



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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Thanksgiving Break is November 22-24. Our KES staff is thankful for all our amazing students and supportive parents! We wish you a restful Thanksgiving!

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a valuable part of KES! If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to have you! Contact Donna Ott at donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us to find out the many ways you can be involved. Gentle reminder that you must have an approved School Access form on file. If you would like to apply for School Access, go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>.

Volunteer Responsibilities

- Follow instructions given by KES teachers or staff members.
- Report any student discipline issues to the staff member who you are volunteering with.
- Always sign in and out in the Kiosk located in the front office lobby by scanning your Driver's License.
- Always wear your yellow volunteer badge on the top left part of your shirt.



Don't forget to set your clocks back November 5th!

Student Advisory Council (SAC) Dates for 2023/2024

What is SAC? SAC is a group of parents, staff, and community members who meet monthly to discuss Ketterlinus' school goals. They make decisions that are in the best interest of the school. Our KES SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. in the Media Center. We are looking for members and would love for you to be a part of this team! Please contact Bethany Hilbert at Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information or to sign up.

- November 28th
- December 19th
- January 23rd
- February 20th
- March 26th
- April 16th
- May 14th



Spotlight on Speech

October is a wonderful month to practice our speech sounds and work on language skills in a fun way. You can sort and compare different apples, candies, and leaves. Talking about your favorite goodies (or least favorite) can be a fun conversation starter. Practice your best speech sounds when looking to see how many candies or costumes have your speech sound. For those of you who celebrate Halloween, try saying trick or treat 20x fast. It's a great way to get some practice for those 'crazy r' sounds. If you're up for it, you can make applesauce, apple cider, caramel apples or even a crazy bark with all that candy. Nothing better than sneaking in some work with sweet treats. Most importantly, spend time together talking, playing, creating, and making memories.

Ms. Wilkerson

 Visit our KES PTO Facebook page at Ketterlinus Elementary School PTO

Every year our KES staff makes the difficult decision to vote on the Teacher of the Year, and School Related Employee of the Year.

Here are the results! Join us in congratulating:



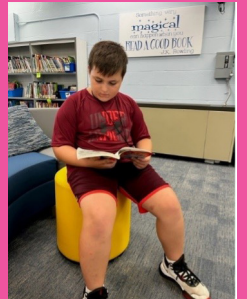
Kristen Walker
Teacher of the Year



Donna Ott
School-Related Employee of the Year



READERS ARE LEADERS - Encourage your student to reach their AR Goal for the 2nd Quarter!



Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 11/1 Wear Your Words
- 11/1 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 11/3 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 11/3 **Picture Retakes**
- 11/7 PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 11/8 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 11/10 **Veterans Day – Holiday**
- 11/15 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 11/16 Interims Issued
- 11/17 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 11/22-11/24 **Thanksgiving Break**
- 11/28 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 11/29 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.



KES Early Act Club

will be collecting Pop Tabs all year for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your metal tops and drop them into the container located in the front office.



FYI

There is a nationwide shortage of flavored (chocolate) milk. From time to time, KES may be out of flavored milk. Thanks for your patience.

Fire Prevention Week

Thank you to our local firefighters for teaching our students in VPK-2nd grade all about fire safety! Our students loved it! We appreciate all that our St. Augustine Fire Fighters do to keep us and our city safe!



Cove News

Our Cove staff would like to give a big shout out to our parents and students for a job well done on the "staff look-alike pumpkin patch project." They were awesome!

So, what is going on in the Cove in November? Let's peek. Each counselors have tons of fun activities going on such as fall scavenger hunts, super-duper arts and crafts, science experiments, and turkey activities, along with our Cove special. Please check our Cove Corner board in the front office for upcoming information.

KES has been selected to benefit from the Winn Dixie Community Bag Program during the month of November 2023. KES will receive \$1.00 from every \$2.99 reusable bag sold at the following:
Winn-Dixie location only:
 3551 North Ponce De Leon Blvd. St. Augustine, Florida



WordMasters Challenge

This year our Grade 3-5 students will be competing again in the **WordMasters Challenge**. The WordMasters Challenge™ is a national competition for students in grades 3-8 that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Each year, over 125,000 students from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the WordMasters Challenge. Unlike other language arts competitions for this age group – which focus on grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other language mechanics – the WordMasters Challenge™ helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. The contest addresses higher-level word comprehension and verbal reasoning in two ways:

- It challenges students to complete analogies based on relationships among words they have learned.
- It bases the analogies on special vocabulary lists, developed for each grade and difficulty level by experienced teachers, which participants are encouraged to study before each meet.

Excellence in the competition will require both a mastery of the meanings of the vocabulary words (of a difficulty appropriate to each grade level) and thoughtful reasoning about the relationships between these words and more familiar language used in the competition's analogies. KES students began their training in October, and their first meet will be November 8.



Reading Momentum

by Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

It is hard to believe we are already in the second quarter of the 2023-24 school year. How is your reading momentum going at home? Parents often ask how they can help their child in reading. Here are four ways:

1. Help your child meet his/her quarterly independent reading goal. Ketterlinus has fun, motivating structures in place to encourage our students to read outside of the school day. Are you supporting your child with his/her quarterly reading goal?
2. Read to your child daily, even after your child becomes a fluent reader. Have fun and encourage discussions and laughs.
3. Keep your routines and rituals in place. Do not let up. Carve out time to maintain healthy reading habits.
4. Help your child move to the next level. At Ketterlinus we monitor all students' independent reading levels at the end of every quarter. Your child's teacher will communicate your child's independent reading level. As a parent, you should know your child's independent reading level and continue to monitor reading growth to support your student as the text becomes more challenging at the next level.

ART We Awesome



Art Club with Mr. Lewis is full through the first two sessions. Registration for the third session will be after Thanksgiving. Parents of middle schoolers interested in volunteering in the Art Room should wait until January for Mr. Lewis to send out an announcement. Thank you for your continued support of the Art Room!!



Coffee with a Cop It was a great morning as we gathered on the front porch of KES with our St. Augustine Police Officers! Thank you to all who came out for this event and for the students who made the officers thank-you notes and artwork!



It's time to order your Ketterlinus Yearbook!

This year we are taking orders **ONLINE ONLY!**

Order now and save!

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

Order and payment can be made directly on the Leonard's website at buytheyearbook.com. Use code 717111 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

Attention parents of 5th grade students!

A limited amount of space in the 2023-24 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 9, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE** as space is limited! We have three ad sizes available (see below). Order forms were sent home to all 5th grade students. **Please complete the order form with payment and photos/messages.** Please make payments directly to Ketterlinus PTO via check, money order, or cash. Photos must be submitted on a jump drive or by email to lindsay.robertson@stjohns.k12.fl.us. **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 note this order form is for ads only, not for yearbooks. They must be purchased separately.** Please direct any questions 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

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.