



KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Ketterlinus Art News

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

Wednesday, May 16, 2024 | 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!!!



Kindergarten 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 have many differences. Our kindergarten 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 9! Get them returned in time for the Art Show!!

Congratulations to our KES Robotics Team

The KES Combobulators, "The Bobs," received a bid to go to the Northeast Florida Regional Competition in Alachua County on Saturday, February 17, from the SJCSD qualifying competition where they received the 1st Place Champions Award! Go BOBS!



KES Honors Choir



On February 21, nine of our KES Honors Choir Members participated in the SJCSD Elementary School Honors Choir. This was a day when a select group of students from elementary schools across the district met and had an entire day of choral music. The event was led by Mrs. Virginia Dickert, who works with the Jacksonville Children's Choir. The students worked on a variety of different styles of choral music including classical, pop and musical theater, as well as a song in a foreign language that included a dance. The day ended with a wonderful concert performed by the students for their friends, families, and community members.

Gentle Reminder



Our students attend Field Studies throughout the year, and they are such fun and exciting experiences for them. We ask that you please refrain from showing up at any Field Study event for which you have not been selected to chaperone. This includes all our local destinations, such as Swing Park, The Fort, etc. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Field Day

As always, the KES annual Field Day was a blast! There were plenty of smiles and friendly competition! We want to give a big shout out to all the volunteers that helped make this event run so smoothly!



Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 3/26-4/12 Kids Heart Challenge
- 4/3 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 4/3 Wear Your Words
- 4/5 Class Photo/Optional Spring Photo
- 4/5 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 4/9 PTO Meeting - 7:50 a.m.
- 4/9-4/12 Goodwill Donation Drive
- 4/10 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 4/12 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 4/16 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 4/17 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 4/19 Student/Teacher Holiday
- 4/23 Interims Issued
- 4/24 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 4/26 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/1 Wear Your Words

Testing Dates

| STAR Testing | FAST Testing | Math |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Reading | Writing | 3rd Grade - May 9 |
| Kindergarten - May 1 | 4th Grade - April 4 | 4th Grade - May 10 |
| 1st Grade - May 2 | 5th Grade - April 2 | 5th Grade - May 14 |
| 2nd Grade - May 3 | Reading | Science |
| Math | 3rd Grade - May 2 | 3th Grade - May 16 |
| Kindergarten - May 10 | 4th Grade - May 3 | |
| 1st Grade - May 13 | 5th Grade - May 7 | |
| 2nd Grade - May 14 | | |

Student Advisory Council (SAC)

Dates for 2024

Our SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. If you have any questions or would like to join this team, please contact Bethany

Hilbert at Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us

April 16

May 14



The master calendar for 2024-25 school year is now available online at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. This is a great way to plan for holidays and vacations.



Spotlight on Speech

Spring has officially started. We are on the homestretch as we have started the 4th quarter. It has been a busy year in speech. We are still adding new friends to our groups. It is wonderful to see my 'seasoned' speech friends make our new speech friends feel so welcome and teach them about our rules, expectations, and the strategies to help improve their speech and language skills. It is a very proud moment to watch them share their knowledge. While the end of May seems far away, this last quarter does go by quickly. End of year projects, assessments and activities keep us all busy. Of course, it also means we are getting closer to our root beer float party at the end of May. Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models and give lots of hugs.

Ms. Wilkerson



WordMasters Challenge!

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 **195 points out of a possible 200 in the second of three meets this year, placing first in the nation.** Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the **WordMasters Challenge**, fifth graders Morgan H., Owen N., Emma P., Harper P., and Thomas W. each earned a perfect score of 20 on the challenge. Nationally, only 28 fifth graders achieved this result. Other students from Ketterlinus Elementary School who achieved outstanding results in the meet include Sophie B., Ava D., Aaden L., Olivia P., Deacon S., Miles W., and Noa W. The students were coached in preparation for the **WordMasters Challenge** by their teachers.

3rd Grade High Scores!

Harrison B.
Elizabeth C.
Ella L.
Kale R.
Julia S.
Liv W.
Nathan W.

5th Grade High Scores!

Kiley A.
Thea B.
Sophie B.
Saraiya C.
Lillian D.
Ava D.
Liam D.
Christa F.
Trystin G.
Mark G.
Ruby J.
Taniyah J.
James K.
Aaden L.
Scarlett M.
Kinsley M.

Olivia P.
Isaac P.
Samira R.
Colton R.
Deacon S.
Miles W.
Payton W.
Noa W.
Samuel W.
Austin W.

4th Grade High Scores!

Ben B.
Elias C.
Bryleigh H.
Gavin L.
Lex T.
Nicholas W.

5th Grade Perfect Scores!

Morgan H.
Owen N.
Emma P.
Harper P.
Thomas W.

PTO News

The KES PTO would like to extend a huge thank you to our local business partners who placed a banner on the sponsorship fence this year! Your generous contributions help us fund classroom supplies, school-wide enrichment programs, staff appreciation activities, and school spirit events and materials, and more. Thank you for your support and commitment to the students, families, and staff at KES!



Cove News

Cove is now accepting enrollments for the 2024-25 school year. However, due to staffing issues, we are at a first-come first-serve basis for Cove enrollment. At this time, and with our current staff, we can have 60 students in our program. If our staffing situation changes, we will increase our numbers. Please make sure to take advantage of our Cove incentives. **Registration fee will be waived if the 1st month payment for 2024-25 school is received by 5/24/24 (the last day of school).**

Registration fees paid on or before June 30th are \$35 (per student)
Registration fees increase to \$70 after June 30th (per student)



Get Involved at KES!! PTO is looking for volunteers to be board members. This is a fun and rewarding way to help our school. If interested, please contact Lindsay Niewoehner lindsay.kes.pto@gmail.com or Kathy Tucker at Kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Don't Forget to Order your 2023/2024 Ketterlinus Yearbook!

Price is \$30 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.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Poster Contest Winners!!

Congratulations to Sydney Taisey for winning 1st place & Padme' Forsythe for winning 3rd place! We are so proud of you! This year's theme was "America, be true to what you said on paper." This is an annual contest sponsored by SJEI in collaboration with the St. John's County MLK Jr. Celebration Committee.

Enrollment 24-25 School Year

We are enrolling new students for the 24-25 school year. Please encourage your neighbors to begin the registration process for any upcoming kindergarten student, or new student to our school district. New Student Registration is on-line at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/update/>. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom to the 24-25 school year. For families that are currently on a hardship waiver, or seeking a hardship waiver, they can begin that process now at <https://registration.powerschool.com/family/ActionForms/Public/38439>. Controlled Open Enrollment information can be found on the district website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/coe/>. The window opens May 1 and runs through May 24. Lottery and notification will begin on May 27.

Returning Students Registration 2024-2025

For all currently enrolled students, an email will be sent out from the district in early April called "Returning Student Verification" (RSV). Completion of the RSV counts as registration for next year. Students will receive a prize if their RSV is completed online by May 23.

Recess Time is Always a Favorite at KES!



Please remember to bring your driver's license when entering the school for any reason. Anyone who enters past the front office **MUST scan their license to enter the school.** Per District-wide change, all sign-in kiosks no longer have keyboards.