

# KES NEWSLETTER

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**Program Presentation Night**-Students at Killington Elementary School (KES) have settled into their back to school routine. This routine and the programs used for instruction will be the focus of discussion at Program Presentation Night on Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm. The program will begin in the gymnasium and move into classrooms. Each classroom teacher will host two twenty minute sessions, with the same information provided in each, in order to give parents flexibility and an opportunity to hear about the programs in two different classrooms. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this important informational session.

Parental involvement is a key element to the success students experience in school. By attending school events, supporting homework sessions, reading together and showing a genuine interest in the education of your child, your child will make greater gains. Be involved! Let your child know that all of us, parents and educators, work together as a team in his or her best interest.

**Childcare will be provided** for those parents unable to secure childcare in the home. For planning purposes, please call the front desk by September 16th if you need this service.

**Instrumental Music Program**-Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument and experience the joy and exhilaration that comes from participating in a band? Music educator, Christine Morton, begins instrumental music lessons on Tuesday. Once again, there is no cost for these lessons; the only cost pertains to the music book and the instrument rental or purchase. If this is a hardship that prevents your child from participating, please talk to Mrs. Pepe or Mrs. Pilsmaker.

Please contact Mrs. Morton with any questions pertaining to lessons.

**Students Avoid Regression**-To help students avoid unnecessary regression, KES teachers provide students with summer skill work. The purpose of this is to help students maintain skills learned and decrease the amount of recoup time ordinarily necessary during the first several weeks of school. Since starting this several years ago, teachers report that summer skill work is effective. Students return to school after the long summer vacation with skills intact and with greater confidence. Thank you to all students who completed their summer homework and to all parents who helped by supporting this effort.

**Teachers Attend Summer School, Too!**-KES students are not the only ones doing schoolwork in the summer months. Teachers spent many days and weeks refreshing their skills, learning new ideas and methodologies, taking college courses, and doing curriculum work to aid in their never ending quest to improve upon the art of teaching. Teachers actively participated in a curriculum institute, a workshop at Marsh Billings National Historic Park, a  
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## Dates to Remember

### September 14

Killington Park & Recreation  
Back to School Dance @KES 7-9 pm

### September 16

Run/Walk For IDIC 15

### September 18

Instrumental Music Lessons @ KES  
Program Presentation Night 6:30 pm

### September 19

School Picture Day 8:10 am  
K/1 to Pentangle *Pirates of Penance*  
@10:00

### September 20

Grades 3, 5, & 6 to Fish Hatchery  
Grade 4 to Starbase

### September 22

Spartan Race - KES Kids  
Encouraged to Participate!

### September 24-28

Grade 6 to Marsh Billings National  
Historic Park

### September 27

Grade 4 to Starbase

### October 4

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### October 19

Teacher In-Service/No Classes

### October 26

KES Haunted House

## KES is a Scent-Free Building

Due to serious allergic reaction to diverse scents, KES is a scent-free building. If you are planning a visit to KES, participating in a public event, attending a concert, volunteering, or simply dropping off, please refrain from using perfume, scented hairspray, cologne, or any other product that may trigger a severe allergic reaction.

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weeklong conference on sustainability at Shelburne Farms, a Crisis Prevention Intervention Class, and more. Once again, we began the new school year refreshed and ready to meet our educational mission at KES: To provide a caring environment with a strong support system and high academic standards to successfully educate the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically, and academically.

**Welcome to Castleton Students-** We welcome Castleton State College student teacher, Megan Bates, to Killington Elementary School's third grade classroom this year. Ms. Bates will work closely with third grade teacher, Kate Carey, as she learns tools and strategies to successfully educate children. We also welcome Castleton State College Inquiry II student, Heather Zaykowski, as she works in fifth grade with teacher, Allison Naugle, throughout each Monday and Wednesday. We wish both students well in their journey to become educators.

**Come one, Come All to the Spartan Race KES Fundraiser- The following announcement was recently made by the KES Parent Group, the KEEPERS:**

On *Saturday September 22nd*, thousands of people will head to Killington to participate in the Spartan Race, and KES will be there too!

*For Students* - In between all the obstacle activity, the students at KES have been invited to participate FOR FREE in the Junior Spartan Race. Each child will receive a t-shirt, medal and opportunity to run this fun-filled junior sized obstacle course. Check-in with KES representative is at 11:15am, junior event starts at noon and will be over by 1:00 pm.

*For Parents* - The KEEPERS (the KES parent group) will be hosting a fundraiser all morning with our very own lemonade stand! We are expecting a huge turnout and need parents to sign up for shifts. Check-in with a KES representative when you arrive for your shift and be prepared to bring your own energy!

Please use the below link to RSVP your child and sign-up for a shift between 8am and 2pm at the lemonade stand.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADAA23A13-wearekes>

We look forward to enthusiastic participation from KES students! We hope to see you all there.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

**Preschool @ Killington News**

New for the 2012-2013 school year The Preschool is no longer being run by the VAC but has branched out on its own. Director Phebe Gordon remains with the program and is excited to introduce P@K - the new Preschool at Killington. Katrina Gedney returns to the classroom and Kim Gaines has been brought on as Business Administrator. With a wonderful working relationship between P@K and KES, everyone is excited for a successful year. Spots are still available for families that are looking for a program and children are accepted ages 3-5 with a variety of schedule options. Please email [thepreschoolatkillington@gmail.com](mailto:thepreschoolatkillington@gmail.com) for more information.

In addition, we are excited to offer an AFTER SCHOOL program to our school aged children at KES from 3pm-4pm. For more information and contracts please email [thepreschoolatkillington@gmail.com](mailto:thepreschoolatkillington@gmail.com).

With a new program come new needs. For families that may have items that their children have outgrown, we're always interested in donations. At this time we're inquiring about a water table for the classroom and compact cd player. Please contact the P@K classroom if you would like to make a donation to our program.

**KES Parent Group (KEEPERS) News**

The fundraising programs run by local grocery stores, Hannaford and Price Chopper, are being monitored by our wonderful active parent group, KEEPERS. The Price Chopper update indicates that only 10 people are enrolled in Tools for Schools to support KES. It's simple to sign up on line or be sure to bring your blue Advantage card to Program Presentation night on Tuesday, 9-18, and a volunteer will help ensure that you are enrolled and dollars spent at the grocery store earn points for KES.