



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Where we learn, love, and laugh.
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Important Dates at Ketterlinus

2/2	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
2/6	Interims Issued
2/6	PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
2/7	Wear Your Words
2/7	Fun Run
2/7	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
2/9	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
2/14	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
2/16	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
2/19	Presidents Day – Holiday
2/20	SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
2/21	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
2/23	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
2/24	KES Spirit Day at Anastasia Mini Golf 10am-2pm
2/28	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
3/1	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
3/5	PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
3/8	Field Day
3/11-3/15	Spring Break
3/18	Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday
3/19	Classes Resume

KES Outstanding Volunteers of the Year



We want to recognize and congratulate our Outstanding Volunteers of the Year.

Senior Adult – Susan Foody
Adult – Alison Neumark
Youth – Angel Miller

Thank you for all the time, energy, and love that you pour into our students and staff at Ketterlinus. You truly are what makes KES such an amazing school!



Susan Foody



Angel Miller



Alison Neumark

Spotlight on Speech

Wow, this new year is flying by so quickly. I can hardly believe it is already February. It has been a very cold winter, which makes for great weather to get under those blankets and read a book. It's a good time to practice retelling and answering those 'why' questions. Have your children read aloud and listen for their good speech sounds. Also, this semester, we have welcomed our SLP practicum student, Ms. Abby. She will be with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April. Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models and give lots of hugs.
Ms. Wilkerson



Readers are Leaders at KES!

Encourage your child to read every night for 20 minutes to reach their AR goal!



Our Dolphins S.W.I.M. at Ketterlinus

- S** = Safe
- W** = Working Hard
- I** = Improving & Inspiring
- M** = Making Good Choices



Student Advisory Council (SAC)

Dates for 2024

February 20 March 26 April 16 May 14



Child Find

Do you have any concerns about your child's...

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or playing
- Seeing or hearing
- Getting along with other children
- Learning and paying attention
- Self-feeding, dressing, or toileting

Child Find provides **FREE** services for children (birth – 5 years of age) which include screening of communication, motor development, vision, hearing, and preschool readiness skills. Child Find will also give assistance in placing children with special needs in appropriate exceptional student education programs or other early intervention services.

For more information go to <http://www.fdlrsnec.org/child-find-services>

Safety Patrol

We want to take a minute and say "thank you" to our 5th grade Safety Patrol! Every day you come early to school ready to serve those around you! You are a great example of SWIM. (Staying Safe, Working Hard, Inspiring Others and Making Good Choices.) We appreciate you!



K-12 FAST Testing

Standard setting took place in Summer 2023 to establish a new B.E.S.T. scale. Starting in Winter 2023, scores are being reported on the new scale approved by the State Board of Education. The scale score ranges differ by grade and subject. Achievement levels describe a student's success with the content assessed. As required by state law, achievement levels range from 1 to 5, with Level 1 as the lowest and Level 5 as the highest. For all assessments, Level 3 indicates on grade level performance. Higher expectations were established with the adoption of the B.E.S.T. Standards, which are more rigorous than the previous standards, the Florida Standards.

The adopted cut scores for the FAST assessments and B.E.S.T. EOC assessments set higher expectations that bring us a step closer to ensuring all our students are prepared for postsecondary success. Because the two scales were established for two different assessment systems aligned to different standards and the B.E.S.T. Standards are more rigorous than the Florida Standards, performance comparisons should not be made.

Your student received a score for a test on the provisional scale during the 2022–2023 school year or for a fall 2023 assessment (PM2, B.E.S.T. EOC, or FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake), this score will update in the Florida Reporting System and Family Portal to reflect how your student would have scored on the new B.E.S.T. scale. The previous provisional scores are being provided on the B.E.S.T. scale for informational purposes only, so that you can make “apples to apples” comparisons to see your student's progress over time. The converted score will look different because the provisional and B.E.S.T. scales use different number ranges, and the number ranges for B.E.S.T. are lower. This does not mean that the test got easier or that the standard was lowered. The new score is simply placed on a new range of numbers (325–475) vs. the provisional range (425–575).

PTO News

The 2024 KES Fun Run is THIS MONTH (Wednesday, February 7) and we can't wait! As always, we appreciate the support of the families, students, staff, and community for helping us bring it together. Fundraising is in full swing and there is still time to register! Money raised will be used to support student enrichment and to purchase classroom supplies and technology at KES. Use the QR code below or visit the link to get started. Once registered, you will receive a link that you can share with friends and family interested in making a donation in support of your student's run. It's a great way to help the school while promoting wellness, fitness and fun!

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/2024kesfunrun>



Fridays are the BEST at KES! Don't forget to show your Spirit by wearing KES colors or a KES shirt!



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



KES Spirit Day

Come out and join us for the KES Spirit Day at Anastasia Mini Golf (701 Anastasia Blvd.) on Saturday, February 24, from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Be sure to mention that you are with KES and 50% of the proceeds will benefit KES! It is sure to be a great time!

Don't forget to order your 2023/24 Ketterlinus Yearbook!

ONLINE ONLY!

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.

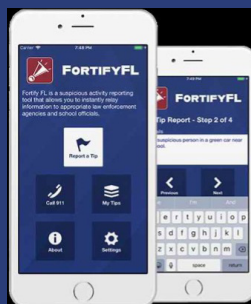
Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

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

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/>



Save The Date Field Day is March 8!

This is a KES favorite! It is a fun-filled, springtime event which gives kids the chance to celebrate the school year, show some class pride, and spend a day being active. Please make sure your student brings their water bottles and wears socks, tennis shoes, and active attire. In addition, please apply sunscreen before coming to school. We can't wait for this fun event. We will also need approved volunteers to help make this day a success. Be on the lookout for information coming out about this.



Visit our KES PTO Facebook page at Ketterlinus Elementary School PTO