

## Important Dates at Ketterlinus

- 3/2 Spirit Day at Mini Golf – 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- 3/4 PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 3/5 Wear Your Words
- 3/5 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 3/7 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 3/11 SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m.
- 3/12 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 3/13 3rd Quarter Ends
- 3/13 **Field Day**
- 3/14 **Teacher Planning Day – Student Holiday**
- 3/17-3/21 **Spring Break**
- 3/24 **Classes Resume**
- 3/26 Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
- 3/27 **Report Cards Issued**
- 3/27 **Class Photo/Optional Spring Photo**
- 3/28 Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
- 4/1 PTO Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
- 4/2 Wear Your Words

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## Literacy Week

Literacy Week was such an exciting week! It was filled with activities to raise awareness about the importance of reading! Each day was filled with excitement and fun! We also hosted the KES Family Literacy Night Café, which was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who joined us in the celebration.



## Student Advisory Council Dates for 2025

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](mailto:Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

March 11      April 15      May 20

## PTO NEWS

**THANK YOU** to our amazing community for making the 2025 KES Fun Run a truly special event. Our dolphins ran a combined 490 miles, encouraged by family, community volunteers, teachers, and staff. The morning was complete with music, bubbles, a few special guest appearances, and a popsicle zone! We are grateful for the many volunteers who made the day possible and for the generosity of the KES families and friends who made the fundraiser a success. Fun Run proceeds will be used to support literacy and student enrichment, and to purchase technology and classroom supplies at KES!



## Please Note:

Early Release Wednesday is Back! Every Wednesday Dismissal is at 1:45 p.m.

We would like to extend our sincerest apologies for the oversight in last month's newsletter. We want to clarify that our Safety Patrol consists of both 4th and 5th graders. We appreciate the contributions of all students involved and thank you for your understanding!



**Spring Forward - March 9th**

**Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour!**

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## 100 Days of School...

On January 30, we celebrated the 100th day of school! Each year on this day, our kindergarteners and staff dress up as if they were 100 years old. It's so much fun to see everyone laughing and enjoying themselves in their costumes! Check out the pictures below.



## Spotlight on Speech

It's that time of year when a bit of practice, along with some luck, helps us enhance our speech and language skills. We are in a groove and working hard. It is great to see speech friends being leaders in our groups. I am also very proud of how welcoming everyone has been to Ms. Katie, our SLP graduate student intern. Ms. Katie has been doing an excellent job working with everyone. This month we are wrapping up the 3rd quarter and will start the final quarter after spring break.

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

-Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Katie



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



## Field Day is March 13



This is a favorite event for KES! It is a fun-filled, springtime celebration that allows kids to show their class pride, and enjoy a fun, active day outdoors. Please ensure your student brings a water bottle with their name on it and have your student wear socks, tennis shoes, and active clothing. Additionally, be sure to apply sunscreen before coming to school. We are excited for this event! We will also need approved volunteers to help ensure the day is a success, if you are interested, please contact Donna Ott at [donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

**CLINICS**  
March 24th & 26th  
6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

**Evaluations**  
March 29th  
Check in @ 12:45 p.m.  
Begins @ 1:00p.m.

**Cheerleader**  
Eagles

Register Here  
by March 23rd!

Clinic & Evls held at **SPARC Athletics**  
94 Thomas Industry Way #103. St. Augustine, FL



**Readers are Leaders at KES! Please encourage your child to read every night for 20 minutes to reach their AR goal! The deadline for this quarter is March 13.**

## Early Registration 2025-2026

Early Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on March 3 on the SJCS D website. Early registration is only for children new to the school district, including those entering kindergarten. For all currently enrolled students, please watch for an email from the district in early April called "Returning Student Verification" (RSV) to register your child. You must complete the RSV to be registered for next year.

Employee and Hardship Out of Zone Transfer Request applications will become available on March 1 on the SJCS D website.

## Art News

Cliff Beaman, the artist, will be at KES on April 2nd to give a presentation to help us celebrate the 100th year of KES in his art. He draws a colorful 4 x 7-foot mural with inspiring music and special lighting effects that will be presented to the students. The title of this performance will be "The Earth, You, and Me!" Per state/district policy, students will need a signed permission slip to attend the performance. Permission slips were sent home with your student; please return this form as soon as possible. We look forward to celebrating our 100th year of KES with Cliff Beaman!

## FAST Testing

5th grade FAST Writing Tuesday, April 1st

4th grade FAST Writing Thursday, April 3rd

Families may go to the FAST website for additional information and practice tests. <https://flfast.org/families.html>

Volunteers are needed to serve as proctors. Please stay tuned for information on how to sign up!

## Don't forget to order your 2024/25 Ketterlinus Yearbook! Price is \$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.

## Clever, Schoology, Tech-Talk, Microsoft 365

Would you like more information about Clever, Schoology, Tech-Talk or Microsoft 365? Check out this recording on the Media Services YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-LoOpGKwVI>



## Visit our KES PTO on Social Media!

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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.