

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

### Student of the Week

- VPK:** Tegan Fox
- Kindergarten:** Alijah Key, Patrick Turner, Bryce Wilkerson, Andre Jensen
- 1st Grade:** Sophia Tagliarini, Jacob Dux, Elizabeth Hucke, Aiden Lewis, Taryn Bishop
- 2nd Grade:** Olivia Satterfield, Isabella Berthiaume, Isabella Vazquez
- 3rd Grade:** Kerrigan Golz, Ayden Schroder, Hailey Beckman, Marquice King
- 4th Grade:** Emma Brisk, Kylie Butler, Brandon Carter
- 5th Grade:** Kyle Gillespie, Devon Nicol, Lola Newman
- The Cove:** Levi Landreneau, Moses Laprees

### Dear KES Volunteers:

A huge "thank you" to all of you who have volunteered in the Book Fair or at the Fall Festival. Both events were a great success. We truly appreciate the help you provided. We hope that as you walked away, your heart smiled at the vision of the excited faces of the children you assisted in choosing "just the right book" at the book fair, or on the faces of the children at the Fall Festival as they won prizes, had their face painted, or won cookies at the Cookie Walk.

I have been receiving several requests from teachers for help with "at home" projects. If you would like to be placed on the list of volunteers interested in helping with projects that can be sent home, please let me know.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Michelle Moore  
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### Second Grade Gifted Testing

On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, your child will participate in a district-wide second grade gifted screening assessment. St. John's County is testing all second graders to help locate possible candidates for the gifted program. The test being used is the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, which is a measure of abstract thinking and reasoning ability. This item was developed to assess both verbal and nonverbal skills. Your child will be tested **UNLESS** an "Opt Out" form is on file. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McCutcheon, the school guidance counselor. She can be reached by calling (904) 547-8545.

### Newsletter Survey

Do you find the newsletter to be a useful tool of communication? Is there another mode of communication that would be better for you? We would like to hear your input regarding the school newsletter. Please include if you feel that it is a good way to communicate, if you would rather it be sent out bi-weekly, or if we should discontinue publication completely. Please complete the attached survey, then send back with your child. You can also email your thoughts to Michelle Moore at Michelle.Moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

### Survey

- Do you read the Dolphin Digest weekly? \_\_\_\_\_
- If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_
- If you read the Dolphin Digest, on what digital device do you use? iPad? Laptop? Kindle? \_\_\_\_\_
- What information would you like to see in the newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you think the newsletter should be published? Biweekly? Weekly? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the font legible when reading the newsletter digitally? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you read the Dolphin Digest more consistently if you received a paper copy? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you prefer to have the lunch menu printed in the newsletter each week \_\_\_\_\_?

### Thanksgiving Day Luncheon Schedule Thursday, November 20th

We hope to see many parents and grandparents enjoying lunch with our students that day. What a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season. Please remember that you must have an APPROVED "School Access" form on file in order to attend the luncheon. Parking will be difficult, so please plan accordingly. Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Keaton will be serving a delicious luncheon of turkey, gravy and all the trimmings.

Time	Class
10:40 - 11:10	Joslin/VPK
10:45 - 11:15	O'Connor/Power
10:50 - 11:20	Mercer
10:55 - 11:25	Gibson
11:00 - 11:30	Golz
11:10 - 11:35	Snyder
11:15 - 11:45	Wood/Knight
11:20 - 11:50	Crum
11:25 - 11:55	Ball
11:30 - 12:00	Owens
11:40 - 12:10	Ballinger
11:45 - 12:15	Yelvington/Betesh
11:50 - 12:20	Celeste
11:55 - 12:25	Marsh
12:00 - 12:30	Elmore/Wallace
12:03 - 12:33	Herx
12:06 - 12:36	Mims
12:10 - 12:40	Brush
12:13 - 12:43	Blevins
12:15 - 12:45	Howatt
12:18 - 12:48	Smolek
12:23 - 12:50	Giutani
12:25 - 12:55	DaBruzzi
12:30 - 1:00	Borie
12:33 - 1:03	Pelletier/Gray



### Thanksgiving Luncheon

It is the time of year to celebrate with family and friends! We would like to invite you to attend our annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon on Thursday, November 20th, during all lunch periods. Please send your RSVP in with your child no later than November 19th so that we can ensure we have plenty of delicious food for you to enjoy. The menu will be:

Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Crisp, Dinner Roll, Milk

Adult meals are \$3.50  
KES Student meals are \$2.45  
Visiting Children meals are \$2.95



### Thanksgiving Feast RSVP

I am confirming attendance to the Thanksgiving Feast on November 20th, 2014.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Non KES children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

11/18 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.  
 11/20 Thanksgiving Luncheon  
 11/26-28 Thanksgiving Break  
 12/03 Dynamic Dolphin Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

**School Improvement Plan**

Our School Advisory Committee will be presenting the School Improvement Plan on Tuesday, November 18th, at 7:45 a.m. The School Improvement Plan is a plan that defines a school's targeted work for the year to raise achievement for all of its students. It is aimed at measurable goals, and it is monitored throughout the year. This document, built around input from staff, families, and community members, describes the essential work of making sure that every school is a thriving school that prepares every student to be college, career, and community ready. Everyone is invited to attend.

**We Need YOUR Input**



The proposed Master Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year is posted at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/) with a survey attached for feedback. The calendar will be posted through Thursday, November 20th.

Since SB1642 states that a school district currently designated as high performing may not lose that designation based on the 2014-15 school grades, there is very high probability the district will be approved to start the school year early on August 17, as planned. However, high school semester classes must meet a certain number of days during the semester. This means the first semester will not end until January 14, 2016, after the winter break.

**KES Makes a Difference**

We were so proud of our students for displaying such kindness to those less fortunate. Our collection table for our Food Drive was overflowing!! We also raised \$75.00 to be donated to the St. Francis House. Thank you, KES Family, for helping us to make a difference.



**Ketterlinus K-Kids School-Wide Food Drive ONLY A FEW MORE COLLETION DAYS!!**

Please help us to feed St. Johns County families this holiday season by donating to the Full Service School Program. We will be collecting the following items from November 7th to November 19th.

**(NO GLASS ITEMS)**

- Kindergarten/VPK-Soup and Cereal
  - 1st Grade-Fruit (Fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin oranges)
  - 2nd Grade-Desserts (brownie mix, cake mix, cookies)
  - 3rd Grade-Vegetables
  - 4th Grade-Beverages (powdered and canned milk, tea, coffee, fruit juice)
  - 5th Grade-Pasta, Potatoes, Rice
- On November 20th, the KES K-Kids will be assembling bags that will feed families of four. Each class will have collection bins for you to place your items.

**AR READERS**



KES students are star AR readers! 228 students in grades 1 – 5 met or exceeded their AR goal for the first nine weeks. Three classrooms – Ms. Ballinger, Mrs. Sturm and Mrs. Brush had 100% of their students meet the goal. Way to go! Congratulations to all of our AR stars! Coming soon - watch for photos of all of our AR star students on our school televisions ☺ . Please encourage your child to meet the goal for the second nine weeks so that they can attend the next Game Day reading celebration. First graders need 7 new points, second graders need a total of 20 points, third graders need 35 total points, fourth graders need 50 total points and fifth graders need 60 total points. The goal must be met by December 19th. "Readers of Today are Leaders of Tomorrow".

**Our Kids Have Character!**



On Friday, November 7th, a Character Counts Celebration was held to recognize students that were chosen by their peers as someone who exemplified the pillar of responsibility. Congratulations to the following students for being great examples to their peers: Savannah Wentley, Veda Rhodin, Kaylee Estrada, Cate Freeman, Addyson Akam, Ashton Schroeder, Phoebe Barzso, Tucker Daugherty, Cole Leschinski, Max Calver, Ivey Hayes, Audrey Rowe, Eli Robshaw, Conner Serrano, Jei Hersey, Wyatt Mahr, River Ross, Bryce Jackson, Joseph Solana, Logan Cline, Hunter Gatchell, Sean Willetts, Jax Czerniak, Will Tate, Dillon Mantei, Madison Mahr, Sona Earnest, Skyler Blackburn

**Ms. Marsh's class has a "Green Thumb"**

The students in Ms. Marsh's second grade class planted a garden in the back parking lot area. Mr. Barry helped the students plant 2 types of lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, beets, a mint plant, a pepper plant and tomato plants. The students have been learning about measurement as they measure the growth of each plant. They will enjoy a feast of veggies when they are ready to harvest.



**November is Florida Parental Involvement in Education Month**

The Florida Department of Education understands that there is a direct connection between parent involvement and high student achievement. We support Governor Rick Scott's recognition of November as Florida Parental Involvement in Education Month. Research shows that regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents and families are more likely to have the following:

- Higher grades, test scores and graduation rates;
- Better school attendance;
- Increased motivation and self-esteem;
- Lower rates of suspension;
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol; and
- Fewer instances of violent behavior.

**Thank you for being such a vital part of Ketterlinus Elementary School!**

**LUNCH SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF November 17th**

**Monday**

Homestyle Mac & Cheese  
 BBQ Chicken Max Sauce  
 Steamed Broccoli Florets  
 Green Beans  
 Choice of 100% Juice

**Tuesday**

Mini Corn Dogs  
 Mini Cheese Ravioli  
 Chicken Nuggets  
 Spinach & Romaine Salad  
 Assorted Fruit  
 Garlic Breadstick  
 Choice of Milk

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Holiday Luncheon  
 Roasted Turkey & Gravy  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 White Wheat Roll  
 Apple Crisp  
 Cranberry Sauce

**Friday**

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