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Happy Holidays from our KES family to yours!

******************* Student of the Week

VPK: Kaila Freeman Kindergarten: Cecilia Miller, Carter Medley, Ian Schroeder

- 1st Grade: Dalton Bradshaw, Claire Layton, Ricky Murray, Hunter Durr
- 2nd Grade: Ava McCallister, Ivey Hayes, Caleb Parsons, Julia Jockell
- 3rd Grade: Ronan Larrabee, Oliver Sapp, Vivienne Beville
- 4th Grade: Matisse Colee-Howard, Sidney Price
- 5th Grade: Richard Bayne, Adrianna Steward, Makayla Cosentino
- The Cove: Isla Struhar, Levi Landreneau, Julia Jockell, Gabrielle Sindicic
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Holiday Treats For Our Volunteers

Volunteers-please stop in for a holiday treat on Friday, December 19th, beginning at 8:15 a.m. We will have a morning treat for you to enjoy before you head over to the gymnasium for our school-wide Holiday Sing-A-Long. We hope that you know how much we appreciate all that you do for our staff and our students.

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Holiday Sing-A-Long

Our Dynamic Dolphin Chorus will be leading our Holiday Sing-A-Long on Friday, December 19th, @8:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. Our students will enjoy watching the chorus perform, as well as joining them in singing the many holiday songs we all love. Please join us as we celebrate together this special time of year. All visitors will go directly to the gymnasium.

The use of the bleachers will be reserved for our students. Visitors can stand or sit along the wall.



Dear Volunteers,

Happy Holidays! Whew....it's a busy time of the year. It is easy to get caught up in all of the hustle and bustle that comes along with the

holiday season, making it easy to somehow lose track of the magic of the season. If you find yourself needing a little "push", please consider volunteering at KES. The holiday artwork displayed throughout the hallways, the excitement of the children, and the fun holiday activities planned all create such a festive spirit. I love looking at your child's artwork as I walk down the hallway. It brings back so many fond

memories of when my child brought his "masterpieces " home. They hung on our refrigerator until they found a permanent home on the wall

Our current volunteer needs are:

**assistance in the lunch room from 11:15 t o11:45 a.m.

- *volunteers to cut out die-cuts
- **someone to work with our Community Business Partner Coordinator to reach out to
- our business community
- Michelle Moore

Michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us



A New Addition

Each week we will feature a student or staff member who has made a difference. We recognize that no act is too small to change someone's day. We hope that this will help you to see the giving hearts of our students and staff. KES is a great place to be !!

KES Staff Makes A Difference



Their calendars are full, their days are busy, and the hustle and bustle of the holiday can feel overwhelming, but our KES staff still managed

to find the time to make a difference. Several staff members enjoyed an evening of wrapping gifts for the St. John's County Fire Department. This year, the St. John's County firefighters have collected hundreds of gifts for children in need. It was a great night of laughter, team building and a chance to make a difference.







Safety First

Please remember to refrain from using your cell phone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Also, dropping students off on Orange Street is strictly

prohibited. Please help us to keep your children safe.

SAIRA GIFT CERTIFICATES

Looking for the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list? If so, we have an idea for you! Our P.T.O. is selling Saira Gift Certificates for \$25.00. Each certificate is good for \$25.00 worth of food and can be used at over 17 LOCAL restaurants. KES will receive a percentage of every certificate sold . It is a wonderful way to support our local businesses, as well as support KES! The participating restaurants include: Amici's Italian Restaurant, Café' Atlantico, Barnacle Bill's, Cap's on the Water, Creekside Dinery, Gypsy Cab, Kingfish Grill, Old City House, Purple Olive, The Raintree, The Reef, Salt Water Cowboys, South Beach Grill, Sunset Grille, and Michael's Tasting Room. To order your certificate, please call Charlene at 547-8540 or email her at

Charlene.Hiers@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Students will be released at 1:50 p.m. on Friday, December 19th.

~ Dates to Remember *~*

12/19 Chorus Concert in the Gymnasium at 8:45 a.m.
12/19 Early Release Day. Students Released at 1:50 p.m.
12/22-1/02 Winter Break
01/05 Teacher Planning Day
01/06 Students Return to School

YAN KEE CANDLES

<u>Yankee Candle</u>

Did you miss the deadline for placing a Yankee Candle order? It's not too late to treat yourself or someone you love with a New Year's gift. You can still order through the Yankee Candle website. KES will continue to receive credit for purchases made through December 31, 2014.

Please use the link below. The Group# is 990037005.

https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com

Lost and Found

All items that are in Lost and Found at the end of Friday, December 19th, will be donated to a local charity. Please remind your child to check Lost and Found if they are missing anything.

5th Grade Spelling Bee

The 5th graders participated in a spelling bee this morning in front of family and friends. It was amazing to watch the students spell words that are difficult for most. We are so proud of all of our

participants. The winners of our 2014/2015 Spelling Bee are:

Bryson Bryant Cole Itnyre Brielle Unswoth Bryson will represent KES at the District



Tutoring Now Available

The Cove is now offering tutoring!! If you feel that your child could benefit from group tutoring or individual tutoring, please consider The Cove. The cost for group tutoring is \$25. 00 per student and the cost for individual tutoring is \$40.00 per student. A one-time registration fee of \$25.00 is required for those students who are not currently enrolled in The Cove. For additional information, email janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Thank you for participating in the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Not only has your order helped our school, it has contributed to boosting the self-esteem of your child by allowing them to see their very own artwork printed on personalized keepsakes! What a great way to cherish those childhood memories forever!

Thank you for your educational support.





Coach's Corner

The TOT teams have been working very hard on their routines. Their first performance will be on January 16th, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.,



when they showcase their talent for the students and staff at KES . They will then entertain their parents and friends during their evening performance later that day. The evening performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The TOT teams look forward to showing you the skills they have mastered.

Art Club News

Early-bird signups for Art Club for Kindergarten and 1st grade will begin Monday, December 15. Early-bird price be \$25 for the 5-week session. Registration will continue after winter break.



Middle School Night

Sebastian Middle Schoo Join us for 5th grade Night/Ice Cream Social at Sebastian Middle School onThursday, January 8th, 6pm *Tour the school!* *See band, chorus and guitar performances!* *Learn about our programs and courses!* *Go on a Scavenger Hunt!* *Buy Spirit Wear!*

> Unable to Attend? Visit the SMS website for more info: www-sms.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Murray Middle School

R.J. Murray Middle School Center for the Arts will be accepting online applications for the 2015-2016 school year beginning December 11th until February 2nd. Parents may visit MMS website for additional information about our program. Auditions will take place on February 2nd.

Application for our Cambridge Advanced Studies Program and AVID will open February 23, 2015.