

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

### News Alert:

The Dolphin Digest is undergoing a make-over!! We are piloting a new publication for The Dolphin Digest that will now be published quarterly. It will be sent to you via the United States Postal Service. It will be jam-packed with important information that you and your child can read together. Please post it on the refrigerator, and use it to stay involved and to keep informed. We want feedback, so please let us know what you think. We will be assessing the success of this new way of communicating following the Winter Break.



### Student of the Week

- ★ **VPK:** A'Mya Lewis, Luke Richardson
- ★ **Kindergarten:** Kaylee Estrade
- ★ **First Grade:** Ryan Ausili, Jordan Jockell, Eleanor Charette, Aiden Borra, Roan Grosso-Garcia, Veda Rhodin
- ★ **Second Grade:** Finely Stokke-Harms, Rebecca Billette, Hayden Eiserman, Maia Kitto, Mia Bergamasco, Amir Altoum, Nia Barnhart
- ★ **Third Grade:** Isabella Berthiaume, Kaden Babbitt, Lauren Voutour, Karlie Page, Sofia Carrera
- ★ **Fourth Grade:** Amelia Thompson, David Bush, Lexi Levelle
- ★ **Fifth Grade:** Christian Crespo, , Andrew Carter, Maggie McMullen, Mia Naughton , and Devin Delaney



### News from Principal Tucker

Dear Ketterlinus Families and Friends –

It has been a great first three weeks of school. The kids, families, and staff are truly amazing here at KES! I say this often ,but it was affirming when our new school nurse, Tabitha Slaughter, walked up to me and said, "The kids here are very special!" It led to a long discussion of how wonderful our school and students are here at Ketterlinus. We share common values and expectations with our students, parents and staff, and are part of a community that is dedicated to supporting KES.

As we are moving forward with the academics and school routines, I want to share with you an important topic in light of recent news. KES is committed to the **security and safety** of our students and staff. We work very closely with the St. Augustine Police Department. We are fortunate that they station themselves in front of our school almost every morning and afternoon. In addition, we had the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office conduct a security audit.

**Everyone that enters our school should have made prior arrangements or have a scheduled appointment with their child's teacher or staff member.** 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 440+ students entering our school in a short span of time. In addition, we want to account for every adult entering the building and their purpose know his/her for being in the school and being near your child. **If you have an appointment or have made arrangements to be at the school, please sign in on the computer as a VOLUNTEER and the front office receptionist will call the staff member, announce that you have arrived, and direct you to the classroom/office. You will need to wear the yellow badge.** This tells staff members and students that you are cleared to be in the school. **Please know that my intentions are 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.**

We had planned a routine fire drill on Thursday, however, due to the circumstances of other schools being on lockdown, we decided to postpone the drill. **We will do a practice fire drill AND LOCKDOWN drill next week.** I will send an email reminding parents of this PRACTICE DRILL as not to cause an alarm. In the event there is a real emergency, parents will be notified via an automated phone call and/or text. Next week, we will be sending out information on opting out of this text option if you prefer NOT to get an automated text for all school alerts. I strongly encourage you to make sure you have updated cell phone or emergency numbers on file. This can be done by accessing **Home Access Center (HAC)**. We have noticed that only a small percentage of parents have signed up to access Home Access Center. Please consider accessing Home Access Center to stay informed of your child's academic progress.

### 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-Our School Nurse -547-8552
- Attendance, Registration or Records- Stacey Gwaltney-547-8546

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

- 09/01 Spirit Night at Dairy Queen ( 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
- 09/07 Labor Day/ NO SCHOOL
- 09/08 Volunteer Orientation/PTO Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

**Volunteer Orientation**

Please join Michelle Moore, the KES Volunteer Coordinator, for a brief Volunteer Orientation on September 8th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. She will discuss ways to volunteer, KES policies, and helpful guidelines to follow while at KES. We look forward to meeting our new parents who are interested in being part of our KES volunteer family.



**Box Tops for Education**

Want a fun and easy way to raise money for our school? Look for the Box Top for Education label on hundreds of products, clip it, save it, then send it to school with your child in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher's name. For every Box Top collected, KES will receive ten cents. Thank you, Amy Sweeney, for your willingness to coordinate our collections.

**News from PTO**

Thank you for your support with our first two fundraisers of the year. The money raised will go directly back into the school for your children. Be on the lookout for our new Business Sponsorship form. It will be posted on our KES PTO website, and available through the PTO. We are offering different packages to help promote your business!! **SPRIT NIGHT** is Tuesday, Sept 1st, at Dairy Queen from 5-8 p.m. They will donate a % of sales to KES. What a great way to show your Dolphin pride! The year has started great and we are so excited for what's to come! Thank you for your support!



**News from Our Guidance Counselor**

As we approach the end of the first month of school, the new routine is beginning to feel comfortable. Transitioning back to school after a summer filled with activity, late bedtimes, mornings of sleeping late, and unstructured time, can be difficult for both children and adults. Setting and keeping a routine is helpful so that everyone knows what to expect. One routine that is so important to establish is a bedtime routine. According to the National Sleep Foundation, kids between the ages of five years old and twelve years old should get ten to eleven hours of sleep each night. It is recommended that you establish a routine so that your child has time to wind down as they prepare for a good night's sleep. Reading books with your child is a wonderful way to connect at the end of the day, and a way for your child to begin to prepare for a night of restful sleep. —Sandy McCutcheon



**Coach's Corner**



It's time for TOT (Teams of Tomorrow). TOT will begin Wednesday September 9, 2015. TOT is during Wednesday WOW. Forms for TOT will be available Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Fifth grade Elite TOT is closed. Excluding fifth grade, each team is limited to 20 participants. Second grade is the only team with 20 spots remaining. Third and Fourth grade teams are limited due to returning TOTs. TOT forms will be due back no later than Friday, September 4, 2015. TOT announcements will be made on the morning news Tuesday, September 1, 2015. Looking forward to another exciting TOT year!!!

Coach Allen



**I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM  
WE ALL SCREAM FOR  
ICE CREAM!!!**

**Ketterlinus PTO invites you to join us at Dairy Queen for our first Spirit Night of the year.  
Sept. 1st from 5pm - 8pm**

**Can You Help?**

We are in need of proctors for the upcoming DE testing. Proctors serve as an extra set of eyes in the classroom and are not responsible for administering the test. If you can help, PLEASE click the link below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-detesting1>

**News from "The Cove"**

Greetings ,Cove Parents! We have gotten off to an awesome start!!! The first three weeks were fantastic!! Just a few reminders... Drop off for morning care (fee-based) is promptly at 7:00. If you have a VPK student and you arrive to the school after 7:55 a.m. , please drop off at the designated area in the back of the school. The Cove/VPK payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> for bi- monthly option and on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the monthly option. Remember, we are keeping everyone a month ahead with payments this year, causing the last payment to be in April or the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, YIPPY!!!

We have already started taking registration for enrichment activities! We have added some new options this year! Please visit the "Cove Corner", located in the front office, for more information.

Thank you for your support. Let's make this year a great one!!!!

**Lunch Schedule for the Week of August 31st**

**Monday**

- Homestyle Mac & Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Max Snax
- Chicken Nuggets
- Steamed Broccoli
- Green Beans
- Baby Carrot Dippers
- Assorted Fruit

**Tuesday**

- Mini Cheese Sticks
- Mini Cheese Ravioli
- Mini Corn Dogs
- Baby Carrot Dippers
- Celery Stick & Cucumber
- Assorted Fruit

**Wednesday**

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Chicken Nuggets
- Baby Carrot Dippers
- Celery Stick & Cucumber
- Sweet Peas

**Thursday**

- Cheeseburger
- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- Chicken Nuggets
- Baby Carrot Dippers
- Spinach & Romaine Salad
- Crispy Baked Potato

**Friday**

- Chicken Nuggets
- Hot Dog
- Max Cheese Sticks
- Baby Carrot Dippers
- Spinach & Romaine Salad
- Celery Stick & Cucumber
- Assorted Fruit