

ESE Parent Advisory Committee

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources Services (FDLRS), and Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) offer

Topic: OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES

Date/Time: 4/11/17 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Pedro Menendez High School 600 FL-206, St. Augustine, FL 32086

GOAL: To ensure parents of students with Autism have knowledge of available resources.



Closed Auditions Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:30 PM

On April 26th, at 2:30 p.m., we will be holding closed auditions for the Ketterlinus Talent Show. We are looking for students who would like to display their talent.

Perhaps they can sing, dance or twirl like no other. Maybe they can play an instrument with ease, or break boards with their hands or feet. Perhaps they can act or recite poetry. Is there a comedian in the house? Whatever their talent, we want to see them at auditions. Look for more information to be sent home with your child.

SAVE THE DATE! A Morning with Mom

Friday, May 12, 2017
7:30-8:10 AM

On May 12th, we will host “A Morning with Mom” from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. in the gymnasium. This is an annual event (with a new name) that we look forward to each year. Over 400 dads attended the “Donuts with Dad” event in January.

It was a morning of great fun!

This event requires APPROVED School Access. If you have not already completed a School Access form, please do so now so that there is time for the application to be processed. The form is on our school website. An invitation with an RSVP attached will be sent home soon.

We have Olympians at Ketterlinus!

The St. Johns County School District’s Elementary Olympics was created to highlight character and physical education. Five fifth grade boys and five fifth grade girls from each area elementary school were chosen based on good academic standing and demonstration of good character. Our school was well represented by the following students: Gaby Caro, Skyler Metzger, Katrina Kinlaw, Hailey Beckman, Hazel Jones, Baruch Dettloff, Alex Ranick, Izaiah Anderson, Logan Cline, and Blake Furnal.



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Ketterlinus K-Kids



K-Kids is a “student-led” community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. They are community minded and enjoy working as a team to provide needed community service. This year, our KES K-Kids completed the following activities:

Made fleece blankets, delivered & toured SJCS Therapeutic Learning Center (works with students in SJCS who cannot attend regular public schools due to disabilities)

Organizing/promoting our school-wide Goodwill collection drive

Beach Clean Up at Matanzas Inlet

Holiday food drive for local families in need

Made & delivered Christmas ornaments & cards to Buckingham Smith Nursing Home

Book Buddies with VPK- twice & gifted each VPK student a new book twice

Made Cat In the Hat masks for their VPK buddies for Dr. Seuss’ bday

They will be running the Goodwill Collection Drive this year! If you are spring cleaning, save your donations (clothing, jewelry, toys, household items & electronics) for our collection date on **April 20th**. Not only does this collection benefit our community & the earth, students who donate win prizes!



LAST Parenting Enrichment Class of the Year

In April, we will hold our last class in our Parenting Enrichment Series. Amanda Bergamasco and Kim Dixon from the St. Johns County School District will be having a parent trivia night. They will be talking about what it means to be an AVID school and what you can do over the summer to prevent your child from losing the momentum of learning academics. An invitation will be sent home the first week of April.

McKay Scholarship

The St. Johns County School District is required to notify parents of students with disabilities that they may be found eligible for the McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. For more information, please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ease/choice/>.

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

4/07	Character Counts Celebration @8:45 a.m.
4/10	PTO Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
4/14	Good Friday-No School for Students and Staff
4/20	Goodwill Collection Day
4/20	Spirit Night at Bruster’s Ice Cream (4:00 to 9:00 p.m.)
4/26	Closed Auditions for the Talent Show @ 2:30 p.m.
4/27	Parent Enrichment Class @ 6:00 p.m.
5/02	Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
5/12	A Morning with Mom (7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.)
5/18	Art Show (5:30 to 7:00 p.m.)

Little Things Matter

We wish that you could see the smiles that are on your children's faces when they open their lunches to find a sweet note from you. Some notes are short and sweet, while others include elaborate hand drawn pictures made by you. When they find their favorite treat tucked inside a hidden compartment or a sandwich with the crust cut off, they cheer with excitement. Often times we hear about "dates" they have with you. They are counting down the minutes until this special time. As life becomes busier, we encourage you to take a moment at the beginning of each day to make your child feel special. Not only will it benefit them, it will leave your heart smiling until you see their sweet faces at the end of the day. We love hearing about all of the special things you do for them! Here are just a few:

- *date night with mommy or daddy
- *special notes inside lunch boxes
- *their favorite snacks or fun shaped sandwiches
- *a special way to say good-bye each morning (a special kiss or wave)
- *Friday fun day....each Friday walk around downtown or go to the park
- *Send them mail—One little girl received a card in the mail from her mom (who lives with her) just to say "I love you". She had it tucked inside her lunch box to show her friends.

Test Proctors Needed

It is that time of year when state standardized tests are administered to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. In order for the test days to run smoothly, we need multiple proctors on multiple days. PLEASE check your calendars to see if you are able to help. Proctors are an extra set of eyes in the classroom and will not be responsible for administering the test. We recognize that this is not the most exciting volunteer opportunity, but it truly is a vital part of the testing environment.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-testing3>

A Great Year for Teams of Tomorrow

The Teams of Tomorrow (TOT) program had another year of great success. They performed for their peers at Ketterlinus, for the fans at Flagler Basketball games, and for the crowd at the Orlando Magic Basketball game. Thank you, to Coach Allen, for providing this wonderful program for our students.



Our Dolphin Dash was a HUGE Success!

Thank you for supporting our PTO Sponsored Dolphin Fun Run. When all pledges are collected, we will have raised over \$24,000 for our school!! Grayson Hilbert, a kindergartener, raised the most of all of our students with a collection of over \$2,000. We are so proud of all of our runners. It was a great day of fun, exercise, and KES community support. Thank you for your pledges!



Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program for students K-12 and college. It provides teams with the opportunity to learn creative problem solving, teamwork, brainstorming, self-reliance, and respect for individual strengths -- unique, unforgettable experiences that will serve them in every aspect of their lives now and in the future.

We have four teams at Ketterlinus that are comprised of students from VPK thru fifth grade. You can find these teams working hard in classrooms late into the evening every week. Recently they went to a competition where our Division 1 Team C qualified for the State Odyssey of the Mind tournament to be held on **April 8th in Orlando**. We are so proud of all of our Odyssey of the Mind students.



Division 1 Team A coached by Emily Charette



Division 1 Team B coached by Lisa Calvert



Division 1 Team C coached by Jessica Bradshaw



Primary Team coached by Lauren Humphries and Sara Durham

News from the Media Center

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award voting will take place on **Wednesday, April 12!** Students in grades 3-5 in Florida who have read at least 3 SSYRA books will vote for their favorite SSYRA book to win the award for this year! Real voting booths will be set up in our media center & student voices will be heard- what a great experience!

Help get author Jan Brett to visit our school!

Go to <http://www.janbrett.com/index.html> and enter for Ketterlinus Elementary. The school or library that has the most parents, teachers, friends or supporters who enter the contest will win a FREE visit from Jan Brett in the 2017-2018 school year. It's free & easy- enter today! **Contest ends April 3, 2017!**

Dwindling Book Shelves

We have a large number of library books that are overdue. Please have your children look high and low around the house to see if they have misplaced or forgotten to return a Ketterlinus library book. Overdue fine notices will be sent home with your children. Additional books will not be able to be checked out if students have outstanding overdue books. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Snyder or Beth Schumer at 547-8548.

