

# KES Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

January 19  
End of 2nd Marking Period

January 20  
Date Night, 6-9 PM,  
@Killington Town Office,  
ages 2-12 Register at  
www.killingtonrec.com

January 26  
Family Movie Night  
@Roger Clark Mem.  
Library, Pittsfield, @6PM  
RSVP 746-4067

January 31  
Talent Show Auditions @  
Lunch Time

February 8  
KES Board of Directors  
Meets @KES @8:15AM

February 14  
Talent Show Dress  
Rehearsal

February 16  
Annual KES Talent Show

February 18-23  
Winter Recess/No Classes

March 5  
Inservice/No Classes

March 13  
WCSU District Band  
Showcase @6pm  
@WUHS/MS gym

April 26  
Free Parenting Class:  
Positive Discipline  
@KES Library 5:30-7pm  
Childcare Provided

## Trailblazer Fun



KES students enjoyed a balmy, soft snow start to their 2018 Trailblazer Ski/Ride Program on January 11th. This experience is made possible by the generosity of the Killington Resort and the valuable KES community volunteers, who give up hours of their day each Thursday to foster a healthy, outdoor, practiced skill for all our children. A huge thank you to all of you!

Also going above and beyond to sponsor Trailblazers are the following local businesses who have provided the necessary gear for all students to participate. Thank you Peak Performance, Skiology, First Stop Ski Shop, and Darkside Snowboards.

## Principal's Lunch



KES loves to celebrate student accomplishments and the principal's lunch is one demonstration of student success. On January 5th, thirteen students were invited to have lunch with the principal in the library, complete with fancy table cloths and napkins, and dessert! Principal's lunch keeps the concepts of being safe, responsible, and respectful on the forefront of everyone's mind as we go through our days. Last month

teachers experimented with asking the students to make nominations through silent ballot for those who they think should attend the lunch and why, rather than teachers making the selection. It is the hope that this method of selection will allow students to recognize each other as positive and contributing citizens in their classroom and community. The next principal's luncheon will be held on Friday, February 2nd. Thank you to KEEPERS for providing support in making this luncheon run smoothly.

### **Thank you, KEEPERS!**

KES is able to offer unique programs and innovations in learning primarily due to the efforts of our parent group, Killington Elementary Educators and Parents Encouraging Rising Stars (KEEPERS). Their fundraising efforts have supported enrichment in curriculum, such as the residencies of Cartoonist, Marek Bennett, Author, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, and additional Lego EV3 Kits, to name a few. Rebecca Claffey, Co-President of KEEPERS, has devoted countless hours to ensuring all students have appropriate ski/snowboard equipment and passes for the 9-week Trailblazers program. Thank you, KEEPERS, for your dedication to the KES community!

KEEPERS meet at 8:15 AM on the second Wednesday of every month in the KES Dining Hall. All are welcome. Please join us if you can and learn first-hand how important this group is to our school.

### **Mary Guggenberger, Principal**

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#### **Killington Parks and Recreation Offers Date Night**

Need a night out? Saturday, January 20th, 2-12 year-olds can enjoy games, activities, and snacks at the Killington Town Offices, from 6 - 9 PM. Registration is at [www.killingtonrec.com](http://www.killingtonrec.com). First child is \$25.00, \$5 each additional child. Contact [recdirector@killingtontown.com](mailto:recdirector@killingtontown.com) with any questions. Older children are welcome to come and help.

#### **Dining Hall News by Nora Sylvia, Food Director**

New and exciting things are happening in the dining hall. The lunch menu now features a salad bar on most days, with a variety of nutritional options that gives kids the opportunity to make healthy choices. Snack items vary daily from fresh fruits, veggies with freshly made hummus, smoothies and mini muffins. Homemade bread and English Muffins are new additions to the menu. Killington Elementary is proud to be working with local vendors, when possible, for products.

#### **3rd Grade Holiday Store by Mrs. Getty**

The third grade class had a very successful Holiday Store on December 20th and 21st. We would like to thank the entire KES community for the donations we received. Our Preschool through 6th grade customers were particularly excited about the stuffed animals, jewelry, toys, and games for sale. The third graders had the opportunity to practice working in retail, including sorting merchandise, counting money, calculating coins received and change due, writing receipts, and gift wrapping purchases.

We would like to thank the families of Spencer Claffey, Samantha Daigle, Adelle Danilchick, Drew Gallagher, Jillian Harrison, Ruby Keefe, Abby Kowalczyk, and Liam McKenna for assisting our class with this endeavor.

We sold over 500 items, which were generously donated to the store by the greater KES community. While each gift was priced by a third grader at under \$1, we raised \$246 in profits over the course of our two day sale. After much discussion and democratic voting the third grade class decided to donate the proceeds equally to three animal related charities: World Wildlife Fund, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,

and the Boston Aquarium. Thank you for doing your holiday shopping with us!



### WCSU 2018 6th Annual Band Showcase by Jody Henderson

The showcase is Tuesday, March 13th with a snow date of Wednesday, March 14th. This is a once a year event and please consider it an important opportunity in the context of other reoccurring commitments and activities. The number one goal is to build camaraderie and reinforce excitement about the overall band experience with the students, parents and teachers. The targeted result is a grades 4-12 continuum in the band program based on strong retention and commitment. And we will make some nice music too!

Some great music has been carefully selected for this event and sent to all elementary school band instructors. We are looking forward to another great showcase. Details:

**2:45-3:15** HS and MS band students setup the gymnasium.

**3:15-3:30** Elementary band students will arrive after school to get to know Mr. Henderson and rehearse as a combined elementary group. All elementary band instructors will be present. Parents should plan to drop their elementary student off and return at the time indicated below. (if students need to arrive earlier than 3:15 to meet a personal transportation issue, they may.)

**3:30-5:00** Elementary band students rehearse under the direction of Mr. Henderson, band director of WUHS/MS bands.

**5:00** HS and MS band students will join the elementary students while all enjoy a snack break. Snack will be provided at this time.

**5:15** HS and MS band students will rehearse with the ES students, forming one awesome WCSU mass band (last year 150 students strong!)

**6:00** Parents will return to enjoy the All WCSU Showcase Band perform their combined work at 6:10.

**6:30** The event will conclude so that families can get home for the remainder of the evening.

**7:00** Gymnasium cleaned and ready for an evening activity.

### The Annual KES Talent Show is on February 16th

Permission slips went home earlier this week and additional copies are available at the front desk. Auditions for a 1-2 minute act will take place on Wednesday, January 31st. A parent-signed permission slip is necessary to audition. Teachers will provide feedback at the auditions. No more than 2

acts per person please. A dress rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, February 14th, and the show will be on Friday, February 16th.



### Student Council Fundraiser

The Student Council designed KES T shirts and hats! Order forms will go home next week. Money raised will go towards new sleds, swings, and other equipment for recess fun. The school logo will be embroidered on the hats.



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