

**Important**  
Test proctors are still needed. The tests are state mandated and require a proctor to be in each classroom. Please click the following link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-calling/>

## Spring Break Homework—Start Running/Walking!




We are thrilled about our new partnership with the North Shores Improvement Association/Vilano Bridge 5K. We hope to have a strong KES representation, so grab those running/walking shoes and start training. The 5k/fun run will be on April 11th, 2015, @ 7:00 am. To register for the event or to sponsor the 5k, please go to: [www.vilanobeachfl.com](http://www.vilanobeachfl.com).

## FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ONLY

In May, we will have our puberty education program presented by our school nurse. This includes a short video and a brief question and answer session regarding changes that a young person's body goes through during puberty and adolescence. Boys and girls will be separated for the presentation. You can review the *Always Changing* video at <http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/parent.php>. If you DO NOT want your child to participate, please send a written note to Nurse Lisa. If you have any questions about the program, please call Nurse Lisa at 547-8552.

## Does your child want a smencil?

 This is the link for the Needs Assessment Survey that must be completed by the end of the month. As an incentive, we will be giving out smencils to the students who bring back proof that the survey has been completed. At the end of the survey, parents will have the opportunity to print out a slip to return to their child's teacher.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=llKM7811>

## Won't You Please...Won't You Please... Be our Volunteer?

Testing is upon us and we need you!! Please click the link below to see the testing dates and time slots available. We are in desperate need of test proctors. Proctors are an extra set of eyes in the classroom. Please consider helping.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-calling/>

\*Training will be on Monday, March 23rd @ 9:00 and 2:00\* We are looking for someone to cut out dolphins that we will use for "Perfect Pods". Classes receive a "Perfect Pod" when demonstrating outstanding "KES Dolphin behavior". If the class reaches the specified goal for that quarter, they receive an award. We would like to have dolphins cut in an assortment of colors.

Just a reminder: As the end of the year approaches, so does the number of field trips and special events. If you plan to attend, please submit your "School Access Form". This will allow you to enter the school pass the front office. The "School Access Form" can be found on our school website.

Dear KES Friends and Family,

Thank you for your help in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and that they arrive on time. We have MANDATED state testing scheduled in the upcoming months, so PLEASE plan to have your child in attendance for ALL dates. Below is a list of test dates scheduled.

Thursday, March 26th-27th	Grades 3, 4
Tuesday, March 31	Grades 3,4
Wednesday, April 1st	Grades 3,4
Monday, April 13th—24th	Grade 5
Wednesday, April 29th— 30th	Grade 5
Friday, May 1st—May 22nd	Grade 5

It is imperative that your student be in attendance for all test dates as mandated by the state.

## Character Counts at KES

We have such great students at KES! They are wonderful examples of the pillars of character. Last Friday we held a Character Counts celebration for the pillar of caring. We recognized those students who were nominated by their classmates. Congratulations to the following students: Camryn McDermott, Scout LaPrees, Kiri Sawyer, Savannah Daugherty, Arabella Jackson, Trinity Gill, Reeve Power, Whitney Stewart, Sarah Outley, Moses LaPrees, Reece Gannon, Lily Oldham, Sophia Carrera, Miles Strange, Alyssa Clemons, Irisbella Banuchi, Jack Yelvington, Conner McCarthy, Noah Pendley, Lexi Levelle, Aden Bishop, Mia Naughton, Miles Carter, Haydyn Pouncey, Cullen Richardson, Avery Pugh and Magen Graham.

Spring Break for the St. Johns County School District is Monday, March 16th-Friday, March 20th. Students return to school on Monday, March 23rd. We hope that you have a wonderful and safe week.

## V.P.K. Open House



All V.P.K. programs are not created equal! Come find out why our program is unique and successful. The Ketterlinus V.P.K. has experienced teachers, developmentally appropriate activities, and a strong focus on literacy and the arts. We will be hosting an Open House for all interested families on Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. Teachers will be on hand to share information about the dynamic curriculum and answer your questions. Childcare will be provided by the Cove and light refreshments will be served. Please join us and pass the word to your friends and neighbors.

**\*~\* Things to Remember \*~\***

- 03/12 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- 03/13 Planning Day /No School for Students
- 03/16-03/20 Spring Break
- 03/26 Spring Concert

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**For your Evening Entertainment**

Our Spring Concert will be held Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ketterlinus Elementary School cafeteria. We are very excited to share our songs with you! Please join us for an evening of music.



**Dolphin Cafeteria**

Parents: Please check your child's lunch account to make sure that there is not an unpaid balance. You can do this by calling Suzanne @ 547-8551. Accounts can be paid with cash, a check, or by logging in to Pay-Pams.com.

**Second Graders Learn About the Life Cycle of a Chicken**



Students in Mrs. Yelvington and Ms. Betsch's class have new additions to their classroom. They have been learning about the life cycle of a chicken including the incubation period and the hatching of each egg. Each day begins with anticipation as they peek inside the incubator to see if another chick has hatched. The chicks will be given to a local farmer to raise.

**Congratulations, Dolphin Odyssey Teams!**



Congratulations to our Ketterlinus Odyssey of the Mind Dolphin Teams! They participated in the Guardians of Creativity 2015 Regional Tournament this past Saturday and did a fabulous job! We are very proud of them!

- Amanda • Mia • Lorali • Tanner • Grabe • Landon • Stone • Taylor • Stephen
- Amira • Bryce

Special thanks to our Coaches:

Mrs. Brooke Smith & Mrs. Nancy Thomas

**AVID SHOWCASE**



Thank you, to those of you who attended the AVID Showcase. It was a very informative meeting where we learned about the AVID initiative and how it is applied in the classroom. The successes that we have seen to date include: partnerships with the community, improved attendance, rigor/high expectations, better note taking, organization, improved writing, and student goal setting. These skills will help our students achieve success as they continue their journey through education.

**Attention ALL Out of Zone Students**

The window is now open to reapply for a hardship waiver for the 2015/2016 school year. ANY student who is attending Ketterlinus that does NOT reside in the Ketterlinus school zone must apply each year for hardship approval. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2015. Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/schoolserv/transfers> to complete the on-line application. The application only takes a few minutes to complete, so please do not delay.

**Exceptional Student Education(ESE) Parent Survey**

The 2014-15 ESE Parent Survey will be open from February 1 to May 31, 2015. We strongly encourage parents to go online to take the survey. The survey can be accessed at <http://www.esesurvey.com>.

If you would like a paper copy, please send a written request to the front office.

**Lunch Menu for the week of March 23rd, 2015**

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

- Max Cheese Sticks
- Mini Cheese Ravioli
- Chicken Nuggets
- Spinach & Romaine Salad
- Assorted Fruit
- Garlic Breadstick

**Wednesday**

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Wedges
- Fajita Chicken Salad
- Carrot & Cucumber Dippers
- Sweet Peas
- Fresh Apple Slices

**Thursday**

- Hamburger
- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets
- Crispy Baked Potato Cuts
- Assorted Fruit
- Garlic Breadstick

**Friday**

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