at 547-8546.

VeloFest Community Initiative

Do you accept the challenge to become a more aware and safer road user? If so, On September 25th @5:45 .m, a Corporate 5K Challenge to promote safer road usage for pedestrians. Register at www.letsgetpedestrian.org. For more information, go to: www.velofest.org



