

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

April 7
The Max Elles Benefit
4-8 PM
@The Foundry at Summit
Pond

April 8
Talent Show Rehearsal
12:30 PM

April 10
KES Talent Show @11 AM

KES Volunteer Lunch
@noon

April 11
Jump Rope for Heart

Parent Teacher
Conferences
Report Cards Distributed

April 12
KES Color Day

April 13
Vermont State Scholastic
Chess Championships
<http://vtchess.info>

April 15-19
Spring Recess/No Classes

April 23
Grade 6 to Nature's
Classroom presentation at
WUHS

April 24
KES Kindergarten
Registration

April 26
KES School Board Meeting
@8:15 AM @ KES

April 27
Gaming Day 12 - 2
@Sherburne Memorial
Library

April 30
Early Childhood (ages 3-5)
Developmental Screening
@KES cafeteria

KES Family Math Night
5:15-7:15



Kindergarten Registration

Beginning kindergarten, a milestone in the lives of children and their parents, signals the onset of academic and social expectations in a more formal setting. At Killington Elementary School (KES), we have steps in place to make the transition a positive and affirmative experience for each child. Our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Knipes, begins by asking preschoolers to visit her classroom. Those children who do not attend the Preschool at Killington may participate in registration activities to meet Mrs. Knipes and tour the school. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th. Please contact the school, at 422-3366, to make an appointment. Bring your child's original birth certificate and immunization records. We look forward to hearing about your child's unique characteristics and inviting parents to become a part of the school community.

Volunteers... What Would We Do Without You?

Our children benefit enormously from your generous gifts of time, energy, and creativity. You help us sustain our programs and you enrich the learning environment. You give children support when support is needed. Please join us to celebrate all that you do for us. A special volunteer luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 10th, immediately following the 11:00 AM KES Talent Show.

The Family Math Night Promise

We promise... you will have fun at Family Math Night. Many of us grow up with trepidation whenever faced with tricky math problems. We promise you that your feelings will soon change! Come with your family and join us on Tuesday, April 30th for Family Math Night with fantastic presenter, Tom Schersten, and enjoy free pizza, compliments of the KEEPERS.

Spring Fling Breakfast THANK YOU

Thank you to our Spring Fling Breakfast workers, food donators, the KEEPERS (the KES Parent Group) and all those who joined us for a fun-filled community gathering. Many families attended and expressed appreciation for this community event, which doubled as a fundraiser, raising close to \$400 for the school. We truly appreciate all of the preparation and the work done behind the scenes to make this event a success!

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

May 7
KES Spring Concert
@6:30 PM

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

June 14
Grade 3 & 4 Play

KES Last Day/Noon
Dismissal

School Calendar 2013-14

A [school calendar](#) will help you when planning family vacations next year. School absences, due to family vacations, cause students to fall behind unnecessarily and experience stress and anxiety upon the return to school. Planning family vacations during the school's scheduled vacation weeks will help your child experience greater success in school. Please coordinate family vacations with regularly scheduled school breaks.

Loren M Pepe, Principal

Student Council Math-A-Thon by Maggie Rice

Thirty-two students participated in the student council sponsored Math-A-Thon this year, collecting \$1,333.00 for St. Jude's Hospital. Students worked hard on their math books and want to thank the sponsors who donated money for children who have diseases and need cures.

The Math-A-Thon booklets teach kids math in a fun and friendly way. While children are learning, they are helping children in need. Congratulations KES!

Student Council Color Day

On Friday, April 12th, the Student Council is asking each class at KES to dress in an assigned color. Do your best to dress head to toe as follows:

Kindergarten / Grade 1 Purple
Grade 2: Brown
Grade 3: Orange
Grade 4: Red
Grade 5: Green
Grade 6: Blue

Using Games as a Strategy to Learn Math Facts by Lisa Laird, Educator at KES

Games make learning fun. It is critical that students in the primary grades develop fluency with basic math facts in order to compute efficiently and grasp concepts in the upper grades. The Investigations Mathematics Program used at Killington Elementary School incorporates games to support student learning. Through the use of games, students are able to reinforce concepts learned in school such as make 10, doubles, and doubles plus.

During conference time, April 11th, ask your child's teacher about games that support your child's mathematical learning and HAVE FUN!

Check Out These Great Math Books! by Amy Simonds, Educator at KES

Our KES Library has a wonderful selection of math-themed children's books. Reading math-related books with your child helps build math fluency, concepts, and skills and is a rewarding experience for parent and child alike. Here are some great books that children of all ages would enjoy:

The M & M's Counting Book- Children use M & M candies to count to 12, make groups of 12 (six groups of two, for example), add and subtract candies, and more!

Domino Addition- This book has children add the dots on dominoes, find

dominoes with specific sums, and more.

Sir Cumference and the First Round Table- This is one book in a series, all dealing with circles, area, and other geometric concepts. Children will love following Sir Cumference as he solves math problems in his adventures in Camelot.

These are just a few examples of the many fun and educational math books available in our KES Library. See Mrs. Vaughn or any classroom teacher to learn more.

Health Room News by Jamie Sudol, School Nurse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to increase awareness about the safety of our nation's children and take time to love, respect, and communicate with our own children. Child abuse has always existed, but increased coverage by the media, and new legislation has brought the issue to the forefront of the public's attention. What can you do to help reduce the incidence of child abuse in this country? First and foremost, establish a trusting relationship with your children and engage in open, honest discussion about healthy sexuality and relationships. If children know the facts, and learn how to trust their instincts, they are less likely to fall into the traps of abusers. Have a conversation about adults your child feels he can trust. Discuss the meaning of "private" and "secrets." Explain that adults should not ask children to keep secrets. Always be aware of with whom your child is spending time. If your child is away from home, is he under the supervision of adults you know and trust? These are some basic strategies for helping keep children safe. Please refer to the "STEP UP" child abuse prevention booklet that was sent home earlier this year for more detailed information.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is another great time to do something special with your child that lets you reconnect and lets them know how much you love them. This can be as simple as taking some extra time to snuggle up and read together. Make some popcorn and have a family movie night or take out the Monopoly board and have a nice long game together. Spending quality time with your child is the best way to let them know they're special. Let's take this month to celebrate our children!

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