



KES NEWSLETTER



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Presenting our Holiday Concert: Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman-

What happens when a much loved snowman has a warm heart? Come and join us for this musical about Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm at Killington Elementary School. Watch our students sing and dance as they work together to solve this predicament and learn that sharing love is what the winter holidays are all about. Students are expected to be in their classrooms to prepare for the show by 6:15 pm. The songs and the story, as presented by our children, will melt your hearts!

In the Spirit of Giving-Students, parents, and friends... the Giving Tree at KES is ready for decorating! New hats, mittens, scarves, and socks traditionally adorn the tree. All contributions go the Rutland Women's Shelter before the holiday break. Please bring your contribution, and hang it on the tree. The KES Student Council sponsors the Giving Tree project.

Winter Gear Swap-The KES Winter Gear Swap was met with appreciation by KES families. We thank our families for their generous donations and the Killington Ski Club (KSC) for their many donated items. Our thanks to KSC members John Okolovich, and Debbie Burke, who generously delivered items from the club to KES. Many thanks to Joy Black and Jane Aiken, and the KEEPERS members, notably Mary Sell, Kim Gaines, Susan Clarke, Mona Colwell, who organized the KES swap, sorted clothing, manned the tables and delivered items not utilized to charity.

School Cancellations-When roads are deemed unsafe for school bus travel, the beginning of the school day may be delayed by one hour or more. If it is likely that unsafe conditions will continue throughout the day, school will be cancelled, the Blackboard Alert Now system will be activated, and all families will receive a phone call. In the event of a technology glitch with our automated system, the KES Call List will begin. It is crucial that parents inform KES of any changes in home or cell phone numbers so that we can update the Blackboard Alert System.

In addition, announcements will be on PEG TV and on the radio: WJJR 98.1, WEBK 105.3, and WSYB 97.1. If you feel uncomfortable with driving conditions, please notify the school that you are keeping your child home.

Giving Thanks- Second graders presented the play, *A Native American Welcome*, to fellow students, parents, teachers, and special guests on Monday, November 19th. Students dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans as they described the devastation faced by the Pilgrims in the winter of 1620 and the great appreciation they felt for the Native Americans who helped them survive that first winter. A very special thank you is extended to second grade teacher, Lisa Laird, for sharing this Thanksgiving story with all of us.

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Dates to Remember

November 30

KES School Board Mtg. @8.15 am

December 1

Game Day @ Sherburne Memorial Library 12—2 pm

December 6

Trailblazers' Volunteer Coaches' Meeting @8:15 AM @ KES Cafeteria

December 7

KEEPERS Meeting@8:15 AM
Killington Park & Rec Winter Dance
Grades 4-6 @ KES Caf. 7-9 pm

December 11

KES Holiday Concert @6:30 pm

December 14

KES performance @ Festival of Trees
@5:00 pm

December 17

VSO Drumsticks performance @1:15

December 24-January 1

Holiday Recess/No Classes

January 2

Classes Resume

January 4

KEEPERS Meeting @8:15 am @ KES

Winter Gear

At KES students head outside for recess throughout the cold, winter months. Please help your child be comfortable during recess each day by ensuring that your child has snow boots, a coat, hat, and gloves during the winter months.

Some winter gear items remain at KES from the KEEPERS Swap held earlier this month. There is also a selection of ski boots, skis, helmets, and other necessities to help you prepare for Trailblazers. Please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker if you are interested in gear.

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Geography Awareness Week- Geography is a critical component of education for our students. It is imperative that our students receive opportunities to gain greater awareness and knowledge of all the places on our planet. What can a parent do? As you read together about other places in stories or hear about them on television, take advantage of this opportunity to discuss these places with your children. Point out the location on a map. Explain how one might travel there, the time difference, and the differences that exist in climate and culture. This will help your child open his eyes to the world all around him.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Health Room News

Flu season is upon us, and the Vermont Department of Health is urging everyone to get their flu shots. Many of the local pharmacies have walk-in flu clinics, and doctors' offices should have the vaccine available as well.

I recently completed our school's immunization survey for the Vermont Department of Health, and I am very proud to say that our school has excellent vaccine rates. I would like to remind the parents of fifth and sixth graders that your children were grandfathered in to the new requirement of two varicella (chickenpox) vaccines. Most fifth and sixth graders only have one dose, but two are required for entry into seventh grade. Most students over the age of ten are due for a Tdap booster as well. This is also required for entry into seventh grade. Please do not wait until the last minute to make an appointment to have your child vaccinated. If your child has recently received any vaccines, please provide me with a written copy from the physician's office so that I can make it part of his permanent record. I hope everyone enjoys a healthy and safe holiday season.

Jamie Sudol RN, School Nurse

KES Holiday Store Opening Soon!

Once again, the KES 3rd grade will create a holiday store in their coatroom for all KES students to shop and purchase gifts (all under \$1) for family and friends.

The KES merchants are looking forward to setting up their store with your donations of like-new scarves, jewelry, knick-knacks, and other valuables. Also needed is wrapping paper for the wrapping table outside the Holiday Store! Please, no scented merchandise or well-loved stuffed animals.

Donations are being accepted daily until December 13th. Store hours will be during snack time (10:00 am) and recess (12:30 pm) Monday, Dec. 17, Tues., Dec. 18, and Wed., Dec. 19th. Send your children with small change during these days as this is a well-loved event here at KES.

Student Council Food Drive

The KES Student Council orchestrated a very successful food drive for the Thanksgiving holiday. Local food shelf volunteers, at the Sherburne United Church of Christ, were delighted with the abundant donations from the KES community. One hundred twelve much needed items were collected and much of the foodstuff ended up in the Thanksgiving baskets for local families.

Food Shelf volunteers are especially grateful for donations of "taxable items," such as paper goods, cleaning supplies, and other items for which food stamps cannot be used.



Trailblazer Ski/Ride News

Registration forms went home this week with all KES students and we ask that they be completed and returned to teachers by Monday, Dec. 3rd.

The success of our 9 week program, beginning Jan. 10th and ending March 14th, depends upon volunteers both on the hill and off. Younger students need help getting dressed here at school before boarding the bus, never-ever skiers need help on the magic carpet, base lodge chaperones man the KES area at Ramshead, and of course we need volunteer coaches for the ski/ride groups. Please contact Kim Gaines at hokicoates@gmail.com to get on board as a volunteer ensuring the continuation of this wonderful program.

A Trailblazers' volunteer coaches' meeting facilitated by the on-hill coordinator, Greg LaBella, will be held in the KES cafeteria at 8:15 AM, Thursday, Dec. 6th. R.S.V.P. Kim Gaines.