



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

Dear Ketterlinus Families and Friends –

As we wrap up this school year, I want to say how grateful I am of working in this awesome community. This year started out much differently than what we had hoped. We had to pivot quickly when new mandates or procedures were put in place. The level of change – all well intended – caused a lot of fatigue for all; not just students, but also staff and parents. Many times, I felt that the “wheels were falling off”, but somehow the parents and staff kept it going. Thank you.

As we begin planning for the next school year, I do it with lots of optimism that things will feel “normal” again. Next year, my focus is to add a school-wide initiative on math fluency – you will hear more later. In addition, we will also focus on past initiatives and tweak them to be better. I am hoping our energy to do things better will not be pulled away from pandemic related issues.

So, pandemic related issues are a real thing. We have experienced major social and emotional issues because of social media and isolation. In addition, the learning loss from this has been recognized here at our sweet little school and nationally. I find comfort that we are not alone and that our district and state have provided funding to help with learning loss. Our school was ahead with working social and emotional issues through our on-going training with Conscious Discipline and Positive Behavior Intervention System. Our staff is stellar. We hope we can focus on sharing these strategies and topics in face-to-face presentations.

I am looking forward to next year. Again, thank you for keeping my “wheels on”.

THANK YOU!

*Kathy Tucker*, Principal



**Mark Your Calendars - The 2022/2023 School Year Starts August 10th.**



**Report Cards will be issued on the last day of school: June 2nd.**

## Ketterlinus Art Night!

**You & your family are invited to the KES Art Night!  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
5:30-7:00 PM**

Enjoy a night of fantastic student artwork and delicious ice cream. Ice cream and toppings will be sold for \$1. Come share this time with friends as we reflect on our year in Art!!!

## License Scanners

In an effort to increase security, all SJCS D schools have begun utilizing license scanners. All Visitors/Parents/Volunteers **MUST** scan their driver's license and have an approved School Access Form on file to enter the building. This includes parent conferences, events, field studies, etc.

**In addition to this safety measure, your School Access Form must match your driver's license.** If you have questions in regards to your school access file please contact Cheryl Freeman at 904-547-3952 or email Donna Ott at

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Don't have a School Access Form? Please apply at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>



Are you interested in making a difference at Ketterlinus?  
We would love for you to join our team...

### Team KES PTO

Ketterlinus Elementary School has a couple of openings for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please consider joining our team to support your students and staff.

If you are interested, please contact **Leah Beck** at [ptoketterlinus@gmail.com](mailto:ptoketterlinus@gmail.com) or **Kathy Tucker** at [kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**President**— Schedule monthly general PTO meetings, be an ambassador for PTO and KES, oversee fundraising selection, planning, and evaluation for the year, assist and delegate in various projects throughout the year.



## Art News

### Kindergarten parents,

In Art, we will discuss diversity and how fortunate we are to live in a world where we are all the same, but at the same time have many differences. Our kindergarten students will learn that there are many jobs or careers that are available for them when they get older, and that it takes special people to fill each position. Talk with your child about what they want to be when they grow up. Using posterboard, a paper template (provided), or even a photo, help your child create a replica of themselves dressed and ready for work! **Deadline for project will be May 18! Get them returned in time for the Art Show.**



## Cove News

Wow! Can you believe this school year is nearly over? How time flies. We want to take a minute and give a big thank you to: Shawna O'Brien, Eric Bokowski, Kathy Tucker, Lisa Sclafani, Michelle Smith, Abony Brown, and Tracy Clauson for all your help with the Cove. We could not have done it without you!!

For the month of May, we will celebrate Cinco De Mayo on Thursday, May 5 with fun, food, and snacks such as nachos, chips, and dip. We will also be doing arts and crafts for Mother's Day. In addition, our cove special will be a pizza/pajama party to close out the school year.

**Don't forget The Cove is now accepting enrollments for the 2022-23 school year. Please make sure to take advantage of our Cove incentives:**

Registration fees paid on or before **June 30** are \$35.

Registration fees increase to **\$70 after June 30.**

Registration fee **will be waived** if the 1st month payment for 2022-23 school is received by 6/2/22 (the last day of school).

Please act quickly as there are a limited number of spots available. If you have any questions please contact Janet Bryant at [janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:janet.bryant@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 5/3 PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 5/4 Star Wars Day – Wear Star Wars Shirt
- 5/4 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/6 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/11 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/13 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/17 SAC Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 5/18 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/20 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/24 5th Grade Island of Adventures
- 5/25 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/25 KES Art Night – 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 5/26 VPK Graduation – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 5/27 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/30 Memorial Day – Student/Teacher Holiday
- 5/31 5th Grade Dance– 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- 6/1 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 6/2 Last Day for Students– Early Release 1:45 p.m.
- 6/2 Report Cards Issued

## Egg Hunt Adventures

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes had a fantastic time as they searched for their eggs on the playground. Our 1st and 2nd grade classes traveled down to the Fort to search for their eggs. So much fun was had by all!



KES Girl Scout Troop #2030 did an amazing job with their service project! They designed and planted drought-resistant plants and flowers, as well as created steppingstones as a border. This new garden is located right outside the door to our playground.



**Thank you, KES Girl Scout Troop #2030, For Making Our School More Beautiful!**

## Character Counts! Pillar of Trustworthiness!

The following students were selected in the month of March/April for the Trustworthiness Award for their classroom. Please extend a warm congratulations to the following students:

**VPK** - May M.

### Kindergarten

Bowers - Jordan B.  
DeFalco - Logan D.  
Golz - Ellis C.  
Mercer - Willa M.

### 1st Grade

Ball - Elle M.  
Jett - Nick C.  
Razey - Josh R.  
Tagliarini - Tahiry G.

### 2nd Grade

Hilbert - Lyla E.  
Lavery - Ben B.  
Owens - Hank S.  
Walker - Lincoln P.

### 3rd Grade

Edwards - Annabelle L.  
Mathews - Thea A.  
Smolek - James K.  
Tavaras - Charles T.

### 4th Grade

Glinski - Skyler S.  
Killin - Baijanti P.  
Sturm - Daniel W.

### 5th Grade

Cabrera - Trey P.  
Cumpton - Maleah I.  
Edging - Brady B.  
Wenglowsky - Knox T.



## Field Day

Field Day was a huge success! Thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers. You helped to make everything run smoothly! Our KES kids had a great time! Can't wait till next year. -Coach Allen



Florida  
Standards Assessments

### FSA Testing Dates

May 2 & 3 - Grade 4, 5 = Reading  
May 9 & 10 - Grade 3, 4, 5 = Math  
May 16 & 17 - Grade 5 = Science

i-Ready™

### iReady Testing Dates

May 19 - Reading  
May 20 - Reading

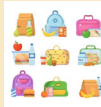
## Kids Heart Challenge Update



We came so close to our goal of \$5,000 for the Kids Heart Challenge. The Final total was, \$3,950.00. Thank you to all who donated! I guess the silly string will have to wait until next time.  
- Coach Allen

## Returning Students Registration for 2022-2023

In the beginning of April, an email from the district office was sent out titled "Return Student Verification". This form is to confirm your child's registration for the 2022-2023 school year. **Please complete this form PROMPTLY. If returned before June 1, your student will earn a prize.** New students to the District need to register online at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>. Employee and Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Request applications for the 2022-2023 school year are available on the SJCSO website.



**Gentle Reminder: Please remind your student to take home their lunch box and water bottle every day. We will not be able to hold on to them overnight and they will be discarded. Thank you for understanding!**

## Media News

**Readers are Leaders!** Don't forget to read every night and try and reach your AR goal before May 27. You can do it! In addition, we are gearing up for the end of the school year and requesting that **All books be returned to the library before May 20th.** This day will also be the last day for all media classes.

## Don't Forget To Order Your Yearbook!



Cost is \$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.

## KES Café

A gentle reminder that unless approved for free or reduced, breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch \$2.80; a total of \$4.05 per day. Meals are to be pre-paid or paid at the time of serving. Please resolve any unpaid balances as soon as possible. Balances will follow into the next school year.

## Don't go down this slide! By Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach



The "Summer Slide" in reading is the tendency for students to lose some of the reading gains they made during the school year. Why? Students who do not read over the summer break from school not only slow their reading growth, but research also shows these students regress in their abilities. Students who read over the summer break continue to grow in their reading skills!

Help prevent your child from going down that "Summer Slide in Reading" by continuing the daily reading routines you created during the school year.

### Tips for Summer Reading

- 1. Read together with your child every day.**  
Make it fun by reading outside, on the front porch, patio, at the beach, or park. Take turns listening to your child read and reading to your child. Ask questions. Talk about what you are reading. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.
- 2. Set a good example!**  
Parents must be willing to model the behavior we want to see in our children. Keep a variety of reading material around the house. Turn off all electronic devices and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
- 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.**  
This is the way to develop habits of interacting with the text and build capacity for thought and insight.
- 4. Let kids choose what they want to read and encourage reading in all genres.**  
It will open their minds to new reading experiences and motivate kids to want to read.
- 5. Listen to audio books.**  
Listen to them in the car or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.
- 6. Take your child to the library regularly.**  
Weekly visits to the St. Johns County Public Library provide fun reading opportunities.

### The "Summer Slide"



**Remember at Ketterlinus Elementary School we believe, Readers are Leaders!**

*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.*