



KES Parent Enrichment Night

On Thursday, January 19th, @ 6:00 p.m., Deputy Mike Strausberg will present “Parenting Your Tech Savvy Kids”. He will share the many dangers associated with online video games and social networking sites. Many of our students enjoy time on the computer, phone, laptops, and other “screens”, so please join us for an evening of information.

Topics that will be covered:

Danger areas such as Chat Rooms, Online Video games, File Sharing, and Social Networking sites.

Some warning signs to look out for:

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Establishing Family rules

And some facts about what kids are exposed to on the internet.

Applications used on phones and tablets.

Free childcare will be provided. A RSVP will be sent home the first part of January.

This is the first in a series of Parent Enrichment Nights.

Principal's Corner

Happy Holidays KES Family & Friends!

Ketterlinus students make me so proud – from chorus performances, service learning projects, to their behavior on field trips. This particular student body has become such great citizens. They have such an awareness of their actions and their responsibilities. Our students look out for one another. Another noticeable characteristic of a “Ketterlinus Kid” is that they will greet you appropriately with “Good morning”, “How are you?” or “Have a nice day”. This is what makes our school so special – our kids have character. I feel very blessed to be at Ketterlinus with the wonderful students, staff, and community.

We are quickly approaching second semester which begins on January 5h. This is a very crucial time of the year as teachers are getting into the “meat and potatoes” of curriculum. I ask that you schedule family trips and appointments around the school day. It is very important that students come to school every day and that they arrive on time. Early check-outs and frequent absences directly impact a student’s learning. We realize illnesses do occur, and ask that you keep your child home if they have diarrhea, a fever of 100 degrees, or is vomiting.

On behalf of the entire KES staff, we hope you and your family all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker, Principal

Donuts with Dad

Our annual Donuts with Dad event is scheduled for February 3rd at 7:30 a.m. Last year we had over 350 students and dads attend!! We would love to have you join us this year, so please submit a School Access form now so that there will be time to process it. You can find this form on our school website. A RSVP will be sent home in January for you to complete and return. We are looking forward to another great event!

Cove News

We had so much fun at our Parent’s Night Out that was held on December 16th! We’d like to thank all who participated in making it such an enjoyable night.

The Cove will be offering a Day Camp on January 4th. This is the day our staff returns for Teacher Planning Day; however, students don’t return to school until January 5th. The camp will be held at KES from 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consists of games, crafts, a trip to swing park (weather permitting), and possibly a movie. Prices are as follows:

\$35 Cove members

\$40 Non-Cove members

\$5 sibling discount

If you have any questions or concerns please call me, Janet Bryant at (904) 547-8971.

Congratulations to Mr. Terry, our Cove Kindergarten counselor, for accepting a full time paraprofessional position at KES! It saddens us to lose him, but we are thrilled that he is still part of the family. Mr. Joey has stepped in with Kindergarten, and Ms. Pura is counseling 4th and 5th grade. We are hiring a new staff member and look forward to welcoming them soon!

Ketterlinus Students Know How to Spell

Our annual 5th grade Spelling Bee was on November 30th. First, all 5th grade students participated in classroom spelling bees. The top 18 students then moved on to our school spelling bee. Students were given great online resources to practice from & prepare for the big day. Competition was tough and the audience was consumed. The pressure was on, but our 5th grade competitors were up for the challenge. Students (both competitors and audience members) were so supportive of each other- another



awesome example of KES kids having great character! Congratulations to Amelie Thompson who earned 1st place and Logan Cline who earned 2nd place. Amelie will move on to compete in our District Spelling Bee in January. Good luck, Amelie! We are so proud of all of our competitors.

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

01/04 Teacher Planning Day

01/05 Students Return to School

01/12 Harlem Wizards at SMS @ 6:30 p.m.

01/16 No School in observance of ML King Day

01/19 Parenting Tech Savvy Kids @ 6:00 p.m.

01/25 Family Literacy Night

01/27 TOT Performance for Family and Friends @ 6:30 p.m.

Family Fun over the Holidays

By: Sandy McCutcheon

Winter break is here and that means we are half way through the school year. Winter break also means a well-deserved break from homework and daily obligations and a time of year that can be filled with many fun events with family and friends. Here are some family-friendly activities to keep your child skills sharp and make for a smooth transition come January.

- Read for pleasure. Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories like *The Night Before Christmas* or the newest installment from his favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to stash schoolbooks and read for fun. Encourage relatives to give books as holiday gifts or gather in front of the fire (big kids too!) to take turns reading from classic tales.

- Cook up an easy lesson. Invite your child into the kitchen to help you whip up a special dish — from Christmas cookies to potato pancakes. All of those half-tablespoon and quarter-cup measurements are great practice with fractions.
- Write thank-you notes. Penning notes of appreciation to gift-givers teaches gratitude and helps polish writing and spelling skills. Not sure what to say? One final tip: a mug of hot cocoa can make this task feel more festive!
- Have a family game night. Chances are many of your family’s favorite board and card games reinforce skills such as counting, reading, and drawing. Gather the group to play games you usually don’t have time for on school nights

Good Manners Matter

Just For You

A Manner of Fineness

Fine manners need the support of fine manners in others.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fewer parents seem to be raising their small children to have good manners. Children aren’t as often reminded to begin and end with “please” and “thank you,” and to be respectful and courteous of others. And sadly, as we get older many of us seem to let all that fall by the wayside, too. Why is that? If we reflect on our own childhoods, we realize that by witnessing polite behavior in others, we learned polite behavior ourselves. So, let’s take that full circle by choosing to be courteous and then by acknowledging that behavior in others. When we reinforce fine manners in others, especially in our classrooms, we propagate the notion that manners matter.

With something to think about . . .

Remember To Take Care Of Yourself

Are you well-mannered or do you need a tune-up? Especially during the holiday season, remember this: When we are well mannered with others, they are more likely to be courteous with us.

Weekly Featured Message and Lesson Plan

Manners Matter

The word courtesy has its roots in the Latin word *cor*, which means of the heart. When we are polite and courteous to others, we are acting from the heart and being respectful of other people’s feelings. Respectful, caring behavior is the cornerstone of any civil society.

Key Ideas: Polite behavior - Civil society

Character Traits: Respect - Civility - Caring - Courtesy

READING “ROADBLOCKS”

Reading development is a process, and as with any learning process, “roadblocks” can occur. Roadblocks are common and may hinder reading growth, but with immediate identification and intervention, readers can overcome reading roadblocks. What can you do?



1. Closely monitor your child’s reading at home. Ensure that you read with your child daily. Contact your child’s teacher and discuss reading behaviors you observe at home and compare them to the reading behaviors your child’s teacher notices at school.

2. If you have concerns, contact your child’s teacher, and ask for the MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Support) team to review your child’s reading progress. Suzanne Brush is the facilitator for this team at Ketterlinus Elementary School and is always available to answer parent questions.

Email-Suzanne.Brush@stjohns.k12.fl.us

ESE PARENT ADVISORY MEETING

- 02/07/17, 6:00-7:30 p.m., St. Augustine High

Topic: Intercepting Test Anxiety: Preparing for Florida Standards Testing

- 04/04/17, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Pedro Menendez High

Topic: Autism Awareness



Fire Prevention Poster Winner, Destinee Wilson, with Fire Chief Carlos Aviles. Congratulations, Destinee!

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE THEIR VERY OWN FINGER ‘STACHE?


LOOK FOR THE SAC PARENT NEEDS SURVEY!
COMING VIA EMAIL SOON!!



Save the Date: Family Literacy Night

January 25 is Family Literacy Night! Join us for storytelling, food & fun for ALL ages! More details to come!





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