

5th Grade Spelling Bee

The 5th graders participated in a spelling bee 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:

Brysen Bryant
Cole Itnyre
Brielle Unsworth

Bryson will represent KES at the District Spelling Bee on January 21, 2015.



Dear Ketterlinus Family and Friends –

I hope you all enjoyed your winter break and made some resolutions to benefit your health and your family. We are encouraging our KES families and friends to join “TEAM KES” in the Matanzas 5k and/or Fun Run on January 24th. This race is a fast race that attracts a very elite group of runners from around the nation. This is my favorite race to participate and to watch. We take great pride in this race taking part in our community. I hope you and your family consider participating either by running, walking or cheering on TEAM KES. Registration forms can be found in our front office and on the school website. In addition, you can register on-line at <http://www.matanzas5k.com/>. Under group awards please indicate “Ketterlinus” so that our school gets credit for your participation. Please note that the Fun Run registration will only take place the day of the race. There is no charge for the Fun Run. The first 200 runners receive a t-shirt and a ribbon.

Pre-Order Your 2014/2015 Yearbook!!



Order forms for our 2014/2015 Ketterlinus full-color yearbooks are being sent home with students this week. The cost for each yearbook is \$25.00 until March 31st. After that date, the price will increase to \$30.00 per book. The KES yearbook will be jammed packed with fun photos of special times that were created this school year!!

Please note: At this time, all payments must be made payable to “Leonard’s” NOT to Ketterlinus. Checks can be sent in with your child but please remember to make it payable to Leonard’s. Only a small number of yearbooks have been ordered so place your order early!

Please note that any payment made payable to Ketterlinus will be returned to you. See the yearbook order form for complete details.

To pre-pay for a yearbook with a debit or credit card, please visit www.learnards.com/yearbooks. Use the code 32245 to place an order.

Each month our school does mandatory drills – fire, tornado... However, this coming week, we will be conducting a lockdown drill. We want you to be aware of this drill just in case your child comes home and mentions “lockdown”. In the event there is a real emergency, we will notify families via the Alert Now messaging system. It is very important that you check to ensure you are receiving these messages. We sent one this week. If you did not receive it, please contact Mrs. Gwaltney at 547-8546 to update your phone number.

Finally, please review the school calendar for the 2015-16. There is a significant change! We will start the school year earlier, but will also end earlier. However, it will impact us in having a short summer the first year. **The start date will be August 10, 2015. School will end for students on May 26, 2016.** Please make note and plan your summer vacation accordingly.

I thank you for all your support as we feel truly honored to be in the trust of your child(ren). Have a wonderful weekend! And consider participating on TEAM KES in the Matanzas 5k & Fun Run.

Get Your Resolution On!
Kathy Tucker

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, there will be NO school on Monday, January 19th.



Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found collection is growing. Please encourage your child to check the Lost and Found if they are missing something. To help us be able to find the owner of the many jackets, gloves and hats that we are collecting, please print your child’s name on all of their belongings.

Dear KES Volunteers,

Happy New Year!! I hope that the new year has brought great anticipation of new memories, treasured time with your family, and the realization of new goals. I love the feeling of “starting new” and making resolutions. This year, one of my resolutions is to make more time for those that matter the most to me. I want to seize time and truly enjoy those moments that have such impact on my heart. I hope the same for all of you.

We would love to invite you to add volunteering to your list of resolutions. You will enjoy your time at KES, and we would love to have your help. Our current volunteer needs are:

- **a volunteer to cut out dolphins using the die-cut machine
- **volunteers(both male and female) interested in becoming a mentor
- **lunchroom assistance

Let’s make 2015 a great year for “our little dolphins”.

Michelle Moore
KES Volunteer Coordinator

Making a Difference



Each week we will share examples of acts of kindness shown by our staff members or by our students. We hope that you enjoy getting a glimpse of the character displayed at KES.

Susan Eatman goes above and beyond in everything she does. She is always willing to offer a helping hand. She arrives early, stays late, and doesn’t slow down all day. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff member who is so devoted to both her co-workers and to her students.

Thomas Daugherty was noticed kneeling in front of a photo taken of his brother, Tucker, as he received a Character Counts award. Thomas was “fixing” his brother’s photo so that it was positioned perfectly straight in the frame. The look of pride on his face was priceless.

~* Dates to Remember *~

- 01/13 SAC meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 01/13 PTO meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
- 01/16 TOT Performance
- 01/19 ML King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 01/30 Donuts With Dad—7:45 a.m.—8:15 a.m.
- 02/02 Staff Inservice Day—No School for Students



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.

Box Tops For Education



Congratulations!! KES has earned an additional \$1,704.70 from Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial program. Your diligence in purchasing items with Box Tops and your effort in cutting them out are greatly appreciated. Thank you to both Elizabeth Masters and Amy Sweeney for all of the hours they spend sorting and counting the hundreds of Box Tops. What a great team effort!! Look for new collection sheets to be sent home.

Community Business Partners

"Thank you" to Dylan Rumrell and Laurel Berntsen for volunteering to be the KES Community Business Partner Liaisons. They will be seeking Business Partners who are interested in supporting KES. If you would like join their team, please email Michelle.Moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.



Donor Choose

Congratulations to Mrs. Sandy Wallace for the full funding of her DonorsChoose.org project! We're proud to be a small part of the funding, but the majority of the thanks should go to AT&T for matching an anonymous donor's generous donation! We love Donors Choose and the team work it promotes while helping teachers!

Check out her project at:
<http://www.donorschoose.org/project/mrs-wallaces->

READERS MAKE LEADERS AT KES

Each morning our 3rd and 4th grade students begin their morning by reading while they wait for the school bell to ring. It is amazing to watch them walk in to the hall, quietly sit down, then begin to read. We are proud of the responsibility they display each day. Susan Eatman and Michelle Moore are the staff members assigned to the upstairs hall during morning duty. They are so proud of these awesome students and are very grateful to begin each day with them.



R.J. Murray Middle School
Center for the Arts

Online Applications for the 2015-2016 School Year

December 11th - February 2nd

Parents may visit our school website for additional information about our program.

www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Parent Information Night January 20th 6:30 PM

Auditions will take place on February 2nd



Calling ALL Runners and Walkers



We are looking for runners and walkers to join TEAM KES as we participate in the Matanzas 5000 on January 24th at 9:00 a.m. Help us be the school with the most participants to show them that KES rocks! The route is through the streets of downtown. It is a beautiful run with lots to see. . You can register for the Matanzas 5K at <http://www.matanzas5k.com/Registration.html> . A race registration form can also be picked up in the front office.

****Mark KES as your school!!**

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Please check the Master Calendar for the 2015/2016 school year!! School starts early!! All students will be expected to be in attendance on August 10th. Absences will not be excused. You can view the Master Calendar on the school district website.

Lunch Menu for the week of January 12th, 2015

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Hamburger
- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets
- Crispy Baked Potato Cuts
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Fruit
- Garlic Breadstick
- Choice of Milk

Friday

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