



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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Kindergarden 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, we have many differences. Our kindergarden 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 11!
Get them returned in time for the Art show!!**

Egg Hunt Adventures

There was much excitement and anticipation for our PreK-1st grade classes as they did their Egg hunts. Our adorable Pre-K and Kindergarden classes hunted for eggs on the KES playground. Our 1st graders traveled downtown to the Fort to find their eggs! As you can see from the pictures below, they had a wonderful time!



KES won 3rd place in the Battle of the Books!

Battle of the Books is a book-related competition for students in grades 3-8. Students are quizzed about books they have read from the designated Battle of the Books reading list. Congratulations to L.T. Taylor, Olivia Desai, Cayce Daugherty, Gavin Legette, Wyatt Eubanks, Elias Chancellor!!



3rd Grade Living Wax Museum was a tremendous success! Students chose an influential person to study, write about and recite a speech. The creativity was amazing. Well done 3rd grade Dolphins!!



Ketterlinus Art Night

You & your family are invited to the Ketterlinus Elementary Art Night!

**Thursday, May 18, 2023
5:30-7:00 PM**

Enjoy a night of fantastic student artwork and delicious ice cream. Come share this time with friends as we reflect on our year in Art!!!

PTO News

As the school year is coming to a close, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank YOU, the KES families, for being so incredibly supportive of our initiatives this year. KES families are always answering the call, whether for fundraising, donating, or volunteering your time. It has been a busy year and we've accomplished a lot together. We are fortunate to have such an amazing school and wonderful group of teachers and staff, which makes our involvement especially rewarding. We are looking forward to celebrating the KES teachers and staff for another great year and recognizing their commitment to our students during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, May 8 - 12. This is a great time to send a note or small token of appreciation to let a teacher or staff member know about the important impact they are making. We hope you enjoy these last few weeks of school. Have a great summer! - KES PTO



Remember to eat a good breakfast, get plenty of rest and shake the testing jitters. If you would like further information, please visit the KES website as well as the FAST website at <https://flfast.org/fast.html>.

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| Grade 3:
Reading, Tuesday, May 2nd
Mathematics, Tuesday, May 9th | Grade 5:
Reading, Friday, May 5th
Mathematics, Friday, May 12th |
| Grade 4:
Reading, Thursday, May 4th
Mathematics, Thursday, May 11th | Grade 5:
Science, Monday, May 15th
Tuesday, May 16th |



**Mark Your Calendars-
The 2023/2024 School
Year Starts August 10th.**

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 5/2 PTO Meeting – 7:55 a.m.
- 5/3 Wear Your Words & Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/4 **Drama Performance – 6:00 p.m.**
- 5/5 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/10 **All Books Due to Media Center**
- 5/10 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/12 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/16 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 5/17 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/18 **KES Art Night – 5:30-7:00 p.m.**
- 5/19 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/24 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/25 **Last Day for Students & Early Release**
- 5/25 **Report Cards Issued**

Spotlight on Speech

It has been a wonderful year for our speech friends. I can hardly believe how quickly this school year has gone by. As we get ready for summer break, here are a few helpful tips: set aside some time to read every day; set time limits for screen-based technology; and make outdoor activities a priority. Most importantly, spend time together talking, playing, creating, and making memories.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be a part of your child's educational career. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces back in the Fall. For all 5th grade students moving on, I send you hugs and wish you all the best!! Remember "once a KES dolphin, always a KES dolphin."



Vincent helps us celebrate, *May is Better Hearing and Speech Month*. He enjoys playing games with family, especially Roblox & Minecraft. He shares that sometimes words get stuck, and using his strategies helps. He wants everyone to know that stuttering is okay.



Elementary Report Cards will be issued on May 25th.

Principal's Corner

Dear KES Families and Friends –

Thank you for your support during the 22-23 school year. I feel very honored of the trust you have in Ketterlinus to ensure your child is safe at school. In addition, I appreciate the support that you have shown the students and staff through your participation in School Advisory Council, Parent-Teacher Organization, In-take Conferences, and Volunteering. Our school is great because of our community and parents like you.

As we begin planning for next year, I want to remind all of our families to do the Return Student Verification (RSV) as soon as possible, even if your child is not returning to Ketterlinus. It is very important for scheduling and placement.

Over the summer, please be on the look-out for some playground dates in the early evenings, as we plan to open the playground to our students and families. Also, make sure your child is utilizing our Accelerated Reader and Freckle programs to keep their skills sharp. I recommend only 20-30 minutes a few times a week. However, reading nightly is highly recommended. It is a life-long healthy habit, just like brushing our teeth nightly.

Thank you again for all your support. I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

Kathy Tucker

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 - Harper B.

Kindergarten

Bowers – Quinn A.

Golz – Ellie B.

Mercer – Luke B.

1st Grade

Hudgins – Jack M.

Jett – Leo L.

Razey – Sandin R.

Tagliarini – Ezekiel R.

2nd Grade

Donlan – Bronson P.

Lavery – Hudson N.

Owens – Mia J.

Walker – Sa'Niyah S.

3rd Grade

Edwards – Sawyer W.

Gleeson – Hank S.

McDonald – LT T.

Wenglowsky – Ella H.

4th Grade

Glinski – Opal C.

Killin – Morgan H.

Sturm – Samira A.

5th Grade

Cabrera – June B.

Cumpton – Irene K.

Edging – Trevon D.



KES CAFÉ

We appreciate you monitoring your child's meal account through paypams.com and keeping accounts up to date. **Please resolve any unpaid balances as soon as possible.** Balances will follow into the next school year.

Returning Students Registration for 2023-2024

In the month 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 2023-2024 school year. **Please complete this form PROMPTLY. If returned before May 23, your student will earn a prize.** New students to the district need to register on the SJCSO website as well as Employee and Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Requests.



Cove Corner Connection

We cannot believe it is already the end of the school year! We have had an amazing time in the Cove this year by playing games, learning new things, and enjoying all the fun activities that were planned throughout the year.

We will continue the fun this month by celebrating Cinco De Mayo on Friday, May 5, with fun snacks such as nachos, chips, and dip. We will create something special for Mother's Day. And finally, we will close out the school year with a Cove Pizza Party.

Please make sure to take advantage of our 2023-24 Cove incentives listed below:

- 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 2023-24 school is received by 5/25/23 (the last day of school).

Media Center News

Readers are Leaders! Encourage your child to read every night and to reach their AR goal before May 19. Come on Dolphins, 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 10.

Thank you for your help in making this happen!



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 197 points out of a possible 200 in the second of three meets this year, **placing first in the nation! Way to go Ketterlinus!**

Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the **WordMasters Challenge™**, fifth graders **Sean Carcaba, Wyatt Eubanks, Lourdes Gallego, Om Hallinan, James Hartley, Lucia Huerbsch, June Brown, and Daniel Wooldridge** each earned a perfect score of 20 on the challenge. Nationally, only 29 fifth graders achieved this result. Other students from Ketterlinus Elementary School who achieved outstanding results in the meet include:

3rd Grade

Elias Chancellor

Wyatt Hagy

Ella Higgins

Xander Miller

Arianna Osorio

Genevieve Williams

Grant Emert

Benjamin Bashore

Jayce Calloway

Gavin Legette

Julep Peach

Harrison Petty

John Ray

Thomas Somerville

Lex Taylor

Nicholas Wenglowsky

4th Grade

Morgan Hart

Emma Persad

Miles Wendler

5th Grade

Cayce Daugherty

Kenley Dennis

Jahvere Griffiths

Jack Higgins

Grace Hoffman

Kathryn Krug

William May

Alexis McCoy

Kiran Sancho

James Ten Eyck

Giana Crase

Courtney Daugherty

Madison Israel

Baijanti Patel

Evelyn Williamson

Khlowi Bradford

Wendy Bloom

Kyli Hussman

Camila Ladrido

Brooke Maguire

Leah Register

Taea Taylor

Annabel Anderson

Aria Fuller

Henry Lawrence

Silvie Shaw

Irene Keyzers

Cameron Krug

Zoie Lee

MaryJane Miska

Ryder Scheveling

Skyler Skidmore



Don't forget to save your Pop Tabs and bring them to the front office! Early Act is still collecting them and will donate 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.