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Master Calendar for Ketterlinus

10/27 Spirit Night at Zaxby's 5:00-8:00pm	11/26-11/27 Thanksgiving Break
10/30 Costume Parade at 9:00am	12/3 Chorus Concert at 6:00pm
11/4 Book Fair Opens	12/8 SAC Meeting at 7:45am / PTO Meeting at 8:45am (KES Enrichment Lab)
11/5 Spirit Night at Buffalo Wild Wings 11:30am-midnight	12/21-1/4 Winter Break
11/6 FALL FESTIVAL 6:00-8:00pm at KES	1/5 Teacher Planning Day
11/10 SAC Meeting at 7:45am / PTO Meeting at 8:45am (KES Enrichment Lab)	1/6 School Resumes
11/11 Veteran's Day-No School	1/12 SAC Meeting at 7:45am / PTO Meeting at 8:45am (KES Enrichment Lab)
11/19 Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	1/14 Spirit Night at CiCi's Pizza 5:00-8:00pm
11/23 Spirit Night at Borillo's 5:00-8:00pm	

Principal's Corner

Dear Ketterlinus Family and Friends,

Thank you for your patience as we are piloting a new mode of communication with the Dolphin Digest newsletter. The Dolphin Digest newsletter will be mailed quarterly – every 9 weeks to coincide with report cards. We will look at the value of this mode of communication after semester in January. I welcome your input.

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is just around the corner. There is much to do, teach and learn. As a result, we are addressing many of our absences, tardiness and frequent check-outs. Several students seem to be falling into the “frequent flyers” category. Both Mrs. Keaton and I will be making phone calls to provide “gentle reminders” before having to proceed to our RTI (Response to Intervention) team with a member of the district’s Student Services Department involved. Parents, please make every effort to ensure your child is at school every day and on time. **A reminder that we do not permit early check-outs after 2:15pm.** This is a crucial time as teachers are wrapping up lessons with important information to go home.

Congratulations to Mr. Brian Elmore for being selected as our Teacher of the Year for Ketterlinus. Brian has been teaching just over 20 years in St. Johns County. He has been nominated as Teacher of the Year at his two prior schools. He is a well-respected and dedicated educator.

Our Rookie Teacher of the Year, is Miss Keri Height. Miss Keri just completed her first year of teaching at Ketterlinus and has done an amazing job. She is the teacher sponsor for our Dynamic Dolphins Chorus program and the Ketterlinus music teacher. It is wonderful to be in her room and hearing the children sing.

Two important safety issues have been brought to my attention during dismissal. **Please do not walk over and take your child from the car rider area/patio.** We are moving over 460 students out of the building, and cannot have staff members take their attention off of the students. Also, we will not permit your child to walk around the car to enter. **All students should enter on the passenger side of the car – no exceptions.** Cars that are ready to exit often pull around other cars and would be unable to see a child coming around.

I look forward to more fall happenings in November with our Fall Festival on November 6th and our Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 19th. Please look for the RSVP for the Thanksgiving Luncheon in this newsletter.

Have a great weekend!

Kathy Tucker

Special Events

Thanksgiving Luncheon:

Turkey, gravy, family and friends....all of the ingredients for a very special day. Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 19th. This is a wonderful day to celebrate with your child and their school friends. The cost is \$2.55 for students, @2.90 for non-school-aged children, and \$3.50 for adults.

RSVP: An invitation that includes a RSVP will be sent home with your child.

Dynamic Dolphin Chorus:

The Dynamic Dolphin Chorus will be having a winter concert on December 3, at 6:00pm, in the KES Cafeteria. We are so excited to start the month of December with some wintery, holiday tunes! We hope to see you there!

Thank you to the Metzger family for being a KES Community Business Partner.



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Housekeeping

Don't Be Left Out!

We want you to be part of all of the memory making moments happening at KES. If you haven't already done so, please complete a “School Access Form”. This form can be found on our school website. An approved “School Access Form” will allow you to attend special performances, lunches, field trips, and to volunteer in classrooms and throughout the school. Unfortunately, without an approved form on file, you will not be permitted to go passed the front office. Please keep in mind that the approval process can take up to four weeks for processing, so if you plan on attending the Thanksgiving Luncheon, please don't delay in submitting your application. Also, when in the building, yellow volunteer badges must be worn on the upper part of your shirt, making it visible for staff and for students.

Please Help Us to Continue Instructional Time

Please avoid early check-outs. Especially between 2:15 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. This is an extremely busy time of the day and important academic instruction is taking place. If early check-out cannot be avoided, please prearrange this with your child's teacher.

Safety Matters

Please remember to send a note with your child when their transportation mode is changed. This will help the teachers to plan accordingly and will prevent any confusion at dismissal.

Readers are Leaders!

Suzanne Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

At Ketterlinus Elementary we have a saying..... Readers are Leaders! We strongly believe this is true, so we promote reading in a variety of ways. As you know, reading at home is a crucial piece of your child's reading development. Below are some suggestions to help your child in reading.

1. Establish a reading routine with your child. Make reading a priority, and read every day, even on weekends.
2. Read in a variety of ways. Read aloud to your child to model the reading process. Read with your child by taking turns reading, or listen to a book with your child and discuss the events in the story.
3. Connect reading and writing, and promote a positive attitude when it comes to reading and writing. Your enthusiasm communicates an important message to your child.
4. Make your thinking “visible” when you are reading aloud to your child by verbally describing what you are wondering about or predicting will happen.
5. Balance fiction and nonfiction reading experiences.
6. Balance digital and print reading experiences.
7. Be a committed reading partner by staying involved in what your child is reading even as your child enters intermediate grades.
8. Enjoy that special time with your child. They grow up quickly!

Media Center

What's Your Child's Goal?

The Accelerated Reader (AR) is our school-wide reading initiative to help promote the love of reading. Research shows that when a child is an avid reader, they are more successful in the classroom. Please encourage your child to meet the Accelerated Reader (AR) goal for the second nine weeks. We will celebrate their success at Game Day where students will enjoy playing games, dancing, singing and building LEGOS.

These goals must be met by December 18th: 1st grade= 7 AR points, 2nd grade = 20 AR points, 3rd grade= 35 AR points, 4th grade= AR 50 points, 5th grade = 60 AR points.

Can You Spell the Word.....?

Our fifth grade Spelling Bee will be held on December 11th at 9:40 in the media center. The winner of our school Spelling Bee will represent Ketterlinus Elementary School at the district Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the school board auditorium at 40 Orange Street.

Teams of Tomorrow

HELLO EVERYONE! Hope your year has gotten off to a good start. It's time for some TOT news:

TOT has been going well. THE TOTs are working hard and beginning to learn their routines. The first TOT performance will be Friday, January 15, 2016. There will be a morning performance for Ketterlinus students and staff, as well as an evening performance for family and friends. The performances will be in the Ketterlinus Gym. Times for both performances will be given at a later date. We can't wait to show you our mad skills..... GO TOTS!!!!

TUTORING

Greeting KES parents! The Cove is now offering individual and group tutoring. All of our tutors are Ketterlinus Elementary School certified teachers! This service is available to any KES student.

For more information, such as fees, days and time, please contact Janet Bryant, Extended Day Coordinator at 547-8971 or janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us

News from Nurse Tabitha

ALL OUT COMB OUT!!!

Head Lice – If you don't get'em out, you still got'em!

A head louse is a tiny, wingless insect that can attach to a person's hair, where it feeds on tiny amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Lice, while creepy, aren't dangerous and they don't spread disease. Anyone and everyone can get them. They are super annoying but with a positive attitude, an effective treatment and comb out, they aren't really a big deal.

Think Prevention!

Check your child's head weekly!! Early detection

makes the whole process easier. Make sure you talk to your kids about preventing lice and help them understand that it can happen to anyone.

- Avoid head-to-head contact with others.
- Do not share combs, brushes, hair ties, hats, etc.
- Do not lie on bedding, pillows, or carpets that have RECENTLY been used someone with lice.

St. John's County School District has a NO NIT POLICY. After the anti-lice treatment be sure to comb out all nits. This is very important to ensure that treatment is effective. Combing the nits out can be a time consuming process but it's worth the time

spent. Also continue to check your child's head and comb throughout the hair for nits for the next 10 days. We can work together on this issue. YOU GOT THIS! Contact Nurse Tabitha with any questions or concerns at 904-547-8552.

Some Facts!

Head lice are about the size of a sesame seed. They feed on human blood. Head lice do not live on your pets. They can only live 24 hours off of the human host. They leave an itchy feeling like a mosquito bite. Each head louse can lay up to 10 nits (eggs) a day.

Calling All Artists!

Session 2 Art Club for Grades 2 & 3:

Registration begins Monday, October 26, 2015; Meeting Dates: November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7 and 14

Session 3 Art Club for Kindergarten & 1st Graders:

Registration for Kindergarten & 1st graders begins January 25.

Thanks to the students who have joined Art Club. We have made our first set of clay tiles inspired by the artist Keith Haring. They have been fired in the kiln. They look beautiful!

As classes have begun to work on their projects, we will need supplies for others. Please save and donate empty toilet paper rolls, food coloring, clear plastic boxes (shoe box size), and canning/ mason jars with lids.

Thank You! – Mr. Lewis, Art Teacher

Pre K Fall Leaves: Rubbings and Prints
 Kindergarten Elements of Art: Color
 1st Grade Patterned Landscapes
 2nd Grade Lines in Space/Lively Lines
 3rd Grade Self-Portrait Illusions
 4th Grade Complementary Color Wheels
 5th Grade Color and Design

A Little Guidance

Sandy McCutcheon, Guidance Counselor

Learning to get along with others, personal boundaries, attitude, individual differences, uniqueness, and building character are topics of lessons that I have explored with different grade levels during my classroom visits. We read stories, talk, and share the many ways that we can be a better community at KES. October is a busy month! *Bully Prevention Month, Character Counts!* week and *Red Ribbon* week. All classes will have lessons on bullying awareness and bully prevention. We are fortunate to have Mental Health America of Northeast Florida (MHA) team up with Flagler College's Service Learning program to present this valuable information. Under the supervision of MHA, Flagler College students will present "Stop Bullying, Now" program in age appropriate, 45-minute power point and video presentations. In November and December, we will continue lessons in building character and focus on how students can become effective members of the Ketterlinus Dolphin family.

♥ Ketterlinus Kids Have Heart

Clean the World

Ketterlinus Elementary School has agreed to participate in the October Global Service Month Clean the World effort. We are doing this by collecting soap to donate to those in need. The soap is donated to domestic homeless shelters and developing countries suffering from high death rates due to acute respiratory infections and diarrheal diseases. This drive will continue throughout the month of October. Contributions of any amount ARE greatly appreciated. Please donate bars of soap only. If you wish to view the Clean the World website it is <https://cleantheworld.org>. Bars of soap can be sent to school by your student.

IT'S ALMOST THE END OF SOCKTOBER!

Please help 4th grade with their service project during the month of October. We are collecting new socks in all sizes for local nursing homes and homeless shelters. We will continue to collect socks until October 30th.

The School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council, or SAC for short, has been at work on behalf of the students of Ketterlinus. Special guests, Mike Degutis and Beth Sweeny of the St. Johns County School District, joined us during our August meeting to provide information regarding the half cent sales tax referendum.

Voting membership for the year has been established, by-laws are being reviewed for re-approval, and the School Improvement Plan for the 2015-2016 school year has been submitted to the state. Our goals for the year include the use of high-yield strategies, including student goal-setting, tracking & feedback, student mentoring, and parent & community involvement.

The council meets once a month in the Math and Science lab at 7:45 AM and all are welcome. Meeting Dates: November 10, 2015, December 8, January 12, 2016, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10. Please join us!

PTO's theme for the 2015-16 school year coincides with Boosterthon Fun Run's Big World Recess occurring in April 2016. We will continue this theme throughout the school year pin pointing various sports and hobbies of our students, faculty and staff. For this school year, PTO has successfully purchased the Accelerated Reading and Math Facts software, Edmentum software (i.e. Reading Eggs, Education City, Study Island), and a portable stage for use by the entire school. PTO will also surprise our faculty and staff with a little token of appreciation each month. In August, we helped the Sunshine Committee with their beverage and treat cart for all faculty and staff and in September we provided an "extra" treat for going the extra mile.

As always, the PTO extends a huge thank you to all our families and local community. We are such a special school located in the heart of St. Augustine. We may be small, but we are mighty and our students have the biggest hearts. Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions or questions, and as always our PTO meetings are open for anyone to attend.

SQUARE ONE ART

Be on the lookout for your child's art. PTO's Square One Art fundraiser is underway and all orders will be back before the winter break. We always need gifts for family and friends, not to mention great keepsakes where memories never end. Catalogs and order forms will be sent home the first part of November.

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday November 6th is PTO's Fall Festival from 6-8:00 p.m. The evening will involve dinner, treats, and lots of activities for all children (popcorn,

Prize Drawing

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Will you be the lucky winner?

Students who complete this word search will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. Don't forget to clearly print your name, cut it out, and bring to your teacher.

Math Facts in a Flash

"Math Facts in a Flash" is a wonderful program that helps our students practice math while having fun. Students can practice their facts at home online. Once on the website, click the math tab and the fun will begin. Students can practice levels, but are not able to take tests at home. This home connect also shares the students AR points and will show the math levels they have mastered.

Go to:
<https://hosted81.renlearn.com/707343/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

snow cones and cotton candy, horse and buggy ride, face painting, games, photo booth and much more). This is a fun evening and a chance for our KES families to enjoy each other's company. The fall Scholastic Book Fair will also take place on this night. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer during this night. We will send out a sign up genius link as the date gets closer.

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS

We are actively looking for business sponsorships to continue to provide technology for the school, teacher and staff training, books for the library and classroom, and student activities. We have various levels of sponsorships so if you have a business or know someone who does, please contact us. Your name or logo could hang on a banner in our parking lot for all of downtown to see. Just think of all the people who use our lot for various events on Francis Field and in and around our city.

SPIRIT WEAR

T-shirts and magnets are sold throughout the year. Just download the order form off our site and send it in. We try to get all orders filled by Thursday so the students can show their KES pride for Friday's spirit day. Sweatshirt order forms will be sent home the first part of November for those interested, and be on the lookout for our new magnet design!

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