



## Character Counts at KES

Dear Ketterlinus Family & Friends –

This month begins our Character Counts! Recognition program. Each month, the school and the district recognize a different pillar of character. A tradition at Ketterlinus (KES) is our Character Counts! Wall of Fame. Each month, a student from each class is selected to be a representative of character. Students are recognized at a ceremony and awarded a certificate, a photo, and free kids meal from Zaxby's, our supporter and business partner for Character Education. Zaxby's is also the sponsor for "Project Wisdom" which is used as a focal point for character lessons. Each day, during morning announcements, students listen to "a few words of

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wisdom". This is a brief thought provoking inspirational message that will give kids "something to think about." These messages are used to build character and ask the student, "What would you do, how would you act, and what would you say?" Thank you to Tara Strickland and her family for being such a huge supporter of our character program for the past 5 years. Please join KES in extending them the warmest of thanks so that we may continue to build upon our character that makes KES so special.

## Building Literacy at Home

Now that you have developed consistent reading routines with your child at home, you can help your child develop strong comprehension skills.

Model these strategies to your child as you read:

- Ask questions—Create questions in your mind as you are reading. Pose questions that may or may not be answered. Jot them down on post it notes.
- Make Connections- Connect the text to what your child already knows.
- Visualize—Create a "movie in your mind" to help connect the "pieces" and build comprehension.
- Make inferences—Use clues from the text to draw conclusions.
- Get the big picture—Good readers look for the big picture to understand the main idea.

## 2016-17 Gifted Parent Advisory Council Meetings

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets four times per year to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to all of the meetings.

The Gifted Parent Advisory Council meetings have been scheduled for the 2016-17 school year. We communicate this information for inclusion in school newsletters. We hope to make St Johns County Schools a parent friendly environment!

- **Thursday, November 17 Palencia Elementary 4:30-5:30 p.m. Media Center**
- **Thursday, February 23 Hartley Elementary 5:30-6:30 p.m. Media Center**
- **Tuesday, April 25 Landrum Middle School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room**

## TOT Season has Started!

TOT season has now begun! TOT began September 14, 2016 and will end March 8, 2017. Every Wednesday (unless notified) TOT will be held on WOW Wednesday.

TOT Performance Schedule for 2016-2017:

**Friday, January 27, 2017 @ Ketterlinus GYM**

- 9:00am for Students and Staff
- 6:30pm for Family and Friends

**Saturday, February 4, 2017 @ Flagler College (gym)**

- 1:30 pm—Advanced TOT (4th) halftime performance for the Women's Basketball Team
- 3:30 pm—ELITE TOT (5th) halftime performance for the Men's Basketball Team

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 @ Flagler College (gym)**

- 1:30 pm—Basic TOT (2nd) halftime performance for the Women's Basketball Team
- 3:30 pm—Intermediate (3rd) halftime performance for the Men's Basketball Team

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 - ELITE TOT FINALE in Orlando**

- 7:00 pm—Opening Performance for Orlando Magic vs. Cleveland Cavaliers.

TOT parents/guardians: Please check your email for all information concerning TOT!

PE Class Reminder: TENNIS SHOES MUST BE WORN FOR CLASS. All Long Hair(both boys and girls) MUST be pulled out of your face for Safety! (Hairbands, clips, braids, etc...)

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

Coach Allen

## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

**October 1st**

Pink up the Pace  
8:00 a.m.

**October 6th**

Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**October 10th**

PTO Meeting in the Media Center  
7:45 a.m.

**October 20th**

SAC Meeting in the Media Center  
7:45 a.m.

**November 1st**

Spirit Night at Zaxby's  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**November 10th**

Fall Movie Night on Francis Field  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# PTO Makes an Impact

PTO has successfully purchased the Accelerated Reading and Math Facts software, Edmentum software (i.e. Reading Eggs, Education City, Study Island), and 22 laptops for the school. PTO will also surprise our faculty and staff with a little token of appreciation each month.

**SQUARE ONE ART**—Students have begun working on their artwork for our 1st fundraiser of the year. PTO's Square One Art fundraiser is underway and all orders will be back before the winter break. These make great 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 MOVIE NIGHT**—Thursday November 10th, is PTO's Fall Movie Night from 5-8:00pm on Francis Field. The evening will involve dinner, treats, and a movie shown on a giant screen. This will be a fun evening and a chance for our KES families to enjoy each other's company. The fall book fair will also take place on this night. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer during this night. We will send out a Signup Genius link as the date gets closer.

**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS**—We are always 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 would love to add your company or family to our fence line. You can find the form online and on the KES app.

**SPIRIT WEAR**—PTO Spirit Wear is sold throughout the year. The order form can be found on the website and the KES app

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 in size but we are mighty with students who 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.—*Jenny Ranick, PTO President (jranick4@yahoo.com or 904-451-0752)*

## ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County School District (SJCSD), UF Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Jacksonville (CARD) and UF Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System Jacksonville (FDLRS-MDC) offer

Topic: SIBSHOPS: AN OVERVIEW OF A LIVELY PEER SUPPORT GROUP CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Date/Time: 10/4/16 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL, 32084

WHAT ARE SIBSHOPS: Sibshops are lively and rewarding events/activities where siblings, ages 8 to 13, of students with disabilities will meet other sibs, have fun, laugh, talk about the facets of having a sib with special needs, play some great games, learn something about the services their brothers and sisters receive, and have some more fun.

TAKE AWAY:

1. Families will obtain an understanding of what Sibshops have to offer for the family member who will have the longest-lasting relationship with a person who has a disability
2. Families will find out how to register for upcoming Sibshops in St Johns County.

Target Audience:

- Parents of students with disabilities
- Teachers of students with disabilities
- Siblings of students with disabilities age 8 to 13.

The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities.

Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

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## Learning to Be Original

Hello! I am Mr. Lewis, the Art teacher. In the Art room, we focus on the elements of art and principles of design, but we also learn important principles about life. We understand that we all make mistakes. In the Art room, we are encouraged to make them and use them as another learning opportunity. The quote, "If you don't allow yourself to make mistakes, you'll never be original" helps us realize that even if we make a mistake, everything will be ok. We practice to "Always do our best and be proud of ourselves." We show "Respect for the teacher, other students, and for the time!" We also understand that the "Tools must be used properly and safely." All this, and we still have fun!

A few important reminders:

- Art Club date change: We will have Art club on October 17. This will be the last meeting for session 1 (4th and 5th graders).
- Art Club registration for session 2 (2nd and 3rd graders) will begin on October 31.
- Session 2 dates are: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12, and 19.

Students, please review your elements of art and principles of design.

- Elements-line, shape, color, space, form, texture, value.
- Principles-Unity, variety, emphasis, balance, pattern, rhythm, movement, and proportion.



## GRANDPARENT'S DAY BREAKFAST

We loved seeing our students beam with pride as they walked through the doors with their grandparents. Over 330 grandparents and students enjoyed time together last week as they celebrated Grandparent's Day. If you didn't attend this event due to a School Access form not being on file, please submit one as soon as possible so that you can enjoy the next event. We try to encourage all families to submit a School Access form at the beginning of the school year for every family member who might attend an event at KES. This allows for enough time for processing so that events are not missed. Thank you for understanding that this policy is in place for the safety of our students and not intended to cause an inconvenience.