

RECESS TIME!



Parent Reminder: Updated Cell Phone Policy for Students



Dear Families, this is a reminder about the updated policy regarding cell phone/smart watch use for elementary and middle school students. As outlined in the **2025–2026 Student Code of Conduct** (pages 25–26, items #10 and #11), **wireless communication devices**—including cell phones and smart watches—are **not permitted to be visible or in use during the school day**. Students who breach this policy will receive a referral.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and distraction-free learning environment for all students.



Character Parade/ Community Service Project

The KES Annual Character Parade is happening soon on October 31! To get ready for this event, make sure you have an approved School Access form on file through our new Raptor system. To apply for School Access, scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, contact Donna Ott at donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Additionally, we will be participating in a community service project for a local charity. Keep an eye out for a list of donation items.



A Friendly Reminder About Visitor Attire

We love welcoming our families into our school community and truly value your presence and involvement. As role models for our students, we kindly ask that all visitors dress in a way that reflects the respectful and professional environment we strive to maintain. While gym attire such as sports bras or tops that expose the midriff may be perfect for a workout, they are better suited for the gym than the school setting. Also, please make sure any hats or shirts do not have any inappropriate words, slogans, or pictures. Your support in maintaining a positive and appropriate atmosphere helps reinforce the values we teach our students every day. **Thank you for being such an important part of our school family and for helping us create a welcoming and respectful environment for all!**

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

10/1	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/1	Coffee with a Cop – 7:45-8:30 a.m.
10/1	Wear Your Words
10/3	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/8	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/10	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/10	1st Quarter Ends
10/13	Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday
10/15	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/17	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/20-10/24	Red Ribbon Week
10/21	Spirit Night at Zaxby's – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
10/21	SAC Meeting – 7:45 a.m. Media Center
10/22	Report Cards Issued
10/22	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/24	Spirit Day – Wear your KES T-shirt
10/29	Early Release – 1:45 p.m.
10/31	Character Parade – 9:15 a.m.

Important Attendance Procedure!

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

- All fields must be completed
- Submit one form PER STUDENT
- Enter student's legal name (No nicknames)
- Please close the form tab at the top to submit

Early Dismissal Policy:

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.



Readers are Leaders! Encourage your student to read every night for 20 minutes and to reach their Accelerated Reader (AR) goal!



Student Advisory Council (SAC) Dates for 2025/2026

October 21
November 18
December 16
January 20
February 17
March 24
April 21
May 19

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. 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 Catherine Williamson at Catherine.Williamson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



School Access

As we start the new school year, please ensure that you have applied for School Access through our new Raptor System. Scan the QR code to apply. Anyone entering past the front office MUST have an approved School Access form on file. School Access allows you to attend activities such as performances, teacher meetings, school lunches with your students, volunteering, field trips, etc.

Reminder: When you visit the school, remember to bring a valid photo ID. You will need to scan it at the kiosk located in the front office to receive your visitor badge. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ott at donna.ott@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



KES Cafeteria Guide

All student meals 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 often.

ALA CARTE ITEMS:

Ketterlinus offers extra items, such as ice cream, baked chips, water, and juice. These items range in price from \$.50 to \$1.25 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 up 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 parents provide the school with a document requesting that the restrictions be removed. If your child has food allergies, please provide the physician's 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.



Have you ever thought that your child could use extra support? Someone to talk to, someone who could maybe help with schoolwork, or someone to help with their self-confidence? Then you might want to think about our BBBS Site-Based program. In this program, we match a thoroughly screened volunteer (Big) with a child (Little). The Big then visits the Little on a weekly basis during the Little's lunchtime (or sometimes they come to an afterschool program). They can have lunch together, play games, do a craft, or visit the library. Kids who have a Big Brother or Big Sister tend to earn better grades, have better self-esteem, and often develop a lifelong friendship with their Big. Each match is closely monitored and supported by a professionally trained Match Support Specialist.

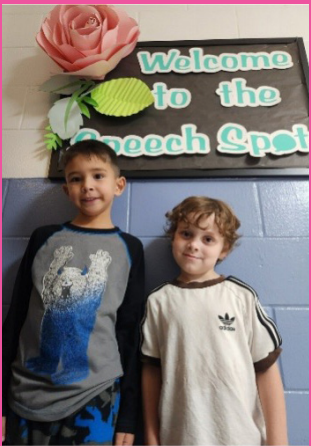
Inquire today at <https://www.bbbsstjohns.org/enroll-a-child.html>

Welcome to the Speech Spot

Happy October, Speech Friends!

It has been a busy few weeks, and everyone has been working hard as we near the end of the 1st quarter. I am so proud of all my speech friends. It is so rewarding for speech friends to see their star charts fill up and make it to the green line. Fall is a great time to be outdoors, put on your hoodie, and cheer on your favorite athlete. Remember, these experiences 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



Order your 25/26 Yearbook from Leonard's Studio today! \$25 until 2/15/26, then \$30 until SOLD OUT. We will not have extra books to sell. To order, follow the link on the KES website under "For Parents".

KES school ID to purchase is 731625.

5th Grade Ads are sold separately. Contact Lindsay Robertson at lindsay.robertson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



From the School Counselor

In the coming weeks, all students Kindergarten – 5th grade will participate in 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.



October is a busy month with all things character. The week of October 20, Ketterlinus will celebrate Kindness Week, which focuses on Red Ribbon Day/ Drug Prevention, Character Counts! and Bully Prevention. Students will receive additional information in the coming weeks.



Stay Informed

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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.