

KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Where we learn, love, and laugh.  
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## Principal's Corner

Dear KES Families and Friends –

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to share some concerns and ask for your support as we begin 2022.

I really cannot explain in words how this past year has been. The ups and downs of this year have been challenging for us, particularly for our children. Although children have great resiliency, I can share with you that I have never seen such an impact on the social and emotional well-being of children over my 27 years in education as I have this year. As a result of being more isolated and dependent on technology, many of our students are given smart phones. As a parent, I totally get the need of a phone for emergencies. My own children received cell phones to ensure they got home safely. So, what is different now?

My children did not have smart phones; no apps or social media platforms on the phone. They just had a good old flip phone they could call or text on. I am not even sure they could take a photo or video. Maybe? But uploading it instantly had to be difficult.

Today, we are finding that smartphones with apps, such as Snapchat or other social media platforms, are where students are socializing. Elementary-aged students do not have the skills to understand how to engage appropriately online. Also, as busy adults, we forget to filter what our children are seeing online. Children innately want to please and seek affirmation from others. They are easily influenced and will seek approval/affirmation. Think about it...how many "likes" or comments on social media are now ways of affirmation they seek – from their online "friends".

So, I am asking for your support and help. If your child has a phone and brings it to school, we will require that it be turned off; not just on silence, but have the power turned off. In addition, I ask that you check your child's phone frequently - at least every few days. You should look for things that are being sent out and what they are receiving. Also, check the history on the phone's browser. Children are impressionable, so see what music and videos they are viewing.

Thank you for your support. I feel very honored of the trust you have in Ketterlinus to ensure your child is kept safe at school.

THANK YOU!

*Kathy Tucker*, Principal

## Guidance News

Welcome 2022! Hello, Ketterlinus families. After the holidays, it can be rough coming back and getting into the school groove again. There may be times of frustration, feeling the pressure of upcoming yearly assessments and wanting to reach a goal that you've set for yourself. Focus on the belief that you can learn and get better at things. Mistakes are ok and are part of the learning process, and it is important to keep trying and not give up. Check out the school counseling page on the Ketterlinus website for more growth mindset information.

Mrs. McCutcheon, School Counselor

## Gentle Reminder about School Access

Our students' safety is our number one priority at KES, therefore anyone who enters past the front office MUST have an approved School Access Form. This would include anyone coming in for teacher meetings, chaperoning field studies and volunteering. The application process can take up to 4-6 weeks.

To apply, go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>. School Access lasts for 3 years, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Volunteer Services or Donna Ott to renew the form. Please do not reapply, as this creates duplicate forms. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ott at [donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## We had so much fun getting into the Holiday spirit in December with Ugly Sweater Day, VPK Holiday Showcase and Flannel Pj's!

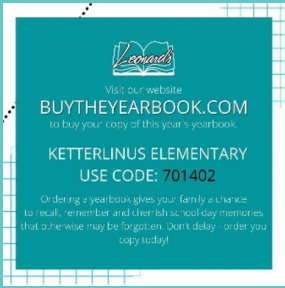


## Congratulations to Luke Richardson our KES Spelling Bee Winner!! Great job, Luke! We are so proud of you!



## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 1/5 Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday
- 1/6 Classes Resume for Students
- 1/7 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/11 PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 1/12 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/14 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Day – Holiday
- 1/18 SAC Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 1/19 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/19 Report Cards Issued
- 1/21 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/26 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/28 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt



## It's time to pre-order your Ketterlinus Yearbook!

**Order now and save!**

Cost is \$25 until 2/14  
After that price goes up to \$30.00

Order and payment can be made directly on the Leonard's website at [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com). Use code 701402 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

### Attention parents of 5th grade students!

A limited amount of space in the 2021-2022 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 4th, 2022, 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: [lindsay.robertson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:lindsay.robertson@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 Lindsay Robertson.**

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



## Word Master Challenge!

We are so proud of our Word Master Challenge High Scorers!! Keep up the great work and good luck to you in Meet #2.

**3rd Grade**  
Penelope Hamm

**4th Grade**  
June Brown  
Zenica Hallinan  
Natalia Zamora  
Sean Carcaba  
Lucia Huerbsch  
Jack Higgins  
Alexis McCoy  
Mila Ladrado  
Kiran Sancho

**5th Grade**  
**Perfect Scores!!**

Graciela Diaz  
Eve Forsythe  
Sophia Sutton  
  
**High Scorers!!**  
Olivia Christman  
Briggs Dellinger  
Samuel Young  
Madison Branc  
Brooke Cline  
Carys Howell  
Gabriella Johnson  
Amy Luz  
Ayden Maguire  
Gwen Pelchat

Luke Richardson  
Theron Moore  
Sara Ranick  
Max Ringot  
Sophia Campbell  
Jaiden Flannigan  
Nathan Friedman  
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Maci Guidi  
Atticus Heeren  
Maleah Israel  
Vanya Noloboff  
Arya Patel

### Thank you, KES Families & Friends!

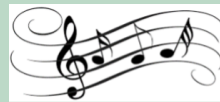
Your generosity amazes us! Thank you for supporting the Early Act Food Drive and the Peanut Butter/Jelly Drive! The Food Drive items were donated to Epic-Cure, a local, non-profit organization that helps families in need, and believes in making a measurable difference in eliminating food waste. Your peanut butter and jelly donations were donated to the St. Francis House, which is a local Housing Crisis Center where families receive specific assistance and help to ensure that children's education is not interrupted, and stability of the family unit is maintained.



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## PTO News

The PTO parents were excited to spread Holiday Cheer with our annual Jingle Bell Cart! We had music, treats, and coffee for the KES Staff! A little singing, a little dancing...all to celebrate our awesome school! The kids enjoyed a special treat as well!



## Music News

In Music, students have been learning about the families of instruments with an introduction to the family and then an opportunity to play instruments of each family. This unit will conclude with a real live concert (recorded) by the Jacksonville Symphony! In other music news, the afterschool music clubs will be starting soon! Make sure you have your sign up sheet in as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot in the group.



## What's Happening in Art!

**Kindergarten Parents,**

To help your child reach an important developmental milestone, in art class, kindergarten students will be using little cardboard shoes to practice learning how to tie their shoes. During this time, please encourage your child to practice at home, either on their shoe or on someone else's. Please be patient and positive and encourage your child to keep trying. Remind them that practice makes it easier for the next time!

Here are a few helpful websites with information and songs!

- <http://www.everythingmom.com/behaviour/fit-to-be-tied-tips-on-tying-shoes.html>
- <http://www.pbs.org/parents/fun-and-games/activities-and-crafts/shoe-tying-board/>
- [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4870498\\_tie-using-bunny-hole-rhyme.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4870498_tie-using-bunny-hole-rhyme.html)
- <http://www.mothering.com/community/t/248821/how-to-tie-a-shoe-lace>



## Toys for Tots!

Thank you to our KES families and for our Early Act Club for donating toys to our local Toys for Tots Campaign. You helped to bring joy and hope during this holiday season to children who are less fortunate!

## Cove News

The Cove staff would like to wish you a Happy New Year! In this month's theme, "Winter Wonderland," we will be making marshmallow igloos, snowman doughnuts, and snowflakes along with playing indoor/outdoor games.

A big shout out to our Volunteers in Training (V.I.T.). They are doing an excellent job. Grayson Hilbert, Guilianna Tagliarini, Theron Moore, Steven Zuaro, Jenna Hudgins, Shannon Olsten, Bryce Wilkerson, Tyrese Douglas, Angel Miller, & Daniel Woodridge.

*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.*