

Principal's Corner

KES Families and Friends –

Thank you for your support for a wonderful and smooth start to the school year. The students have been doing an amazing job. Our new students have jumped right in and done a great job becoming familiar with the school routines and culture.

In light of recent news, I want to share with you the importance of keeping your emergency contact information up to date. We try to keep automated phone calls to a minimum – for urgent situations. Please make sure your information is up to date in Home Access Center (HAC). You can review that information for accuracy. If anything is incorrect, please call the school's computer operator to make the necessary changes. Mrs. Mary Tatum can be reached at (904) 547-8546.

Over the next few weeks, we will be conducting a couple of safety drills. These are DRILLS to practice safety procedures. I will send you an email as a reminder that these occurred in case your child comes home and explains it differently. This school year will be a very special year for Ketterlinus Elementary School. We will be celebrating 100 years as a school. We will be forming a planning committee to organize various events for the students and community. If you are interested in serving on that committee, please let me know via email @ kathy.tucker@stjohns.k12.fl.us

I appreciate your help in making our school a wonderful place for our students. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Kathy Tucker, Principal

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

10/1	PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m. Media Center
10/2	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/2	Coffee with a Cop – 7:30-8:30 a.m.
10/2	Wear Your Words
10/4	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/9	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/11	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/11	1st Quarter Ends
10/14	Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday
10/15-10/18	Red Ribbon Week
10/15	SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m. Media Center
10/16	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/18	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/18	Report Cards Issued
10/18	Picture Retakes
10/23	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/25	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/30	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/31	Character Parade – 9:15 a.m.

KES Spirit Night at Marble Slab was a Blast! Thanks for coming out to support KES.



New Attendance Procedure!

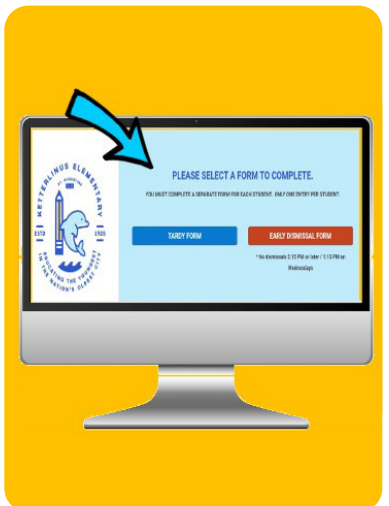
We will no longer be using the outside clipboard for tardies & early dismissals.

If you should need to sign your student(s) in or out of school, please head to our convenient lobby computer to enter the appropriate on-screen form.

- All fields must be completed
- Submit one form PER STUDENT
- Please close the form tab at the top to submit

If you are signing a student out, please note that it must be prior to 2:15 (1:15 on Wednesday) and you must show your license at the front desk once you have submitted the form.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our records accurate and keeping our students safe.



A/B Honor Roll Program

Reminder: The A/B Honor Card program has transitioned into a digital format. If your child has earned a spot on the A/B honor roll, they are now eligible for exclusive discounts at various exciting establishments in St. Johns County. To take advantage of this opportunity, kindly follow these simple steps:

1. Access <https://myhonorcard.com> on your smartphone.
2. Input your child's student ID number and date of birth in the designated fields.
3. Once your child's name appears, present your phone to the participating business representative to receive the special discount.

For any inquiries, please contact 904-547-3945 between 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Reminder: Spirit Day is on Fridays! Wear your KES shirts or wear something in KES blue!



Student Advisory Council (SAC) Dates for 2024/2025

October 15	What is SAC? It is a group of parents, staff, and community members who meet monthly to discuss Ketterlinus' school goals and make decisions that are in the best interest of the school.
November 19	Our KES SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays 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. To sign up, or if you would like more information, please contact Bethany Hilbert at Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us .
December 17	
January 21	
February 18	
March 11	
April 15	
May 20	

It's time to order your 2024/25 Ketterlinus Yearbook! ONLINE ORDERS ONLY.

Order now and save!

Cost is \$25 until 2/14
After that, the price goes up to \$30.00 until they are sold out.

Order online and pay on the Leonard's website at buytheyearbook.com.
Use code 724574 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.



**GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
FAMILIES & STUDENTS!**

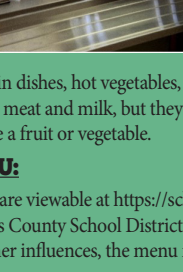
**LOOK FOR THIS LINK AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT
OF OUR KES HOMEPAGE!*



School Flyers

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School Pay – KES will be using **School Pay for all school-related fees**. This is a convenient and secure way for you to make payments. The only exception to this would be “snacks” in the cafeteria. Create an account at <https://www.schoolpay.com/login/>



KES Cafeteria Guide

All student meals (breakfast and/or lunch) are free this school year!

STUDENT MEAL REQUIREMENTS:

Breakfast includes a choice of hot or cold breakfast with milk, juice, and fruit choices. Lunch includes a choice of hot main dishes, hot vegetables, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk. Students are encouraged to include meat and milk, but they are not required. Free meals require three items, one of which must be a fruit or vegetable.

MENU:

Menus are viewable at <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/KetterlinusElementary> or the St Johns County School District Website. Please note that due to supply chain issues, recalls, and other influences, the menu may change.

HOW DOES THE STUDENT ACCESS THEIR MEAL ACCOUNT AT THE SCHOOL?

All students received a personal identification number (PIN) for their meal account at the beginning of the year. Your student should memorize this number since they will use this PIN number until he/she leaves that school.

ALA CARTE ITEMS:

Ketterlinus offers extra items such as ice cream, baked chips, water, and juice. These items range in price from \$.50 to \$1.00 and are not included in the free meal program.

PREPAYMENT FOR FOOD ITEMS:

Student account balances are on the website www.paypams.com at no charge to you. Student account balances, either positive or negative, from the previous school year, will roll into the new school year unless a refund is requested.

Credit card prepayment to a meal account can be made online at <https://www.paypams.com>, as cafeterias only accept checks or cash. If a check is used, please include the student's name and personal identification number (PIN) on the check in the memo section.

Prepayment is encouraged, as it speeds the students through the line.

PARENTAL RESTRICTIONS:

Parental restrictions can be recorded on your student's meal account. Once restrictions are entered, they cannot be removed unless the parent provides the school with a document requesting that the restrictions be removed. If your child has food allergies, please provide physician instructions detailing the allergies and prescribed substitutions.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE FOOD SERVICE MANAGER:

The food service manager is on-site before school starts. Please e-mail the Cafeteria Manager John Harpst at john.harpst@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions or concerns. We encourage copying your student's teacher on any communications.

Cove News

The upcoming event in the Cove promises to be a lot of fun! The “It’s Time to Harvest” festival is our October special and will take place on October 30. The afternoon will be packed with activities, including pie-eating contests, face painting, arts and crafts, games, and more. Also, keep an eye out for details about our annual pumpkin patch project, where students will decorate a pumpkin to look like a KES staff member they have selected



FortifyFL App

FortifyFL is a 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/>

Spotlight on Speech

Welcome to the Speech Spot
Happy October Speech Friends!
We are finally into our new schedule and seem to have things figured out. We know our speech goals and will work hard to reach them. We have been learning about our speech articulators with the help of “Bob” our mouth model. It has been a lot of fun trying to move his mouth into the right place to make his (and our) speech sound correct.

Fall sports are in full swing, making it a great time to get outdoors, put on your favorite hoodie, and cheer on your favorite athlete. Remember these experiences help support background knowledge and help when reading and having conversations.

Let's continue to use our strategies to have our best speech sounds and increase our language skills.

Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models, and give lots of hugs.


Ms. Wilkerson



School Access

Safety is one of our top priorities at Ketterlinus! As we start the new school year, please ensure that you have applied for School Access. Anyone entering past the front office MUST have an approved School Access on file. School Access allows you to attend activities such as performances, teacher meetings, school lunches with your students, volunteering, field trips, etc. Additionally, please remember to always bring your driver's license when visiting the school, as you will need it to sign in at the front kiosk.

If you have not yet applied for School Access and would like to begin the process, please visit <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>. The application process can take up to 4-6 weeks. School Access is valid 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.



Child Safety
Matters

- Know What's Up
- Spot Red Flags
- Make a Move
- Talk it Up
- No Blame / No Shame

From the School Counselor

In the coming weeks, all students Kindergarten – 5th grade will be introduced to the Child Safety Matters curriculum. This is an abuse prevention education curriculum designed for elementary-aged children (K-5), created by the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. This district-approved curriculum introduces students to personal safety, understanding safe and unsafe situations, and teaches them safety tools to use in any situation when they may feel unsafe. This curriculum meets the state mandate to teach Child Trafficking prevention. For more information, please visit <https://mbfpreventioneducation.org/> and the Florida Department of Education.

Visit our KES PTO on Social Media!



Ketterlinus Elementary School PTO



@Ketterlinuselementarypto

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.