

### News from Our Guidance Counselor Mrs. McCutcheon

When I taught Kindergarten, my two favorite holidays to celebrate with the kids were Halloween and Valentine's Day. Halloween kicked off the fall season with cooler temps, finding the perfect costume and of course, anything pumpkin spice. But it also included family time and gatherings. February was all about kindness and ways to share the love of friendship. I am beginning

my third lesson of the Peace First curriculum in all classrooms. I have to say that Peace is catching on!! Students are more aware of ways to be peaceful in their communications and interactions. They are learning how to understand others and how to agree to disagree. As we continue to "spread the love" during the month of February, we will also encourage our students to "spread the peace".

### News from Mr. John in the Cafeteria

A special note to furloughed federal workers: Please resubmit the 'Application for Free and Reduced Meals', available from our cafeteria web site, or request from John Harpst john.harpst@stjohns.k12.fl.us, that a blank paper application to be sent home with your student. If eligible, the reduced cost status may continue throughout the remainder of this school year and 30 days into the next.

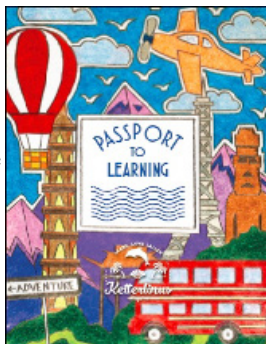
### Music at Ketterlinus

Twenty-two students from the Ketterlinus Treble Makers and Prep Band performed a pre-game show at the January 12th Orlando Magic game at the AMWAY center in Orlando, Florida. They filled the arena with amazing music and left the audience impressed with their musical talents. Thank you to our music teacher, Mr. Gafford, for arranging this fun and memorable trip for your students.



### Passport to Learning

We are excited to announce our latest challenge, the "Passport to Learning". Each student received a passport just prior to winter break. Students who complete the passport from December 21st to March 14th will be invited to the ultimate party – "Grow and Glow" party. Parents of eligible students will be invited to attend as well. We recognize that a child's success happens from the support at home. Details on the party will be announced as we get closer to the end of the 3rd nine weeks. We are looking forward to seeing your child track their own success. Everything in the passport can be accomplished by any student regardless of academic level. We are hoping that through prior challenges – the parent bingo card and Get School Challenge #1 & #2, that students keep their stamina and perseverance to complete the passport. They will have 9 weeks to complete the tasks. However, we are encouraging students (& parents) to begin over winter break with the Virtual Learning and Character Counts! pages. A huge shout out to some outstanding parents and business partners for donating their talent and services to make this initiative happen. Thank you to Holly Sipprell, Hue Design; Britne White, for her artwork, and Leonard's Studio for publishing the passport. Please review the passport with your child and motivate them to complete the passport.



### Testing Dates at KES

- 4th & 5th grade Writing: Tuesday, April 2nd
- 3rd grade ELA: Thursday and Friday, April 4th & 5th
- 4th & 5th grade ELA: Thursday and Friday, May 2nd & 3rd
- 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Math: Monday and Tuesday, May 6th & 7th
- 5th grade Science: Thursday and Friday, May 9th & 10th



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### Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 2/1 Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt
- 2/6 Tijuana Spirit Night
- 2/8 Wear Your Words T-Shirt Day
- 2/8 Character Counts Celebration 2:00 p.m.
- 2/11 PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 2/13 Morning with Mom Event @ 7:30 a.m. (RSVP due 2/8)
- 2/15 In-service Day-No School for Students
- 2/18 MLK Day-No School for Students and Staff
- 2/25 Book Fair begins
- 2/26 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 2/28 Book Fair/Family Bingo Night



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*A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered so reserve yours now. Books may not be available later.*

### School Advisory Council: Parent Needs

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=n4LK5pl6>

### Parent Teacher Organization

Our PTO will be selling Wack-A-Packs for Valentine's Day. This is a fun fundraiser that our kids really enjoy. They get excited to be able to send gifts to their friends. Just in case you don't know what a "Wack-A-Pack" is, here is a brief description: Wack-A-Pack balloons are both educational and entertaining. Simply smack the pack with your hand and it self-inflates. The pop is not very loud, but equivalent to the popping of a bag of chips. The balloon then begins to inflate and takes about 30 seconds to completely inflate. Look for information to come home soon!

Family Bingo Night will be on February 28th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The cafeteria is the place to be as there will be prizes to win and a great time to be had by all. The book fair will be open for shopping too! Information will go home soon.

### ABSENCES & CHANGES in TRANSPORTATION/REGISTRATION

Parents: Please remember that we must receive a note for absences to be excused or if there is a change in transportation.

On-line Registration for new students will be rolled out district-wide beginning on March 1st. This will be for grades K-5!

Returning Student Verification Forms – a new process for many. All students that are returning to the same school, will be required in the summer (early July) to update their information ON-LINE! This is huge on so many levels. The amount of manpower and time that it takes to input written forms into the system will drastically be reduced.

Community Business Partners

News from the Media Center

Community Business Partners are businesses that support our school with a monetary or in-kind donation. We are so grateful to the following businesses for agreeing to be Community Business Partners for the 2018/2019 school year. Their donation allows us to expand on STEAM and also other academic incentives in place. Whenever you are looking for a business that provides the same service as our business partners, please consider them first.

- Ben & Jerry's
- Matthews Design Group
- Steve Ladrido-Coldwell Banker Premier Properties-StAugHomes.com
- Ocean Grove RV
- Thompson/Baker Financial
- Ancient City Art
- Hues Design
- White Interiors
- Leonard's Studio
- Carrabba's



Our 2nd quarter AR reward, Professor DoDad's Comedy Science Show, was a huge hit! Laughs came along with learning while students enjoyed Hammy the Hamster, the Cotton Candy Vortex, the Toilet Paper Launcher, and all sorts of science fun. Encourage your child to read and reach his/her 3rd quarter AR goal to join in the fun- work hard, then PLAY HARD! 3rd quarter reward (if goal is met by March 14) is Game Time in the media center on March 27!

Finn Dumas (3rd gr) has read all 15 of the SSYRA books! Read at least 10 and join in the SSYRA Party in May! Congratulations to our staff members & reading role models who are reading right along with our 3-5 graders- Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. Eatman have also both finished this year's 15 SSYRA books! Four students have finished all 15 of the SSYRA Jr. books- way to go Rocket Hammond (1st gr), Nikki Achatz (2nd gr), Guilianna Tagliarini (2nd gr), and Jackson Burney (2nd gr)!

Our Million Word Club has some new members- welcome Hobbs Breidenstein (5th gr), Annabelle Hucke (5th gr), Taryn Bishop (5th gr), Mabel Misterly (3rd gr), & Adeline Jackson (5th gr)! As a school, we've read over 62,000,000 words this school year! #readersareleaders

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! was filled with fun. Thanks to the staff and students who joined in the daily activities, and thanks to families who we rounded up to KES for Family Literacy Night! What do students really love about Literacy Week? Legos for Literacy book-based projects, of course! Check out the pictures of some of their awesome projects!

Coming up... a DINO-mite Book Fair 2/25-3/1! Join us when we're open late for BINGO Night on 2/28- it'll be a roaring good time!

KETTERLINUS PTO would like to thank  
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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:  
February 7, 2019  
April 24, 2019

Report Cards Issued:  
January 18, 2019  
March 29, 2019  
May 24, 2019

Come join the fun at the Cove!

We have lots of fun activities such as movie day, arts and crafts, a trip to the candy store, scavenger hunt, fun Fridays, electronic day, Cove store and more. Our theme for this month is "Spread the love-give someone a piece of chocolate and a hug". Cove special this month is a Candy buffet and the movie "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" on February 22nd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We will also play games like Candyland, Hersey kisses Tic Tac Toe and gummy bear pie contest.

If you would like to donate to our wish list we would greatly appreciate it:

Assorted candy, gummy bears, kisses, mini-size candy bars, popcorn, whipped cream, small paper plates, Ziploc bags

There will be no Cove camp on February 15 th -Teacher In-Service Day.

We will be offering Cove camp on March 15th and Spring break camp March 18th - 22nd

The camp is contingent on enrollment of at least 10 students paid in full.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nancy Randazzo for being with us (The Cove) for 4 years. Let's also welcome Ms. Ty'Neshia Anderson to our Extended Day team.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be available starting March 1, 2019.

RENEWAL OF HARDSHIP AT CURRENT SCHOOL

If your child has previously attended a school (including attending KES) outside of your attendance zone on a previously approved hardship, please complete the "Renewal of Hardship Out of Zone Transfer at Current School" application to maintain attendance at the existing school.

FIRST-TIME HARDSHIPS

A student may be granted a "Hardship Transfer" when a condition or situation exists that implies an adverse or compelling circumstance or a state of misfortune unique to that student's life or a family's life situation. The situation could impact the student's ability to achieve success at their zoned school.

Not being selected by the lottery for Controlled Open Enrollment does not constitute a hardship.

GRANDFATHERED REQUESTS

Fifth, Eighth and Twelfth grade students may request to remain at his or her previous school. The parent must submit a Hardship Out of Zone Application for consideration. Younger siblings, however, must attend their zoned school.

QUESTIONS?

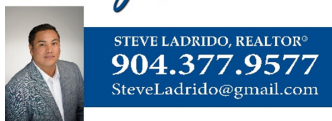
If you have any questions regarding hardship transfers, please call the Office for School Services at 904.547.7583.



Attention 5th grade students that are interested in attending Murray's School of the Arts: Remember all application are through HAC.

SJCCA Application and Auditions – for 5th graders wanting to be in Murray's School of the Arts in 2019-20

- January 24th at 8 AM through February 19th at 5 PM Applications open (Students apply through their HAC account)
- Directions to Apply
- February 6th, 6:30 PM Arts Information Night at Murray Middle School Auditorium
- February 15th 2019-2020 Arts Auditions (View the audition schedule) Students must apply online BEFORE their audition.



You Are Invited!  
Sebastian Middle School Events  
for Rising 6th Grade Parents and Families\*

February 7 Rising 6th Grade STEAM Night for current 5th grade students and their parents, 5:30-7:00pm. Students and parents will gather in the auditorium for a brief program before exploring what it means to be part of a STEAM School.

June 10 – 13 STEAM Camp for Rising 6th Graders, 8:30 – 11:30am. This camp is provided FREE of charge and gives rising 6th grade students a chance to get to know their new school, teachers and friends from other feeder schools in a fun, interactive, hands-on learning setting. An afternoon session will be available for a small fee if a full-day camp experience is desired. Camp applications will be sent home with students later this spring.

Questions? Please contact SMS Parent Liaison Susan Connor at Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information. We look forward to welcoming you to Sebastian Middle School in August!

