

KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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KES Staff would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday!



During the month of October, we celebrated National Boss's Day!

We appreciate our amazing bosses, Kathy Tucker, and Stephanie White! Thank you for leading so well!

Parents -

We are increasingly getting Door Dash, or other delivery food orders being delivered to school for students. We strongly discourage this, as we cannot be responsible for ensuring delivery to the student on time, or without disrupting the class. In addition, it takes needed staff support and supervision away from children. We ask that you do not utilize this service for your child. Our cafeteria provides free breakfast and lunches to all students. Additional snacks and bottled water can be purchased with additional funds that can be sent in or added on-line through [PayPams](#).

If you have to send something in an emergency, please let your child know in the morning to check the "lunch box" table in the cafeteria. We will leave orders there instead of calling individual rooms. It will be up to your child to pick up their order. Any food/drink orders not picked up will be discarded by the end of lunch.



Spotlight on Speech

We are halfway through the school year and the holidays are upon us. This is such a special time of year to make more memories and cherish family time together. It does not get any better than baking cookies, putting up decorations, and cuddling up on the couch to watch movies. These are great opportunities to interact with your child and be present in the moment. Conversations should come more easily, as there will be more fun and festive things to talk about. Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models and give lots of hugs. Play, bake, create, and make those memories.

Ms. Wilkerson

Spirit Day at KES is every Friday! Students and staff are encouraged to show their spirit by wearing KES apparel or KES colors.



Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 12/1 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 12/5 PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 12/6 Wear Your Words
- 12/6 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 12/8 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 12/13 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 12/15 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 12/18 Wear Reindeer Ears
- 12/19 Ugly Sweater Contest
- 12/19 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 12/20 Polar Express Day & PJ's
- 12/20 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 12/21 Wear Santa Hat/Holiday Hat
- 12/21 2nd Quarter Ends
- 12/21 Early Release – 1:45 p.m. for Winter Break
- 12/22-1/3 Winter Break
- 1/4 Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday
- 1/5 Teacher Inservice Day – Student Holiday
- 1/8 Classes Resume for Students
- 1/10 PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day- Holiday

ART We Awesome

Registration for the third session of ART We Awesome, Ketterlinus' Art club with Mr. Lewis, will begin January 8, 2024. ART We Awesome is open to all students K-5 of Ketterlinus Elementary School. 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 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, and 3/4 (dates are subject to change).

ART We Awesome will teach your child to make a faux stained-glass window!! See the front desk, your teacher, or Mr. Lewis for a registration form beginning January 8.

The Character Parade at KES is an all-time favorite event! Our Dolphins dressed up in their favorite costumes and paraded around the bus loop as staff, parents, and family members watched from the sidelines! It was amazing to see the creativity that our students portrayed at this event! There was no lack of smiles, high fives, and fun!



COVE NEWS

December Cove activities will include winter-themed arts and crafts, fun Fridays, and the monthly themed Cove special "Happy Holidays," along with a pizza party.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!



Early Act Club will continue to collect new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots through December 8. If you are able to help spread some joy into the lives of those who are less fortunate, please drop off donations into the boxes located outside Mrs. Hilbert's room, #132.

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 Bet hany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

December 19
January 23
February 20
March 26
April 16
May 14



LOST AND FOUND

Please have your student check the Lost & Found to see if any of the items belong to them. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. In addition, please make sure all your student's belongings are labeled so that we can return them to your student. Thank you for your help in this matter!

STEAM Club!

Our Wednesday STEAM Club is off to a great start! Students have learned about energy transfer, force and motion, and inertia all through the engineering design process!



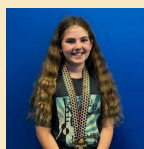
Costume Parade Food Drive

Thank you, KES families, for your donations to the Food Drive! All items were donated to St. Francis House, a local non-profit organization that helps families in need. What generous hearts we have here at KES!



Congratulations to the KES Spelling Bee Winners

1st Place - Harper Petrello
2nd Place - Mark Grosso Garcia



We are so proud of you!



Kids Can Code

Our 1st graders took part in an in-school field study called, "Kids Can Code." A local vendor brought in robots that the kids had to code to do certain tasks. The students took turns at different stations that had various kinds of robots at each station. Using trial and error, the students learned how to correctly code the robots to do what was asked and had so much fun!



School Access

Safety is one of our top priorities at Ketterlinus! Anyone who enters past the front office MUST have an approved School Access form on file. We would love to have you attend activities at the school, such as performances, teacher meetings, school lunches with your student, volunteering, field trips, etc. In addition, please be prepared to scan your driver's license at the front kiosk.



If you have not yet applied and would like to begin the process, please go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>. The application process can take 4-6 weeks. School Access lasts for 3 years. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Volunteer Services at 904-547-3952 or Donna Ott at donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us to renew the form.

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

A Day in the Life of KES



Gentle Reminder



If your student has any communication devices with wireless capabilities and/or videotaping capabilities such as cell phones and watches, etc., they must be turned off and placed in their backpack while on the bus or in school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

f Visit our KES PTO Facebook page at Ketterlinus Elementary School PTO

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.