

KETTERLINUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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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-served 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.

The 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 30 are \$35 (per student)
Registration fees increase to \$70 after June 30 (per student)

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!!

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.



Lagoon News

Readers are Leaders! Don't forget to read every night and try and reach your AR goal before May 17. You can do it! We are gearing up for the end of the school year. All books must be returned to the Lagoon by May 10.

Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 5/1-5/16 STAR/FAST Testing
- 5/1 Wear Your Words
- 5/3 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/7 PTO Meeting – 7:50 a.m.
- 5/8 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/10 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/14 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 5/15 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/16 KES Art Show & Ice Cream – 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 5/17 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 5/20 5th Grade Islands of Adventure Trip
- 5/22 5th Grade Dance – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- 5/22 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 5/23 VPK Graduation – 5:00 p.m.
- 5/24 5th Grade Graduation – 9:00 a.m.
- 5/24 Last Day for Students – Early Release 1:45 p.m.
- 5/24 Report Cards Issued



Mark Your Calendars- The 2024/2025 School Year Starts August 12. Also, 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.

A Day in the Life of KES



Don't forget to click the link on our KES website to stay up to date with many opportunities!



Elementary Report Cards will be issued on May 24th.

Spotlight on Speech

It has been a great year in speech-language therapy. We enjoyed our time with our speech therapy student intern, Ms. Abby, and wish her well. All my speech friends have shown growth in their speech and/or language skills. I am so very proud of all the hard work they have done throughout the year! Now that the end of the school year is quickly approaching, we will celebrate by having a Root Beer Float Day in the middle of May. I want to wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer. Enjoy your time off!

May is National Speech-Language-Hearing Month. This is a time to raise awareness about speech and language disorders, which are among the most common disabilities that school-aged children experience. This is also a time to help all students, no matter how they communicate, to feel included in their school community. Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models and give lots of hugs.

Ms. Wilkerson



Kids Heart Challenge Update

The Kids Heart Challenge: Inspiring and Supporting Whole Body Health was a great success at KES! Thank you to all who contributed!



Testing Dates

STAR Testing Reading

Kindergarten - May 1
1st Grade - May 2
2nd Grade - May 3

Math

Kindergarten - May 10
1st Grade - May 13
2nd Grade - May 14

FAST Testing Reading

3rd Grade - May 2
4th Grade - May 3
5th Grade - May 7

Math

3rd Grade - May 9
4th Grade - May 10
5th Grade - May 14

Science

3th Grade - May 16



Don't go down this slide!

By Sue Brush, Instructional Literacy Coach

The "Summer Slide" in reading is the tendency for students to lose the reading gains made during the school year. Why? Students who do not read over the summer break from school not only slow their reading growth, but research also shows these students regress in their abilities. Students who read over the summer break continue to grow in their reading skills! Help prevent your child from going down that "Summer Slide in Reading" by continuing the daily reading routines you created during the school year.

Tips for Summer Reading

1. Read together with your child every day.

Make it fun by reading outside, on the front porch, patio, at the beach, or park. Take turns listening to your child read and reading to your child. Ask questions. Talk about what you are reading. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model the behavior we want to see in our children. Keep a variety of reading material around the house. Turn off all electronic devices and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of interacting with the text and build the capacity for thought and insight.

4. Let kids choose what they want to read and encourage reading in all genres.

It will open their minds to new reading experiences and motivate kids to want to read.

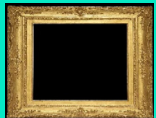
5. Listen to audio books.

Listen to them in the car or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

6. Take your child to the library regularly.

Weekly visits to the St. Johns County Public Library provide fun reading opportunities.

Remember, at Ketterlinus Elementary School we believe, Readers are Leaders!



Volunteer Hall of Fame!

For the month of April, our students and staff were thrilled to launch our KES Volunteer Hall of Fame, dedicated to honoring and recognizing our KES volunteers. Volunteers who generously contributed 20+ hours of their time and energy had their picture taken and displayed in the Hall of Fame! "Thank you for helping our students develop by being in the picture!" Ketterlinus would not be the same without YOU!!



Congratulations to Michael Oakes

We are thrilled to announce that our esteemed Technology Support Specialist, Michael Oakes, has been recognized as the Honorary TSS for the "Wayne Kizewski IT Superhero Award" for the month of April! This award is a testament to Michael's dedication and service in supporting our students and staff. He is a true superhero in our IT department! Please join us in congratulating Michael on this well-deserved achievement!



Thank you to the All American Air Charitable Foundation for their generous gift of \$700. This donation will be used towards ping pong tables and equipment for our KES students.



The PTO would like to thank the Ketterlinus families, teachers, staff, volunteers, and community for being so incredibly supportive of our organization, students, and amazing school! We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in August!

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.



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 at the end of the school year.

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.