

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 2023. This is a repeat request from last year as this problem easily resurfaces after the holidays. The ups and downs of the past two years 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 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.

Sincerely,  
*Kathy Tucker*, Principal



**Important**  
Please Note February 6th will be the Hurricane make-up day for students.

### Media News

Dion Leonard and his dog, Gobi came for a visit at KES! It was amazing to hear his story. If you would like to order one of his books online, visit <https://www.findinggobi.com/shop/>



### Gentle Reminder - Car Tags

It is important that parents have their car tags displayed when parking in the Ketterlinus parking lot. We are in full swing of the holiday season and tourism. Parking will become an issue. To prevent your car from being towed or ticketed, please have your car tag displayed. Additional car tags are available for purchase from the front office for \$2.00 (cash only).

**There was no lack of holiday cheer in December at Ketterlinus! In fact, you may still feel the excitement in the air, as our students and staff wore our ugly sweaters, and our reindeer ears, as well as relaxed all day in our holiday PJ's!**



### Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 1/4 Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday
- 1/5 Classes Resume for Students
- 1/6 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/9 KES Spirit Night at Cantina Louie – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 1/10 PTO Meeting – 7:55 a.m.
- 1/11 Wear Your Words
- 1/11 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/13 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day - Holiday
- 1/18 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/18 Report Cards Issued
- 1/20 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/24 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 1/25 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 1/27 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt



### 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 <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

### PTO News

Having fun, exercising, and helping the school....What could be better? Mark your calendars for the 2023 Fun Run on February 8! It's a great time for students and volunteers alike. Fundraising kicks off on January 23, and, just like last year, there will be lots of opportunities for prizes and class parties!

This year, money raised will be used to support the KES music program and fund important technology purchases at the school. Thanks to the hard work of so many wonderful volunteers, the KES staff, and local community, we will be able to administer the event without the services of an outside vendor. Donors can be confident that the money raised will stay within KES and benefit our students. Even after expenses and administrative costs, last year's net proceeds represented over 90% of the donations received! We hope you will consider supporting the Fun Run, either by donating, volunteering, helping us get the word out, or all the above! Keep an eye out for information coming out soon on how to register your student. It's going to be a blast!!!

**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 708488 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

**Attention parents of 5th grade students!**

A limited amount of space in the 2022-2023 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 14th, 2023, 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!**  
Using Analogies to Master Vocabulary

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**

Lex T.  
Elias C.  
Wyatt H.  
Ella H.  
Xander M.  
Aria O.

**4th Grade**

Morgan H.  
Taniyah J.  
Uri G.  
Penelope H.  
James K.  
Emma P.

**5th Grade**

**Perfect Scores!!**  
June B.  
Sean C.  
Zenica H.  
Lucia H.  
Camila L.  
Evie W.  
Baijanti P.  
Daniel W.

**5th Grade High Scores!**

Annabel A.  
Wendy B.  
Giana C.  
Kenley D.  
Mikal D.  
Brendan H.  
Grace H.  
Henry L.  
Kyli H.  
Brooke M.

Liam M.  
Ryder S.  
Taea T.  
Chase F.  
Jamie F.  
Aubree F.  
Jack H.  
Madison I.  
Irene K.  
Cameron K.  
Kathryn K.  
Leah R.  
James T.

Cayce D.  
Courtney D.  
Parker D.  
Wyatt E.  
Lourdes G.  
Jahvere G.  
Zoie L.  
Alexis M.  
James R.  
Kiran S.  
Silvie S.  
Jacquailyn S.



**Readers are Leaders! Please remember to have your child read every night for 20 minutes to reach their AR goal!**

**Student Advisory Council (SAC) Dates for 2023**

Our SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:45 a.m. in the Media Center. If you have any questions or would like to join this team, please contact Bethany Hilbert at [Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

January 24th February 28th March 21st April 18th May 16th

<a href="https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/vintage-lettering-happy-new-year-2021\_11379773.htm#query=happy%20new%20year&position=14&from\_view=search&track=sph">Image by pikisuperstar</a> on Freepik

**Thank you, KES Families & Friends!**

Thank you to our KES families! Your generosity amazes us! Thank you for your donations to our local Toys for Tots Campaign as well as The Food Drive. You helped to bring joy and hope during this holiday season in St. Johns County!



**What's Happening in Art!**

The third and final session of *Art We Awesome* Art Club begins Tuesday, January 17, and will teach your child to create a colorful and creative mixed-media self-portrait. Registration will be open to students that have not participated in sessions one or two, before we open it to all others. We will meet on Tuesdays between 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. This session will be 6 weeks and the cost is \$60. Any remaining funds will be donated to the Art program.

Make checks payable to: **KES Art Club**

**Art Club will meet 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, and 2/21.**

To participate, students must be in good academic standing with good attendance. In addition, students will need to provide their own transportation or be able to attend the Cove or Rec Department.

Upon returning from winter break, students in K-2 will begin tying shoes or have refresher courses if needed. We will be gearing up with our major projects in preparation for the school's annual Art Show!



**Character Counts! Pillar of Citizenship!**

The following students were selected in the month of November/December for the Citizenship Award for their classroom. Please extend a warm congratulations to the following students:

**VPK** – Sophia S.

**Kindergarten**

Bowers – James B.  
Golz – Annabelle B.  
Mercer – Ari F.

**1st Grade**

Hudgins – Willa M.  
Jett – Sophia C.  
Razey – Addie F.  
Tagliarini – Charlotte K.  
Puzio – Carter A.

**2nd Grade**

Donlan – Nicholas C.  
Lavery – Camden B.  
Owens – Josiah B.  
Walker – Agnes R.

**3rd Grade**

Edwards – Thomas S.  
Gleeson – John P.  
McDonald – Caden M.  
Wenglowsky – Elias C.  
Kolakowski – Colton M.

**4th Grade**

Glinski – Miles W.  
Killin – Owen N.  
Sturm – Ja'Kaylin W.

**5th Grade**

Cabrera – Brooke M.  
Cumpton – Kirra M.  
Edging – Baijanti P.

**KES Staff would like to thank our amazing PTO for spreading Holiday Cheer during December! What a treat!**



**A/B Honor Roll Program**

A/B Honor Card program is now digital! If your child is on the A/B honor roll, you can receive discounts at some fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. Instead of paper honor cards, you will now show business participants your phone and receive these discounts. Below are the steps to using the new system. If you have any questions, please call 904-547-3945 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

1. On your smart phone go to <https://myhonorcard.com>. Place your child's student ID number and date of birth in the boxes in the blanks provided.
2. When your child's name appears, you will show your phone to the participating business representative, to receive your discount.



**Don't forget to save your Pop Tabs! Early Act collects them throughout the school year and donates them to the Ronald McDonald House.**

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.