



Have you completed the Survey?

A link for the district accreditation survey was sent to you last week. We need your input so that we can best meet the needs of our students. This information is important to develop the School

Improvement Plan. Thank you for helping us!

<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28637/18628>



SOCKTOBER

Fourth Grade will be starting a community service project this month called SOCKTOBER and is asking for your help. Will you please consider purchasing a brand new pair of socks for someone in need? All of the socks collected will go to either St. Francis House or to Hospice. The sock drive will be for the entire month of October. Socks can be sent in with your child beginning this week.

Getting Off to a Great Start!

One of the most important things you can do to help “set up” your child for a successful school year is to establish consistent home routines. Reserve a time, quiet work area, and be a motivator and a monitor during this special time with your child.

Please remember to:

- Review your child’s homework and provide feedback.
- Sign your child’s planner or homework folder (Organizational Tool).
- Read with your child and discuss what you are reading.
- Model how you “think” as you read.
- Show excitement for reading.
- Monitor your child’s progress toward his/her reading goal each quarter.



Remember at Ketterlinus Elementary School we believe, Readers are Leaders!

Guest Readers in Kindergarten

Laura Gibson, one of our kindergarten teachers, invited two KES dads in to her class to read to her students. Cody Shore and Shawn McKendrick, both fire fighters, were guest readers following the “Dads Take Your Child to School” event. The students loved hearing them read and Nola Mae (Cody’s daughter) and Bay (Shawn’s daughter) were so proud to have their dad as their guest reader.



WEAR YOUR WORDS T-SHIRT DAY

On the first Friday of every month, the KES staff will wear “their words”. We will be wearing t-shirts with words of encouragement, inspiration, and positivity. What a great way to inspire each other!! What will your child’s words be?

Samples of t-shirts worn by staff:

“What’s your next chapter?”,
“Work Hard. Be Kind.”, and
“Humble and Kind”.



We can’t wait to see all of the positive and encouraging words!

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Principal’s Corner

Dear Ketterlinus Family & Friends –

I’m so happy to hear that most of our families fared well during Hurricane Irma. We learned a lot from Hurricane Matthew. It is unfortunate that several of the families and staff members experienced flooding a second time. As many of you know, we will make up (2) school days due to the hurricane on October 16th and November 10th.

Our small school continues to grow! We welcome many new student faces, but also staff faces. Since our last newsletter, we have added the following staff members to our family.

Judy Kusama, tutor
Jessica Collins, computer lab tutor
Rafael Tavares, ESE paraprofessional
Mimi Velaquez, ESE paraprofessional (starting on 10/8)
Shirley Haywood, VPK Teacher

Everyone that enters our school should have made prior arrangements or have a scheduled appointment with their child’s teacher or staff member. We want to keep our hallways as clear as possible in order to keep an orderly and safe environment. Our mornings are extremely busy with having 480+ students entering our school in a short span of time. In addition, we want to account for every adult entering the building and know their purpose for being in the school and being near your child. **If you have an appointment or have made arrangements to be at the school, please sign in on the computer as a VOLUNTEER and the front office receptionist will call the staff member, announce that you have arrived, and direct you to the classroom/office. You will need to wear the yellow badge.** This tells staff members and students that you are cleared to be in the school.

Please know that my intentions are never to create procedures and policies that offend or inconvenience others, but to create the safest and most secure environment for our students, staff and volunteers.

Many thanks to all our parents for supporting our policies and procedures. Your kids are wonderful and we feel very fortunate to have your trust as we educate your child(ren).

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker

Principal

News from PTO

Square 1 Art has returned!! Your children will be working on their masterpieces that will be available for purchase. These will make wonderful holiday gifts for family and friends. More information will be available soon.

PTO will be hosting a night out for parents on **November 18th** at the **Collaborative District** located off of Riberia Street. This will be an adult only event. This event will be a fundraiser for our science classes at Ketterlinus. Look for details soon.

We raised \$675.85 during Chipotle Spirit Night!!! It was so much fun enjoying dinner with our KES families and friends. Chick Fil A Spirit Night will be on **October 12th** so mark your calendars now.

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

10/6	Wear Your Words T-shirt Day
10/6	Character Counts Celebration 8:45 a.m.
10/9	PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
10/12	CFA Spirit Night 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
10/13	College Shirt T-shirt Day
10/17	SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
10/24	Picture Day
10/31 (date change)	Report Cards Issued
10/31	Costume Parade

Dolphin Café

With the recovery from Hurricane Irma, food supplies and distribution are working overtime to meet the demands. We will always have balanced meals, but will introduce other options that may not always align with the menu. As an example, coming soon will be barbecue chicken sandwiches and full size corn dogs.

KES Employee Highlight of the Month

John Harpst had an interesting career, starting in home building, then Air Force flight crew, bridge construction and computer systems integration with Martin-Marietta, followed by Emerson Electric, Oasis and others. He worked and traveled throughout America, Canada, Mexico and Europe, visiting places like London, Rome & Paris, but likes St Augustine the best. In his spare time, he held numerous civic positions, including Mayor, and now volunteers as a sea turtle monitor on St Augustine beach.



We Have a Special Community

On September 14th, a group of parents, students, staff and members of both the City of St. Augustine Fire Department and the City of St. Augustine Police Department worked together to clean-up debris left behind from Hurricane Irma. When we arrived, there were leaves, branches, and trash strewn across the playground, in the front of the school, and throughout the parking lot. Two hours later, our school was cleaned and ready for our students. What a special community we have!



Community Business Partners at Ketterlinus

A huge “Thank you” to our Community Business Partners for supporting Ketterlinus. New banners are located along the fence in our parking lot. You cannot miss them, as they are big and brightly colored. Thank you to our PTO and to our Community Business Partners! Please keep our business partners in mind when in the need of the service they provide. If you are interested in becoming one of our business partners, please contact Erika Metzger at eymetzger@me.com.

- Brand Label, Inc
- Zaxby’s & Mellow Mushroom
- Matthews Design Group
- Brooke Bohall - Remax
- Steve Ladrido - Coldwell Banker Premier Properties
- Vinny’s
- ThompsonBaker
- Old Towne Toys

READING RIGHT ALONG

We are off to an awesome start with AR this year! KES students have already passed over 2,000 AR quizzes & read over 16 million words this school year! Each student is working towards his/her individualized point goal. Students who meet their 1st quarter AR point goal by October 23 will receive hours of reading enjoyment, knowledge, AND an invitation to a BOOM Science Show, right here at KES!



The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) program is underway here at KES for students in grades 3-5. Students can earn rewards by reading any of the 15 books identified as Sunshine State Readers. Ask your student what fun rewards they are working toward!

There is more reading fun to come, and it is for the WHOLE family... the Scholastic Book Fair, here at KES November 13-17! This is a convenient opportunity to purchase great books at a reasonable price, and to start working on that holiday gift list!

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Welcome back!! It has been wonderful seeing all of the students settle in to their classes and begin another year. My name is Sandy McCutcheon and as the School Counselor, I have the awesome job of getting to know ALL students. I am here to offer support to students so they can be successful academically, socially and behaviorally. During the first week of school, I visited all 1st – 5th grade classroom and talked about Character Counts! and how to start off the school year with what traits make a good student.

We are an AVID school; Advancement Via Individual Determination. My goal is to meet with classes at least two times this semester and present lessons that focus on building character and being a self-determining individual.

I am also available to work with students through small group sessions, individual sessions and with teachers and parents by providing resources and education regarding issues that affect students. Please feel free to call me at (904) 547-8545 or email at sandy.mccutcheon@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

News from Resource Class

Prep Band

Prep Band will resume on Mondays beginning on Oct 9th. Mr. G will be handing out sign-up forms to students who show interest and who excel in their music class. Any student in grades fourth or fifth grade who is interested in joining, please see Mr. G.

“ART We Awesome”

“Art We Awesome” is the name of the Art Camp at Ketterlinus. Art Club is open to 2nd and 3rd grade students, so be on the lookout for registration forms to come home soon. Registrations will be accepted from Monday, October 30th through Monday, November 13th. “ART We Awesome” will be a 6-week session that begins Monday, November 13 at 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. The cost is \$60. Students interested must be in good academic standing with good attendance. Students will need to provide their own transportation or be able to attend the Cove or Rec Department.

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

Thank you, KES dads, for joining us for a morning of great fun! We hope that you enjoyed your time as much as we did. You are important to your child and critical to their success in school. Although we had heroes in costumes present during the event, YOU are the true hero. Dads and other significant male role models make such a difference in the life of their child. Thank you!!

