

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

January 11
Ski Program Assembly @8:15

End of 2nd Marking Period

January 14
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride begins

January 18
In-Service/No Classes

January 19
Vernon Tornadoes Jump
Rope @10:00 AM @ KES
gym

January 21
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 2

January 25
Report Cards Go Home

January 26
SUCC hosts Community
Dinner @KES Dining Hall
@5:30 PM

Vermont Council on Rural
Development meeting @7PM
@ KES gym

January 28
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 3

February 4
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 4

February 11
School Board Meeting
@8:15AM @KES

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 5

February 15-19
Winter Recess/No Classes

February 25
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 6

February 29
In-Service/No Classes

Killington School District
Meeting and Vote @KES @

Town of Killington
Informational Meeting @KES
@

March 1
Voting Day for Town Budget
Australian Ballot @
Killington Town Hall

March 3
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 7

March 10
School Board of Directors'
Meeting @KES @8:15AM

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 8



It's "Snowtastic"

While it was warmer outside than we would have preferred, inside the school the gym was alive with the sounds of children celebrating the season on December 15th at our Holiday Concert. Many hands collaborate to ensure the students are provided a positive experience in this musical production. On behalf of the KES community, sincere thank yous go to the faculty and staff for their dedication to and support for the Holiday Concert.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Christine Morton, music and band director; Mrs. Amy Simonds and Ms. Allison Naugle, co-producers and stage design; and Mrs. Melissa Knipes and Mrs. Annie Masillo, choreography.

Thank you to all of our guests for sharing the evening with us!



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Coming to KES

On January 19th, The Vernon Tornadoes will give us a kick start to Jump Rope For Heart with a 25-30 minute presentation of their jump rope routines. KES participates in Jump Rope For Heart in April. These performers are sure to get our enthusiasm pumping as they dance and jump with music-filled energy. If you are curious about the Vernon Tornadoes, visit them at www.vernonschool.org to check out their talent.

Math, Math, Math

Sharpen those pencils as KES students will once again practice their math skills by participating in the St. Jude's Mathathon. Mrs. Simonds will lead

March 17
Final week of Trailblazers'
Ski/Ride program

April 11-15
Spring Recess/No Classes

May 3
KES Spring Concert
@6:30PM @ KES gym

us through this marathon of math. Please look for the Mathathon books in your child's backpack beginning in February. The Mathathon will continue through February vacation.

End of Second Marking Period

Can you believe it's here already? The end of the second marking period is Monday, January 11th. The goal is to send report cards home with children on Monday, January 25th. Please look in your child's(ren's) backpacks for the report card folder going home on that day.

Teacher In Service Dates

Teachers will be enhancing and refining math practices at KES on Monday, January 18th, Martin Luther King Day. Please remember there is no school for students on that day.

Additionally, some teachers will be collaborating with district-wide teachers to build Life Science Units aligned with Next Generation Science Standards on January 28th and 29th and March 24th and 25th. Physical and life science units will be shared with all teachers and implemented in the curriculum in Fall 2016. Space and Solar Science units will be completed during the next school year. We are excited to be part of this professional development and look forward to sharing the hard work with our students!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Third Grade News by Mrs. Getty, Teacher

The third grade class had a very successful holiday store on December 16th and 17th. We 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, adding money, calculating coins received and change due, writing receipts, and gift wrapping purchases.

A special thank you to Kristina Tooker, Monika Legayada, Dan and Anna Molalley, and Scott Harvey for assisting our class during the hours our store was open.

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 \$226 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 to four charities: The Vermont Foodbank, Rutland County Humane Society, Operation Christmas Child, and Rutland Health Foundation. Thank you for doing your holiday shopping with us!

Student Council News - Store Opens Next Week!

The Student Council will be selling school supplies such as pencils, sharpeners, and erasers to raise money for a new Gaga Pit on the KES campus. All items are \$1 or less, so please support the Student Council's efforts by sending in dollar bills and/or coins. Please avoid sending larger bills.

The store will be visiting each class on the following days for the week of January 11th:

Tuesday- Kindergarten

Wednesday- 1st Grade and 2nd Grade

Thursday- 3rd Grade

Friday- 4-6th Grades

NEXT WEEK: Trailblazer Ski and Ride Days!

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade will attend a ski/snowboard assembly on Monday, January 11th, in preparation for the first KES Trailblazer Day of the season, Thursday, January 14th. Areas of focus will include ski attire, ski day procedures, and skiing and snowboard safety. The expectation is that all children will adhere to the rules on the mountain and demonstrate appropriate and safe behavior at all times.

Earlier this week a packet went home with all children describing the expectation for a typical ski day and an acceptance of risk form from the Killington Resort, which must be signed and returned to KES in order for children to participate.

Please be sure to procure the necessary Killington ski pass, clothing attire, and equipment (unless your child is renting skis each week) no later than this weekend. Take some time to familiarize your children with their equipment and be sure to put their name on it. They will be responsible for loading their equipment from the KES foyer to the pick-up truck for transport to Ramshead. If you are delivering their equipment directly to the lodge, please let your child and KES know this in the morning. Children become very anxious if their equipment is not at the school in the morning.

There is no end of the day bus home from KES. Parent or designee pick-up time is at 3:30 pm upstairs in Ramshead Lodge. Children know that a parent or designated adult **MUST** sign them out. Our children are viewed upon as Junior Ambassador Patrols, meaning that Killington Elementary students set an example for all mountain guests by being respectful, responsible, and safe.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker, spilsmaker@wcsu.net or 422-3366.

Killington Parks & Recreation News by Kim Peters, Director

The Town of Killington Parks and Recreation is excited for the Winter Programs. All programs can be found on the Town website, www.killingtontown.com, under the Parks and Recreation tab. Contact Kim Peters, Director at kim@killingtontown.com if you have any questions or concerns.

- * January 8th Date Night 5:30 - 8:30 PM @ Town offices
- * January 10th Kids' Fun Day 10 AM- 1PM (Drop kids off for Games, Crafts, and Movie) \$25.00 for first child. \$5.00 additional
- * January 10th 1st annual Snowshoe 5K @11 AM
@Mountain Meadows

*Sports of all sorts: Saturdays in January and February Cost: \$25.00
9:00-9:45 (pre-k -1st grade)
10:00-11:00 (2nd-4th grade)

*Adult Open gym nights @KES: \$2 per visit
Adult Volleyball: Mondays in Jan/Feb./March
7:00-9:00 PM (begins Jan. 11th)

Adult Soccer: Thursdays in Jan/Feb/March
7:00-9:00 PM (begins Jan. 14th)

Family Pickle-Ball
Sundays in January/February/March

7:00-9:00 PM

Congratulations to the Basketball team for the first win of the season!
Thank you Coach Paul Blodorn for coaching the basketball program.
Basketball continues through February 12th.

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