



Getting ready for the FSA and other tests...

Students in grade 3, 4, and 5 will soon be taking the FSA. This year all Florida State assessments will be paper-based. This should take a portion of the stress off the students. Those anxious testing jitters are enough without having to learn how to use computer tools and navigating the testing portal! So, what about those testing jitters? Anxiety or worry is that constant feeling or thought that prevents you from doing things and things you enjoy. Now, we may all not enjoy testing but we do want to be at a place where we can show our best work. Some tips:

1. Be prepared as best you can. That means learn as much as you can about the test. What day is it? How long is it? Are there breaks? How many days? What happens if I am out sick one day?
2. Let your body and mind be well-rested. Get a good night's sleep and allow your brain to free itself of clutter. Listen to music, take a 1-minute mental vacation, think about something funny.
3. Organize your time – get things ready the night before so you aren't rushed. Have a plan and follow the plan.
4. Have a testing buddy – Buddy up with another student and be each other's cheerleader and coach. Study together, share your concerns and be that friend you can go to with even the slightest or silliest thought.
5. Maintain your energy – Let your body and mind exercise! Run, walk, skip, hop! A body and mind that are active keeps the blah and yawns away. Brain exercise? Try word finds, Mad Libs or crossword puzzles for fun! This also means eating healthy! Have a nutritious breakfast and eat your fruits and veggies. They give you staying power.
6. Reward yourself – Yes, do something fun! You probably will not have any homework during testing week so that is a great time to do something that allows you to smile and have fun.

More information can be found at <https://fsassessments.org/> or email sandy.mccutcheon@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Stay in the Know.....

KES parents, allow this information to serve as a reminder of these facts:

- Report card communications are electronic for grades 1 – 5
 - * Effective January 18th 2019 for grades 1-2
 - * Been effective since October 24th 2018 for grades 3-5
- Kindergarten student report card will be paper on January 18th
 - * Kindergarten report cards will be electronic March 29th 2019 and May 24th 2019
- Interim reports are electronic for students in grades 3-5
- Interim reports are paper for students in grades 1-2
- Kindergarten students do not receive interim reports.

Interims Issued:

April 24, 2019

Report Cards Issued:

March 29, 2019

May 24, 2019

Cafeteria News

Just a gentle reminder that all cafeteria products are to be paid for at the time of receipt. There should never be a balance owed. Please bring your meal account current. Accounts can be funded by cash or check at school, or paid by credit card through PayPams.com on the school web site.

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Important Dates at Ketterlinus

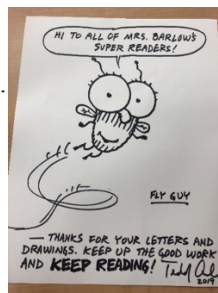
- 3/11 PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 3/13 Class Photos and Individual Spring Photos
- 3/14 Field Day
- 3/15 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
- 3/18-3/22 Spring Break
- 3/25 Students Return to School
- 3/26 SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 3/27 Donuts with Dad-RSVP due 3/14

Fifth Grade Graduation

Our Fifth Graders will be graduating on Friday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the KES gymnasium. ALL adults attending graduation must have approved School Access and RSVP for the event. Invitations and RSVP forms will be sent home the beginning of April. If you have family members that are planning on attending, please have them submit a School Access form NOW. The link to the form can be found on our school website. This is not meant to be an inconvenience but to continue to provide the safest school environment for our students. Thank you so much for your understanding.

New Books for a First Grade Class

Our KES Senior Volunteer of the Year, Mr. Tillis, was able to have children's author Tedd Arnold donate a collection of autographed books to Mrs. Barlow & Ms. Wycherley's classroom! The students were shocked and instantly excited to have such treasures in their classroom to enjoy. The students wrote him thank you notes and illustrated them with some of their favorite characters from his books. They were thrilled when they received a customized "Fly Guy" note back.



School Advisory Council: Parent Needs Assessment

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is asking all parents to take a few moments to complete the 2018-2019 Ketterlinus SAC Parent Needs Assessment Survey. This survey provides us with valuable information that we can use to make future decisions impacting all of our students and families. Please make sure to print the certificate of completion at the end, and give it to your child's teacher(s). All students who hand in a certificate of completion will receive a small prize, and parents will be entered to win a gift card. We appreciate your time and honest feedback. The survey will be available from February 1st until March 14th.

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4LK5p16>

A Special Thank You

The EBD Unit would like to give special thanks for the ocean inspired mural that was painted on our classroom wall. It was graciously donated by the St. Augustine Wedding Events Assoc., LLC staugustineweddingevents.com, and painted by Elise @ Loriparkerfloralstudios.com.



News from the Ketterlinus Media Center

Book fair volunteers are the best! It was a DINO-mite week for sure! Scholastic gives KES thousands of dollars each year based on our book fair sales. So, not only did we have fun & connect eager readers with books, but our shoppers raised money for our media center, which benefits ALL of our students! Thanks to all volunteers, shoppers, & promoters of our book fair!

KES kids are at it again being awesome, that is...

Congrats to Olivia Widerstedt (5th), Hobbs Breidenstein (5th gr) & staff member, Mrs. Becky, for reading all 15 SSYRA books! Students who have read at least 10 SSYRA books have the opportunity to try out for the Battle of the Books team and prepare for a battle of the brains in late April.

Ella Neumark (2nd gr), Obi Dexheimer (2nd gr), & Cayce Daugherty (1st), have been reading leaders as well- congratulations on reading all 15 SSYRA Jr. books!

We now have 13 members of the Million Word Club! New additions include Dalton Bradshaw (5th gr), Finn Dumas (3rd gr), Dylan Sanchez (4th gr), & Christian Achatz (5th gr)- way to go! As a school, we've read over 74,000,000 words- that's a lot of learning & vocabulary-building that happens through AR!

Morning with Mom Event

We hope that you enjoyed the Morning with Mom event. We had over 230 moms attend the event this year! Our biggest attendance yet! A huge "Thank you" to Steve Ladrido, realtor, who sponsored this event. Our next big event is Donuts with Dad scheduled for March 27th at 7:30 a.m. in the KES gymnasium. The theme is "March Madness" so start looking for the basketball jersey that you want to wear. We will have a sports themed photo booth for picture opportunities. RSVP forms will be due the Thursday BEFORE Spring Break. Please understand that we cannot accept late RSVP's and that ALL guest must have APPROVED School Access.

Clothing/Dress Code

We recognize that there are many "styles" to choose from when deciding on clothing. The following guidelines should be considered:

- Casual, loose clothing that allow children to move and play comfortably must be worn to school.
- Closed-Toe shoes must be worn.
- Halter tops, spaghetti straps, skirts, dresses, or shorts that are not mid-thigh in length, see-through clothing, and off-the-shoulder blouses are NOT appropriate for school.
- Jewelry should not be worn to school.
- Pants that have holes/slashes cannot be worn.
- Hats and sunglasses cannot be worn in school unless medically necessary or when participating in a designated school spirit day.
- Clothing, hair styles, or accessories that could be distracting to others are not to be worn to school.



Passport to Learning

We hope that you and your child have enjoyed the academic learning adventure that they have been on while marking off your destinations and accomplishments on the Passport to Learning. We have seen a decreased in absences, as well as behavior referrals and feel that is a result of our students feeling more invested in their education. As the spring season approaches, we recognize that the beautiful Florida weather is cause for vacations but please be mindful of the school calendar. Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and vacations outside of school hours. If your child asks to stay home "just because", remind him/her of what they will miss, such as a reading group or PE class. Absences should only be reserved for illnesses. Thank you for being a valuable teacher at home.

Cove Happenings

We are more than halfway through this awesome school year and we want to share all the exciting things we have going on in the Cove. Every Friday is "Fun Friday"! We have various themed activities such as old school game day, arts and crafts, electronic day, four square tournaments, Cove store and much much more. Our Cove special for this month will be a "Pajama/pizza party" on March 29th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. You may bring your sleeping bag/blanket or towel and a stuffed animal. Spring is in the air and The Cove will celebrate Dr. Seuss. We will test our luck in a pot of gold contest and further examine the caterpillar to butterfly phenomenon. Stay tuned for more information. We would also like to inform everyone that due to changes in personnel, we are unable to offer Schools Out camp until further notice. My apology for any inconvenience this may cause.

News from Coach Allen

Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th!! This is a great morning consisting of a variety of events, games and competitions that everyone can enjoy! We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event so please look for the link in the next Week At A Glance email.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the Character Cup Competition will be held at St. Augustine High School beginning at 3:30 p.m. Ten lucky 5th grade champions will be participating in this student-centered event that highlights physical education and links academics and character education through athletic competition. Please come out to cheer on our KES kids! There is no cost to attend.

We are now accepting applications for our VPK program! Please contact Janet Bryant at 547-8791 or janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

