



Dear KES Families,

Did you know the arts are the foundational building blocks for all the other educational disciplines? That is why we have partnered with your child's school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Will you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. As a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork - absolutely FREE!



Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements.

Thank you-
KES PTO

Character Parade at Ketterlinus

On Thursday October 31st, beginning at 9:00 a.m., our bus loop will be the stage for our annual Character Parade. You will be able to see princesses, super heroes, firefighters, police officers, kittens, witches, ninjas, and more! Don't forget your camera!

Please keep the following in mind when choosing a costume for your child:

- Tennis shoes must be worn
- Students should arrive to school wearing their costumes. It is helpful for them to wear their costumes over their school clothes.
- NO make-up or hair spray, "scary" costumes or masks. No weapons of any kind will be allowed.

In order to attend this event, you must have an approved School Access form on file. Only those who RSVP (and have approved School Access) will be allowed to go directly to the bus loop for check-in. Those who do not RSVP, will need to go to the office (after 8:45 a.m.) to receive a printed volunteer badge. A RSVP form was sent home with your child this week. This could take time, which could cause you to miss some of the parade.

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News from the Media Center

The AR Shop is officially open for students in grades 2-5! Students who meet their AR goals receive a Golden Ticket to the AR Shop for their hard work in building great reading habits. Reminder- 1st quarter goal is expected to be met by Oct 11. Any student who meets their goal will shop the AR Shop AND be invited to Game Time in the Media Center on Oct 16! 1st grade will join in the rewards program starting in 2nd quarter.

Important dates in the Media Center:

- 10/11- 1st Quarter AR Goals due!
- 11/6- 5th Grade Spelling Bee, 10:15 in the Media Center
- 11/12-11/15- Scholastic Book Fair
- Week of 11/18- SSYRA Battle of the Books tryouts for 3rd-5th (must have read & quizzed on at least 7 SSYRA books!)



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Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 10/2 Coffee with a Cop
- 10/2 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 10/4 Wear your Words T-shirt day
- 10/7 PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 10/9 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 10/11 First Quarter Ends
- 11/11 KES Spirit Day-Wear your KES T-shirt
- 10/16 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 10/18 KES Spirit Day-Wear your KES T-shirt
- 10/22 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 10/23 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 10/25 KES Spirit Day-Wear your KES T-shirt
- 10/28 CFA Spirit Night-5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 10/29 Report Card Issued
- 10/30 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 10/31 Character Parade

News from the KES Cafeteria

Please check your student's Cafeteria account to ensure that it is up to date and funds are available. We are not permitted to give ice cream or treats on credit.

We still have a couple dozen families that have not submitted the Free and Reduced Meal Application. If you have not yet done so, please complete the application at <https://mealapps.stjohns.k12.fl.us/lfserver/EFORM>. Please call John @ 904.547.8551 with any questions or concerns, as this is very important to our school.

PTO helps spread the Music

Mr. G. would like to thank our PTO for providing a one-to-one recorder to all students in grades 3-5 that only they play throughout the year. This allows all students to practice their recorder skills during music class even if they do not bring theirs from home. I thank our PTO for always supporting our music program.

Full "STEAM" Ahead

Hello parents! We are off to a great start this year in STEAM! The students are super motivated to be engineering and experimenting, working together in a collaborative setting, communicating positively and compromising when needed. We have a nice stock of items (some of which have been donated this year, thank you!) However, we will need more as the engineering projects start ramping up! If you have some of these already in your pantry or junk drawers...no need to buy new! We are big on reusing and recycling in STEAM!! Thank you so very much!

- AA or AAA batteries
- C2032 Batteries
- 8 oz. plastic cups
- Brown paper lunch bags
- Plastic spoons
- Paper Towels
- Printer Paper
- Small paper plates
- Popsicle Sticks (both skinny and thick)
- Tape (masking, transparent, double-sided or duct)



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Please remember that audio and/or video capabilities are not allowed within the school.

Our School Advisory Council is off to a great start! We have assembled a team of parents, staff and community members to focus on our School Improvement Plan and achieving our goals.

The co-chairs for the 2019/2020 school year are Kora Stoll and Bethany Hilbert.

Our meeting dates are below:

- September 24
- October 22
- November 19
- December 17
- January 28
- February 25
- March 24
- April 28
- May 19

What is a K-Kid?

K-Kids is a service club for students in elementary school. It is led by elementary students and teaches the value of helping others by taking part in community service projects.

This picture is of the hydroponic garden tower that is cared for by the K-Kids at Ketterlinus. They share the vegetables that are harvested with the KES staff who love trying fresh vegetables right from the garden.



Planning Ahead

We have the dates in the calendar and are already looking forward to our three big parent events that we have planned this year. Please SAVE THE DATE for the following events:

We are Thankful for our Grandparents (Breakfast and Book Fair)-**November 15th** - This special event allows our students to invite their grandparents to their school for a donut and book fair shopping!

Donuts with Grown-ups-January 30th - This is a special event to celebrate the positive influence men have on a child's life. Students can invite **one** special person to attend. Dads, granddads, uncles, brothers, Big Brother etc. It will be a Super Bowl theme.

It's a Donut Date-February 14th -This is a special event to celebrate the relationship children have with the influential females in their life. Students can invite **one** special person to attend. Moms, Grandma, Aunt, Sister, Big Sister, etc. It will be a Valentine's Day event.

Don't forget...Approved School Access is required in order to attend this event. Please keep in mind the approval process can take up to 4 weeks to complete. The link to the School Access form is: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

KES ComBOBulators

Our robotics club, KES ComBOBulators, kicked off the year with the First LEGO League (FLL) event at First Coast Technical College. Our little school had the most students in attendance! Go Bobs! This year, our team will be competing by creating and programming robots to accomplish missions, showing excellent character in the FLL Core Values, and solving real world problems in our Innovation Project.



Sponsors:
Kora Stoll and Larissa Killin



Registration for the second session of ART We Awesome (Ketterlinus' Art Club with Mr. Lewis) begins 10/21 and will continue through 11/4. The first class of the session will be on 11/4.

ART We Awesome is open to all students K-5 of Ketterlinus Elementary School. We will meet on Monday between 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. This session will be 6 weeks and the cost is \$60.

This second session of ART We Awesome will teach your child to make a themed clay pencil holder.

Forms are available in the front office, from your teacher, or from Mr. Lewis. I look forward to working with your child this year! If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to call me at school at (904) 547-8540 or email me at curtis.lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Poster Contest

The St. Augustine Fire Department is hosting their 2019-2020 Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Students first-fourth grades are eligible for this contest. We need four (4) posters to represent our school, two from each category; Fire Marshall (gr. 1-2) and Fire Chief (gr. 3-4). Posters must be submitted by Friday, October 18, 2019 for judging. Please see classroom teachers and/or Mr. Lewis for further details.

Box Tops for Education has gone DIGITAL! That's right, no more cutting and pasting. They have made it so much easier to earn money for our school. Just follow these simple steps:

- 👉 Download the Box Tops app
- 👉 Create an account
- 👉 Select Ketterlinus Elementary School
- 👉 Scan your receipt whenever you purchase a product with the Box Top logo on it. And that's it! Easy peasy. We will still be collecting non-expired Box Tops while we make the transition. If you have any questions, let us know. Thank you for helping raise money for our school💕



FALL IS IN THE AIR

Do you remember the pumpkin patch project we did last year? When students decorated a pumpkin resembling KES staff? Well we are gearing up for that project again! We will send home more information soon!!

The Cove October special "It's Time to Harvest" festival will be on October 25th from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. The afternoon will be filled with activities such as bobbing for apples, pie-throwing contest, and some cool arts and crafts. We need apples, small pumpkins, individually wrapped candy, whipped cream, as well as, any harvest decorations.

We would like to welcome Ms. Kristen and Ms. Aimee to the Cove team. Our team is almost complete!!

**Hand Washing
By: Nurse Tabitha**

Frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness. Help children stay healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands frequently. Wash your hands with your child to show him or her how it is done. To prevent rushing, suggest washing hands for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If your child cannot reach the sink on his or her own, keep a step stool handy. Hand washing offers great rewards in terms of preventing illness. Adopting this habit can play a major role in protecting your health. Don't forget to wash both hands!!



Got Peace? We **Still** do...

By: Sandy McCutcheon, School Guidance Counselor

This year we will continue to focus on peace first in all aspects of life. Peace First teaches children how to act peacefully and encourages all of us to see and celebrate the role that young peacemakers can have in changing their own lives, their schools, communities, and the world at large. During each session, we will be engaging in an action activity that gets students to think, feel and act. However, this year a new element will be added....to take a "pause" before you act. Mindfulness and learning to self-regulate our emotions is key to keeping calm and allowing yourself to react in a peaceful manner.