

ART NIGHT

You & your family are invited to the Ketterlinus Elementary Art Night!

Thursday, May 17, 2018
5:30-7:00 PM



Enjoy a night of fantastic student art work and delicious ice cream.
Come share this time with friends as we reflect on our year in Art!!!

PTO FUN RUN

Our PTO Sponsored Boosterthon Fun Run was a great success. Our students worked hard raising money and had a blast running laps with their peers. There was laughter, exercise, and a great team effort! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser for KES. PTO will continue to accept pledges until April 6th.



Mrs. Borie's class enjoying a Boosterthon Award day at the park.



Jayda made this banner to show off the Boosterthon class pride in Mrs. Jett's class.

Second Grade Welcomes Seven Stupendous Chicks!

Second grade was so excited to study the life cycle of plants and animals! We had the privilege of witnessing the live hatching of seven stupendous chicks! We collaborated and came up with some very clever names. Please welcome Sapphire, Football, Sunny, Cutie, Bowser, Candle, and Goldie. They will live happily ever after at local farm that cares for chickens.



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Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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Principal's Corner

Dear Ketterlinus Family and Friends,

I cannot believe it is April. Although this year has flown by, we still have almost 2 months of learning. Over the next few weeks, students in grades 3-5, will begin taking the state required Florida State Assessment, also known as FSA. We are in need of several proctors to help monitor. Please consider signing up to proctor for a day so that we do not pull teachers from other areas that are serving other students. I appreciate your support. Over the last few months, we have enrolled several new students. We are excited that our little school is growing with new friends. I love seeing how our "seasoned" students reach out to new students and welcome them to our school. They treat the new kids like rock stars. What great kids we have at Ketterlinus to have such a life-skill of building a community. I applaud our parents for teaching and modeling this skill to their child. As we begin the home stretch to the end of the school year, I want to take a few minutes to share some reflections on our students' growth.

First, I love how our students continue to take risks openly in class. Many are not afraid of making a mistake or providing an incorrect answer. That is part of learning. Please continue to reinforce this skill.

Second, watching our students learn to disagree with friends, and then finding resolution shows me that they are benefiting from "teachable moments". We recognize that not all disagreements result in bullying situations; however, we need to address those disagreements as opportunities to discuss the issue, understanding/validate feelings and learn from it. Thank you for not encouraging physical retaliation as a way of solving a disagreement. Our school community has been called "Crunchy Granola" and the "Happy School". This is a result of our community and school values, and our students' willingness to speak up, discuss, and learn.

Finally, I appreciate our parents for allowing their child(ren) to experience disappointments. Sometimes, as parents (I am guilty of this!) we want to make our children happy after a disappointment by fixing it for them or buying something. There is such a learning experience when a child goes through a disappointment or adversity with guidance and support by an adult. Thank you for allowing your child to gain so much from this process. It allows them to grow into adults capable of facing and solving problems by themselves.

Thank you for raising such fine kids. They truly amaze us.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker, Principal

Educational Homestay Programs



Promote Cross-Cultural Connections:
Open your heart and home for 2 ½ short weeks to a Chinese student!

Education First's Educational Homestay Program (EHP), a non-profit based in Boston, MA, is bringing a group of students from Shanghai China this summer to improve their English skills and explore American culture.

We are currently looking for volunteer host homes for these students.
We'd love for you to get involved!

- **51 students & 3 chaperones** will visit Saint Augustine **July 7th - July 23rd**
- EF Program staff supervises students during weekday morning classes and afternoon educational activities. Students spend evenings and weekends with their host families.
- Our student group includes **boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.**
- Volunteer Host Families provide a bed, meals, family time and transportation to and from our Course Center: **Memorial Presbyterian Church.**
- Host family teens can earn up to 45 community service hours for hosting.

For More Information Please Contact:

John Pritchard (904-806-3144) or Sandi Zeljko (904-295-4454)



News from the Cove

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Jamila Cloward to the Cove. Jamila is our new 4th/5th grade teacher. We are so thrilled to have Jamila join our Extended Day team.

The Cove has added some exciting activities to our already awesome program. These activities include, but not limited to, fun Friday, monthly Cove specials, the "Cove" store where students can spend earned behavior points for prizes, and trips to the candy store down the street from our school.

We are looking forward to ending this year with a bang!

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

4/6	Character Counts! Celebration
4/6	Wear Your Words T-shirt Day
4/9	PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
4/12	PTO Spirit Night at CFA 5:30-7:30 p.m.
4/17	SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
4/20	AVID College T-Shirt Day
4/20	Goodwill Donation Day
4/24	Interims Issued
5/4	Wear Your Words T-shirt Day

Your Local St. Johns County Health Department Provides Free Pediatric Immunizations

For Immunization Clinic Hours
Please call 904-209-3250

**New to the State of Florida and need a DH-680 form?
We offer a FREE drop-off service with no waiting!**



- Bring your child's current immunization history and your valid state-issued photo ID.
- A nurse will import your immunization history.
- We will call you within 48 hours to pick up your completed form.
- In the event your child's immunizations are incomplete, we will notify you so that you may return with your child to receive the required immunizations.

The Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County is located at the
St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building
200 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine FL, 32084
904-209-3250

For More Information, please visit our website at StJohns.FloridaHealth.gov

Responsibility Rocks

ALL KES library books are due back by **Thursday, May 10** - this date will creep up quickly!

Parents - please help your students pay for any missing books or late fees by that time! Notices will be sent home.

Housekeeping

Lost and Found

We have a large collection of coats, lunchboxes, backpacks and other belongings. PLEASE remind your child to check out Lost and Found located outside the cafeteria. All items not claimed will be donated to local charity.

Parking

The parking lot closest to the School District office is for their employees and guests only. PLEASE do not park in that parking lot when visiting Ketterlinus. You will be asked to move your vehicle or it could be towed.

The Character Cup

The Character Cup, a student-centered event highlighting physical education, links academics and character education through athletic competition. Two hundred student-athletes, representing 20 elementary schools, participated in the 2017 event and this year's event was even bigger and better.



The 2018 Character Cup took place March 21 at St. Augustine High School. Parents, teachers, administrators, school mascots and community members were encouraged to come out in support of these hard-working students. Our KES team was represented by 5 fifth grade boys and 5 fifth grade girls who were chosen by their peers and teachers for their excellent display of character.

**We are in Need of Proctors!!
Can You Please Help?**

Do you mind sharing the following with your neighbors, family, friends, church congregation . . . ANYONE that might want to help us? Thank you!!

Would you like to help the students and staff at Ketterlinus Elementary School? We are in need of proctors for our upcoming testing. Proctors serve as an extra set of eyes during testing. Testing begins at 8:50 a.m. and will end by 11:00 a.m. I have included a link to a SignUpGenius that will allow you to select the dates that are most convenient for you. I have also included the link to complete a School Access form. This form is required by all adults who plan to enter any school in St. Johns County. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Link for School Access Form:
<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

Link for SignUpGenius:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c49afaf2b0-testing4>

Don't Stop Reading!

By: Suzanne Brush, ILC



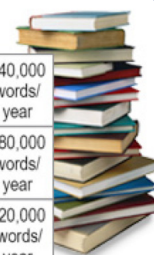
It is hard to believe we are beginning the fourth quarter of the school year. Keep those daily reading practices going! The evidence is clear. "The major differences between poor and good readers is the difference in the quantity of total time they spend reading." - National Reading Panel, 2000

As a parent or caregiver the best way to improve your child's reading skill is through reading practice. It is not always easy, but reading at home is imperative to your child's reading development. If reading is not your child's preferred activity, you must find ways to make reading pleasurable and fun.

Please review the chart below and reflect on your child.
Is your child A, B, or C?

Here is what 10 minutes of reading means for students:

Child A, does not read at home	+ 10 minutes reading	∞ increase	1,000 new words/day @100WPM	5,000 words/ week	20,000 words/ month	240,000 words/ year
Child B, reads 10 minutes/day at home	+ 10 minutes reading	100% increase	1,000 new words/day @100WPM	10,000 words/ week	40,000 words/ month	480,000 words/ year
Child C, reads 20 minutes/day at home	+ 10 minutes reading	50% increase	1,000 new words/day @100WPM	15,000 words/ week	60,000 words/ month	720,000 words/ year



News from Mrs. McCutcheon



AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination. This month we will look at the final letter in AVID; D – Determination. "A fixed purpose or intention; the act of coming to a decision; grit; purpose." We are all determined to be our best selves. Many times, this determination needs effort and hard work. I like to think of Charlie Brown trying to kick that football. He was determined to keep trying. With every attempt, he gave himself a pep talk and ran with all his might. As we approach the close of another school year with state and district level testing requirements on the horizon, lets be that good ol' Charlie Brown. Discuss with your child their inner determination and ways they can cultivate it. Working together with your child and learning the AVID principles develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination.

Are you Spring Cleaning?

K-Kids is heading up this year's Goodwill Drive... time to do some spring cleaning, help others, and help out Ketterlinus! Bring your bag of gently used items to school on Friday, April 20, during parent drop-off or send them on the bus with your child. Be on the lookout for more information coming home with your student- all students who participate will be rewarded! If 60% of students donate, KES receives \$1,000! Goodwill picks up that morning, 4/20, from 8:00-8:30 (please do NOT send items later that day).



Cast your Ballots

Each year, a team of FL librarians chooses 15 books to compete for the Sunshine State Young Reader Award. What's awesome about this award is that it's actually awarded by the 3rd-5th grade students in Florida who read at least 3 of the books, then VOTE for their favorite. I love when student voices are heard and this is a great opportunity for that! Here at KES, we have the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections set up real voting booths and a ballot machine for our students to vote- what a great real life experience! Voting takes place on April 3. Ask your child which book he/she voted for & encourage your student to participate next year! I can't wait to find out the winner! We have formed our team and are courageously preparing for the Battle of the Books! This is a countywide competition opportunity for all 3rd-5th graders who read 10 or more of this year's Sunshine State Young Reader Award titles. Students are given a sentence from one of the 15 SSYRA books & then must identify which book the sentence is from. That is a challenge when you consider that these sentences are chosen from 15 different books & over 3,000 pages of text- that is a lot to keep straight! Congratulations to Kaden Babbitt, Avigail Barak, Sofia Carrera, Reece Gannon, Skylar Kleinschek, Robie Matthews, & Olivia Widerstedt for making the team & a huge high five to ALL who tried out. We are so impressed with your hard work! Our team will represent KES in the county Battle of the Books on May 10. Read on!

1,000,000 Word Club

We have given away \$24 million... in bookmarks! Congratulations to the following students who have read over a million words (and some over 2 million so far!): Jonah Sandoval, Olivia Widerstedt, Kaden Babbitt, Hobbs Breidenstein, Brooklyn Anthony, Connor Ellis, Ava McAllister, Olivia Satterfield, Ava Christman, Ana Capeci, Sofia Carrera, Day Stanchi, Haleigh Roberts, Elijah Sandoval, Caleb McFee, Victoria Ashworth, Phoebe Barzso, Conner Serrano, Christian Achatz, Carmine Gentilozzi, Annabelle Hucke, Taryn Bishop, Max Calvert, and Graham Marks! Students in this club have read over a million words (based on their AR quizzes), receive a \$1,000,000 bookmark with their picture on it, have their picture on display in the media center, & the admiration of other KES students! Who will be next to join the club?