



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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THE KETTERLINUS APP IS NOW LIVE!

We are excited to announce the Ketterlinus Mobile App that is now available FREE of charge. The use of the App will allow you to learn of the various school activities, lunch menus, and special events, volunteer opportunities, to check your child's lunch account, and have other KES news right at your fingertips. Please download the app and give us your feedback. Our goal is to communicate in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Principal's Corner

Welcome KES Families!

We are excited for the 2016-2017 School Year! Our school continues to grow with one of the largest kindergarten classes we have had at Ketterlinus. Our small town is growing! Families are attracted to this area due to the beaches, small town feeling, and wonderful school district. We feel very fortunate to be part of this historically rich community. Our surrounding neighbors, which is the Flagler Model Land Home Owners' Association, has been such a wonderful supporter of our community school. At the end of the last year, they donated funds towards our AVID and Technology Initiatives. We are very appreciative and grateful for their generous support of our school and of our students.

This summer was a very busy one for the front office. We had several interviews and trainings. There was never a dull moment. We said goodbye to several staff members last year who either retired or made career changes. We will miss them greatly. We wish them the best as they begin new adventures.

We say farewell to the following staff members:

Marlene Joslin Keri Height Amanda Strange Jane Wood
Chrissy Giuliani Haley Blevins Teresa Mims Suzanne Fraser
Denise Droege Ashly Herx (transferred to Pacetti Bay Middle School)

We Are An AVID School

What does AVID mean?

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.

The mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Each summer, a team of teachers from Ketterlinus attends a 3 day AVID Institute. This is a very rigorous training for our educators. There are three main parts to AVID training: Philosophy, Teaching Strategies, and Methodologies.

The philosophy is based on Carol Dweck's Growth Mindset. Our school's belief aligns with the AVID philosophy that like our bodies, our brains need daily exercise to grow. It will become stronger with rigorous activity/curriculum. A challenge is an opportunity to learn through risks, making mistakes and discovering options. Students can succeed in following their dreams and fulfilling their aspirations.

Teaching Strategies are based on the research of Robert Marzano. AVID

focus' on nine of instructional strategies that include: goal setting, cooperative learning, homework/practice, similarities & differences, summarizing & note-taking, reinforcing effort & recognition, nonlinguistic representation, generating & testing hypotheses, and activating prior knowledge.

Methodology is based on inquiry. We teach students to think about their thinking through questioning, modeling, coaching and guiding students. We encourage risks and mistakes are part of the process of learning.

How can you help?

- 1) Talk to your child about school.
- 2) Check your child's folder/planner every day.
- 3) Be an audience for your child - listen as he/she recites or share what he/she is reading.
- 4) Ask questions!!! You are modeling inquiry/thinking.
- 5) VOLUNTEER!

We are excited about the new faces at Ketterlinus Elementary School. We spent a considerable amount of time and energy in selecting the very best who fit our school's unique community and focus on students. Please welcome the following staff members to KES!

Sara Gaudino, 1st grade Bethany Hilbert, 1st grade

Gregg Gafford, Music teacher Gwen Johnston, 2nd grade teacher

Kora Stoll, 5th grade teacher Gemma Fitzpatrick, VPK teacher

Constance Tutten, Computer lab aide Jennifer Smith, ESE teacher

Deborah Rampulla, ESE/VE teacher

Remaining at Ketterlinus but in different positions are:

Erin Snyder, Media Specialist Sandy Wallace, Behavior Specialist

Pamela Jett, 3rd grade teacher Larissa Killin, 4th grade teacher

Veronica Sturm, 4th grade teacher Wendy Owens, 3rd grade teacher

Amy Borie, 3rd grade teacher

At the time of this newsletter, we are still expecting three to four more new staff members for various positions throughout the school which include classroom teachers, paraprofessionals and extended day aides.

Yes...our little school is growing.

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker, Principal

Don't Be Left Out

We would love for you to be involved in the memories being made each and every day at Ketterlinus. In order for you to enter the school passed the front office, an APPROVED School Access Form must be on file. This form can be found on our school website or on the St. Johns County School District website. The approval process can take up to 4 weeks, so please submit as early as possible. This approval is needed for you to attend special events, enter your child's classroom, go to lunch with your child, or to chaperone field trips. Please contact Michelle Moore, our Volunteer Coordinator, with any questions regarding clearance. She can be reached by emailing michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Big Brothers Big Sisters is available at Ketterlinus Elementary School! At BBBS we help children realize their potential and build their futures by matching them with a one to-one adult mentor. Our mentors provide additional support and guidance to children who are experiencing challenges either socially, emotionally and/or academically. If you know a child between the ages of 6-12 who might benefit from our program, please speak with either the child's teacher or the Sandy McCutcheon, Guidance Counselor who can begin the referral process. We can also be contacted directly at 904.829.9986 or at www.bbbsstjohns.org

Media Center

Readers Make Leaders

Happy Back-to-School from the KES Media Center! Reminder... The READO Summer Reading Challenge activities are due by Thursday, August 11th for 1st-5th graders! I've enjoyed receiving emails from students this summer as they've completed the squares. Take the AR quizzes at your local public library or when you're back at school on August 10 & 11! We'll celebrate your reading when school resumes. I look forward to a school year of learning & exploration together!

Ms. Snyder, Media Specialist

Ketterlinus Cafeteria News

Please note that Elementary School Meal Prices are \$2.70 (Lunch) and \$1.25 Breakfast. All other prices remain unchanged. The 2016-2017 Free and Reduced Meal Online Application is available at the school or district website. This is a fantastic program that saves many families hundreds of dollars each year! The application must be resubmitted each year, as the approval does not carry over from year to year. You may also view your student's spending and fund your Student's Meal Account on-line via PayPams. We look forward to serving each student fun and nutritious snacks and meals!

Keeping Our Kids Safe

We feel privileged that you trust us with your child. We take that responsibility seriously and have implemented a more secure entry system. The exterior doors of the school will remain locked during school hours, preventing anyone from entering the building unannounced. The front office doors will have a buzzer/intercom system that you will use to enter the building. This is not to cause an inconvenience but to provide a secure and safe learning environment for your child. Thank you for helping to make KES a safe place to learn. In addition, our city police are a wonderful resource to our school and community. They make themselves very visible when students are back in school. We are very grateful to chief Lueders and his staff for their service.

Important Information About Field Trips

When calculating fees for field trips, we must estimate the cost of field trip buses. Buses are calculated on an average fee per hour, per bus, from our District Transportation Department. Field trip calculations must be based on the total number of students who might participate in the field trips and bus calculations are added into these costs. There is no set way to give an exact cost for buses, but we do everything possible to keep our trip costs at a minimum for our students. In most cases there is always an overage left at the end each trip.

Please be advised that any fees leftover from a field trip in a particular class account will be carried forward to offset the cost of a future trip. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school bookkeeper, Mrs. Hairston at 547-8542.

The History of Ketterlinus Elementary

Ketterlinus was named after Elizabeth Warden Ketterlinus, the oldest daughter of William Grey Warden. She lived in Castle Warden, which is now known as Ripley's Museum. In 1923, Mrs. Ketterlinus donated the land on the corner of Mulvey and Orange Streets to the St. Johns County School Board.

In 1924, the school officially opened to students in the surrounding area. It was named St. Augustine High School. In 1928, enrollment grew to 188 students and the school was renamed to The Elizabeth Ketterlinus High School. Ketterlinus later became a junior high school, then in 1991 it became Ketterlinus Elementary School.

After extensive research, a photograph of Elizabeth Ketterlinus, was provided to the school through a great-grandnephew. It is hanging on the wall behind the front desk in the office. Mrs. Ketterlinus made many contributions to the community with a focus on the arts and education. Today, through her contribution, our school remains highly regarded, child focused, and community minded.



Keep Us Informed

Welcome back everyone! I want to take the time to introduce myself as the Computer Operator at Ketterlinus. If you have any questions regarding registrations, withdrawals, or hardships, please feel free to contact me at 547-8546. Also, it is very important to provide any phone number or address changes to me so that we can ensure you receive all the important information that we have for your student. PLEASE return the Emergency Contact Cards with current and completed contact information. This will be sent home with your child the first day of school. I'm looking forward to another great year at Ketterlinus!

Mitch Moody

Need A Fun, Safe, and Enriching Morning/Afternoon Program?

Look No Further!

Greetings KES families!! As the summer is quickly ending and school soon to start, The Cove staff would like to welcome you all back to school! We are still accepting students in to our Extended Day program. We have many exciting things planned for this school year. Please check our website for pricing and extended day options. If you have any questions please contact Janet Bryant, Extended Day Coordinator, at (904)547-8540.

Keep Clipping Those Box Tops

Box Tops for Education is one of the nation's largest school fundraising loyalty programs. It's an easy way for schools to earn cash for school supplies and school programs.

2016-2017 Box Tops Chair: Amy Sweeney

Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products—Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, and many more.

Cut out the coupons, put them in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and grade printed clearly on the front, then have your child drop them in the Box Tops collection box in the school lobby. The more coupons you send in, the more money our school receives! A new collection form will be sent home soon!

♥ Ketterlinus Kids Have Heart

This summer, Ketterlinus Elementary School, kicked off a school-wide initiative of Community Service and Character. Each month, students will be provided an opportunity to be engaged both locally and globally to show that they do have an impact. The 1st Community Service Challenge was a Macaroni and Cheese Drive for the St. Francis House.

The St. Francis House is a local organization that directly impacts our community by providing resources to the homeless. During this time of the year, the food pantry is at their lowest and is in great need of canned goods and other non-perishable items. Ketterlinus kids showed great character by donating boxed macaroni and cheese and some canned goods. Some students came by on their bikes with their baskets filled with food. Way to go KES Kids!!!

Our next community project will be announced in September. Stay Tuned!



Medication Policy

Florida Statute 1006.062 authorizes school personnel to assist students in the administration of prescription medications. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to administer medications at home prior to or after school hours. The schools do not keep stock medicine in the clinic. Nurse Tabitha is our full-time school nurse. Please contact her directly with concerns or questions. Her contact number is (904)547-8552.

If your child needs medication during school hours, please note the following: All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must have a medication form signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician ordering the medication.

All medications must be received in the original container with current Rx label including student's name, dosage, and frequency of administration, physician's name, and expiration date of medication. Over-the-counter medications must be

in the original, un-opened container. No medication will be given if presented at school in a plastic bag.

Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Please do not send any medications with your child in their backpack. Medications may not be brought to school by the student.

Medication brought to school by a student will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian comes to the school with the required paper work. Without the required authorization, the student will not be given the medication during school hours.

Medications should not be transported between home and school on a daily basis. Separate containers should be kept at home and at school.

Expired medications will be disposed of upon expiration date in accordance with local requirements.

WELCOME BACK!!

PTO's goal is to work together as a team with our teachers, administration and parents for the best interest of our children and of our school. We are raising money for technology again this year and have been able to provide software and laptops totaling just over \$20,000 for the 2016-17 school year!

Our PTO is open to anyone interested in helping; we will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:45a.m. Dates are as follows:

- September 12, 2016
- October 10, 2016
- November 14, 2016
- December 12, 2016
- January 9, 2017
- February 13, 2017
- March 6, 2017 (Due to spring break, this is the first Monday)
- April 10, 2017
- May 8, 2017

Our pre-planned events for the year include:

- Thursday September 1, 2016 – Spirit Night at Brusters from 4:00-8:00pm
- Thursday October 6, 2016 – Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A from 5:30-7:30pm
- Thursday November 3, 2016 – Spirit Night at Zaxbys from 5:00-8:00pm

- Thursday November 10, 2016 – MOVIE NIGHT on Francis Field starting at 5:00pm
- Late November/Early December – SQUARE ONE ART fundraiser
- Tuesday February 14, 2017 – WHACK PACK Valentine Grams
- Thursday February 16, 2017 – Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A from 5:30-7:30pm
- Wednesday March 1, 2017 – FUN RUN fundraiser
- Saturday April 22, 2017 – 2nd ANNUAL SUP FUN PADDLE (time in a.m. TBA)
- Monday/Friday May 1 – 5, 2017 – STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Other events PTO coordinates include monthly staff appreciation; quarterly bus driver appreciation; business sponsorships; yearbooks; spirit wear; and Box Tops.

Sincerely,

Your PTO Representatives

Jenny Ranick, President

Christie Carrera, Vice President

Erika Metzger, Treasurer/Sponsorships

Kristi Sanchez, Secretary

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