

**KES Staff would like to wish you  
a Happy New Year!**

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2025**

**Student Advisory Council (SAC)  
Dates for 2024/2025**

January 21  
February 18  
March 11  
April 15  
May 20

Our KES SAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:45 a.m. in the Media Center. If you need additional information, please contact Bethany Hilbert at [Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us).



**CHARACTER COUNTS! in St. Johns County Six Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk**  
**WHEN** - February 1, 2025 - 9:00 AM  
**WHERE** - Palencia Elementary School  
- 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095  
**ENTRY FEES** - 6K/3K - \$30 before January 1 - \$35 January 1 - 31 - \$40 on Race Day  
**REGISTER** at [racesmith.com](http://racesmith.com)

**PTO News**

Happy Holidays All,

We hope you're having a wonderful season so far. A massive thank you to all who donated to our Stock the Staff Lounge effort. They should be all set for this snacky season, but the link on our socials will stay active to send them goodies all year! 🎄🌟 We had a blast celebrating during the PTO Nights of Lights Trolley Tours. We sang carols so loud the tourists could all hear how we do holidays right here in Saint Augustine! 🏠 Thank you to Ashley Coffey for organizing such a spirit-building spirit night! Wrapping up the year, we have much to celebrate here. One of them is a new Gaga ball pit for the school. We're not just fundraising, it's fun-raising! We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. As we enter the new year and look to the future, there are a few considerations we need from our dolphin supporters like you!...

We could use a few important gifts here at the KES PTO:

• 🌟NEW MEMBERS 🌟Next meeting is January 7, 8:00 am in the library :) there is no present more valuable than your presence! 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟



- 🌟Donations to help our 5th graders experience the annual Islands of Adventure trip this year. 🌟🌟
- We really need your help to make the magic happen for these kiddos this year, it's riding on us elves! 🧚 We need to raise about 4k!
- Here's a QR code to donate, we know you're busy, Donate with the message -5th Grade Fundraiser- in the notes 🧡🧡🧡

**KES Early Act**

We want to express our gratitude to our KES families for their incredible generosity! Thank you for your donations to our local Toys for Tots Campaign. Your contributions have helped bring joy and hope to the St. Johns County community during this holiday season



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**Important Dates at Ketterlinus**

- 1/3 Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday
- 1/6 Classes Resume for Students
- 1/7 PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 1/8 Wear Your Words
- 1/8 NO Early Release – Pick up 2:45 p.m.
- 1/10 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/14 Spirit Night – Outback Steakhouse
- 1/15 NO Early Release – Pick up 2:45 p.m.
- 1/16 Report Cards Issued
- 1/30 100 Days of School
- 1/17 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr, Day – Holiday
- 1/21 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 1/22 NO Early Release – Pick up 2:45 p.m.
- 1/24 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 1/27 Literacy Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/29 NO Early Release – Pick up 2:45 p.m.
- 1/31 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 2/3 Character Counts 6k/3k – 9:00 a.m.



**KES Outstanding  
Volunteers of the Year**

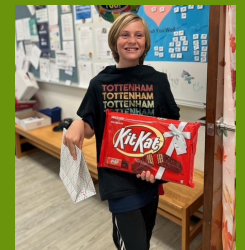
We want to recognize and congratulate our Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. Your dedication, energy, and love for our students and staff make KES a truly amazing school!



Mona Donofrio  
Senior Adult



Pamela Starratt  
Adult



Daniel Wooldridge  
Youth



**Congratulations  
Mrs. Tucker!!**

Mrs. Tucker was selected to win the Elementary Principal's Advocacy Award. It is presented by the Florida Association for Media in Education. The award recognizes an elementary principal in our state who demonstrated support and advocacy in the development of an exemplary school library media program.

**KES Holiday Fun... from reindeer ears to ugly sweaters  
and pj's! It was the most wonderful time of the year!**



## 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](http://buytheyearbook.com).

Use code 724574 to find Ketterlinus and follow the steps to complete your order.

### Attention parents of 5th grade students!

There is limited space available for dedication ads in the 2024-2025 yearbook. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through February 7, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. **No exceptions can be made as space is limited!** We have three ad sizes available. 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](mailto:lindsay.robertson@stjohns.k12.fl.us). If submitting a jump drive, please remember to label it with your child's name. All photos must be submitted in jpg format and separate from the dedication wording, which can be emailed and typed in Microsoft Word or submitted on the jump drive. Please, no PDF formatted ad materials. Please direct any questions via email, and payments to Lindsay Robertson.

¼ Page	\$35	1-4 Photos, plus message
½ Page	\$60	1-6 Photos, plus message
Full Page	\$100	1-12 Photos, plus message

### New Attendance Procedure!

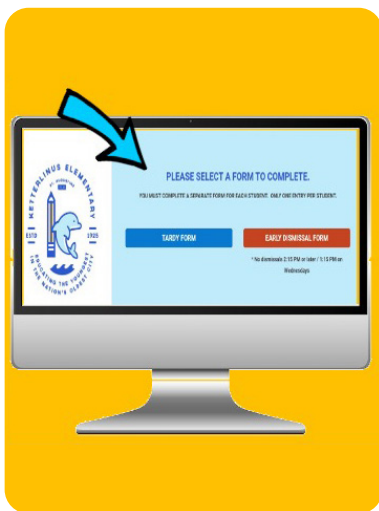
We will no longer be using the outside clipboard for tardies & early dismissals.

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.



## Coach's Corner

WOW...the new year is quickly approaching! 2025, here we come! A gentle reminder from Coach Allen to be prepared and safe for PE. TENNIS shoes are very important to wear for class. Unsafe shoes in PE include: Crocs, Tom Tom's, Hey Dudes, any type of boot, and Vans that no longer fit securely on the foot (they clip up and down). Hey Dudes and Tom Tom's slide on the floor, and students tend to fall or lose their shoes when running. We also don't want other students falling or tripping over shoes that have come off.

Students know when they have PE. Their classroom teacher either has it in their class newsletter, or it is posted in their room as a reminder.

Please come prepared to participate and have fun!!

Thank you,  
Coach Allen



Congratulations to our KES News Crew from last year for achieving 3rd place in the Jim Harbin Student Festival Award! This is an incredible accomplishment, as they competed against 312 submitted videos to secure their position. Well done, team!

## Spotlight on Speech

Welcome to 2025!

I can hardly believe we are starting a new year. I keep asking myself where the time goes. We were so busy working hard that I almost missed the deadline to get this newsletter out ..(Thank you Mrs. Donna for your grace).

I hope you were able to spend lots of time together making memories and enjoying the love of family and friends.

My speech friends continue working hard to improve their sounds, think about what they are reading, and try to answer and ask good questions.

Remember, be a good listener, provide good speech models, and give lots of hugs. It is going to be another wonderful year.

- Ms. Wilkerson



## Congratulations to the KES Spelling Bee Winners

We are so proud of you!



1st Place – Gavin Legette



2nd Place – Harrison Petty



## WordMasters Challenge!

Our students in grades 3-5 will be competing again in the WordMasters Challenge. The WordMasters

Challenge™ is a national competition for students in grades 3-8 that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. Each year, over 125,000 students from some of the best public and private schools throughout the United States participate in the WordMasters Challenge. Unlike other language arts competitions for this age group – which focus on grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other language mechanics – the WordMasters Challenge™ helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Excellence in the competition will require both a mastery of the meanings of the vocabulary words (of difficulty appropriate to each grade level) and thoughtful reasoning about the relationships between these words and more familiar language used in the competition's analogies. KES students began their training in October, and their first meet was on November 13. Let's congratulate the students with Perfect Scores and High Scores!!

### 3rd Grade High Scores!

Garren C. Mark B.  
Luke B. Augustine C.  
Lila B. Ferris C.  
Spencer B. Aaliyah C.  
Kinley B. Adelaide F.

### 4th Grade High Scores!

Addison R.  
Liv W.

### 5th Grade High Scores!

Grant E. Elias C. Coraline M.  
Kaden H. Olivia D. Aria O.  
Laina J. Izzy D. Harrison P.  
Violet P. Caden M. Lincoln P.  
Cort P. Nora S. Tucker R.  
Isla R. Trent T. Gigi W.  
Sawyer S. Lyla E. Carmen A.  
Jude T. Kate E. Madalynn C.  
Chloe T. Robert F. Joseph H.  
Nicholas W. Jaxon F. Kate M.  
Shyanne W. Ella H. Thomas S.  
Ben B. Nellie L.

### 5th Grade Perfect Scores!

Elijah P.  
Gavin L.  
Lex T.  
River G.

## Art Club Update

I am thrilled to announce that ART WE AWESOME, Ketterlinus' Art Club, is now full! Thank you to everyone for your enthusiastic support and interest. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming special events!  
- Mr. Lewis



## New Security Feature

The black iron metal gate will ONLY be open for morning arrivals from 7:55 to 8:15 AM and regular dismissals from 2:45 to 3:10 PM. At all other times, the gate will be closed, and the office receptionist will use a camera and intercom at the gate to let visitors in. For early or late arrivals, please park in a visitor spot and walk your child(ren) into the school. **Do not let your child walk alone.**

Parents picking up students from Cove or after-school activities also need to be buzzed in. We understand this may be inconvenient, but it helps keep our students and staff safe. Thank you for your support.

## 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.*