

### News from our PTO

#### Raise Craze

Incredible, Fantastic, WOW, Inspirational.....just a few words to describe our students for participating in RAISE CRAZE. There were 567 Acts of Kindness completed and over \$20,000 raised!!! This fundraiser is the perfect one for our Ketterlinus Culture and promotes the same values as the Character Counts! program we teach to our students. Thank you for encouraging your child to spread acts of kindness throughout their family and community.

#### Whack-a-Pack

PTO will sell Whack-a-Packs in February. These have been a big hit in the past. Students enjoy receiving them, as well as giving them to their friends. Information will be sent home in early February.

#### Family Bingo Night

PTO will host Family Bingo Night on March 5th. This is ALWAYS so much fun! The cafeteria will be filled with families, bingo cards and chips, food, and fun. Save the date!

### News from the Media Center

Congrats to our 5th grade spelling bee winners- Sophie Davis (1st Place) and McKenzie Beckett (Runner-Up). Sophie made us proud by representing KES in the district spelling bee for grades 5-8 on Dec. 4! Way to go, Sophie!



Congratulations to our Battle of the Books team members- Finn Dumas, Kaila Freeman, Ben Martin, Ethan Martin, Kendall Martin, Scarlett Slaughter, & Landon Stoll. We are very proud of all who tried out & encourage you to try out again next year. Keep reading & enjoying SSYRA books! Students can collect brag tags all school year!

We now have three AR Million Word Club members- Clara Huerbsch, Ben Martin, & Finn Dumas! Woohoo!

Congrats, to students who have worked hard & stayed focused on reaching their 2nd quarter AR goal! Students who reach their goal by Dec. 20 will enjoy DoDad's Lab Science & Comedy Show on January 8!



James, Karina and Rocket were ready for the Book Fair!

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.



Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

**6K:** \$25 before January 1    \$30 January 1-January 31    \$35 on race day  
**3K:** \$20 before January 1    \$25 January 1-January 31    \$30 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at [www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html](http://www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTERCOUNTS.html).

The top 3 to 5 schools with the most participants receive a cash donation.

**Ketterlinus Elementary School encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all of the programs and activities scheduled at KES. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call the front office 24 hours prior to participation or visit.**

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

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### Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 12/10 KES Holiday Concert will be held at First United Methodist Church - 6:15 p.m.
- 12/17 SAC Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 12/17 Kindergarten Holiday Performance-1:15 p.m. RSVP was due 12/10
- 12/18 Treble Makers Performance on the steps of FUMC(6:00 p.m.) and in the lobby of Flagler Auditorium(6:55 p.m.)
- 12/18 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 12/19 VPK Holiday Performance-9:30 a.m. RSVP was due 12/10
- 12/20 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 12/23-1/2 Holiday Break-No School for Students and Staff
- 1/3 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
- 1/6 Students Return to School
- 1/8 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 1/10 Wear Your Words T-shirt Day
- 1/13 PTO Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
- 1/14 Second Pastries with the Principal 8:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- 1/15 National Hat Day-Wear a Hat
- 1/15 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 1/17 Spirit Day-Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/17 Report Cards Issued
- 1/20 No School in observance of M.L. King Day
- 1/22 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 1/24 Spirit Day-Wear Your KES T-shirt
- 1/29 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 1/30 Donuts with Grown Ups-RSVP/School Access Required - Invitations will go home on 1/6.
- 1/31 Inservice Day for Staff-No School for Students
- 2/5 Early Release Wednesday-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 2/6 Interims Issued
- 2/7 5th Grade Goes to Kennedy Space Center
- 2/7 Wear Your Words T-shirt Day

### Housekeeping

#### School Access

Please remember to complete a School Access form if you plan to attend ANY event at Ketterlinus. This includes parent/teacher conferences (in the classroom), special events, performances, graduations, and Character Counts! programs. Share the link with any other adult who might also want to attend. <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

#### News from the Ketterlinus Cafeteria

Just a gentle reminder to please stay up to date on your child's meal account balances. We greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

#### Car Tags

Car tags must be displayed on your rearview mirror when picking up your child in Parent Pick-Up. This helps the staff to identify you as someone who is allowed to pick up the student, and gives staff the opportunity to radio ahead so that your child is ready at the curb for pick-up. If a car tag is not visible, you will have to park to walk inside to confirm your identification. This is for EVERYONE.....even if we know you by name. This is for the safety of our students.

#### Photo Identification

Photo identification is required for all adults signing in to our school, as well as for those who are here to sign-out their child. Several staff members cover the front desk so it is important that you bring a photo identification with you at ALL times, as not everyone will know everybody. This is not to inconvenience you but to provide the safest environment for our students.

#### Chalk and Recess Balls

Our students love to draw on the chalkboard wall outside so we often are in need of new outside chalk. Recess balls are also a favorite so the more we have the better! Would you consider donating either some chalk or a recess ball?

#### Holiday Shopping?

You can support KES while crossing things off your holiday list by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Just select Ketterlinus Elementary School as your charity, then a percentage of your purchase will come to the school.

### The Heart Challenge Kick-Off

The Heart Challenge Kick - off (formerly Jump Rope For Heart) will be Friday, January 24, 2020. The actual Heart Challenge is February 10th – 14th during PE Class. Our Goal is to raise \$5,000. Information about the Heart Challenge will be sent home in January.



We have awesome Staff Members and Volunteers

Each year, we must make the very difficult decision of voting for the Teacher of the Year, the School Related Employee of the Year, and the Volunteer of the Year. We have so many wonderful staff members and volunteers that choosing just one in each category is extremely difficult. This year the following people were chosen to represent Ketterlinus:

Teacher of the Year:	Bethany Hilbert-Second Grade
School Related Employee of the Year:	Susan Eatman- Paraprofessional-ESE
Senior Volunteer of the Year:	Marion Chesek
Adult Volunteer of the Year:	Holly Sipprell
Youth Volunteer of the Year:	Zoe France

Each of them work so hard to provide our students with the very best. Congratulations to all!!

Reading Chairs Donated

For the 2nd year in a row, Madilyn Davis' family has generously donated hand painted reading chairs to the Media Center. These were painted by 2 different artists in Indiana and auctioned to help build the local library where Madilyn's grandmother lives. Come by and see these awesome works of art!



Reading Roadblocks

Reading development is a process, and as with any learning process, "roadblocks" can occur. Roadblocks are common and may hinder reading growth and development, but with immediate identification and intervention, readers can overcome reading challenges. What can you do?

1. Closely monitor your child's reading at home. Ensure that you read to and with your child daily. Check in daily to see how your child is progressing toward his or her quarterly independent reading goal.
2. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. We have a MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) team at Ketterlinus. You or your child's teacher can refer your child to our team to problem solve and support your child. Suzanne Brush is the Instructional Literacy Coach, and facilitates this team at Ketterlinus. She can be reached via phone at (904)547-8540, or email at Suzanne.Brush@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Ready to Travel through Education?

All students in grades K-5th will receive a passport called Passport to Learning to document their journey of education. Our goal is to motivate our students to continue learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. Parent volunteers and community business partners designed and printed the passport for our students. The Passport to Learning is a booklet that has five "destinations" for our students to complete. The specific criteria was determined for each section with the purpose of developing academic stamina and building success skills. We hope that you and your child enjoy traveling through their educational journey together. Look for the Passport to Learning to go home soon.

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It's time to order your yearbook!

Order now and save!



Order online

[www.leonards.com/yearbooks](http://www.leonards.com/yearbooks)

Access code: C480662 Price Now: \$25.00 / Price After March 2: \$30.00

To pay by cash, check, or money order, complete the order form envelope and return to your school.

Make checks or money orders payable to: Leonard's

Price includes sales tax. Exact amount • No change given

2019-2020 Yearbook Ad Order Form- 5th Graders

Attention parents of 5th grade students! A limited amount of space in the 2019-2020 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 18th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE** as space is limited! **Complete ad order form with payment and photos/messages must be turned in by this date.** We have three ad sizes available. Please make payments directly to Ketterlinus PTO via check, money order, or cash. **Please note: This order form is for ads only, not for yearbooks, which must be purchased separately.** Photos must be submitted on a jump drive or by email:

[Pura.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Pura.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us). If submitting a jump drive, please remember to label with your child's name. **ALL** photos must be submitted in **jpg format** and separate from the dedication wording, which can be emailed and typed in Microsoft Word or can be submitted on the jump drive. **Please, no PDF formatted ad materials. Please direct any questions via email, and payments to Mrs. Scott-Hammond.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

¼ Page	\$35	1-4 Photos, plus message
½ Page	\$60	1-6 Photos, plus message
Full Page	\$100	1-12 Photos, plus message



Cove Corner

December News and Notes

We would like to say farewell to Mrs. Nancy our VPK/Kindergarten Cove teacher. Mrs. Nancy worked with us for almost 5 years and we are so grateful to have worked alongside her. We will miss her!

December Cove activities will include movie/popcorn day, winter themed arts and crafts, electronic days, fun Fridays and the monthly themed cove special!

Theme: Pajama Pizza Party & Movie  
 When: December 13th, 2019

Your child can bring a blanket or sleeping bag along with their favorite stuffed animal for our Pajama Pizza Party! We ask that you send \$1.00 in with your child by 12/11/2019. This will help to purchase the pizza.

**Please remember to make all checks/money orders payable to KES and indicate your child's name and one phone number in the memo. If checks are more than \$500.00 please split the amount into 2 separate checks.**

Thank you!

Janet C Bryant  
 Extended Day Coordinator

All of 2nd grade had a STEM in-school field study with the company Kids Can Code. The students worked in five different stations and learned how to program various robots to perform the desired tasks. They learned how to work collaboratively to accomplish this and had a blast! Who knows – maybe some of these students could be the future computer programmers of tomorrow!

<https://www.kidscancodejax.com/>



News from Mr. Lewis

Art Club

Registration for the third session of ART We Awesome (Ketterlinus' Art Club with Mr. Lewis) begins 1/6 and will continue through 1/27 (the first class of the session). The dates for Art Club will be 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/2, and 3/9.

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

During this third and final session of ART We Awesome will teach your child to make tie-dye and custom-made t-shirts.

Forms are available in the front office or from me, 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](mailto:curtis.lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Second Graders took the Challenge!

Second graders took the challenge to build a tipi (teepee) using only the materials provided (construction paper, straws, yarn, tape, glue, and scissors). They did a wonderful job corroborating with each other.

