

# Character Counts!

# AT KETTERLINUS

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### **Cove News**

The Cove has a lot of fun activities planned for the month of February! We will have games, along with arts and crafts. Here is a sneak peek at what's coming: We will see if the groundhog saw his shadow. We will make a Friendship Tree for Valentine's Day. We will celebrate the leaders of our country, and we will learn a little about our U.S. History and the accomplishments of so many African Americans. In addition, the Cove will NOT be offering camps this year for Spring or Summer as well as on Teacher Planning Days or Inservice Days.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Janet Bryant at <a href="mailto:Janet.Bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us">Janet.Bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>

# **Ketterlinus Café**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have supplier shortages, and need to supplement with additions and substitutions, sometimes at the last minute.

To view our February menu please go to https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/KetterlinusElementary. Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS. The link to this service is <a href="https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/">https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/</a> Snacks are available for an additional cost.

## **Safety Patrol**

We want to take a minute and say "thank you" to our 5th grade Safety Patrol! Every day you come early to school ready to serve those around you! We appreciate you!

Coach Allen, who oversees these amazing students, says, "I'm very proud of these patrols. They do a wonderful job at transitioning to their new positions at the end of each quarter. They do it almost flawlessly." Well done, Safety Patrol!





# **Student Advisory Council (SAC)** Dates for 2022

February 15 March 22 April 19 May 17

What is SAC? It is a group of parents, staff, and community members who meet monthly to discuss Ketterlinus's school goals, and to make decisions that are in the best interest of the school.

Our KES SAC meetings are held in person or virtually on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:50 a.m. We are looking for members and would love for you to be a part of this team. To sign up, or if you would like more information, please contact Bethany Hilbert at Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us

#### **News Crew**

Our KES News Crew does an amazing job every morning making sure all our students and staff stay informed with the daily happenings at KES. Thank you for your time, energy, and creativity that you bring to the newsroom every day!





### **Music News**

This month in Music students will be learning about the aspects of music from dynamics to form, and how those aspects create the mood that we experience when listening to the pieces. Also, Recorder and Choir groups start February 8th and 10th respectively after school. Last minute signups are possible if spots are available. Please contact Mrs. D. for availability at Angelia.Delesdernier@stjohns.k12.fl.us



### **Child Find**

Do you have any concerns about your child's...

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or playing
- Seeing or hearing
- Getting along with other children
- Learning and paying attention
- Self-feeding, dressing, or toileting

Child Find provides **FREE** services for children (birth – 5 years of age) which include screening of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills. Child Find will also give assistance in placing children with special needs in appropriate exceptional student education programs or other early intervention services.

For more information go to <a href="http://www.fdlrsnefec.org/child-find-services">http://www.fdlrsnefec.org/child-find-services</a>

# **Important Dates at Ketterlinus**

- PTO Meeting 8:00 a.m. 2/1
- 2/2 Wear Your Words
- Early Release 1:45 p.m. 2/4
- Spirit Day Wear your KES T-shirt
- 2/7 Teacher Inservice Day - Student Holiday
- Interims Issued 2/8
- 2/9
- Early Release 1:45 p.m. Spirit Day Wear your KES T-shirt 2/11
- 2/15
- SAC Meeting 7:50 a.m. Early Release 1:45 p.m. 2/16
- 2/17 KES Fun Run
- 2/18 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- **Presidents Day No School** 2/21
- Early Release 1:45 p.m. 2/23
- Spirit Day Wear your KES T-shirt



## **Readers are Leaders**

Readers are Leaders at KES! Encourage your student to meet their AR Goal this Quarter!









# It's time to order your Ketterlinus Yearbook!

#### Price goes up soon!

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 <u>buytheyearbook.com</u>. Use code 701402 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

## **Lunch Time at KES**





## Word Masters Challenge!

A team representing Ketterlinus Elementary School achieved Highest Honors in the recent **WordMasters Challenge**™—a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 125,000 students annually. The fifth grade team scored an impressive 189 points out of a possible 200 in the first of three meets this year, placing second in the nation. Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the **WordMasters Challenge**™, fifth graders **Graciela Diaz, Eve Forsythe and Sophia Sutton each earned a PERFECT score of 20 on the challenge**. Nationally, only 17 fifth graders achieved this result.

Other students from Ketterlinus Elementary School who achieved outstanding results in the meet include fourth graders June Brown, Zenica Hallinan and Natalia Zamora, and fifth graders Olivia Christman, Briggs Dellinger and Samuel Young. The students were coached in preparation for the WordMasters Challenge™ by our 3rd grade Team Leaders, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Smolek, and Mrs. Mathews; our 4th grade Team Leaders, Mrs. Glinski, Mrs. Killin, and Mrs. Sturm; and our 5th grade Team Leaders, Mrs. Cumpton, Mrs. Wenglowsky, Mrs. Edging, and Mr. Cabrera.

If you would like more information about WordMasters please go to <a href="http://www.wordmasterschallenge.com">http://www.wordmasterschallenge.com</a>.



# FortifyFL App

FortifyFL is a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to relay information instantly and anonymously to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Help us keep everyone safe by downloading FortifyFL and reporting any unsafe, dangerous, or potentially harmful activity. Let's Fortify Florida together! For more information go to <a href="https://getfortifyfl.com/">https://getfortifyfl.com/</a>

# **Housekeeping Information**

#### **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. The application process can take up to 4-6 weeks. School Access last 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.

#### Car Tags

It is very important that parents have their car tags when parked in our lot. To prevent your car from being towed, please have your car tag displayed. Need another car tag? You can purchase them from the front office for \$2.00 cash.

#### **Covid-19 Information**

Have questions about Covid? Please contact our Covid team at 904-547-8230. In addition, the district has a great website full of information such as Quarantine Guidelines, Health and Wellness Resources, Instructional Documents, Health & Safety Documents and much more.

Please go to <a href="https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/">https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/</a>

#### **Safety Reminders**

- Drop off begins at 7:55 a.m. Safety is our top priority at KES. Please do not allow your child to wait on the school's front steps unsupervised.
- Please use the crosswalk when walking your child to school.
- All school zones and crossings are Hands Free Zones. Please finish your
  phone calls or texts before entering the parking lot and crossing zone if you
  do not have hands free capabilities.

#### **Home Access Center**

Please be sure to utilize the HAC for reviewing your child's report cards and monitoring their progress throughout the year.



## **Cell Phones**

Parents, we need your help and support by encouraging your student to leave their cell phones at home where they are safe, and won't be lost, stolen, or broken. If they bring them to school, they MUST STAY in their backpack and completely turned off. Thank you for understanding and help with this matter.

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#### **PTO News**



Support your KES Students as they prepare for our BIG SCHOOL FUNDRAISER! Details are being sent home soon. Thanks for your support!



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.