

# KES Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

April 27  
Gaming Day 12 - 2  
@ Sherburne Memorial  
Library

April 27 & 28  
Safe Sitter Course @ SML  
9-4 daily,

April 30  
KES Family Math Night  
5:15-7:15

May 1  
Intergenerational Walk &  
Roll to School @ 7:40 AM  
starts @ Casey's Caboose  
National Walk @ Lunch  
Day starts @ KES @ 12:20

May 2  
K-6 to Marsh Billings  
Rockefeller National  
Historic Park (MBRNHP)

May 3  
KEEPERS Meeting @ 8:15  
AM in KES Dining Hall

May 7  
KES Spring Concert  
@6:30 PM

May 9  
Grade 2 to MBRNHP

May 9 & 10  
Grade 5 to Boston

May 13 - 17  
Grade 6 to Nature's  
Classroom

May 27  
Memorial Day/ No Classes

May 29  
K, 1, & 2 to CSC

June 13  
KES Graduation @ 9 AM

June 14  
Grade 3 & 4 Play

KES Last Day/Noon  
Dismissal



## Thank a Teacher!

The first full week in May marks Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to honor the invaluable contributions our teachers make in the lives of their students. This is a time to focus upon the outstanding work our teachers and support staff do to make our school a great place for every student. Join me in sharing a few words of appreciation with your child's teachers.

## Join Us for the Spring Concert

Parents and Friends... Please plan to join us for the annual spring concert, Yo Leonardo! A Celebration of Art and Music, on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm. We ask that children are in their classrooms at 6:15 pm to check-in with their teachers and prepare for the concert. Children should dress nicely; no dungarees, shorts, or T-shirts please.

## An Evening of Family Math

Families are invited to come together for an evening of fun with math as we play games and solve puzzles with national math presenter and consultant, Tom Schersten. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 30th from 5:15 - 7:15 pm at the KES Dining Hall.

Modern day math classes look different from the math classes of yesterday. Tom Schersten will share information and insight about the Common Core State Standards regarding how math education is evolving from an emphasis on memorization to an emphasis on deeper understandings --- the "why" of those math problems. Suggestions will be provided to parents for helping students become fluent with the basic number facts and with computational procedures, and this will all be done while we have fun with math!

Pizza and beverages will be provided, compliments of our parent group, the KEEPERS. Sign-up is required by Monday, April 29th at noon, in order to help us determine the amount of materials, space, and pizza we need.

## **Geography Finalist Goes to State Geo Bee**

TJ Borzekowski represented all KES students in the State Geography Bee in Middlebury on Friday, April 5th. TJ competed well against middle school students from around the state. We are proud of you, TJ! Thank you for representing KES so well in the Vermont State Geo Bee!

## **Recognize Screen Free Week**

Screen-Free Week, formerly TV Turnoff Week, is an annual celebration where children, families, schools, and communities turn off screens and turn on life. Instead of relying on screens for entertainment, participants read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and spend time with friends and family. Screen Free Week takes place for one week beginning on April 29th. Talk to your child. Limit his/her time in front of a screen. Break out the books and puzzles, plan time for outdoors, and socialize with friends. The benefits may motivate your family to turn off the screen more frequently. For more information, go to <http://www.screenfree.org/home.htm> .

## **KES Kids Walk !**

Students at KES will have two opportunities to walk as a school community on Wednesday, May 1st. Parent and Safe Routes to School Champion, Betsey Bianchi, has arranged for a "Walk and Roll to School Day" on Wednesday morning. Please refer to Betsey's piece, "Vermont's Intergenerational Walk & Roll to School Day," later in this newsletter.

Additionally, children will participate in the National Walk at Lunch Day, also to be celebrated at KES on Wednesday, May 1st. After lunch, all students, Nurse Sudol, and other KES staff will walk up and down Schoolhouse Road in combination with a "green-up" effort. Parents are welcome to join us on either walk.

## **Kudos to Bike Safety Poster Winner**

Kudos to KES fifth grader, Lilly Holding, for her third place finish in the VT Saris Bicycle Safety Poster Contest. Lilly's entry, featured in this newsletter, was recognized among thirty-two entries. All the winners can be viewed on the Saris website at <https://www.facebook.com/saferoutesvt> .

Information about the poster contest is on the following website: [http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/whats\\_happening/press\\_room](http://saferoutes.vermont.gov/whats_happening/press_room)

Lilly can look forward to a brand new Lazer bike helmet due to arrive to her in June! Congratulations, Lilly!

## **Loren M Pepe, Principal**

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### **Grade 4 Poetry**

The following poem was written by Wilbur Abrams after listening to the Paul Winter Consort's piece about a sea eagle (with the real sea eagle singing along!)

#### Misty Eagle

Mist circles towering pillars of stone  
Above one such castle an eagle slowly circles.  
His feathers block the cold as his eyes scan the ground.  
He goes slowly higher on an air current enjoying its soft warmth.

Spread below him is a soft white carpet of fog.  
He leisurely flaps his wings and starts to descend.  
Gliding through the canyons he swoops to a ledge  
Seeing nothing but fog he continues.  
As it grows darker he slowly makes his way home.  
Throwing out his wings to slow his fall he lands and buries his head under  
his wings.  
He falls asleep the cool fog flowing around him as water would.

Wilbur Abrams, III

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### **Exploring Cosmic Scales by Lisa Kaija**

Artistree Gallery in Woodstock, Vermont will feature an exhibit of photographs titled "Exploring Cosmic Scales" from May 3 - May 14, 2013.

All of the photographs were taken by WCSU 5th/6th grade students throughout the 2012-13 academic year. Approximately 80 students from six elementary schools, including KES sixth graders, spent a week at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in September 2012, looking at the world through a variety of lenses. The students used microscopes to study microbiology in the Pogue, digital cameras to record nature on a human scale and, eventually, the Horizons Observatory telescope camera to capture astronomical objects on film. All of the resulting photographs will be on display.

An opening celebration will take place on Friday, May 3 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Students, families and friends are welcome to attend. Regular gallery hours during the exhibit are 11 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

Artistree Gallery/Purple Crayon is located at 1206 Rt. 12, at the foot of Mt. Tom. Additional parking is available across the road in the Farmer's Market field, except on Saturdays.

### **Vermont's Intergenerational Walk & Roll to School Day by Betsey Bianchi**

Parents and children interested in a 4/10 mile walk to school on Wednesday, May 1st to celebrate Vermont's Intergenerational Walk & Roll to School Day are encouraged to meet at Casey's Caboose parking lot on the Killington Access Road at 7:40am to begin the walk to school together. Our group will proceed up Hemlock Ridge Road to KES, using the school emergency evacuation route. Children who ride the bus will have an opportunity to walk at lunchtime celebrating National Walk and Lunch Day on Schoolhouse Road.

Please contact me at [Betsey.Bianchi@gmail.com](mailto:Betsey.Bianchi@gmail.com) or by cell at 342-0588 with any questions and/or to sign on to help chaperone the morning walk.

Many thanks to Hemlock Ridge Condo Association, KES, the KEEPERS parent's group, the Town of Killington, Vermont Safe Routes to School Program and Casey's Caboose for their help in making KES's May 1st Walking Wednesday a reality.

### **Price Chopper "Tools for Schools"**

Many thanks to the KES community for registering your Advantage cards in our name to receive valuable points to purchase school supplies. A special

thank you goes out to Sarah Rasmussen and the Keepers for the valiant effort put forth to get shoppers registered for our school. As a result, this year's points far exceeded any of the previous 5 years that we've been enlisted in the program. Each year, a different KES teacher gets to place an order with the "etapes."

In addition, KES was one of the top 100 schools for "Greatest Tape Value to Student Ratio." We received a \$250 Price Chopper Gift Card, which was presented to the Killington Food Shelf, as well as a large basket of school supplies for all. Thank you!

### **Box Tops for Education**

Again, Sarah Rasmussen and our parent organization, the Keepers, have been busy finding ways to benefit KES. Most recently, the box tops collected in the front desk area of the school, earned us a check for \$64.90.

Please continue to cut and save those box tops on package labels from your groceries and send them into school.

### **Roger Clark Memorial Library News**

Pittsfield's library invites parents with children ages 3 and up to our "Dig Into Reading Program."

This six-week program will start at 3:30 PM on Tuesdays, June 18th through July 30 (we will not meet July 2).

The program is designed to keep children reading and learning through the summer. We will provide a reading journal to track the number of books or hours your child reads. Each week collect a new sticker for your journal, sit in on story time (great for parents of infants too), do an activity, and take out more books. Collect all six stickers and receive a prize at the end of the program. Be one of the first 25 to sign up and receive a backpack to carry your books in.

Contact Erica Hurd at 802.558.8871 or Heather Harvey at 802.353.8485.

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