# **AT KETTERLINUS**

#### **Dear KES Families:**

Thank you so much for your unselfish donation of time and dedication to the staff and students at Ketterlinus this school year. We know that your involvement helps Ketterlinus to be the special place that it is for our families. Your help with field trips, class projects, proctoring, and many other needs is invaluable and truly appreciated.

Please remember to update your School Access form this summer for any adult that might wish to visit our school. This includes out of state relatives that might want to see a special performance, attend a special event, have lunch, or attend a VPK/5th grade graduation. The clearance process can take up to 4 weeks to complete so the earlier you submit, the better. We do not want you to miss any of the memory making moments happening at Ketterlinus. The link to complete the School Access form is: https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/.

I hope that your summer is filled with treasured time with your family.

Michelle Moore Volunteer Coordinator

#### **Does Your Child Have Medication in the Clinic?**

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind you that your child's medication should be picked up from the clinic by 6pm on May 24th 2018. School policy does not allow medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after May 24th 2018 will be discarded according to policy.

As you know, medication orders must be completed every school year whether your child remains in the same school or goes to another. If your child has a physical examination during the summer months, this is a good time to get the medication forms completed.

For your convenience, the clinic will be open beginning August 7th, 2018 to accept your child's medication and completed medication forms. If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic at 547-8552.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

T.Slaughter, LPN, School Nurse

#### FOOD THAT IS IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT!

Any Student who is 18 years of age or younger may receive free, nutritious meals at KETTERLINUS GYM or SOLOMON CALHOUN CENTER June 4th-July 20th.Please dial 211 to inquire about the serving times or any additional locations.



# Don't go Down this Slide! By Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

The "Summer Slide" is the tendency for students to lose some of the reading gains they made during the school year. Students who do not read over the summer slip in their reading abilities, but students who read over the two month break from school continue to grow in their reading skills. Help prevent your child from going down that "Summer Slide in Reading" by continuing the daily reading routines you created during the school year.



#### **Tips for Summer Reading**

1. Read together with your child every day. Make it fun by reading outdoors, on the front porch, patio, at the beach, or park. Take turns listening to your child read, and reading to your child. Ask questions. Talk about what you are reading. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

#### 2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model the behavior we want to see in our children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off all

END of summer
Without Practice, Reading Skills Decline

The "Summer Slide"

START

electronic devices and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

#### 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of interacting with the text and build capacity for thought and insight.

4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and encourage reading in all genres. It will open their minds to new reading experiences, and motivate kids to want to read.

#### 5. Listen to audio books.

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

#### ${\bf 6.}\ Take\ your\ children\ to\ the\ library\ regularly.$

Weekly visits to the St. Johns County Public Library for fun reading opportunities. The theme this summer is "Reading Rocks!" http://www.sjcpls.org/event-directory/kids-events/

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

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Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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Educational Homestay Programs / ((iii))



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 7<sup>th</sup> July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 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)



### **Greetings for the Cove**

WOW!! Can you believe this school year is nearly over? How time flies!

Before you know it, summer will be over and next school year will be here. Having said that, we are now accepting registration and payments for Extended Day (The Cove) for 2018-19 school year.

As an incentive, we are offering NO registration fee if 1st payment is paid in full by May 24, 2018.

We will also offer a discounted registration fee of \$30.00 if you register now – June 30th. After June 30th the fee will be \$60.00 no exception.

All registration fees are per child NOT per family. If you have any questions, you may contact Janet Bryant (904) 547-8971.

Also, remember that 1st payment is due before school starts on August 10th 2018.

We hope you have a fun filled and safe summer.

#### **Lunch Accounts**

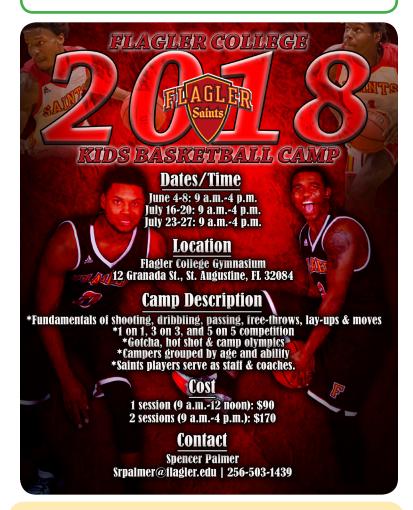
Please ensure that all Cafeteria accounts are paid in full. All student account balances do rollover to the next school year and follow the students as they progress though middle and high school.

#### **Virtual School Enrollment**

The enrollment window for the St. Johns Virtual School (SJVS) Full-Time Program opened on April 9th and will close on July 10th. To learn more about virtual options and apply to the program, please visit http://www-sjvs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/
The SJVS Full-Time Program is a Program of Choice meaning that students must apply and meet very high standards for acceptance. SJVS offers a unique online program that provides students flexibility to learn on terms suited to their needs.

### **Making Vacation Plans**

When making your vacation plans, please keep in mind that the first day of school for students will be August 10th, 2018. We will not be able to approve absences that are due to vacations. Please make every effort to have your children present the first day of school so that they can be a part of the first day of school excitement and introductions.



#### News From PTO

I always feel like the year has flown by when we are at the end. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for his or her help and support this year. PTO had another successful year and we hope you all did as well. We have raised \$31,000 this year for the school and our STEAM initiative. Each grade level (including resource) will receive \$2,000 to put towards their specific STEAM project. I am excited to see what they all come up with. PTO was also able to purchase the Accelerated Reading software for the upcoming school year. We have also been able to give back to the faculty, staff, and most importantly, the students.

We have an exciting new fall event planned (think dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge) to go along with our normal fundraising efforts and family nights. We will be planning this summer and will be available during School-a-Palooza to talk about PTO and how you can help. Keep an eye on (https://www.facebook.com/Ketterlinus-Elementary-School-PTO-200179760090001/) for those dates and other important notifications.

Lastly, we hope you all have a fabulous summer enjoying time with your kids and family. Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions or questions, and as always, our PTO meetings are open for anyone to attend. - Jenny Ranick, PTO President (jranick4@yahoo.com or 904-451-0752). See you in August!

**School Advisory Council**Please consider joining the School Advisory Council this coming school year. The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community-parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the School Improvement Plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. SAC is extremely important to Ketterlinus. Please contact Sandy Wallace at sandra. wallace@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Kora Stoll at kora.stoll@stjohns.k12.fl.us for information.

#### **Target Shows Support** for Ketterlinus

Employees from our local Target store were guest readers at Ketterlinus during Dr. Seuss Read across America week. They read to our VPK, Kindergarten, and First grade students and delivered activity pages and stickers for them to keep. Our students loved having them in their classrooms. We are so grateful to be a part of a community that is so dedicated to our students.



#### **News from the Media Center**

Looking for some GREAT summer reading? Check out this year's SSYRA winner, The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown (this was also KES's voted winner!). Get a head start on next year's SSYRA program this summer, or just get excited to join in in August!

- SSYRA Grades 3-5 2018-2019 Nominees
- Spirit Week Showdown by Crystal Allen
- I Love You, Michael Collins by Lauren Baratz-Logsted
- Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro
- True Home by Kallie George
- Home Sweet Motel by Chris Grabenstein
- The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff
- · Lights, Camera, Cook! By Charise Mericle Harper
- Survivor Diaries: Overboard! Terry Lynn Johnson
- Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood
- Ark Plan by Laura Martin
- Wish by Barbara O'Connor
- Doublecross and Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy by Jackson Pearce
- Ugly Cat and Pablo by Isabel Quintero
- Lemons by Melissa Savage
- Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston

Congratulations to our newest members of the Million Word Club:

Finn Dumas, Cole Wilson, Avigail Barak, Robie Matthews, Charles Sweeney, Will Capeci, Finley Stokke-Harms, Zuri Brynildsen, Cherry Garrett, Clara Huerbsch, & Mabel Misterly.

We are ending the year with 38 students who have read over 1,000,000 words! We cannot wait to see how many will join this club next school year!

Thank you to all who paid their late-return fees and also paid for any books that went missing. This helps keep our media center FULL of stories and knowledge for your children to enjoy and grow from. AR quizzes will NOT be offered at public libraries this summer. Please save a list of books that your child can quiz on when school starts again! Be on the lookout for the KES Summer Reading Challenge in your student's report card envelope! Students who complete the challenge will enjoy a celebration when school starts in August!

## Our 1st SSYRA Voter!















#### **Immunizations** School and Sports Physicals

Ketterlinus Elementary School 67 Orange Street

Tuesday, July 17th 9:00am - 3:00pm Walk-in Only Last walk-in taken at 2pm

#### **NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR SERVICES**

Children ages 4 - 18 years old

Immunizations are available. Must bring current shot record. Out of state records are acceptable.

Questions? Call (904) 547-7628