

Ketterlinus Elementary School. Where we learn, love, and laugh.

Important

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday will be an EARLY RELEASE day for our students. Dismissal time will be at 1:50 p.m. PLEASE make note of this time. We realize that a change in routine is sometimes difficult, but it is extremely important that all children are picked up on time. Thank you for helping us to make afternoon dismissal run as smoothly as possible.

News from the Clinic

In compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056 (7) regarding school health services, we are notifying you that students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 3rd grade will be provided with a free screening for vision, hearing, height, and weight. This is to measure growth and development, as well as to detect other possible health problems. The screenings will be performed at the school by the school nurse and trained volunteers. Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing, that you do not want your child to participate. Please do so by August 24th, 2015. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Lisa at 547-8552.



Do You Want To Be In Pictures?
Welcome back Dolphins! If you have “first day” photos of your children, we’d love to see them! Please send one photo of your child’s first day to Ms. Stacey at: Stacey.gwaltney@stjohns.k12.fl.us. The pictures will be in the yearbook that is published at the end of the year. We love to look back and see how much our students have grown!



Dear KES Families,
Welcome to Ketterlinus Elementary School. My name is Michelle Moore and I am the Volunteer Coordinator. We are excited about this year and know that you will want to be part of all of the memory making moments. In order for you to participate in any of our special events, attend field trips, watch performances, visit a classroom, or have lunch with your child, you **MUST** have a cleared “School Access Form” on file. You can find this form on our school website. Please keep in mind that the approval process could take up to four weeks. Please share this information with grandparents, aunts and uncles, babysitters, and siblings who are over the age of eighteen and who plan to visit KES. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email that includes your name and the grade that your child is in.

Looking forward to meeting each of you!

Michelle Moore(michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
The world is hugged by the faithful arms of
Volunteers. –Terri Guillemet

Welcome back KES families and friends –

The 2015-2016 school year started off smoothly! This is the first time in 6 years that it has not rained on the first day of school! Some of you might recall a few rainy day dismissals. It is an experience, but the support and patience from our families makes it so smooth!

The kindergarten students are quickly learning the procedures for arrival and dismissal. Kids are amazing with how much they can do! This brings up the topic of allowing your children to walk to class by themselves. The students are monitored by a KES staff member while they are waiting outside their classroom for the bell to ring(8:20 a.m.). Most area elementary schools, after the first week, have not permitted parents to enter the hallways without having prior arrangements with the classroom teacher or administration. We realize this is a change in our procedures from years past, but please take the time to understand why. KES is committed to the security and safety of our students and staff. We work very closely with the St. Augustine Police Department and the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Department.

Everyone that enters our school should have made prior arrangements or have scheduled appointment with their child’s teacher. We want to keep our hallways as clear as possible in order to keep an orderly and safe environment. Our mornings are extremely busy with having 450+ students entering our school in a short span of time. In addition, we want to account for every adult entering the building and know their purpose for being in the school.

If you have an appointment or have made arrangements to volunteer, please sign in on the computer located in the front office. The receptionist will call the teacher, announce that you have arrived, and direct you to the classroom. You will need to wear a yellow badge which will be given to you by the front office staff. This tells staff members and students that you are cleared to be in the school.

Please know that my intention is never to create procedures and policies that offend or inconvenience others, but to create the safest and most secure environment for our students, staff and volunteers.

Next week, PTO will kick off (2) fundraisers – Coupon Books and Custom Flags. We love our PTO and the support they give to our school. This year they purchased our Accelerated Reader Program that supports our school-wide reading initiative and Reading Eggs/Express web subscription. In addition, they have purchased a much needed sound system for our school. Please consider becoming a PTO member.

Kathy Tucker

The Voice at the Other End of the Phone

Shelby Kashiwamura is the new front office receptionist. She will be the voice at the other end of the phone when you call, the person assisting you with signing in/out your child, and will also assist with printing badges for volunteers entering the building.



Frequently Needed Numbers

- Lunch Accounts-Suzanne Deuschle-547-8551
- Library Fines/Lost Books—Media Center-547-8548
- Bus Routes-Transportation Dept.—547-7810
- Volunteer Questions-Michelle Moore-547-8540
- VPK/The Cove– Janet Bryant-547-8971
- Clinic-Nurse Lisa, RN-547-8552
- Attendance, Registration or Records- Stacey Gwaltney– 547-8546

~* Things to Remember *~

08/18 SAC/PTO Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
 A presentation titled "Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum" will be presented
 09/07 Labor Day/ NO SCHOOL
 09/08 PTO Meeting @8:30 a.m.

News from the Music Room

Dynamic Dolphin Chorus registrations for the 2015-2016 school year are due by August 24, 2015. Registration is \$35 for this year. If you love singing, and are in grades 3, 4, or 5, the Dynamic Dolphin Chorus is for you! See Mrs. Height for information.

Ketterlinus PTO

We have many exciting things planned for this school year and need your help!! Please consider becoming a part of PTO. KES PTO provides funding for AVID training, staff appreciation, technology, family nights, and classroom supplies. Please plan to attend our first PTO meeting of the school year on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:45 a.m. The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Challenge



Congratulations to the students who completed the entire Reado card and to those that completed one of the challenges.

First Grade: Eleanor Charette, Joshua Beckman, Destinee Wilson

Second Grade: Cole Leschinski, Phoebe Barzo, Mio Brumley, Reid Itnyre, Annabelle Hucke, Lizzy Hucke

Third Grade: Alyssa Clemons, Sofia Carrera, Julia Beisber, Ava McCallister, Emma Ryan, Olivia Satterfield

Fourth Grade: Bryce Jackson, Kerrigan Golz, Wyatt Mahr, Lilitiana Herrington, Mia Snyder, Jack Brecko, Joshua Schirm, Lorali Thomas, Ashton Akam, Tanner Scott, Hailey Beckman

Fifth Grade: Amanda Hertz, Emma Brisk, Stone Bailey

Each of the students have earned a reading trophy charm and has been invited to a party is planned for those students who completed the entire reading challenge.

Ketterlinus School Advisory Committee

The School Advisory Committee is a team of people representing various segments of the community. SAC includes parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the school budget. We invite you to attend the first SAC meeting of the school year on Tuesday, August 18th @7:45 a.m.

There will be a presentation titled "Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum" given by Beth Sweeny and Mike Degutis .

Drop off/Pickup Procedures

Ketterlinus is an unique school – located in the downtown St. Augustine in the midst of the hustle and bustle of major tourist attractions and businesses. It is one of the many things that we love about our school. Our students are very fortunate to have access to many of these places. Please be stewards of our community by demonstrating good character by following our guidelines below during drop-off and pickup.

In the morning...

***Drop off begins at 8am.** If you require morning care, please inquire with the "The Cove" at 547-8540. Please do not leave your child unattended before a school staff member is present at parent drop-off. Students who are repeatedly dropped off early will be enrolled in the morning care program. Parents will be responsible for the registration fee and daily morning care fee.

***Make sure your child is sitting on the passenger side prepared to exit with their lunchbox and/or backpack.** The line backs up when a student is not prepared. If your child is not prepared, just pull forward to a parking space to allow the car line to move and give you and your child more time to prepare.

***DO NOT allow your child to exit from the driver side.** This is unsafe and slows the line down.

***Pull forward.** The first car should pull all the way to the orange cone. This allows more cars to drop-off in the "landing area".

In the afternoons...

***School ends at 2:50pm.** Do not come earlier unless it is absolutely necessary. Those that repeatedly check-out early will need to meet with administration. The end of the day is a very important part of the day for students. Students are getting assignments and reviewing the day's learning goals and activities.

***Please enter "the line" by driving on Castillo Drive between the Visitor's Center and Project Swing – DO NOT stop traffic behind the school district building by trying to turn left through the wooden gates.** This has caused the trolley trains to back up. In addition, this is not fair to the parents who have also been waiting patiently.

***Display car tags.** Not having a tag posted will slow down the pick-up process.. Please make sure you child's first name and grade are clearly printed on the tag. This helps us in calling the right student. We have several students with the same first name, but can narrow it down with a grade level.

***Pull forward!** This allows more cars to pick up at one time.

***Do not use a cell phone.**

***Stay in the car, do not walk up and try to pick up your child.** This causes the adults to stop listening to their walkie talkies and we miss calling names. We dismiss non-car riders at 3:05-3:10 to the front patio area. Please wait for them there.

***We strongly encourage parents to consider having their child ride the school bus.**

Lunch Schedule for the Week of August 17th

Monday

Macaroni & Cheese
 BBQ Chicken Max Snax
 Chicken Nuggets
 Baby Carrot Dippers
 Green Beans
 Steamed Broccoli
 Assorted Fruit
 Variety of Milk

Tuesday

Mini Corn Dogs
 Mini Cheese Ravioli
 Max Cheese Sticks
 Baby Carrot Dippers
 Spinach/Romaine Salad
 Celery & Cucumber
 Assorted Fruit
 Variety of Milk

Wednesday

Cheese or Pepperoni
 Pizza
 Chicken Nuggets
 Baby Carrot Dippers
 Spinach/Romaine Salad
 Celery & Cucumber
 Sweet Peas
 Variety of Milk

Thursday

Cheeseburger
 Homestyle Chicken
 Sandwich
 Chicken Nuggets
 Baby Carrot Dippers
 Crinkle Cut Potatoes
 Assorted Fruits
 Variety of Milk

Friday

Hot Dog
 Chicken Nuggets
 Max Cheese Sticks
 Baby Carrot Dippers
 Spinach/Romaine Salad
 Celery & Cucumber
 Choice of 100% Fruit
 Juice