



**Celebrate Bullying Prevention, Drug Awareness and Character Counts!**

The week of October 22 – 26 the school district will honor Red Ribbon Week, National Bullying Prevention Month and Character Counts! week. Each day the students will hear an inspirational message televised on our morning announcements that focuses on these very important topics.

This year we are focusing on Unity Day. UNITY DAY: Together against bullying. United for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Monday, *October 22nd* – Rally in Red Against Bullying and Drugs – Students wear something RED.

Tuesday, *October 23rd* – Today, we make a choice for a bright future. Students wear something neon.

Wednesday, *October 24th* – Unity Day – Students wear orange to show unity against bullying This is the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large ORANGE message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Thursday, *October 25th* – Team Up Against Bullying and Drugs. Students wear their favorite team jersey.

Friday, *October 26th* – Pledge Day – Students wear their KES shirt.

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**Important Dates at KES**

- 10/15 Planning Day-No School for Students
- 10/23 SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 10/24 Unity Day-Wear Orange
- 10/24 Report Cards Issued
- 10/25 Dodgeball Tournament 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 10/31 Costume Parade 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
- 11/2 Character Counts Celebration 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- 11/8 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

**Coffee with a Cop**

Our first annual Coffee with a Cop was a great success. Law Enforcement from the St Augustine Police Department and the St. John’s County Sheriff’s Office stopped by for a cup of Kookaburra coffee and pastry while enjoying great conversation on the front porch of our school. Thank you to all of the parents who stopped by to thank the officers for the protection they give to our school and community. Thank you to our PTO for making this event possible.



**Will Your Child Meet the AR Goal?**

AR is in full swing! Students in grades 2-5 can earn the following rewards for meeting 100% of their reading goals each quarter. (1st Grade students will join in the rewards program for 2nd, 3rd, & 4th quarter). Congrats to Andrew Thorton, Olivia Widerstedt, and Sascha Thorpe- our first students to read over 1 million AR words and join our Million Word Club! AR Rewards Program is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> quarter goal by October 12	Game Time in the Media Center
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter goal by December 21	DoDad’s Lab Comedy Science Show
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter goal by March 14	Game Time in the Media Center
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter goal by May 3	Movie in the Media Center

The Book Fair is coming... The Book Fair is coming! November 13-16. We hope to see your student’s grandparents join KES for our Grandparent’s Breakfast & Book Fair, Friday, 11/16- eat and then come enjoy the Book Fair!



**You don’t want to miss out on memories!!**

We have a wonderful school and we want you to be involved. Don’t forget to submit a School Access form so that you will be allowed to enter the school passed the front office. This is district policy and is in effect for the safety of our staff and students. You can find the School Access form on our school website.

**Upcoming Events:**

Costume Parade- RSVP forms were sent home for our annual Costume Parade that will be held on October 31st from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. School Access is required! Please return the RSVP form with your full legal name so that we can check your School Access status. Once on the list of those approved to attend, you will be able to go directly to the bus loop that will help to expedite your ability to get to the parade on time.

Grandparent Breakfast-Invitations with a RSVP for our annual Grandparent Breakfast will go home on October 22nd. This event was such a success last year! The date of this year’s event is November 16th at 7:30 a.m. Grandparents can enjoy breakfast in the gymnasium with their grandchild, then do some shopping in the KES Fall Book Fair, if they would like. What a fun way to spend the morning. Remember that School Access is required.

**Join the fun in the Cove!**

We have so many exciting things planned in the Cove and want you to be a part of the fun. The pumpkin patch project (students will choose a KES staff to decorate a pumpkin after), our fun Fridays, and our monthly Cove special are just a few.

The “It’s Time to Harvest” festival is the October special and will be held on October 26th from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. The afternoon will be filled with activities such as bobbing for apples, pie throwing at a staff person, cool arts and crafts, games, and much more.

If you would like to donate to our wish list we will be greatly appreciate it. We are in need of apples, small pumpkins, individually wrapped candy, whipped cream, and any harvest decorations.

The Cove will be offering single day camp on October 15th (Teacher Planning Day) 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. This is contingent on enrollment. Please email Janet Bryant for information at janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

We would also like to say congrats to Ms. April, she is moving on to a full time position at local preschool. We would like to welcome Ms. Zakiya Pitts to the Extended Day team.

**Readers are Leaders**  
*Suzanne Brush, ILC*



If you have spent any time at Ketterlinus Elementary School I bet you have heard the phrase, “Readers are Leaders!” This is a phrase worth repeating. We say this to our students often because we believe it, and we invite parents and caregivers to continue sharing this message at home. Research is clear, students that spend time reading outside school grow the most and are most successful in school. When students arrive to school at 8:00 a.m., they read quietly in the hallways until 8:20 a.m. This is a great way to begin the day and to prepare them for learning. It is also a perfect opportunity for students to reach their AR goals!! Please help your child to prepare for his/her morning reading by ensuring that an AR book is in their backpack each day. If children enjoy what they are reading, they are more inclined to read it, understand it, and become lifelong readers.

**Don’t let your vehicle be towed!**

It is important to display your KES Car Tag on your rearview mirror at all times while in the parking lot of Ketterlinus. Our parking lot is for KES staff and parents only. We have had an influx of vehicles parking in our lot that do not belong. We will begin monitoring the parking lot and cars that do not have the KES car tag could be towed at the owner’s expense. **PLEASE ALWAYS** hang the car tag on your rearview mirror when coming through the pick-up line. This allows staff members to have your child ready to enter your vehicle. Our parking lot is school property. Please refrain from smoking. Also, please hang up your cell phone calls when you enter through the wooden gates. This will help prevent you from being distracted while driving through the parking lot and allow you to welcome your child in to the car after their school day.



**A-1 Membership is Available!!**

The Assistant Principal Reading Club is hoping for your child's membership!

Nothing is more important to academic achievement and success than being a good reader. We all know that a student that reads 20 minutes each day will have read 4400 minutes in a year. That equates to about 2,000,000 words a year. This is exactly what I am challenging your student and you to do!

This is how this year's AP Reading Club will work:  
 \*Every night/day your student and you read a book together. Reading the book aloud is suggested. Note that you did so on the self-explained reading log. Many of you are already meeting this requirement by logging books read on your classroom reading logs. \*For every 25 nights/days your child reads a book with his/her parent or guardian, they will receive a recognition(s). \*Please note the emphasis is on reading together. \*Logs are available from the front office, school library, or your child's teacher.

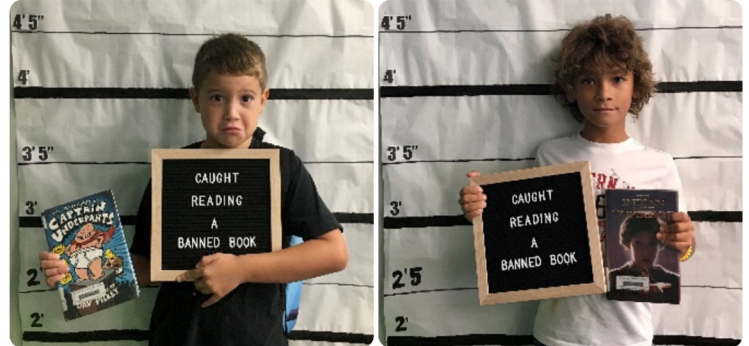
I look forward to recognizing your child in the Assistant Principal's Reading Club. If you have any questions about this program, please

**Get Schooled Challenge**

Students have received a 21 day "Get School Challenge" to encourage healthy school habits such as attending school regularly and completing homework nightly. Students who have 85% or greater attendance, arrive to school on time, and who have completed their nightly homework will receive a Smencil at the end of the challenge. You can help by establishing good routines for your child at home. A few examples are: set up a homework station that has everything they need to complete their homework, establish an afternoon routine that is consistent every night, teach your child to use an alarm clock, and leave the house earlier than you think you need to in order to allow for traffic or bridge congestion. Challenge ends October 30th.

**Banned Books at KES**

Banned Books Week here at KES celebrated the freedom to read and to express ideas. Students were surprised at some of the books that have been challenged or banned at some point, but are actually some of their favorites!



**Sunshine State Readers**

Grades 3-5 are enjoying participating in the SSYRA Program and collecting Brag Tags! Students in K-2 have started enjoying some great books with the SSYRA Jr. Program as well. Ask your child what our KES SSYRA Programs offer their age group this year!



**Whats happening in Music Class**

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Music Class having been playing lots of xylophone this fall. Students are starting to play recorder again. Grades 3-5 will be able to purchase a recorder very soon. Order forms will be given out. Second grade music students have been playing lots of xylophones also and beginning to improvise. Kindergarten and First grade students have been singing and dancing, using bean bags, and other classroom instruments to feel the beat.

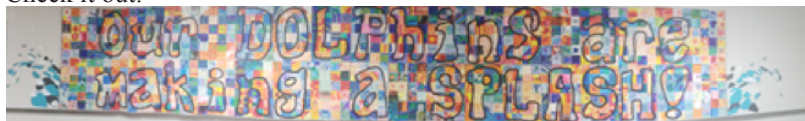


**Our Amazing Staff!**

We are excited to announce that Sara Gaudino (Teacher of the Year) and Letha Johnson (School Related Employee of the Year) were voted by their peers to represent Ketterlinus Elementary School this school year. They will be honored at a banquet in the spring. We are so thankful for their leadership and for the kindness that they bring to our Ketterlinus family.

**Our Dolphins are making a SPLASH!**

While learning the basic procedures and expectations of the art room, Art students have created a beautiful collaborative project that EVERY child in the school participated in making!! With a strong emphasis on warm and cool colors, K-2nd graders learned and reviewed the elements of art, while 3rd-5th graders learned and reviewed the principles of design. Check it out:



**Square 1 Art** - Students will begin working on their Square 1 Art projects over the next two weeks. Look for catalogs and order forms to go home the first part of November. Orders placed will be here in time for the holidays.

**Dodgeball** - Have you named your Dodgeball team? Designed your costume? The first Annual KES Adult Dodgeball Tournament is set for October 25th. Flyers went home last month. This will be a fun community event so do not miss out. Send in your registration today! We are looking for a Title Sponsor for \$500. If you are interested, please email Megan Naughton at PTOketterlinus@gmail.com.

**Raise Craze** - Raise Craze was HUGE success! We reached our goal of \$15,000!! Our community was the lucky recipient of hundreds of Acts of Kindness! This fundraiser will definitely return next year. STEAM Funds-PTO gave each grade level money to use toward STEAM. It has been fun to see what each class is implementing. The STEAM lab is filled with fun learning opportunities for our students that will encourage them to explore using hands on experiments.

**Community Business Partner** - Help us "Fill the Fence"! We are offering 4'x4' signs for \$500 that will stay up along our fence line for one year. Along with the sponsorship, your Business Logo will appear on the Ketterlinus Website. We are also offering a \$250 Sponsorship that posts your Business Logo on our Website. Email PTOketterlinus@gmail.com if interested.

**Nights of Lights Fundraiser** - Experience the Nights of Lights AND support KES at the same time. You save \$1.00 and we earn \$1.00!! Order forms and information will go home soon.

**Free or Reduced Meals**



If you have not already completed the 'Free and Reduced Meals Application please do so as soon as possible. Even if your student is not planning to eat in the Ketterlinus Café, the completed application is critical to our ability to secure State and Federal (?) / Title 1 (?) funds. The application is online at the school website, or a paper copies are available. Please call Mr. John @ 904.547.8551 with any questions or concerns. Your support of this effort is greatly appreciated.