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Master Calendar for Ketterlinus

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| 1/18 | No School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 1/26 | Family Literature Night |
| 2/04 | Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A |
| 2/04 | Donuts with Dad (7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria) |
| 2/06 | NO SCHOOL |
| 2/05 | Teacher In-service Day No School for Students |
| 2/09 | SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m. /PTO Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. in the Enrichment Lab |
| 2/12 | Muffins with Mom (7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria) |
| 2/15 | No School in observance of President's Day |
| 2/16 | NO SCHOOL |
| 3/08 | SAC Meeting @ 7:45 a.m. /PTO Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. in the Enrichment Lab |
| 3/21-25 | Spring Break |

Special Events

On February 4th @ 7:45 a.m., we will host Donuts with Dad.

This is a great opportunity for dads to meet their child's friends, have conversation with other dads, and to enjoy some quality time with their child. There is no charge for this event but we do ask that an APPROVED "School Access Form" be on file before you attend.

On February 12th @ 7:45 a.m., we will host Muffins with Mom.

Our students love enjoying a muffin with their mom while visiting with their friends.

This is a free event to our APPROVED volunteers.

Want to Support KES Without Spending a Dime?

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education is an easy way of earning money for our school. For every coupon collected, we receive ten cents. A HUGE "thank you" to Amy Sweeney for counting and submitting Box Tops for our school. This year we have collected \$786.00. Our final submission date for this school year is April 30th. Please submit all Box Top coupons by April 20th. Go to this link www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878 to see all your favorite products that have box tops on them. It is easy to earn. Just cut/tear the Box Top coupon off of the product, put them in a plastic bag (labeled with your child's name and teacher's name), then send it to school with your child.

Principal's Corner

Dear Ketterlinus Family and Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the winter holiday break. Over the next few months, you will notice some upgrades to our school security – specifically access to the school. In December, both our School Advisory Council (SAC) and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) met to discuss this topic. Both meetings were open to all Ketterlinus stakeholders. Ketterlinus will be installing an electronic door system during the school day. This is also known as the "buzz in/out" system. Please note this will create an inconvenience for some, but will add to our school security upgrades. You may be required to wait at the front door before entering. You must bring an government issued license or ID to enter the building and have an approved school access form to go beyond the front office.

Recently, I stood firm on not allowing visitors without an approved (background check by SJSO) to enter the school for a kindergarten play. Several parents, visitors and grandparents were turned away. It has never been my intention to upset or prevent a guardian to part of their child's school experience. However, several parents/guardians never filled out a school access form despite our numerous notifications. This has been a very intentional initiative by our school to notify parents of this procedure and school policy for the last two school years. At times, the approval process can take up to 4-6 weeks when there are similar names that might cause a delay. Please allow enough time for the approval process. When the application is denied, a letter is generated by our school district office and mailed to the applicant. It is up to the applicant to follow the district process to have it reviewed by the committee for possible approval.

As recent events have influenced our attitudes, policies and procedures, I ask that you have patience and support us with fully implementing our school access procedures.

Don't Miss Out on the Memories

Yearbook order forms will be sent home during the month of January. The price for each yearbook is \$25.00. On March 1st, the price will increase to \$30.00. We will only sell a limited number of books so do not delay in ordering. You don't want to miss out on owning a book with a wonderful collection of cherished elementary school memories.

2015/2016 Yearbook Ad Order Form - 5th graders

Attention parents of 5th grade students! A very limited amount of space in the 2015/2016 yearbook is available for dedication ads. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis through **February 3, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.** - **NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE** as space is limited! **Completed ad order form with payment and photos/messages must be turned in by this date.** We have three ad sizes available. Please make payments directly to Ketterlinus PTO via check, money order or cash. **Please note: this order form is for ads only, not for yearbooks, which must be purchased separately.**

Photos can be submitted on a cd, jump drive or by email: (Stacy.gwaltney@stjohns.k12.fl.us). If submitting a CD or jump drive, please remember to label 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 can be submitted on the CD/jump drive. Please, no PDF formatted ad materials. Please direct any questions via email, and payments to Mrs. Gwaltney in the front office.**

Child's Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____
Parent/Contact: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/4 Page | \$35 | 1- 4 photos, plus message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/2 Page | \$60 | 1- 6 photos, plus message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page | \$100 | 1- 12 photos, plus message |

Please remember to make checks for yearbook ads payable to Ketterlinus PTO
**** Order forms for Yearbooks and information regarding on-line ordering will be distributed in January 2016 ****

Thank you Matthews Design Group for being a Community Business Partner.



Important & Helpful Information regarding School Access:

*An APPROVED school access form is required for EVERYONE and ANYTHING beyond the front office during the school day. This includes: lunch with your child, performances, classroom presentations, spelling bee, volunteering, book fair...

*Complete a school access on-line from the link our school website: www-kes.stjohns.k12.fl.us

*Call the school to see if it has been approved. We are hoping that this process can be streamlined in the future, but the current system does not allow this.

*Allow at least 4 weeks for the approval process to take place. Plan ahead! If there is a field trip or a luncheon the next day, it will not be approved in time.

*Surprise visit from a relative? Plan an activity after school hours for quality time. Please don't put us in a position in turning away Grandma, Grandpa or the favorite Aunt. However, we have to ensure everyone that comes in contact with your child has been through a background check.

*Bring your government issued ID to the front office at all times.

*Please support this initiative despite any inconvenience. Display good character despite a delay in time or extra request to produce ID. We are here for the children.

Sincerely,
Kathy Tucker, Principal

A Note from the District Office

The District IT Department has become aware that there are at least two mobile apps in the iTunes app store, called easyHAC and myHAC. These products were produced by independent parties, and were not produced or are affiliated with our Student Information System vendor (SunGard Education). The District does not endorse these apps in any way.

We strongly advise that Student and Parents avoid downloading and using these apps to log in to Home Access Center (which is a District Sponsored system). The school district has no control over, and cannot provide any assurances to the privacy or integrity of your student's data when using these mobile apps. Your login information or student academic information could be compromised, sold, or otherwise used maliciously.

Volunteer of the Year

We are so lucky to have dedicated volunteers at KES. Each volunteer brings an array of gifts and talents that they unselfishly share with our students. We hope that you know how truly grateful we are for all of you. Each year, we select "Volunteers of the Year" in three different categories: senior, adult, and youth. We have selected Jenny Ranick as our adult volunteer and Nancy Stevens as our senior volunteer. Jenny Ranick is the PTO President and donates hundreds of hours to our school. She is always looking for ways to make a difference and seems to have a gift of making things happen. Nancy Stevens is a retired teacher who still loves to be in the classroom. She volunteers each Friday in one of our kindergarten classes. The students love her and enjoy their time reading with her. Thank you, Jenny and Nancy, for giving us the best gift: the gift of time.

Media Center News

Is Your Child Meeting Their Goal?

Thank you for encouraging your child to read for twenty minutes every night. They are so proud when they are able to earn AR points. The goals for the third nine weeks are:

1st grade= 14 AR points, 2nd grade= 35 AR points, 3rd grade= 55 AR points, 4th grade= AR 75 points, 5th grade = 95 AR points

Points must be earned by March 17th.

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

Ketterlinus students will be participating in the events listed below during the statewide "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" January 25-29, 2016. These events are aimed at promoting literacy.

On Tuesday, January 26th, we will have the KES Family Literature Night.. You and your child will enjoy tales being read aloud by eight guest readers and will be able to choose a different story every 15 minutes. Full details will be sent home with your student. An invitation that includes an R.S.V.P to be returned will be sent home with your child in January. Please be sure to return your R.S.V.P. by January 22nd.

We will offer a book swap during "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" where students may trade their gently used books for other gently used books. Full details to be sent home with your student.

Each class will be publishing a book about some enjoyment that they have found in reading and/or writing. Look for these on display throughout the school during "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!"

Teams of Tomorrow: Performance Dates

January 15, 2016 in KES GYM

KES Performance at 1:30pm, Family and Friends at 6:30pm

January 30, 2016 at Flagler College

Basic (2nd) – Perform at halftime for Women’s Basketball Team at 1:30pm
Intermediate (3rd) – Perform at halftime for Men’s Basketball Team at 3:30pm.

February 13, 2016 at Flagler College

Advanced (4th) – Perform at halftime for the Women’s Basketball Team at 1:30pm
Elite (5th) – Perform at halftime for the Men’s Basketball Team at 3:30pm

March 18, 2016 at The Orlando Magic

Elite (5th) Grand Finale as the opening performance for the Orlando Magic vs The Cleveland Cavaliers

SAFETY PATROL is doing an AWESOME Job!!!!

Independent Reading

Written By: Suzanne Brush

Independent Reading is one strand of literacy education in your child’s balanced literacy program. Independent reading is kind of a misnomer because the term leads us to believe the reader does it alone. While our ultimate goal is to produce successful, independent readers who love to read, creating that independence in our readers is a process, an end result. Daily support and encouragement to support them and move toward a gradual release of responsibility to the student is the best approach to independence. Teachers and parents should always know what their students are reading and stay involved by discussing, encouraging, celebrating to keep the reader interested and growing.

Think back to teaching your child how to ride a bike without training wheels. You held on, ran beside him or her until the child was ready to ride independently. That gradual release model helped your child succeed. The same is true with independent reading!

Highlights from the Cove

The Cove will offer child care over the Spring Break holiday. Remember we must have a minimal of 10 students to offer care. Registration information will be made available soon.

We believe tutoring is an excellent opportunity for students who need extra help with studying for tests, completing homework, or developing organizational skills. Ask us about the tutoring available through the Cove.

EXCITING NEWS!!

We have heard your requests and are happy to say that we are moving forward with plans for a Summer Camp at KES!!! Whoo hoo!! We are hoping for a minimum of 35 campers.

For information about the Cove, tutoring or Summer Camp, please contact Janet Bryant at 547-8971. Thanks for all of your support!

A Little Guidance

Sandy McCutcheon, Guidance Counselor

Welcome 2016! The first half of the year I had the pleasure of meeting with each classroom a minimum of three lessons. The focus of these lessons centered on academic, career, and personal/social development. During the next quarter, we will be preparing for our state assessment, Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Students in grade 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the FSA. Fourth and Fifth, grade writing will be held the first week of March. Along with testing, sometimes comes "test anxiety": that nervous, unsure and sometimes distressed feeling before taking a test. Having a plan and being prepared can help alleviate some of those unsure feelings. Organize your homework and find a quiet place to study. Organize your time, review, have a homework/ study buddy and remember that everyone learns in different ways. My goal is to meet with each classroom (grades 3 -5) to discuss successful test taking strategies. In grade K -2 my focus will be on academic development and success. The students at Ketterlinus are truly wonderful to work with, bringing such enthusiasm and desire to learn. Guidance and counseling programs, activities and lessons are designed to assist all students in experiencing healthy growth for future academic and personal success. I can be contacted at (904) 547-8545 and via email at sandy.mccutcheon@stjohns.k12.fl.us

News from Mr. Lewis & Coach

Registration for Session 3 Art Club for kindergarten/first graders begins Monday, January 25, 2015. Art Club will be on the following dates:
February 8, 22, 29, March 7 and 14

Jump Rope For Heart will be the week of February 8th – 12th during regular PE classes. Information will begin being announced once school gets back in January 6, 2016. YES there will be some Slimming of Faculty!!!!

Look at Our Spellers!

Congratulations to our 5th grade spelling bee winners, Lola Berg (first place) and Maggie McMullen (second place)! We are so proud of this accomplishment. Way to go! Lola won first place by correctly spelling "winsome" and "yurt." She will represent Ketterlinus at the St. Johns County School District Spelling Bee on January 13, 2016.



Ketterlinus Kids Have Heart

First Grade Service Project

First Grade is spearheading a KES community service project in February to benefit Ayla's Acres Pet Sanctuary. As a school, we would like to collect dog food throughout the month of February. We will be collecting canned and bagged dog food. We felt that this project would correspond well with February's pillar of character, caring. Please help KES make a difference!

The School Advisory Council

What's the job of the School Advisory Council (SAC)? According to the school district's handbook: "The job is to examine aspects of its school as suggested by the priorities and generate a School Improvement Plan (SIP) that addresses targeting the identified priorities and meeting the student performance standards." The Ketterlinus School Advisory Council was hard at work for our students during first semester. The School Improvement Plan has been drafted and submitted to the state for review. It is available for you to view on the KES website. Also this year, we've welcomed several guest speakers, including Beth Sweeny and Mike Degutis from the SJCS D to inform our school on the ½ sales tax referendum, as well as a recent visit from SJCS D Director for School Services, Paul Abbatinozzi, to discuss school safety. The agenda for the January 12th, 2016, meeting will include information on the school's Parent Involvement Plan. All are welcome to attend. We meet at 7:45 am in the math/science lab.

Please contact co-chairs Mrs. Sandy McCutcheon or Mrs. Amy Borie if there is an item you'd like placed on an upcoming agenda. We work to inform and support our KES community!

Our Students are Our Winners

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary held its annual Patriotic Coloring contest for grades K-2. Hobbs Breidenstein, a KES second grader, was among the three district-wide winners in the VFW coloring contest. Congratulations, Hobbs!

Teacher of the Year

We are proud to announce our Teacher/Rookie Teacher of the Year for the 2015/2016 school year. Mr. Brian Elmore was selected by his peers to represent KES. He has been a teacher at Ketterlinus for two years in our Behavioral Unit. He sees the potential of every student and works to develop individual goals for them to achieve. He works above and beyond the hours to meet his student's needs and does it all with a smile. Mr. Elmore is a person of character with a high work ethic who strives to improve himself for the benefit of his students. He is making a difference!!

Keri Height has been chosen as our Rookie Teacher of the Year. She loves music and enjoys sharing it with her students. She creates lesson plans that will tap into their student interest, incorporating movement and other modalities into her music lessons. If you are fortunate enough to observe one of her lessons, you would observe students smiling, listening, moving, and making music!

As part of AVID, our college readiness initiative, we would like to encourage families to visit local colleges. Flagler College offers FREE admission to all home athletic events for local residents. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your child a part of the college experience and allow them to see a college campus. When exposed to the thought of college students can begin to visualize themselves as a college student and will set goals in order to obtain that educational dream.



Prize Drawing

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VALENTINES
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Will you be the lucky winner?

Students who complete the word search will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. Don't forget to clearly print your name, cut it out, and bring it to Ms. Shelby at the front desk.

Meeting Notice

The St. Johns County School District will hold a parent review for the consideration of adopting the final resource/textbook selections of materials currently up for adoption on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in the auditorium of the Fullerwood Center (10 Hildreth Drive, St. Augustine, 32084) from 4-6 pm. The student materials will be available for examination including access to computer hardware and software as required. Cards may be filled out by parents with questions and feedback on the materials. SJCS D staff will be available and curriculum representatives will be available for support.

PTO has been working hard on showing our appreciation to the staff each month. In October, we set up an outdoor lounge with refreshments and treats, November we gave the staff a small treat, and December we ran a jingle cart around school with coffee, cookies and reindeer candy canes for the students. If you have an idea for staff appreciation or would like to help out, please contact us. Note the changes to the dates and times of our upcoming PTO meetings, open for anyone to attend.

Our next big fundraiser will be the Boosterthon. This will be the 2nd year for this event. This is a great fundraiser that encourages physical activity. A kick off pep rally will be on April 4th. The actual fun run will be on April 13th. Details on the fundraiser and sponsorship opportunities will be sent out closer to the event.

As always, the PTO extends a huge thank you to all our families and local community. We are such a special school located in the heart of St. Augustine. Though small, we are mighty and our students have the biggest hearts. Feel free to contact me at any time with suggestions or questions – Jenny Ranick, PTO President (jranick4@yahoo.com or 904-451-0752) Christie Carrera – Vice President, Erika Metzger – Treasurer/Sponsorship Coordinator, Kristi Sanchez – Secretary, Jennifer O'Neil – Information Office

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS

We have some wonderful business partners hanging in our parking lot on banners and they look fantastic! Your business or family could also have a banner...we are always looking for business partners (whether a business or a family) to continue to provide technology for the school, teacher and staff training, books for the library and classroom, and student activities. We have various levels of sponsorships so if you are interested, please contact us. Just think of all the people who use our lot for various events on Francis Field and in and around our city.