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

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VPK: Harold Tharp

Kindergarten: Levi Henderson, Adrianna Platz, Scout LaPrees 1st Grade: Annabelle Boyd, Landon Tillman, Phoebe Barzso,

Ricky Murray, Cameron Reyes-Acosta

2nd Grade: Jordan Stinson, Ava Christman, Brooklyn Anthony,

Katlyn Danford

**3rd Grade:** Isla Redmon, Maynard Gustavson, Katrina Kinlaw **4th Grade:** River Ross, Mia Naughton, Andrew Carter, Skyler

Blackburn

5th Grade: Sona Earnest, Taylor Giles, Holden Peake

## Field Trips

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The fun has begun!! Several classes have already gone on their first field trip of the school year and more are scheduled for this month.

Don't forget to purchase the KES school shirt so that your child can be a part of a line of our "little Dolphins" who are showing off their school spirit. All shirts are \$12.00 and can be ordered through our PTO. Don't miss the chance to own the newest designed T-shirts!!

#### **Character Counts at KES**

Each month we celebrate a pillar of Character Counts with a celebration in the cafeteria. Parents are invited to watch their child receive an award and enjoy a donut with them. This month is the pillar of fairness. Students are nominated by their classmates based on the character they display in the classroom, on the playground, and in the lunch room. Our first celebration will be next Friday, October 3rd @ 8:45 a.m.

# St. Johns County School District Secretificate Asserting Education Since 1860

#### **STATE OF THE SCHOOLS**

Presented by Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D Monday, Octber 6, 2014 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. School Board Auditiorium

Come to hear the vision of the St. Johns County School District, celebrate last year's accomplishments, and outline plans for the current school year.

Dear Ketterlinus Family and Friends -

Fall is here! I'm loving the cooler weather. It makes running more enjoyable. Speaking of running, I have started an informal running/walking group on Wednesday afternoons at the Vilano Bridge at 4:30pm. Last year we had a few parents and students join us. Please come out and enjoy a run or walk over the Vilano Bridge every Wednesday afternoon. I'm looking forward to having TEAM KES well represented at some of the area 5k races as we have done in the past. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be representing KES at Pink Up the Pace 5k. I hope to see many KES families participate as we show our support for such a wonderful cause in our community. We will have a block party afterwards. Please look for the Sign Up Genius link to signup for post-race treats.

A big welcome back to Ms. Haley Blevins! Ms. Blevins is returning back to Ketterlinus as a third grade teacher. She will be taking over for Mrs. Amanda Strange, who will remain at Ketterlinus as our part-time computer teacher. Mrs. Strange is an amazing teacher and I'm very grateful for her willingness to fill in as a full time teacher until Ms. Haley Blevins returned from her 5 ½ month journey on the Appalachian Trail.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who have participated in parent conferences, Curriculum Night, Kindergarten Orientation and Meet & Greet the Teacher...all in the first 4 ½ weeks of school. I would like some input from parents on ideas to improve these events or even perhaps streamline the events. Please email me at Kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us. I plan to take ideas and suggestions to the School Advisory Council (SAC) to share and gather input. Our next SAC meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am. We have invited Beth Sweeny, our district government liaison, to speak to parents on legislative advocacy. Beth is a wonderful speaker – very engaging and "real". I cannot stress enough to parents and community partners how important the information is that Beth will share. It is valuable information that will help our school and our district.

Please plan to attend! RSVP with Ashley Power at <u>ashley.power@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. This will ensure that we have enough space to accommodate everyone.

Thank you for supporting our teachers and school during our back-to-school rush. We appreciate you!

Have a wonderful weekend! Go Jags! Kathy Tucker

<u>Third Grade Parents:</u> If you submitted your volunteer application during your child's kindergarten year, it will be expiring this year. It will expire three years from the date of the application. Many applications have already started to expire so please email Michelle Moore if you think that your application needs to be re-submitted.

### Dear KES Families-

I love fall and the new weather it brings. It makes me feel like making plans, accomplishing tasks and making goals. If you feel the same, please consider adding volunteering to your list of things to do. Currently, we have several areas of need. Would you please consider giving an hour a week to KES? We are in need of volunteers for the following:

\*\*Lunch Room Assistance

\*\*Great Leaps—volunteers to work with small groups in the morning from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. The students will be learning sight words.

\*\*Vision Screening—We are in need of volunteers on 09/30, 10/02, and 10/08 to assist Nurse Lisa with the vision, height, and weight screening. The screening will be held both days from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. PLEASE let me know if you can help us.

Thank you for allowing us to ask you for help. We are so grateful for the time that you give to our students and staff. You are valued and appreciated.

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Michelle Moore Michelle.Moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us



#### **NEWS FROM SAC**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first SAC meeting of the 2014-2015 school year. As a reminder, if you are able to attend at least 80% of our meetings this school year, you

will receive one FREE yearbook at the end of the year. Mark your calendars for October 14, 2014, as we have invited Beth Sweeny, Government Relations Coordinator for the District, to speak at our SAC meeting. We have found her to be a dynamic speaker. She will provide a wealth of information for both parents and teachers. Invite your family and friends. Many of you have expressed concern regarding several educational policies currently affecting our students. Ms. Sweeny will discuss how to address unwanted/wanted changes at the government level. Don't forget to RSVP to Ashley Power.

#### NEWS FROM PTO

Thank you to Keri Robinson for volunteering to Chair the Fall Fundraiser. She will be looking for volunteers to assist her in the distribution of Catalogs, the placement of orders, and the delivery of items to students. Set your Calendars for October 21st for Zaxby's KES spirit Night. Thank you, Megean Naughton, for organizing this fun evening for us. Please come to the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 7th @ 7:45 a.m. to hear more about the many volunteer opportunities available in PTO.

# \*~\* Dates to Remember \*~\*

09/30 Boy Scouts Round Up 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

10/03 Character Counts Celebration @ 8:45 a.m.

10/06 State of the Schools presented by Dr. Joyner at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board 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

### Ancient City Kids Day

Attention Parents! Looking for something fun to do with your kids that doesn't cost a lot of money? Then the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ancient City Kids Day is for you! Ancient City Kids Day will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 11am-3pm at Francis Field on Castillo Drive. This event, coordinated by local agencies, is a day of fun-filled activities for children and families. The event is free for the public, and will include over 40 youth service agencies offering carnival style games and activities, arts and crafts, contests for the kids and free entertainment all day plus Smokey the Bear. No child will leave emptyhanded as t-shirts, prizes or goodies are given out all day. Educational information on resources in our community is available for parents. The only cost to the public will be for food or drinks. Ancient City Kids Day has grown to be one of St. Augustine's biggest youth activities, and is a popular event for the whole family. Last year's event brought approximately 3,000 people out for the fun. For more information, please feel free to contact EPIC Behavioral Healthcare at 829-2273.



## Collected Ink Cartridges

One of our alumni, Terry Bennett, is graciously donating empty ink cartridges to the KES ink cartridge recycling program. Empty ink cartridges earn money for our school . We are so grateful for Mr. Bennett's commitment to KES. Thank

you, Mr. Bennett, for supporting our school. If you have empty laser or jet ink cartridges that you would like to donate, please place them in a plastic bag, then bring to the front office. We receive \$2.00 for every cartridge donated!!

#### Want to Meet Your Child's School Friends?

If meeting your child's school friends sounds fun, then please consider volunteering in the lunch room. We are in need of volunteers to help in the cafeteria every day from 11:00 to 11:45. Volunteers will assist with the recycling program brought to KES by a parent volunteer, Tara Strickland. We would like to have two volunteers every day of the week. Time in the cafeteria promises to make you chuckle. Email Michelle Moore at michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us

# **Morning Drop-Off**

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Thank you for your cooperation with helping to make morning drop-off run so smoothly. We appreciate your patience as we safely assist each child out of their car. If you are dropping your child off for morning care at "The Cove", please park in the parking lot across the street from the school. For safety reasons, we ask that you do not park along the curb in front of the school.

# News from Guidance

Gifted Screening Available

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

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.



## 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. Please go to the link below to sign up to bring something to share.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c44a9ae29a64ketterlinus/

# LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF September 29th

## Monday

Chicken Quesadilla Max Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Steamed Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk

# Tuesday

Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonettes Crunchy Beef Tacos Marinara Dipping Sauce Pears Choice of Milk

## Wednesday

Chicken Nuggets Fajita Chicken Salad Cherry Tomato & Celery Dippers Baked Beans Fresh Apple Slices Choice of Milk

#### **Thursday**

Pasta & Meatballs Fajita Chicken Wrap Spinach & Romaine Salad Sweet Peas Peaches Choice of Milk

#### Friday

BBQ Chicken Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Carrots Green Beans Choice of 100% Juice White Wheat Roll