

Have You Gotten a HIGH FIVE?

The "HIGH FIVE" Homework board for 3rd - 5th is looking great! The board is located across from the cafeteria entrance. Each Friday, Coach Allen checks with 3rd-5th grade teachers to see which students have been rocking it and knocking it out of the park by doing their homework every night. The first thing students receive is a "HIGH FIVE" hand on the board with their name and their teacher's name. For every week that students complete their homework, a blue dot is placed on their "High Five" hand.

Keep Up the Good Work!!!

Fifth Grade Elite TOT Team has been working hard and doing really well learning their routine. Their first performance is in January 2018.

More information to follow.

Coach Allen

AVID Parent Night

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent AVID Parent Night. Amanda Bergamasco and Kim Dixon shared what AVID means at Ketterlinus Elementary School and ways parents can help their child succeed. A big shout out to Mia Bergamasco, Matthew Chapman, and Simon Chapman who volunteered to participate on a student panel. We hope that more parents can plan to attend future Parent Enrichment Evenings.



Celebrating Our Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to our fifth Grade Spelling Bee winners!
1st place- **Haleigh Roberts**, 2nd place- **Ava Christman**



Displaying Caring and Citizenship- Our Students Have Heart

Following the Thanksgiving holiday, students will make stocking cap ornaments for family and the residents at the Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Home. These cute and cheery ornaments use minimal materials: rings cut from paper towel and tissue cardboard rolls and yarn.



Calling All Amazon Shoppers



You can help support KES by simply shopping through Amazon Smile and selecting Ketterlinus Elementary PTO. Amazon will donate a percentage of the money you spend back to our school and it will not cost you a penny! Now that is a good deal! Just go to smile.amazon.com to find out how you can help to support KES.

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A Message

from Mrs. McCutcheon

With the new season comes a lot of change. During the month of October, the St. Johns County School District celebrated Character Counts Week, Red Ribbon Week and Bullying Prevention Month. All classes received Bullying Prevention presentations. On Wednesday, October 25th KES celebrated UNITY Day - A day when we come together as a school and community Together Against Bullying, United for Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion. We were happy to see the staff and the students join in and come together to end bullying.

The holidays also brings busy times that can get stressful. Please take time for "mindful moments" in your life. Take a few deep breaths, tackle things one at a time, ask for assistance, read a children's holiday book or sit and reflect on the moments that bring a smile to your face. Practice these with your children and model them to help your child learn great "de-stressing" strategies. Enjoy time with family and friends and have a wonderful holiday season. See you in 2018!

Our Staff Highlight

Miss Shelby is the friendly face that you see when you first walk in to Ketterlinus. She is always there to greet you with a smile and to offer assistance. She has a busy job that requires her to wear many hats and wears them all equally well. When Shelby is not at work, she is a mom to two children who are active in soccer and she is an avid runner. She enjoys spending time at the beach with her family and her new puppy, Chip. We are thrilled to celebrate her as our School Related Employee of the Year! Congratulations, Miss Shelby!!



ESE PARENT ADVISORY

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Welcomes

TODD WATSON and KIMBERLY MILLER, SJCSO ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS and
MELISSA GULLO and ANNA MARTIN, SJCSO SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Topic: UNDERSTANDING THE MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS (MTSS)
FRAMEWORK AND RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RtI) PROCESS

Date/Time: 12/05/17 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Fullerwood Training Center - 10 Hildreth, St. Augustine, FL 32084

GOAL: In an effort to provide parents of ESE students with trainings to increase their ability to actively participate and collaborate with a comprehensive school team, information targeting MTSS framework and the RtI process will be provided.

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.

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

12/01	Character Counts Ceremony
12/01	Wear Your Words T-Shirt Day
12/04	PTO Meeting 7:45 a.m.
12/19	SAC Meeting 7:45 a.m.
12/19	Report Cards Go Home
12/21	Early Release 1:50 p.m. **This is a Thursday
12/22-1/4	Winter Holiday Break
1/5	Teacher Planning Day
1/8	Students Return to School

KES Loves Our Grandparents

We loved seeing our students proudly walk in to the Grandparent Breakfast with their special guests...their grandparents. We had over 200 grandparents in attendance! It was such a treat watching everyone having such a wonderful time together. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



Ketterlinus Encourages Healthy Habits

The Ketterlinus Café is now using locally grown products where possible, through a certified Farm-to-School program known as *Localecopia*, which currently provides cucumbers, oranges, tomatoes and romaine lettuce. Details are available on the web at <http://localecopia.org>.

Just Run

Runners of all grade levels are participating in "Just Run", a program that encourages young students to run for better health. They meet each Monday and Thursday to practice form, stretching, and to increase their running skills. Several KES Staff and parents are volunteering their time to show our students that running can be a fun way to stay healthy. Their goal is to participate in an upcoming race. "Thank you" goes out to Ancient City Road Runners for sponsoring this program at Ketterlinus.

Hydrating during the Day

We allow our students to bring a bottle (plastic) of water to school each day. Please do not allow your child to bring a fountain type drink or cup of coffee, latte, or something similar to school in the mornings. We also ask that you not allow your child to carry in to school any type of cup without a screw top lid. We are encouraging our students to drink water only in the classrooms for their health and to prevent any messy spills for our maintenance staff to address.

Sebastian Middle School

SMS is going full-STEAM ahead! Incorporating the ARTS by offering electives in Strings, Guitar, Chorus, Band, and 2-D/3-D Visual Art, SMS is working toward certification by the end of this year as a STEM School. All sixth graders currently take the STEM elective class, which provides learning opportunities in coding, robotics, and 3-D printing, along with real-world application of these skills by working with professionals from Northrup Grumman and the University of St. Augustine's OT/PT programs.



Under the leadership of STEM Teacher Jessica Brown, four teams of SMS students will compete in the First Lego League Robotics Competition this year. SMS will host a First Lego League Robotics Competition at our school on **Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** This event is free and open to the public, so families from KES are welcome to drop by anytime during the day to check it out!

KES families are also invited to join us for "A Night of Arts and Sciences" at SMS on **Thursday, December 14 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Opportunities to create art, explore science, play games, and experience a Lego Robotics obstacle course from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., followed by our Holiday Guitar/Strings Concert from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us!

Housekeeping

Due to the busyness of the afternoon, we cannot accept phone calls to change your child's mode of transportation after 2:15 p.m. We also cannot allow student checkout after 2:15 p.m. The front office is extremely busy during this time so must be able to focus their attention on ensuring that all students are ready for dismissal and that the front office staff is able to assist with dismissal procedures. Thank you for understanding.

Lost and Found

Cooler weather is upon us, and many nice jackets and sweaters are worn to school. Often, these jackets and sweaters are not worn home from school, but left in the Lost & Found. Due to Health considerations, Lost and Found items must be removed after a week and donated to a local charity. Please write names in jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes, and we will continue to make every effort to reunite items with Student.

Mimi's Mad Science Hour

Every Friday we have a Ms. Mimi's Mad Science Hour. Students participate in a hand-on lesson. The students first watch a video of what their experiment will be and then they visually follow directions step-by-step. At the end of the experiment students write down their final thoughts on how the experiment went.

The following are experiments students have done in the past:

- Ice cream in a bag
- Slime
- Lava Lamp

The ice cream in a bag was a success! The kids had so much fun!



News from Media Center

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success, bringing books and smiles to all, and funding our school media center. We would like to thank our many amazing volunteers who made it all possible, with special recognition to Megean Naughton who volunteers for the entire Book Fair. It is always such an enjoyable experience to share with our students and families!

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is coming up in January, which aims to promote literacy and excellent reading habits, with a fun theme of "Find Yourself in a Book." KES students will participate in daily school-wide celebrations of literacy and learning. Save the date for Family Literacy Night, January 18, to kick off our literacy events!



We Have a New Chalkboard Wall!

A huge "thank you" to Brendan Bernhard and Caroline Crum for volunteering to paint a new Chalkboard wall on the side of our outdoor portable. Our students love having a place to draw while playing outside. Thank you for all of the chalk donated for our students to use. We love our volunteers!