

KES PTO STEAM INITIATIVE



KES has taken the initiative to infuse STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics – within student’s every day learning. Students will continue to learn to think critically, problem solve and create through lessons that foster collaboration and inquiry.

Over the last few years, our school has made huge advances with technology, collaboration and inquiry through our AVID program. We would like to expand the STEAM initiative to have more hands-on exploration within all the disciplines of STEAM to provide more opportunities for our students to create, innovate, and wonder.

KES wants to prepare our youngest in the nation’s oldest city to become local and global leaders and contributors!

KES PTO is raising \$500 for each classroom to support this initiative for:

- Outdoor gardens
- Robotics
- Hands on science experiments
- Models

We are hosting an ADULTS ONLY evening on **February 3rd** with food and a silent auction. Tickets will go on **sale January 8th** and can be purchased through school. Flyers will go home with your student. This event will be capped at 75 people so get your tickets early as they will be first come first serve. You won’t want to miss this!

Ketterlinus K-Kids

The K-Kids spread some holiday cheer to elderly people in our community on December 12, 2017 by bringing treats, songs and good company to the residents of Buckingham Smith in Lincolnville. The students elicited many smiles by bringing over some hand-made gifts and holiday cards. Liv played guitar and led the K-Kids in a few holiday songs that the residents were happy to join.



“ART We Awesome”

“Art We Awesome” is the name of Ketterlinus’ after-school art camp led Mr. Lewis. Camp will be opening soon for kindergarten and first grade students, so be on the lookout for registration forms. During camp, I will teach your child the batik technique, which uses a wax-resist, but we will be using glue!

“ART We Awesome” will be a 6-week session beginning **Monday, January 22 at 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.** in the Art room. 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. Registration forms are accepted from **Monday, January 8th through Monday, January 22nd.**



Don’t Miss Out on the Memories

Pre-Order Your 2017/2018 Yearbook!! Order forms for our 2017/2018 Ketterlinus full-color yearbooks have been sent home with your child. The cost for each yearbook is \$25.00 until March 1st. After that date, the price will increase to \$30.00 per book. The KES yearbook will be jammed packed with fun photos of special times that were created this school year!! Please note: At this time, all payments must be made payable to “Leornards” NOT to Ketterlinus. Checks can be sent in with your child, but please remember to make it payable to Leornards. Only a small number of yearbooks have been ordered so place your order early! If ordering online, go to www.leornards.com/yearbooks, then enter the access code: C421026.

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Principal’s Corner

Happy New Year Ketterlinus Families & Friends!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break with your loved ones. Winter break is a great time for our staff and families to regroup after a busy and eventful (Hurricane Irma) start of the year. Some of staff and students are still picking up the pieces from BOTH hurricanes.

Following Winter Break, the kids are typically eager to get back to school – and most of the parents are ready too. I am always shocked to see how many kids have “grown” another inch or two over break. Their reading ability, especially kindergarteners and first graders, seem to take a big leap too.

The second semester is the “meat & potatoes” of the school year. This is where a bulk of instruction and intervention is taking place to prepare our students for state and district assessments. We need your support by ensuring your child is at school every day and on time. You cannot make up lost instructional time and it is difficult to “catch up” when a child comes in late. It is also disruptive to the class. Much of learning that is taking place is happening through student collaboration, which cannot be re-created. Please make sure you arrange appointments and trips around the school schedule. Please review the master school calendar on our school or district website.

I ask your support in addressing some safety concerns with parent drop-off procedures. Our school opens at 8am. If you need to bring your child earlier, please inquire about early morning care with Janet Bryant, our Extended Day Coordinator. Students should not walk across the street until 8:00 a.m.

Please note that we have students entering the building at 8am and entering classrooms by 8:20 a.m. If they need breakfast, they need to come to school at 8 a.m. Please show good character and judgement by driving slowly through the school parking and surrounding areas. I have seen several cars come through the parking lot driving at a higher rate of speed than the posted speed limit sign. This is very dangerous combined with the use of cell phones and that young students are walking to school. I know we all have those hectic mornings, but please just plan on leaving your home 5-10 minute earlier to allow everyone to arrive to school safely. I will be outside monitoring this, with the help of our city’s finest, the SAPD. Finally, please refrain from using our neighbors’ driveways to drop off your child. We want to be good stewards of our community. We ask that you use the school drop off line between 8:00 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. After 8:20 a.m., you must park in the SCHOOL PARKING LOT and walk your child into school. This ensure you have safely sent your child to school.

Finally, are you receiving school messages via phone, text, or email? If you did not receive any prior to winter break, your emergency contact information is NOT up to date. Please email Cyndie Lafontaine with updated information at Cynthia.Lafontaine@stjohns.k12.fl.us. This is very important in the event of an emergency.

We have much learning to do this semester. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure your child’s learning is taking place.

Sincerely,
Kathy Tucker, Principal

Character Counts!

6 PILLARS 6K/3K RUN/WALK

Calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts! Participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on **Saturday, February 3, 2018, at 9 a.m.** The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine. Wear you KES Dolphin T-shirt and let’s show them our school spirit!!

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

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| 1/12 | Wear Your Words T-shirt Day |
| 1/15 | No School in observance of MLK Day |
| 1/16 | SAC meeting @ 7:45 a.m. |
| 1/16 | PTO meeting @ 8:30 a.m. |
| 1/19 | Report Cards Issued |
| 1/23 | Family Literature Night 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| 1/22-26 | Literacy Week at Ketterlinus (see details in newsletter) |
| 1/29 | Teacher Inservice Day-No School for Students |

ESE PARENT ADVISORY

2017-2018 PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TOPICS, DATES, AND LOCATIONS:

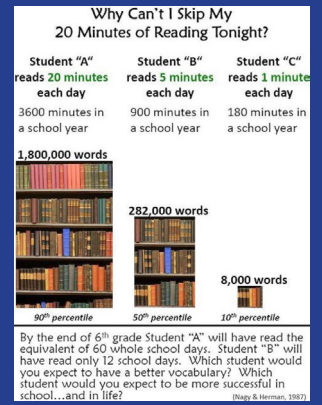
Topic: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
Presenter: Lisa D. Bailey, Ph.D.,
Child and Adolescent Psychologist
Date/Time: 2/6/18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Fullerwood Training Center –
10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Topic: Raising Struggling Learners to Be Successful, Durable,
and Resilient
Presenter: Edward C. Taylor, Ph.D.,
Child and Adolescent Psychologist
Date/Time: 4/3/18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Fullerwood Training Center –
10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Never Too Busy to Read

Busy, Busy, Busy! By: Suzanne Brush, ILC

Family life is busier than ever, and it is difficult to fit in all that needs to be done when our precious children return home from school. In this New Year, 2018, let's commit to reading with our kids every day. There is a wealth of research that supports the amount of time a child reads leads to academic success in reading! It just makes sense! We learn to ride a bike, by spending more time riding. We learn to play a musical instrument by practicing outside of the lesson. We learn to become an athlete by practicing outside of team practice, and the same holds true for reading!



NEWS

from Mrs. McCutcheon

This year I have taken on the task as AVID School Liaison. Yes, this may mean some extra work but this extra work has allowed me to take an insightful look at what AVID means for our students and school. AVID stand for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID strategies teach students to engage in their own learning and propel them to achieve their goals. Each month, I plan to share "something AVID" with you.

This month I want to share with you what the "A" in AVID means; Advancement. Advancement means the act of moving forward. This is different for everyone. It may mean moving forward by adding 5 points to your AR goal because you just took an AR test and got a 100%. On the other hand, it may mean that you took the same AR test as your friend and you got a 40% and earned fewer points. Did you still move forward? Yes. You may have earned fewer points than your friend may have, but you read another book! We all move forward and advance in different ways. I am learning this very skill now as I learn more about what AVID means. I know more now than I did two months ago. I discuss it with our administrative team, our teachers and students. I think about it each month as I talk with students about their character and choices they have made in and out of the classroom. So, think about discussing the word Advancement with your child. As we advance to a new year, what goals can you share, work together and advance together?

Our Fifth Graders Have Green Thumbs

The fifth graders in our class have been learning how to cultivate food using sustainable techniques including aeroponic/hydroponic gardens both indoors and outdoors. These innovative methods help us to reduce the amount of water and space needed to grow food, as well as allow us to grow produce out of season. The students care for these gardens, providing nutrients and water as well as harvesting. We have enjoyed multiple harvests and are now spreading the love to the rest of our KES family by delivering baggies of produce weekly.



Literacy Night for Ketterlinus

Save the date to "Find Yourself in a Book", **Tuesday, January 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, for Family Literacy Night here at KES. Join us during Celebrate Literacy, Florida! week to enjoy some of our awesome staff members read some of their favorite stories aloud. Pizza & drinks will be available for purchase. Students will be celebrating literacy all week with literature-based Lego projects, book recommendations on the morning news show and celebrating reading every day. Hope to see you at Family Literacy Night!



News from The Cove

We are celebrating many transitions in the Cove. In November, our 2nd grade counselor, Ms. Caroline, ended her time with us to concentrate on her family. Ms. Ernestine stepped up and took over 2nd grade and has gone beyond our expectations working with the group. In addition, Ms. Pura, our 4th/5th grade counselor and assistant coordinator, recently accepted a position in the Media center assisting Ms. Snyder. Although she will be missed by the Cove, we wish her all the best and are thrilled that she is just around the corner.

"I'd like to thank the Cove for giving me the opportunity to be part of the KES family. I have met so many KES students and families and enjoyed participating in the learning process. I am ecstatic to begin working in the Media Center and with Mrs. Snyder. Literacy and communication are near and dear to my heart and I am looking forward to encouraging the students in these areas." ~Pura Scott

Ms. Lashonda has been hired to replace Ms. Caroline and will be working with our Kindergarten group. We are excited about this new addition.

We are currently making plans to host our third annual Spring Break camp. This is one of our favorite events as we get to welcome new faces to Cove and explore our local surroundings. The week involves daily field trips, organized games, crafts, and daily themes. Keep a look out for upcoming information regarding this event and check our webpage on the KES site for more information about our events and services.

Janet Bryant
Cove Director

PTO Spreads Lots of Cheer!

Our PTO spread a lot of cheer as they visited staff with a cart filled with delicious goodies. We also found a holiday note in our boxes. What a nice treat to receive! If you would like to be a member of our PTO, please join us at the next PTO meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th @ 8:30 a.m.**



Ketterlinus Loves Volunteers

We are so grateful to all of volunteers for being such an important part of our Ketterlinus family. Volunteers are working with students, creating bulletin boards, shelving books, opening lunches for students, and doing many different "jobs" to help Ketterlinus continue to be a place of excellence. We are so lucky and know that we could not do our jobs without them. Each year we have the very difficult decision of choosing our volunteer of the year in three categories: youth, adult, and senior. Last year, we celebrated the commitment of Aaron Jett(youth), Erika Metzger(adult) and Bill "Doc" Yancey (senior). This year, we are excited to announce the following volunteers as our Volunteer of the Year for the 2017/2018 school year:

Tristen Ash (youth)
Christie Carrera (adult)
Barbara Mainville (senior)

We will celebrate them at a banquet in their honor in the spring.