

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for 2018/2019

Kindergarten Pre-registration schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 13 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Tuesday, March 20 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 4 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 11 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The following items are required at the time of registration. Students will not be registered unless all items are brought to school at the time of registration:

(3) * **Proofs of Residency** - Three of any combination of the following: Current Lease/Mortgage Agreement, Deed, Driver's License, Current Utility Bills

(1) Physical Examination dated within one year of registration date

(1) Current Immunization Records

(1) Certified copy of child's birth certificate (not ornamental copy from the hospital)

Student must be registered by a legal parent or legal guardian.

You must reside in the Ketterlinus School Zone with valid 'proof of residency' or have an approved Hardship Waiver in order to register.

Registration packets will be available at the front desk.



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
67 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 547-8540

Principal's Corner

Dear Ketterlinus Family & Friends –

I want to reach out to all the parents and community members that expressed support and feedback in regards to our school's safety and security. As you may or may not know, our school district recognizes the need for school safety as well as resources to meet social/emotional and mental health needs of our children. Prior to the Parkland incident, our school district coordinated a presentation/training with our law enforcements and administrators. This has been an on-going training for several years.

In addition, the ½ sales tax that our school district proposed and was passed by our county citizens, has provided additional funds to improve facilities – including safety and security. This past summer Ketterlinus Elementary School improved our security camera system and fencing. We are in the process of adding an additional security door in the front office.

In addition, our Government Relations department has been active in Tallahassee this year requesting the state to provide additional support for the increasing needs of mental health and social/emotional needs. The school district's legislative platform can be found at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gr/>. It provides valuable resources for our parents, as well as contact information for our state representatives.

As a school, we will continue to practice our drills and evacuation routes. In an event of a real emergency, we will utilize the School Messenger system. If you have not been getting texts, phone calls or emails over the last month, please contact the school with your most up-to-date information.

I am very proud to work for a school district and live in the community that supports the continuous needs of our children and community. Many of you have asked how you can help. Please be part of our School Advisory Council (SAC) or share your feedback, concerns, or things you like/don't like with me. Also, consider contacting your state legislator or school district board member, Patrick Canan.

Again, I appreciate all the support you have given our students and staff over the last few weeks.

Sincerely,
Kathy Tucker, Principal

Box Top Collection Winners

Mrs. Borie's class collected the most Box Tops during our Super Bowl collection contest. They received an ice cream party complete with Root Beer floats as their reward. Congratulations!! Please keep collecting Box Tops for us. For every Box Top collected, the school receives ten cents. It adds up quickly. Thank you for supporting Ketterlinus.



Testing Season is Quickly Approaching

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will begin standardized testing on April 10th and end on April 30th. We are in need of proctors for every class. Will you please consider helping us? Proctors are an extra set of eyes and will not be responsible for administering the test. We understand that this is not the most exciting volunteer opportunity but it really is one of the most important. If you are able to help, please click the following link to select the day and time most convenient for you. Thank you, in advance, for helping us. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-testing4>

Sandwich Making Service Project

One of our classes has chosen to help the St. Francis House and will be making sandwiches for their clients. Would you be able to help us collect some of the items that they will need? Our students will be making the sandwiches, bagging them, and sending them to the St. Francis House for those who are in need. Our students have such kind hearts and we love to nurture their desire to help others. We will be making sandwiches the first week of April. All items, other than bread, can be sent in whenever is convenient for you. Please send the bread in on Friday, March 30th.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-sandwich>

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

3/1	PTO Family Night/Book Fair
3/2	Character Counts Celebration 8:45 a.m.
3/6	FSA Writing for 4th & 5th grade
3/12	PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
3/16	Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
3/20	SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
3/20	Deadline to order Mother's Day Cake
3/23	Report Cards Issued
3/24	TOT Performs at Orlando Magic
3/26-30	Spring Break-No School for Staff and Students



MLK Poster Contest Winners

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. school poster contest winners are: Mabel Misterly (gr. 2-Ballinger); Camryn Daugherty (gr. 2-Ballinger); Jessica Bennett (gr. 2-Johnston); and Abby Matthews (gr. 3-Borie). Each artist was recognized at an award ceremony on February 8th at the Fullerwood Auditorium.

What Does AVID mean?

By: Mrs. McCutcheon, School Guidance Counselor

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination. In January, I shared what the “A” in AVID means; Advancement. This month let us look at the next two letters “V” and “I”.

The letter V stands for via; “by way of”. The letter I stands for individual; “singular or separate”. What are the many different ways students can advance or move forward? If you look at grades, there is the act of moving forward by striving to earn higher grades or achieve more points to move closer to your AR goal. However, what are other ways students can advance socially or emotionally? Establishing healthy connections with peers and adults is a vital part of what AVID stands for. Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, and Fairness; these are means by which students can begin to advance. These traits are in part, developed separately and distinctly for each student. Showing respect for differences; being responsible for your own actions and accepting consequences; using kind words; being honest; helping not only your school, but also your community; and sharing with others. Developing positive relationships through the pillars of character is the perfect first step and a “means” by which “individuals” can advance. So, think about discussing the pillars of character with your child and the ways they can use them to achieve their very best.

AVID College Shirt Day

On February 9th, college t-shirts were worn by staff and students as a way of promoting higher education and encouraging our students to think about their educational goals. Our next AVID College T-shirt day will be on April 20th. What college shirt will your child be wearing?



Morning with Mom

We hope that you had a great time at our Morning with Mom event. It was so much fun for us to see our students enjoying time with their mom. What cherished memories you are creating!! A big “thank you” goes to Ameris Bank and to the City of St. Augustine for allowing us to use their parking lot. If you ever get the opportunity, please express your gratitude. The use of their parking lots makes it much easier for our parents. We are grateful to be a part of a community that supports education.



News from Coach Allen

The final TOT Performance for Ketterlinus will be on Saturday, March 24th, in Orlando. The TOT team will be the opening act for the Orlando Magic basketball team. Ketterlinus has been performing for the Magic games for 15 years!! We are so grateful to have had this opportunity.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the 3rd Annual Character Cup event at Saint Augustine High School will be held. Ten 5th grade students (5 boys and 5 girls) will be chosen to represent KES. Spectators will have the chance to see good character, good sportsmanship, and a little friendly competition between the other St. John Elementary schools. Admission and parking is free. Please do not arrive before 3pm due to high school dismissal.

Look at our Green Thumbs!

Students in Mrs. Stoll’s fifth grade class are learning how to grow vegetables and have harvested several “crops” for the Ketterlinus staff to enjoy. They use the Tower Garden concept to plant seeds. They have learned to grow, measure, observe, maintain, and feed the plants. Mostly, they have learned the importance of consuming fresh produce and have tasted things that they may not have tried before.



News from PTO

Ketterlinus Parents- This year’s main fundraiser is the Ketterlinus Fun Run! It’s a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on March 2nd. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we’ll celebrate at the Fun Run on March 14th. With our big goal of raising \$20,000 for our ongoing STEAM initiative, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, CASTLE QUEST! an English castle theme all about being brave and living with character. On their quest to regain Bravemore Castle, students will learn the “SIX VIRTUES of a TRUE HERO” from a cast of colorful characters.

Donations will go toward our ongoing STEAM initiative and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families (with APPROVED School Access) are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!

Mardi Gras in VPK

Our VPK students dressed in their Mardi Gras attire while parading around the classroom for their parents. They were so cute adorned with beads and masks. Miss Shirley felt that it was important to share her New Orleans tradition with her students.



Mighty Milers

Our students are running!! Each week, our students are logging miles as they participate in Mighty Milers. This great program inspires kids to get moving, stay active, set goals, and feel confident. A huge “thank you” goes to Megan Villalobos for entering the many miles our students are running in to the Mighty Milers database. It is a big job and we are so grateful for her time. Lace up your shoes and go on a run with your child. Running together could be a fun way to hear about your child’s day.