



Please remember to submit your volunteer application for the 2014/2015 school year. Applications are valid for 3 years from the date of the original application. If you would like to know the status of your application, please email Michelle Moore at michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Your cleared volunteer status will allow you to enter pass the front office for special events, lunch with your child and for Parent/Teacher conferences.

Dear KES Family and Friends,

Thank you for submitting your application to volunteer at KES. I have processed all of the applications submitted for this

school. If you submitted a new application this school year but did not receive an email from me, please email me to request that I check your volunteer status. The first field trip of the school year was this week. The students and parent chaperones were excitedly waiting for the bus. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this same fun during the school year. Life is all about memory making. Come be a part of all of the memory making at KES.

Below is a list of volunteer opportunities at KES. Please let me know if you are available to help.

*Lunch room volunteers to assist our kindergarten and first graders from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

*Volunteers to help our younger students with sight words each morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

*Volunteers to assist with tutoring in "The Cove", our afterschool program.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.



PTO NEWS

The school year has started off with a great start! Thank you to all who attended our first PTO meeting. I was excited to see so many new faces! As a reminder, our PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45am. Everyone is invited to attend. ChildCare is provided. I want to welcome Christine Montufar as our new PTO vice president. Christine has been a KES parent for many years and will be a great asset. We are still in need of volunteers for the following positions: Fall Fundraiser, Spring Fundraiser and Spring Fling. Please don't be intimidated by these positions....there are many helping hands to assist you. These projects help raise much needed funds for our school. If you you are interested, please contact me at newmangang@outlook.com or my Cell 806-2996.

Our KES family looks great in our newly designed t-shirts! I know that sizing has been a little bit of an issue, especially with the women's V-necks, so please let me know if you need an exchange.

Thank you! Amy Newman

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~ Dates to Remember *~*

- 10/03 Character Counts Celebration @ 8:45 a.m.
- 10/09 Curriculum Night(6:00-7:00 p.m)-Kindergarten Only
- 10/07 PTO meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 10/14 SAC meeting @7:45 a.m.
- 10/21 Spirit Night at Zaxby's from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m



Help Us Earn Money For OUR School

You can help our school unlock a world of possibilities. All you need is a pair of scissors. This is how it works: Find Box Tops from hundreds of different products, clip the Box Top label from every package, then send it in with your child. For every Box Top

collected, ten cents is donated to KES. Please place the Box Tops in a Ziploc bag, then print the name of your child's teacher on the front. This is an easy way to earn money for our school. The summer Box Top contest raised over \$500.00!! Fifty students participated in collecting hundreds of Box Tops. The student that collected the most was Reagen Alexander with 263!!

Thank you to Elizabeth Masters and Amy Sweeney for being our Box Top Co-Coordinators. We appreciate both of you for volunteering to count thousands of Box Tops each month.

A Box Top collection form will be sent home with your child to help make collecting fun. Thank you for helping us to raise money for our school!

BRAIN POP

Ketterlinus is proud to announce that staff and students have access to Brain Pop, Jr., Brain Pop and BrainPop Espanol. In traditional, blended, and "flipped" learning settings, BrainPOP supports individual, team, and whole-class learning. At school and in informal learning environments, the characters help introduce new topics and illustrate complex concepts. BrainPOP was conceived by Avraham Kadar, M.D., an immunologist and pediatrician, as a creative way to explain difficult concepts to his young patients. Parents can download an app to use at home. Username: Ketterlinus Password: brainpop

Learn to Type

Computer skills are becoming a fundamental part of education. Students that learn to type efficiently and use basic computer functions have a significant advantage over students who do not have keyboard or computer experience. With a small investment of time, students can improve their typing skills at home. There has been a noticeable difference with students practicing 3-4 times a week for 10-15 minutes each time.

www.keybr.com/ www.typingweb.com http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/ http://bigbrownbear.co.uk/learntotype/

Will Your Child Be Ready for FSA?

Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders-Please go to the link below to view the new Florida State Assessment that replaces FCAT this year. The website has a ton of resources for parents. The new assessment is more rigorous to match the standards we are teaching.

http://www.fsassessments.org/



News from Guidance



Parents may request that their child be screened for the gifted program by October 31 st.

All second grade students will be screened, unless their parent opts out of this screening. If your child is not in second grade and you would like him/her screened, please call or email the school counselor, Mrs. McCutcheon, at 547-8545 or mccutcs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

The identification and establishing eligibility for the gifted program is a yearlong process. After the screening, if a child scores high enough, he/she will be referred to our school psychologist and will be given an individual |Q test.

Target RED Card

Please remember to choose KES as the school that will receive 1% of ALL your purchases made at Target. This is an easy way for you to help Target "Take Charge" of education. We recently received a check in the amount of \$1151.54 from Target. Keep shopping!!

Field Trip Costs

When calculating fees for field trips, we must estimate the cost of buses. Buses are calculated on an average fee per hour, per bus, by our district transportation department. Field trip



calculations are based on the total number of students who might participate in the field trip. Bus calculations are added to these costs. Although we are unable to give an exact cost for buses, but we do everything possible to keep our trip costs at a minimum for our students. In most cases, there is an overage left at the end each trip. Any overages from each class will then be carried forward to offset the cost of a future field trip. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school bookkeeper, Mrs. Hairston at 547-8542.

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Pink Up The Pace

On October 4th @ 8:00 a.m., , the city of St. Augustine will be a sea of pink as runner s and walkers participate in the Pink Up The Pace 5k to raise money for the uninsured and underinsured in the early detection of breast cancer and to increase public awareness of the importance of early detection. Several of our staff members and parents have been affected by breast cancer so we want to show them our support. Please join us as we run/walk as a KES team. A school block party for our staff, parents and students will be held immediately after the race in the KES playground area. Look for details in next week's newsletter.



