

Have a fun and safe summer!

Dear KES family and friends –

What an eventful year this was at Ketterlinus! This year we continued our AVID initiative with a focus on writing. We saw tremendous growth in our students' writing as indicated by having the highest writing scores in the district! I am very proud of the students and the wonderful staff at Ketterlinus for this accomplishment. During the school year, KES was recognized as being number three in the state for their Literacy Challenge. We had a wonderful visit from Florida's First Lady Ann Scott. Also, our school was recognized for having placed second in the state's PSA contest. We were asked by the AVID Institute to host educators across the state on our AVID initiative. What a honor to be recognized for our hard work. Our student, staff and community worked extremely hard.

Also, this year we anxiously awaited the new Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) test for students in grades 3-5. This was the first year of assessing the new state standards and our students showed they were well prepared. As you may recall, the current group of third graders were the first students to be introduced to the new state standards in Language Arts and Math.

So, speaking of FSA test results....

At this time, we are told that individual results will not be available until late summer/early fall. This being the first year of administering a new test, the state needs additional time. If the scores should come in over the summer, we will notify parents through the Alert Now messaging system.

So, speaking of Alert Now messaging system...

It is very important that you register and update your child's information through the Home Access Center (HAC). Last week, we notified parents to come to the school to pick up their child's HAC information (username/password) that is needed to register. While doing this, you will need to make sure your current phone number is on file. If incorrect, please make the changes so that any Alert Now messaging (phone or email) will be sent to you. It updates nightly from the Home Access Center. Also, to find out about your child's teacher for next year, you must have registered/updated your HAC!

So, speaking of next year...

Did you know that school starts on **August 10th**? Yes, that is much earlier than years past, but the last day of school will be May 26th! I like the idea that we are done before Memorial Day. We have communicated this for about six months and will not accept any requests for excused absences during the beginning of the 15-16 school year. It is important that all parents have a school calendar available in order to plan family vacations and appointments. We found it difficult for students, and parents too, to make up missed instruction. You cannot make up what a teacher has taught in class, as well as and the interaction and collaboration with other students.

I want to finish this last Principal's Corner with a special thank you and well wishes to Mrs. Chelle Howatt, 3rd grade extraordinary teacher, and Mrs. Amy Newman, our beloved and crazy PTO President. Their contributions to our students, our staff, our school, and to the district have been tremendous and immeasurable. I will miss these wonderful ladies. I look forward to more zany and fun-loving parents to join in on PTO and SAC.

Have a wonderful summer. Enjoy the family time and well deserved break.

Kathy Tucker, Principal

STUDENT of the WEEK!

- ★ **VPK: Connor Dermody**
- ★ **First: Bennett Anthony, Peyton Swindull, Maia Kitto, Aaliyah Williams, Laila Rosenthal**
- ★ **Second: Sage Poirier, Caleb McFee, Audrey Rowe, Sofia Carrera**
- ★ **Third: Ronan Larrabee, Joseph Solana**
- ★ **Forth: Amanda Hertz, Alyssa Rosenfeld**
- ★ **Fifth: Hayden Pouncey, Devon Nicol, and Brysen Bryant**

News from the Dolphin Cafe

FOOD THAT IS IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT! Any Student who is 18 years of age or younger may receive free, nutritious meals from the school (June 8-July 2). KETTERLINUS GYM or SOLOMON CALHOUN CENTER will serve food June 15-July 31. Please call 904-547-3961 to find out the serving times.



The first day of school for the 2015/2016 school year is August 10th, 2015.
There will be no pre-approved excused absences. Please mark your calendar.

~* Things to Remember *~

08/10 First Day of School for the 2015/2016 School Year
 06/11 PTO Board Meeting 3:00 p.m. @ Beaches on Vilano



Boosterthon

Wow! Incredible!! Way to go! We raised \$15,266 and collected 95% of the pledges. The Boosterthon event was a fun day for our students and staff and promoting a healthy, and active event. Thank you, PTO, for sponsoring such a great event.

It is NOT too late!

Today we said "goodbye" to the PTO President who served in that position for 10 years. She has donated hours upon hours of her time to help make KES the great school it is known to be. Jenny Ranick, the incoming president for the 2015/2016 school year, is asking for you to join the team. There are several open board member positions for the 2015/2016 school year. The vacancies include: Vice President, Business/Community Business Partner, and Secretary. **If you are interested, please contact either Kathy Tucker at kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Jenny Ranick at jranick4@yahoo.com.** Please consider joining this amazing team of volunteers.



Summer Reading Camp

The Summer Reading Camp packets will come home with your child on Thursday. Please thoroughly review the packet for arrival/dismissal times, breakfast/lunch times, field trip information, and the enriching curriculum that will be used to enhance your child's reading ability.

Keep Collecting Box Tops for Education!

As you shop for snacks for the beach, summertime pool treats, or items to add to your meals, please look for Box Top for Education products. For every label collected, KES receives ten cents. Summertime collection forms went home with your child today.



Congratulations, fifth graders, on your graduation from elementary school. We know that you will continue to pave a path of greatness. Remember... "Once a Dolphin, always a Dolphin".