



## News from the Media Center

Some of our favorite book characters made an appearance during Literacy Week!



Guest Readers were a big hit with our students during Literacy Week. Students were excited to have books read to them by parents and staff members. They went on many literary adventures!



Congrats to Lily U., who was the winner of our Literacy Week bookmark design contest! Her design will be our featured bookmark available to students when checking out books in the media center.



On the Left: Ta'Kaylin & Arya, keeping up on current events and learning more about an honored individual.

Another student has read all the SSYRA Jr. books- congrats Cayce Daugherty!

Students & staff are rockin' out the 3-5 SSYRA books as well. We have several more that have become SSYRA Superstars by reading all 15 SSYRA books- Landon S., Kendall M., Mrs. Eatman, & Ms. Carden!

We welcome Kendall M. to the Million Word Club! Read on!

## News from the KES Parent Teacher Organization

Our PTO continues to work hard to provide for our students and staff. They support initiatives that benefit student education and supplement funding for needed supplies throughout the year. Each month they treat the staff with a token of gratitude that is such an appreciated gesture. During the week of May 4th, PTO will provide the KES staff lunch and other treats throughout the week. PTO would love your help and would appreciate any donations that you would like to make. Please email Jenny Ranick at [jranick4@yahoo.com](mailto:jranick4@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping.

**Are you interested in joining this hardworking team? They are looking for a President, Vice President and Secretary for the 2020/2021 school year.** You will join a group of people who share the same desire to do what is best for our school. If you are interested, please email Jenny Ranick at [jranick4@yahoo.com](mailto:jranick4@yahoo.com) or Kathy Tucker at [Kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## Just Run

Some of our KES Just Run participants enjoyed a fun morning at the Character Counts! 6K/3K run. It was a rainy morning but that did not stop them from coming out to show their character.

Pictured below are Just Run co-sponsors Heather Golz and Sara Gaudino with members of the KES Just Run team Aubrey B. and Vanya N.



Claire H., Lucia H., Julian G. and Cayden W. also participated. Great job runners!

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## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 3/2 Book Fair Opens
- 3/4 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 3/5 PTO Bingo Night/Book Fair 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 3/6 Wear Your Words T-shirt
- 3/9 PTO Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 3/9 Field Day begins at 8:45 a.m.
- 3/11 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 3/12 Third Quarter Ends
- 3/13 Teacher Planning Day-No School for Students
- 3/16-3/20 Spring Break
- 3/23 Students Return to School
- 3/24 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 3/25 Early Release-1:45 p.m. dismissal
- 3/27 Spirit Day-Wear your KES t-shirt
- 3/31 Report Cards Issued on HAC

## We want your Input

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is asking all parents to take a few moments to complete the 2019-2020 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 send it in with your child. **Make sure the child's name and teacher's name is on it so we can send a small reward.** All students who hand in a certificate of completion will receive a small prize. The survey will be available from February 10th until March 13th. This is the link for parents:

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=98LMm78K>

## Filling the Gap

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." – Author Unknown

We notice that several of you arrive early to pick your child up from school. Would you please consider volunteering during that time? You can either park, then come in to the school to volunteer OR walk in to the office to pick up volunteer projects that you can do while waiting!

If you are interested, please email Michelle Moore at [michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:michelle.moore@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## Meal Accounts

Please ensure that meal accounts are paid in full. The accounts may be paid at school with cash or check, or online at Schoolpay.com.

Schoolpay.com may be accessed directly or through the school website, and offers many features, including reports of student spending and low balance notifications.

## The Cove Corner

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 our Fun Friday! We have various themed activities such as old school game day, arts and crafts, electronic day, foursquare tournaments, Cove store and much more.

Our Cove special for this month will be "Dance-off" on March 29th.

Spring is in the air and The Cove will celebrate Dr. Seuss. We will test our luck in a pot of gold contest and we will further examine the caterpillar to butterfly phenomenon. Stay tuned for more info.

We would like to welcome Christine Finch to our Cove family!!

**Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Request Process  
St Johns County School District**

**Requests for the 2020-2021 school year will open March 2, 2020.**

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/transfers/>

**District-Wide Registration**

**Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin March 2nd.**

**New Students:**

District-wide registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on March 2nd. Starting on that date, you will be able to click the Register My Child For School button on our school website to complete an online registration form for your child.

**Returning Students:**

Beginning the week of March 23, parents/guardians of all current students will receive an email from PowerSchool to complete the annual Returning Student Verification Form for the upcoming school year. The email will contain the link and instructions needed to complete the verification.

**Caribbean Music at Ketterlinus**

Holly Sipprell and the Holly Jolly Trolley donated funds to purchase additional steel drums to add to our steel drum instrumental group. Our students are excited to learn how to play music from the Caribbean and look forward to performing during the end of the school year concert.



**Music at Orlando Magic**

Thirty-five of our Ketterlinus Musicians led a pre-game show at the Orlando Magic Game in February. The Miami Heat beat the Magic, but our students won for their incredible talent at playing music from memory with a few added dance moves. Mr. G is very proud of these kiddos.



**All County Honor Chorus**

Ketterlinus is proud to announce that five of our students will be participating in the All County Chorus Event at Pedro Menendez on March 28th at 3 p.m. KES students who will be participating include: Connor Hinds, Caroline Larabee, Kendall Martin, Elijah Sandoval, and Eleanor Charette. We are so proud of these students!

**Donuts Galore**



We were thrilled to host over 200 dads and other male role models at "Donuts with Grown Ups". We also hosted over 220 moms and other female role models at the "It's a Donut Date" event. Our students love attending these special events with those most important to them. Players from St. Augustine High School Jacket football team volunteered their time by greeting families during Donuts with Grown Ups. Mrs. Borie is pictured below

with two of her former students. We hope that everyone attended enjoyed their time and captured this fun memory making morning!



**Policy and Procedure Reminders**

**Drop-Off Policy**

To encourage personal responsibility and to minimize classroom disruption, parents should only drop-off items such as keys, health related items or lunch. Forgotten textbooks, instruments, and homework should be brought in by the student the next school day.

**Weekly Announcements**

A Week at a Glance email is sent via School Messenger every Sunday afternoon. This email contains all of the important events happening at KES that particular week. If you are not receiving this email, please contact our registrar by emailing [Cynthia.LaFontaine@stjohns.k12fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.LaFontaine@stjohns.k12fl.us).

**Early Checkout**

Please remember that we do not allow early checkout after 2:15 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and after 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday. We are preparing to dismiss our students and teachers are finishing academic instruction for the day. Cove checkouts are not permitted until after 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday. If you need your child to be dismissed earlier than that time, please change their mode of transportation to parent pick-up or walker.

If you are checking your child out during the school day, we cannot call your child out of the classroom until you arrive, show your identification, and sign them out. Please plan your arrival time accordingly so that you have enough time to get to your appointment.

**ABSENCES**

**Reporting Absences**

A written note is required from a parent or guardian within forty-eight (48) hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. Failure to bring in a note will result in an automatic unexcused absence. **EMAIL EXCUSE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE SEND A HANDWRITTEN, SIGNED NOTE.** However, the fact that the student brings in a note does not require the school administration to excuse the absence. After fifteen (15) days of absence, whether excused or unexcused, a student must present verification from a licensed doctor for all subsequent absences due to illness. The note explaining the absence should include the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Teacher's name clearly printed
- The date the student was absent
- Specific reason for the absence or a doctor's note
- Signature of parent or guardian

**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 for 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.

**Morning Drop-Off**

KES staff supervises morning drop-off from 7:55 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. If you arrive after 8:15 a.m., you will need to park then walk your child in to the front office. We will also need you to sign in your child as tardy if they are not going to arrive to class by 8:25 a.m.

**While on Campus**

Please only go to the classroom or activity that you are scheduled to be when on campus. If you are here for lunch, please do not go to the classroom. If you are volunteering in one class, please do not go to another unless it was prearranged. Classroom time is so valuable and distractions of any amount disrupts learning time. Thank you for understanding this policy.

*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.