

School resumes on August 10th, 2016.

Dear KES Family and Friends-

We did it! What a year we have had. The students, staff, community, and parents at Ketterlinus are amazing. Thank you for all that you have done to make this year successful for your child, as well as ,for the school. The students at Ketterlinus are the best. I'm in awe of the staff and their dedication to our children. I am blessed to work with exceptional and caring people – our staff and parents! Thank you for everything.

The end of the year is somewhat emotional for me. When I first came to Ketterlinus, about 18 years ago, I was met with some extraordinary people that taught me the culture and values of the school and community. Some of those people have gone and left Ketterlinus over the years, but Denise Droege, Teresa Mims, and Suzanne Fraser were some of those staff members that took me under their wings and showed me the “Ketterlinus Way”. I will miss these ladies tremendously as they leave to enjoy retirement.

Also, I want to thank and wish the best to the following staff members that embraced the “Ketterlinus Way” and showed tremendous dedication to our school and community. Best wishes to Marlene Joslin, VPK teacher. She will be traveling to China to teach this summer, but will be returning later in the year to substitute teach. This will allow her the luxury of traveling around the world. I will miss Amanda Strange, computer teacher and former 3rd grade teacher. She will now be a stay-at-home mom and will enjoy SHOPPING! I lovingly say that because she is one my favorite people and fashionista. She is always giving me advice on fashion – which of course, I have no clue. If I look nice that day, it is because of Amanda Strange. Her very LOUD laugh, stories, and dedication to our students will be sorely missed. Finally, I wish the best to Miss Keri Height, music teacher. She will be moving up north to marry an incredible man, Jason Stein.

All of these people are leaving big shoes to fill. Over the last few days, I began the long process of trying to find someone to fill those shoes. I hope to have the staff hired and on board before we start school on August 10th.

Finally, we say good-bye to some of our students and families as they will be moving to middle school. We wish them the best! I admire the leadership that this group of fifth grade students demonstrate. They are one of the most caring and fun loving groups I've had at Ketterlinus – both as an administrator and as a teacher. They have made me very proud and I will miss them terribly. Once a dolphin... Always a dolphin!

Please make sure you stay connected with summer notices by ensuring your email and phone numbers are up to date. This will ensure you are getting the latest news on teacher assignments, open houses, summer reading programs, etc...

Best wishes for an excellent and safe summer!

Kathy Tucker, Principal
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Don't Miss Out

Please submit a School Access Form if you are unsure of your expiration date. All applications expire after three years. The application process can take up to 6 weeks during busy times of the year, so please submit early. The School Access Form can be found on our school website or on the SJCS D website. Remember, in order to enter past the front office, your must have an approved School Access Form on file. We never want to prevent a parent or grandparent from enjoying these memory making days with their child, however, it is district policy that ALL adults be cleared through our Keep N Track system. Thank you for understanding.

Dear Volunteers,

The time that you gave to our students and to our school this year was truly appreciated. The classroom help, the assistance with special events, the endless hours of reading with students, and the help with at home projects all made a difference. We hope that each time you left KES, you left with a smile on your heart. We appreciate you!!
Michelle Moore





Our New Media Specialist

Erin Snyder will be our new Media Center Specialist. Ms. Snyder earned her teaching degree at Flagler College, then later added the media certification knowing that she would like to transition into the library at some point. The time feels just right to make this change! Ms. Snyder

has taught 8 years in public school and also opened & taught at Seaside School (a private preschool) for 5 years. As a former elementary school student, her favorite days were when she was able to volunteer in the school library. That excitement of being surrounded by books & her passion for reading & learning is still going strong. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to be our Media Specialist & looks forward to working with teachers & students of all ages, promoting a passion for reading, exploring, & remaining curious!

Box Tops For Education



Thank you for participating in Box Tops for Education. KES earned over \$3,000.00 for the 2016/2016 school year. Please continue to collect labels throughout the summer so that we will have a jumpstart on our collections for the 2016/2017 school year.

If every KES student collects a minimum of ten Box Tops per month, we will finish the 2016-2017 school year with approximately \$4000.00!!

Participating products:

- Ziploc
- Kleenex
- Betty Crocker
- Hanes
- Progresso soup
- Green Giant products
- Land-O-Lakes

The winning grade for 2014-2015 is 2nd Grade. Please remember to put your child's name, grade and the name of their teacher on each Ziploc bag and collection sheet they turn in. .

We would like to recognize the hard work that Amy Sweeny invested in this fundraiser. She has counted hundreds of labels, completed monthly forms, and devoted hours of their evening time to help KES. Thank you, Amy!

Summer Literacy Pledge

Ready to pick a book, **Set** to read every day, **Read** this summer for **Success** next year!

Join students all across Florida as they take on the Summer Literacy Adventure Challenge and pledge to read every day. Set a personal goal, work to accomplish it and strive for success! Florida's students are being challenged to pledge to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break. Each student can fill out his or her pledge at [Summer Literacy Pledge](#). Following the summer break, the department will recognize the top 10 schools with the highest percentage of participation. The school whose students read the most books will receive a surprise visit from First Lady Ann Scott.

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 6-July 22). KETTERLINUS GYM or SOLOMON CALHOUN CENTER will serve food June 15-July 31. Please call 904-547-3961 to find out the serving times.



Coming Soon! KES APP

Ketterlinus will be using a new App to communicate with our parents. With a click of a button, you will be able to access all school wide information. Our goal is to find the most effective mode of communication so that our families feel involved and included. Information about the App will be made available at Open House. Make sure you bring your phones so that you won't miss out on important news!!

PTO NEWS

I always feel that the year flew by as I prepare for the last days of school. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support this year. PTO had another successful year raising over \$20,000 for the school. We've purchased software for the school and have been able to give back to the faculty and staff, and most importantly, the students.

Our 1st Annual SUP Fun Paddle Board Water Safety Day was a success so look for that to return next year! Congratulations to Keri Matthews for winning the SUP raffle! Square One Art and a version of the Fun Run will be our two main fundraisers next year. Spirit Nights a plenty, Fall Festival, and some new things here and there, will keep our calendars filled with fun.

We will host organizational meetings this summer to prepare for the new school year. Keep an eye on our FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/Ketterlinus-Elementary-School-PTO-200179760090001/>) for those dates and other important notifications.

A book donation form was sent home with your child. Please consider donating new and gently used books to our Media Center.

Lastly, we hope you all have a fabulous summer enjoying time with your kids and family. Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions or questions, and as always, our PTO meetings are open for anyone to attend. - Jenny Ranick, PTO President (jranick4@yahoo.com or 904-451-0752). See you in August!