

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

June 18
Huck Finn Catfish Derby @
The Foundry at Summit Pond
noon - 3 pm

June 27-July 22
Summer Soak

August 1 - 19
KES Summer Enrichment,
Mon-Fri, 8-12

August 31
First Day of Classes for
2016-17 School Year



Congratulations KES Class Of 2016!

The Principal's Message to the Graduates:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." (Dr. Seuss)

As you embark on your journey through middle and high school, remember to pause and reflect on the wisdom of Dr. Seuss. Killington Elementary School has provided you with the tools to dream big, to value yourself and others, and to take responsibility for your decisions and actions. These are the ingredients for becoming a successful, responsible student and respected citizen. With this knowledge and the support of family, teachers, coaches, and mentors, you will begin to build a healthy and happy foundation for a successful future.

Killington Elementary School is very proud of the fine students you have become! The class of 2016 is my first graduating class at KES.

Even though we only had one year together, my memories are abundant with artistic and musical talent, intelligence, humor, perseverance, kindness, humility, and genuine role models. You will always have a special place in my heart.

It is not uncommon for KES alumni to return periodically to visit. You are now part of that alumni family of Killington Elementary School and we will always welcome your return visits. This graduation is one of many ceremonies you will experience in your life and emotions will often seem bittersweet; bitter because we will miss you, sweet because we couldn't be more excited in knowing that there is a world of opportunity waiting for you!

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." (Dr. Seuss)

Happy Retirement, Mrs. Austin

Mrs. Teri Austin will retire from KES this year after five years of service as a very caring and talented para educator. Mrs. Austin has been invaluable in providing excellent math and reading services in both a 1:1 setting, as well as small groups. She has also been hailed as the "Queen of Recess". We will miss you, Mrs. Austin!

Enjoy the Summer Break!

Congratulations to all of our students for working hard and advancing to the next grade!

Thank you for making my first year at Killington Elementary School full of many fond memories. I will surely be reflecting on the events of this year during the summer months as I prepare to greet students on the first day of school. In the meantime, enjoy summer and all that living in Vermont has

to offer, such as hiking, biking, swimming, and being with family. Be safe and have fun!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



Girls On The Run (GOTR) by Mrs. Getty

Since mid-March seven KES girls have been meeting twice a week after school to participate in the Girls on the Run Program. This program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum. While running is integrated into the activities, the primary goal is that "every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams." Our program culminated with a 5K event at the Rutland Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 28th. While the morning was exceptionally hot and sunny, each and every girl ran/walked over three miles confidently and joyfully. Thank you girls for inspiring and encouraging each other throughout the program. Thank you coaches for sharing your spirit, enthusiasm, and authentic selves with all of us. Happy running this summer and we look forward to another amazing season of GOTR next spring!



Grade 2 Junior Rangers by Mrs. Laird

Second grade students participated in the Super Junior Rangers Program at Marsh Billings National Historical Park in Woodstock, Vermont. Through this stewardship program, students work collaboratively with students

across the WCSU school district to learn about the role of being a ranger and protecting our natural environment. Their final stewardship project before graduating as a Super Junior Ranger is cleaning up the trails for park visitors.



Grade 3 "Bees" in Four Winds

Grades 3 & 4 Montshire Museum Field Trip by Ms. Murray

As the year winds down, third and fourth graders have had busy (but fun) schedules! On Tuesday, June 7th, we went to the Montshire Museum in Norwich. It was a fun and educational trip for all! KES students represented our school respectfully and responsibly while exploring the museum's offerings. Our day included time to explore exhibits, such as the bubble room, the honeybee exhibit, and the hands-on music room! Montshire offered an amazing hands-on experience to complement our curriculum. Have a great summer, everyone!



Grade 5 Nature Trail Project by Ms. Naugle

Fifth graders worked on a special project on the KES Nature Trail this year.

They explored their surroundings, recorded their findings, and then learned about the different Earth spheres and how they could identify parts of those different spheres on our nature trail. From this, the fifth graders were eager to create stations to educate others about what they could find on our Nature Trail, which led to a need for trail signs to identify each station. Students then took on an engineering project to design and create trail signs using the wood that would best withstand the elements. Fifth graders did an excellent job presenting their trail signs and communicating to others what they had learned during a special nature trail day.

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