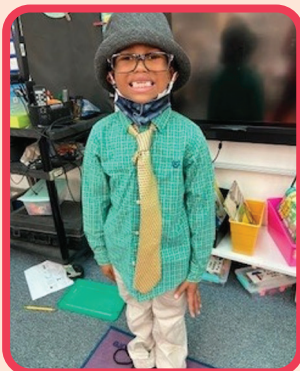




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100 Days of School...

Our Kindergarteners did a fantastic job of looking 100 years old for the 100th day of school! They brought so many smiles to all of us as we watched them walk by with beards, canes, bow ties, and even curlers in their hair!



School Counselor's Corner

Over the last month, students have had weekly social-emotional lessons that are taped by me and are delivered every Wednesday via your child's resource class. Students in Kindergarten and first grade are using the We Do Listen resources. Each week students are taught a character-building lesson through the adventures of Howard B. Wigglebottom. Students in 2nd - 5th grades are using The Compassion Project. This is a social-emotional curriculum that focuses on empathy, compassion, and emotions. Additional information can be found at wedolisten.org and thecompassionproject.com

FSA TESTING INFORMATION

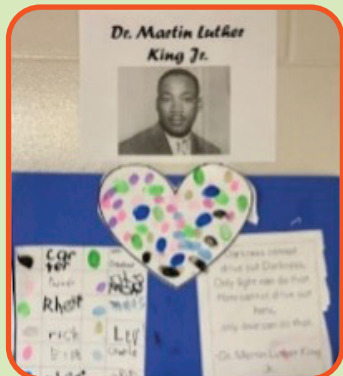
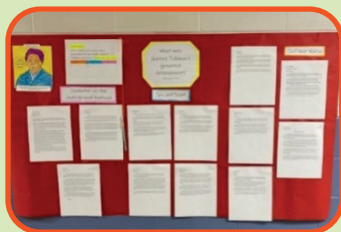
Students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th will be taking the FSA assessments in April and May. Please check our Ketterlinus webpage and click on the Testing tab for dates and parent/guardian Notice of Testing letters.

April 6th – 4th grade FSA ELA Writing
April 8th – 5th grade FSA ELA Writing
April 13th – 3rd grade FSA ELA Session 1
April 15th – 3rd grade FSA ELA Session 2
Sandy McCutcheon – School Counselor

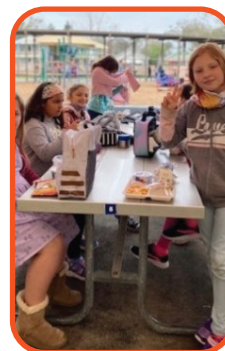
Celebrating Black History Month

Black History Month was celebrated here at KES in many ways, such as essays about Harriet Tubman, great books read in our Media Center and last, but not least, a beautiful display of our Kindergarteners thumb prints featuring this quote by Martin Luther King Jr.;

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”



Outdoor lunch is always a favorite at KES!



Important Dates at Ketterlinus

4/6 FSA Testing Grade 4 Writing
4/8 FSA Testing Grade 5 Writing
4/13 FSA Testing Grade 3 ELA#1
4/14 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
4/15 FSA Testing Grade 3 ELA#2
4/16 Spirit Day – Wear Your KES T-shirt
4/19 Report Cards Issued
4/20 SAC Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
4/21 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
4/23 Spirit Day – Wear Your KES T-shirt
4/26-4/29 Book Fair
4/28 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
4/30 Spirit Day – Wear Your KES T-shirt
5/4 PTO Meeting – 7:55 a.m.
5/5 Wear Your Words Day
5/5 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
5/7 Spirit Day – Wear Your KES T-shirt



A huge thank you to Hugs Across the County for donating snacks for our students in Mr. Tavares', Mrs. Shaffer's, and Mrs. Puzio's classes!

Amazon Shopping?



Don't forget you can support KES while shopping at smile.amazon.com. Make sure you select Ketterlinus Elementary School as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to KES. This is a quick and easy way to support Ketterlinus and is greatly appreciated!

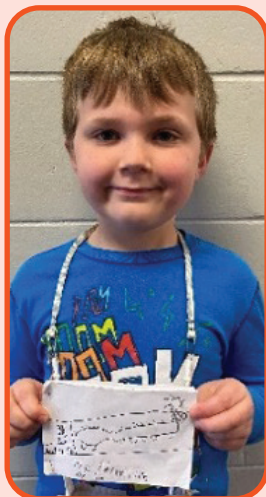
News from the Media Center

Hello Ketterlinus Families!

This month has been a whirlwind of activity. We have had many exciting days here in the media center. First, **Hudson Neumark** in Ms. Defalco's 1st grade class finished all 15 SSYRA Jr. books and decided that was not enough reading for him, and that it might not be enough reading for his classmates either, so he decided to make his own SSYRA Jr. book called *The Adventure of Ba*. With help from his mother, Hudson made a pocket-sized book about his favorite stuffed animal. He also made his own brag tag! Now K-2 students have one more brag tag they can earn. Thanks for your creativity and SWIM spirit, Hudson. Readers are leaders!

The KES Battle of the Books team competed on March 11th and came in tied for 3rd place, a new school record! We are so proud of the hard work and TEAMWORK put in by **Ethan Martin** (5th), **Finn Dumas** (5th), **Kaila Freeman** (5th), **Miya Hacking** (5th), **Rocket Hammond** (3rd), **Caroline Larrabee** (5th), and **Hazel Balaschak** (5th).

We had a few more students join the Million Word Club last month. Congratulations to **Natalia Zamora**, **Clara Huerbsch**, **Lucia Huerbsch**, **Caroline Larrabee**, **Hazel Balaschak**, **Rocket Hammond**, **Mabel Mysterly**, **Landon Stoll**, **Grayson Hilbert**, **Luke Richardson**, **Gracie Diaz**, and **Miya Hacking** (for the 3rd time with a whopping 3 million words). We will be having a bookfair April 26-29th, so keep a lookout for notifications about scheduling and online options. Thank you for encouraging your children to reach their 3rd quarter AR goal. Remember that tests can be taken at home this year as well as at school.



2020-2021 YEARBOOK ORDER TODAY & SAVE



Don't forget to order your yearbook!

Yearbooks are filled with school memories that are cherished for years to come. Order and payment can be made directly on the Leonard's website at <https://commpe.pictavo.com/>. Use code 93371 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

If you prefer to pay by cash or check, go to Ketterlinus website <https://www-kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. After placing your order, please send in cash (exact amount), or a check in the amount of the order, made payable to KES PTO.



The eSchoolPLUS Family App Now Available! This app allows you to view your student's current classwork, schedule, grades and more using your smart phone or tablet. Login using the same login/password you use for Home Access Center. The application is available for iOS (7.1 and higher), Android (4.03 and higher), and Kindle devices, and can be downloaded from iTunes, Google Play, or the Amazon app store.



Character Counts! Pillar of Trustworthiness

The following students were selected for the Trustworthiness 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:

VPK- Madilynn G.

Kindergarten

Bowers- Sa'Niyah S.
Gaudino- Levi F.
Gibson- Jacob W.
Mercer- Vincent C.

1st Grade

Ball- Iris V.
DeFalco- Nellie L.
Golz- Grant E.
Lavery- Nicholas W.

2nd Grade

Hilbert- Ja'Kaylin W.
Jett- Emery D.
Tagliarini- Ki'Mari A.

3rd Grade

Hooks- Connor B.
Mathews- Brooke M.
Owens- Ryder S.
Edwards- Lourdes G.
Tavares- Jayden G.

4th Grade

Glinks- Amelia F.
Killin- Maryann M.
Smolek- Max R.
Sturm/Rosario- Xander D.

5th Grade

Cumpton- Kael F.
Edging- Max C.
Wenglowsky- Camryn D.

Housekeeping Information

Early Checkout - Please remember that we do not allow early checkout after 2:15 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and after 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. We are preparing to dismiss our students, and teachers are finishing academic instruction for the day.

Lost & Found - Please ask your child to stop by the Lost & Found to see if any of the items belong to them. It is filling up fast with jackets, sweaters, and other items.

Early Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open on the SJCS website. Early registration is only for children new to the school district, including those entering kindergarten. For all currently enrolled students, an email from the district will be sent out titled, "Returning Student Verification" beginning April 12th, for you to register your child. In addition, applications for the 2021-2022 school year for Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Requests are also available on the SJCS website.

What's Happening in STEAM

5th, 4th, and 3rd grades are learning about Earth's Spheres (Weather and Climate), Life Cycles of Plants and Animals, and Energy Forms and Energy Transfer.

In STEAM, 5th grade did a fun lab on precipitation and cloud formation, while reviewing the water cycle. In 4th grade, we planted sunflower seeds and will watch them germinate, sprout into seedlings, turn into plants, and eventually flowers!

In 3rd grade, they are learning about Energy Transfer through collisions. They get to make their own Rube Goldberg apparatuses!



PTO News



Blast Off with Reading truly was a blast! This was a Win/Win for KES. We were able to raise funds for our school AND collectively read over 42,000 minutes! We had over 100 students meet their reading goals for this challenge. Congratulations Dolphins! We want to give an extra shout out to our top 3 readers: Silvie Shaw, Simon Brunner and Ethan Martin!! Plus, a super shout out to our top 3 fundraisers: Sofija Zeljko, Zoe Zeljko, and Isla Thompson!! Thank you to all who participated and donated.