

Principal's Corner

Dear KES Families and Friends –

It's Fall, Y'all! This is my favorite time of the year. I absolutely love the cooler weather and being outside. It is also the busiest time of the school year. We have so many things happening – from Intake Conferences to festivals, and holidays. In addition, this time of the year is the “Meat & Potatoes”. This is a crucial time of the year, where teachers and students are picking up the pace on lessons and learning. All the beginning of the year procedures have been established, so it is full throttle on learning.

On behalf of the staff, we ask that you ensure your child is arriving on time each day. It helps with the classroom environment and for the student to feel part of the entire learning process, versus walking in the middle of instruction and feeling lost.

This year, Ketterlinus Elementary School decided to add paper report cards to be sent home. We ask that you still access them on Home Access Center (HAC). But hopefully by providing you a paper copy, you will be able to review it with your child more easily. Also, it serves as great bragging rights! Please post it on the refrigerator or somewhere visible to show how proud you are of your child's accomplishment and work effort. As a school, we are hoping this helps students feel more part of their learning and engagement.

Speaking of bragging rights, I have some bragging to do. The 1st nine weeks, we had almost all of the eligible students reach their Accelerated Reader (AR) goal. Why is this such a big deal? The AR program gives us insight on each child's academic habit, specifically their independent reading stamina and growth mindset by working to reach a goal. These are what I feel are “healthy” academic habits that we often overlook in what makes a child successful. Please ask your child about their AR goal.

Finally, it is a busy time in our city with the Nights of Lights. I appreciate your support in being a good neighbor. It does get congested downtown, but remember it does support small local businesses that many of our families rely on. Please be kind with your words and actions – children are watching.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Please consider showing your appreciation and gratitude to our staff by writing a note or email. Your kind words have helped us during some very difficult times.

THANK YOU!

Kathy Tucker, Principal

Housekeeping

Check-out Policy

Gentle reminder that we do not permit early checkout within 30 minutes of dismissal due to school-wide prep.

Dismissal Changes

Parents/guardians, please be sure to note dismissal changes in your student's planner. This helps us to ensure a safe dismissal and avoid classroom interruption. In the event of an emergency dismissal change, you may call the office by 2:15 p.m. to provide our staff with the pertinent information.

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 your student and gives staff the opportunity to radio ahead so that your child is ready at the curb for pick-up.

School Access

If you have not already done so, please complete a School Access form. This provides safety and security to our students and staff. In addition, any person passing beyond the front office area must show a valid driver's license or state identification card. To apply for School Access, go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>. Please note this process can take up to 4-6 weeks.

Covid-19 Information

If you have any questions regarding Covid, quarantine dates, etc., please contact our Covid team at 904-547-8230. In addition, the district has a great website full of information, such as Health and Wellness Resources, Instructional Documents, Health & Safety Documents and much more. Please go to <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>

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Thanksgiving Break is November 24 – 26; a time to reflect and be thankful. Our KES staff is thankful for all our amazing students and supportive parents! We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Guidance News

October was a busy month here at Ketterlinus! Cooler temps, Halloween, and UNITY Day! In addition, students have monthly classroom guidance lessons taught by me. I enjoy this time talking with students about social/emotional learning, handling conflict, understanding emotions and to persevere even in challenging times. I also provide monthly information on a variety of topics via our web page. Please be sure to check it out monthly for information.

Sandy McCutcheon
Guidance Counselor

Coffee with a Cop

A great time was had by all as we gathered on the front porch of KES with our city's finest, our very own SAPD! We are so grateful for all that you do in protecting and keeping us safe! A shout out to Fiction Donuts and DOS Coffee for the amazing coffee and donuts!



Important Dates at Ketterlinus

11/3	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
11/3	Wear Your Words
11/5	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
11/5	Picture Retake
11/9	PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
11/10	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
11/11	Veterans Day – No School
11/12	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
11/16	SAC Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
11/16	Interims Issued
11/17	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
11/19	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
11/24-11/26	Thanksgiving Break
11/29	School Resumes
12/1	Wear Your Words
12/1	Early Release

Readers are Leaders

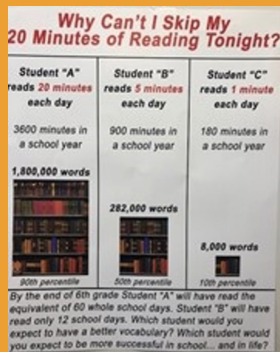
Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

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 in classrooms and other common areas to remind our students of the importance of reading. Each quarter teachers help students set an independent reading goal. Students read books and take computer quizzes to earn the points to meet that goal. Accelerated Reader is the software we use to track their progress. You can support your child be reading with your child nightly.



Character Counts! Pillar of Fairness!

The following students were selected in the month of September for the Fairness Award for their classroom. Please extend a warm congratulations to the following students:

VPK - Landon B.

Kindergarten

Bowers - James M.
DeFalco - Gabriela G.
Golz - Ollie A.
Mercer - Elliott K.

1st Grade

Ball - Elizabeth C.
Jett - Nathan W.
Razey - Markell F.
Tagliarini - Mia J.

2nd Grade

Hilbert - Gabryella C.
Lavery - Coraline M.
Owens - Carmen A.
Hayes - Ky-Mani F.
Puzio - King R.

3rd Grade

Edwards - Emma P.
Mathews - Vivian D.
Smolek - Sanay P.

4th Grade

Gliniski - June B.
Killin - Kiran S.
Sturm - James T.

5th Grade

Cabrera - Gracie P.
Cumpton - Olivia C.
Edging - Kirra M.
Wenglowsky - Theron M.



Music News

The second quarter is upon us, and both Choir and Recorder have started after school. It's not too late to sign up! If you are interested in participating in either of these groups but missed the October 8th deadline, please pick up a form from the front office to sign up for these programs.



In music class, students have been working on both their singing and instrumental skills. Some classes are getting close to being able to share those talents with their families! Please keep an eye out for communication from Mrs. D about class concerts during the regular music time for select classes.



Fall Back - November 7th

Don't forget to set your clocks back

Fire Prevention Week

Thank you to Abby Pedigo and Nate Evans from St. Augustine Fire Department for teaching our KES students about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. Our students were enthralled at seeing the Fire Truck as well as watching Mr. Evans put on his suit and equipment. Ms. Pedigo helped our students to understand and learn the sounds of Fire Safety.



PTO News



Art We Awesome

ART We Awesome is open to all students K-5 of Ketterlinus Elementary School. We will meet on Mondays between 3 - 4 p.m. This second session will be 6 weeks and the cost is \$60. ART WE AWESOME will teach your child to paint beautiful landscapes! Art Camp will meet 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20.



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a valuable part of KES!

If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to have you! Please know that at this time we do require that you be assigned a specific purpose or task. Contact Donna Ott at donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us to find out how you may be involved. In addition, you MUST have School Access. If you would like to apply and begin the process, go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Follow instructions given by KES teachers or staff members
- Report any discipline issues to the staff member who you are volunteering for
- Always sign in and out in the Kiosk located in the front office lobby
- Always wear your yellow volunteer badge on the top left part of your shirt

Mustache Monday



Daily Reflection

Moment of Silence: State law now requires a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day. In this moment of silence, students may not interfere with other students' participation and teachers may not make suggestions as to the nature of any student's reflection. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about suggestions as to what you would like your child to reflect upon.

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.