



## Greetings from the Cove!!

We have gotten off to an excellent start!! There are so many exciting things going on in the Cove! Not only will you get help with your homework, we have a lot of fun activities for you as well. Activities include the annual pumpkin patch project (students will decorate a pumpkin resembling a KES employee), our fun Fridays, and our monthly Cove special, just to name a few.

The "It's Time to Harvest" festival is the October special and will be held on October 30. The afternoon will be filled with activities such as trick or treats, scavenger hunt, cool arts and crafts, games, and much more. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Jenna Thompson to the Cove team.

Thank you, Janet



## Helping Children Stay Healthy

School is a place for many wonderful things. Keeping kids healthy is super important and is one of my biggest priorities. By teaching children some important healthy habits, parents can help make school and health a priority during the school year. Here are a few tips to help keep children healthy!

\*Help teach your child proper frequent hand washing. Handwashing is one of the most important ways to help stop the spread of illnesses.

\*Help the immune system function well; get enough sleep, eat healthy, manage stress, take time to laugh, stay active and drink a lot of water.

\*Help teach children healthy habits; washing hands, covering their cough/sneeze, avoid touching their face, staying home when they're not well and eating a brain-boost breakfast. Also, don't forget to wash your child's mask daily!

Thank you for helping keep our Ketterlinus Dolphins healthy!  
Nurse Lindsay

## News from the KES Cafeteria

The students are doing very well at mealtime as we reinforce positive lunchroom behavior. The Ketterlinus Café continues to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Treats, such as ice cream, are an additional charge. We will no longer be using SchoolPay for prepayments of breakfast and lunch. We have switched back to PayPAMS for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents/Guardians will need to create a new account, even if PayPAMS was used in the past. Previous accounts are no longer valid.

**Any balances that were left on your SchoolPay account for breakfast and lunch (negative or positive) will transfer over to PayPAMS.**

John D. Harpst, Café Manager



## STEAM LAB

We are safely "STEAMing" through this quarter! We have made lanyards for our masks and magnetic bookmarks for our class book series. We will be doing more engineering projects this month! If you are able to donate materials, we are in need of paper Dixie cups, 3 or 5 ounce size, and "wide" craft sticks. Thank you!- Mrs. Tierney

Ketterlinus Elementary School encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all 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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## Principal's Corner

Hello KES Family & Friends-

Despite going through some unprecedented times, the start of the school year has been relatively smooth for those in the building. On-line learning has been a mixed bag. Although it has gone well considering the normal technology glitches, the platform and time commitment has become difficult for some families. No shame or blame. Distance/Virtual Learning and homeschooling is tough.

As I write this Principal's Corner, many of you are requesting to return to brick & mortar model. During the first few weeks of school, it was pretty simple to make those changes as it allowed us to balance the classes evenly. We were fortunate to keep instructional models to one platform - either distance or in person, never mixed. However, we are at a point that we cannot add students to brick & mortar classes without causing classes to become unbalanced and keep a single platform at the same time. It is difficult to do both platforms simultaneously without some sacrifice to one or both groups of students.

At this point, I am asking distance learning parents to stay committed until the end of the 9 weeks, which is Oct. 30th. I will be sending out a survey form to parents regarding whether they plan to return or not at the end of the 9 weeks or semester. This will allow me to formulate a fluid model of return without, or as little sacrifice to instruction to all. My distance learning teachers are amazing, and we have brainstormed many different models of transitioning back without/ little impact to either group. Much of it depends on the number of students, grade-level and when students return. Regardless, the parent's role of the Learning Coach will become even more important and continue to expand as we begin transition back.

School closure during the 4th quarter of the 19-20 school year has resulted in some changes in our pacing of the curriculum. We have embedded prior grade-level standards within this year's curriculum. Our hopes are that we will be able to regain lost instruction, but it will take much planning to create this focus. As mentioned in our Superintendent's message, starting Oct. 12th, early release will be moved to 12:55 p.m. to allow for additional planning. Teachers have lost all planning prior and after school due to CDC protocols. Students go straight into the classroom vs waiting in the hallway, playground or cafeteria for the 1st bell. Dismissal is staggered to prevent mass gatherings in the hallways. We appreciate the district recognizing the need and adjusting the early release schedule from October 12th through December 16th. Much has been put on all the staff to mitigate the spread of the COVID virus. In addition to staff, we recognize that our families are part of the success St. Johns County has had compared to other areas in Florida. We are blessed for our community - the support, encouragement and collaboration with the school. We thank you!

Sincerely,

*Kathy Tucker*, Principal

## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 10/14 Earlier Early Release TIME CHANGE - 12:55 p.m. dismissal
- 10/16 KES Spirit Day - Wear your KES T-shirt
- 10/20 SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 10/21 Unity Day - Wear Orange
- 10/21 Earlier Early Release - 12:55 p.m. dismissal
- 10/23 KES Spirit Day - Wear your KES T-shirt
- 10/28 Earlier Early Release - 12:55 p.m. dismissal
- 10/30 KES Spirit Day - Wear your KES T-shirt
- 11/1 Fall Back - Time Change
- 11/2 PTO Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
- 11/3 Teacher Planning Day - Student Holiday
- 11/4 Wear Your Words
- 11/4 Earlier Early Release - 12:55 p.m. dismissal
- 11/6 Picture Retake
- 11/6 KES Spirit Day - Wear your KES T-shirt
- 11/9 Book Fair Nov.9 - Nov.13
- 11/11 Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/13 KES Spirit Day - Wear your KES T-shirt

## News from the Media Center

Hello, KES families! In the Media Center we are working hard at getting our Dolphins equipped to tackle the new school year. A super shout out to Aubrey Beck, Jude Beck, Jamie Wynn, and Lourdes Gallego for participating in our Summer Reading Challenge! Our Bingo Party was cancelled due to social distancing and scheduling, but those students will receive a prize. Congratulations to Landon Stoll, Benjamin Martin, Kendall Martin, Ethan Martin, Brady Bratic, Finn Dumas, and Kaila Freeman for reading all 15 SSYRA books last school year! Wow! They will be receiving trophies soon. I hope you are all working hard on reaching your 1st quarter goals. Soon our AR shop, as well as a special brag tag you can earn for making the goal. Speaking of brag tags, SSYRA books are here, and I will be introducing them to students soon. I encourage all our students to try reading 1 or more SSYRA (3-5) or SSYRA Jr. (k-2) books by Christmas. We will be participating in Battle of the Books in January. There will be more information regarding that soon. Also, we can't wait for our Book Fair Nov. 9-13. Distance learners please see upcoming notifications in Schoology about accessing the book fair online as well as checking the media tab on the school website to see for times to visit in person.

*Pura Scott* - Hammond Media Specialist



*\*In the Media Center, we have been keeping track of what our Distance Learners are reading. They have been making some fabulous choices.*

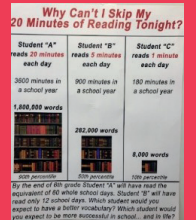
## Star Wars Day



## Readers are Leaders

by Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

If you have spent any time at Ketterlinus Elementary School, I bet you have heard the phrase, "Readers are Leaders!" This is a phrase worth repeating. We say this to our students often because we believe it, and we invite parents and caregivers to continue sharing this message at home. *Research is clear, students that spend time reading outside school, grow the most and are most successful in school.*



This year you will see this poster hanging on the front office wall as soon as you enter the building. You will also see it in classrooms and other common areas to remind our students of the importance of reading.

## What's Happening in PE

Hello everyone, it's the 5th week of school and it's actually pretty cool! We have made some adjustments in PE and it is going well. For my distance PE students, keep doing the workouts. I do them myself, and I must say they can get your cardio up (Heart Rate). Hopefully, it will be sooner rather than later that we will all be back to the brick and mortar again. Take care, Coach Allen

## Our Amazing Teachers Preparing for the 2020/2021 School Year



## "ARTWeAwesome"

Registration for Art We Awesome, Ketterlinus' after school art club with Mr. Lewis, begins Monday, November 2. Registration will continue for two (2) weeks, ending on November 16, the first day of the session. *Art We Awesome* is open for all students in kindergarten through 5th grade! This session will be 6 weeks, and the cost is \$60. *Art We Awesome* will teach students to draw and paint giant watercolor insects! We will have limited space, so be ready to get your registration and payment in fast!!



## Character Counts! Pillar of FAIRNESS

The following students were selected for the Fairness award for their classroom. Due to large gathering restrictions our celebration will be taped and shared with the winners. Please extend a warm congratulations to the following students:

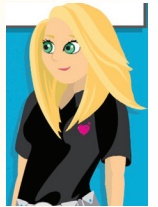
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| <b>VPK:</b><br>Ms. Alexis - Ferris C.   | <b>2nd Grade:</b><br>Mrs. Hilbert - Owen N.<br>Mrs. Jett - Miles W.<br>Mrs. Tagliarini - Taniyah J.                        | Mrs. Sturm/ Miss Rosario - Vanya N.  |
| <b>Kindergarten:</b><br>Mrs. Bowers - Kyler B<br>Mrs. Gaudino-Razey - Ann Marie G.<br>Mrs. Gibson - Ella L.<br>Ms. Mercer - Nathan W. | <b>3rd Grade:</b><br>Mrs. Borie/Mrs. Hooks - June B. & Leon J.<br>Mrs. Mathews - Evie W.<br>Ms. Owens - Sienna A.          | <b>5th Grade:</b><br>Mrs. Cumpston - Zoe Z.<br>Mrs. Edging - Mary C.<br>Mrs. Wenglowsky - Sebastian S. |
| <b>1st Grade:</b><br>Ms. Ball - Jaxon R.<br>Miss DeFalco - Carmen A.<br>Mrs. Golz - Lyla E.<br>Mr. Lavery - Sloane H.                 | <b>4th Grade:</b><br>Ms. Glinski - Arya P.<br>Ms. Killin - Luke R.<br>Ms. Shaffer - Wayne S.<br>Mrs. Smolek - Guilianna T. |  |



October is a busy month!!! SJCS D will celebrate Character Counts! week, Red Ribbon Week/Drug Awareness and Bullying Prevention, October 19-23. Ketterlinus has celebrated UNITY Day for the past several years. This is a day where we come together as a school to prevent bullying and promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion. All staff members and students are encouraged to wear orange. Information regarding UNITY day and other October events can be found on the KES webpage under School Counseling.



In the coming weeks, all students, Kindergarten - 5th grade, will be introduced to the *Safer, Smarter Kids* curriculum. *Safer, Smarter Kids* is an abuse prevention education curriculum designed for Pre-K and elementary-aged children, created by the Lauren's Kids foundation. Lauren's Kids is an organization founded and led by Lauren Book, M.S. Ed. This district approved curriculum introduces students to personal safety, understanding safe and unsafe situations and teaching them Safety Tools to use in any situation where they may feel unsafe. This curriculum meets the new state mandate to teach Child Trafficking prevention. For more information, please visit [www.safer-smarterkids.org](http://www.safer-smarterkids.org) and the Florida Department of Education.



## PTO News



We started the new school year with a staff appreciation breakfast and goodie bags full of yummy food and classroom essentials. Thank you for the donated items to show your love and support to our awesome KES staff!



KES was selected to charter an exciting new reading program through the University of Florida. Thank you, to all our PTO and staff volunteers for your time and effort in putting the packets together. Our students will greatly benefit from this program.



## What's Happening in Music

Our students in grades 3-5 will begin to play ukuleles this Fall. Our school has enough for each student to use one while they are in their music class. However, students are invited to purchase their own ukulele so they can practice at home and have some ownership of a new instrument. Ukuleles can be purchased at many music stores and even at Ace Hardware. Toy ukuleles from Walmart or Target are discouraged. Usually a good ukulele starts around \$50. Again, we have plenty for students to use while they are in their music class, so don't feel like you need to purchase one. -Mr. G