

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

October 24
Killington Recreation Soccer
Awards 3-4PM @ KES
Dining Hall

Act 46 / School Consolidation
Information Meeting @7 PM
@ KES Library

October 28
First Marking Period Ends

Grade 6 Haunted House &
Killington Parks &
Recreation Annual Halloween
Party @KES
Rain Date: October 30

November 8
School Picture Retake Day

November 11
Parent-Teacher
Conferences/No Classes

KEEPERS Winter Ski Gear
and Clothing Swap @ KES

November 17
KES Community
Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Recess

December 2
Killington Pico Area Assn.
(KPAA) Holiday Festival
KES students are invited to
sing at 4:30 PM

December 13
KES Holiday Concert
@6:30 pm @ KES

December 23-30
Holiday Recess

January 2
Classes Resume

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are Friday, November 11th. Use the ABCs to get the most out of your parent/teacher conferences. Here's how:

A. Ask questions. Before the conference, jot down a list of questions you have considered. Bring the list with you to the conference. Questions you might ask include the following: What will my child learn this year? What are my child's strengths and needs? How does my child get along with peers? How can I support my child in being a successful learner?

B. Be honest. You know things about your child that can help the teacher help your child learn best. Share what you know. Share your child's likes and dislikes, share problems and concerns. If parents are arguing at home or a family member lost a job, it is likely your child is worrying about this at school.

C. Cooperate. A teacher may share a concern about your child during the conference. If this happens, work with the teacher to come up with a plan to address it. You and the teacher both want what is best for your child. Decide what you will do at home and how the teacher will help your child at school. Set a future date to meet and review how the plan is working.

KES Community Thanksgiving Luncheon

Please join us for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 17th in the KES dining hall.

In order to accommodate all of our families and special guests, we will host two seatings. Families whose child's last name begins with A-H are invited to enjoy lunch from 11:50 am to 12:30 pm. Last names beginning with I-Z will dine from 12:40 pm to 1:10 pm.

There is a suggested donation of \$3 per adult meal and we ask families to bring a pie to share. Feel free to drop pies off in the KES dining hall any time Thursday morning to allow time for slicing and plating! Parking can be a little tricky as the playground is open to students for recess. Many people park on Schoolhouse Rd.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



Grade 4 Starbase Experience by Ms. Kalnitsky, Teacher



Each Wednesday, for five exciting weeks, the 4th grade class embarked on an adventure with the Department of Defense called Starbase. We spent the day exploring STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) topics and applications.

There were many exciting activities that tested students' abilities to use the engineering process, everyday math skills such as budgeting, and the flexibility to work as a team to devise and improve models. This was best exemplified by building a space shuttle that could protect an egg from a lunar crash landing.

Another task given to 4th graders was to build straw rockets and launch them using various increasing forces; illustrating how when the mass remains constant, increasing the force increases the distance traveled by the rocket. This experiment was followed up with the launching of actual rockets powered by real engines.

Lessons were reinforced at school by conducting experiments related to students' interests, such as skateboarding. Summarizing Starbase, a fourth grader stated: "We could be future scientists!"



Halloween Celebration Events!

The Killington Parks and Recreation Department and the KES 6th grade will host the annual Halloween party and haunted house at KES on Friday, October 28th. (Rain date is Sunday, October 30th.)

The festivities begin with a costume parade at 5:45pm with awards for scariest, most creative, most believable, and cutest. Games include pin the nose on the pumpkin, bean bag toss, blindfold toss, and spider ring toss.

Pizza, healthy snacks, and desserts will be on sale, as well as tickets for the haunted house (\$3 admission), to benefit the 6th grade class trip fund.

Killington Parks & Recreation News by Kim Peters, Director

Come celebrate the soccer season with a "banquet" on Monday, October 24th, in the KES dining hall, from 3-4 pm. Grades 3 & 4 team members are asked to bring a snack to share and grades 5 & 6, please bring a dessert to share.

Grades 2-6 students are invited to participate in Free Yoga on Fridays, October 21st, 28th, November 4th, 11th, December 2nd, & 9th at the Sherburne Library from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and please bring a towel.

K-Third Grade Field Trip by Mrs. Knipes, Grade 1 Teacher

Have you ever wondered how things work? K-3 students went to Castleton University Performing Arts Center for a science performance called "Toying with Science" with Garry Krinsky. Mr Krinsky created this science program focusing on gravity, air resistance, and simple machines. A very talented performer, he connected music, juggling, and even balanced objects, such as a ladder on his CHIN, to the themes of the program. It was a fun and

spectacular show that was enjoyed by all. Children were all smiles when they returned to KES!

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) by Ms. LeBrun, Kindergarten Teacher

On October 11th, the KES students met their goal of 4,000 stars for expected behavior at school. The students celebrated with musical guests, Mr. Paul Ippolito and his wife Norma. The duo traveled from Chester, VT. Both Paul and Norma are retired teachers with over 40 years of experience each and now spend their time traveling to different schools and nursing homes to play a mix of original tunes as well as others from popular artists such as Raffi.

Additionally, Mr. Ippolito was this kindergarten teacher's former kindergarten teacher in Springfield, VT. It was such a pleasure having them here, what a celebration. Keep up the good work KES students!



Annual Halloween Candy Drop Time!

We know you love Halloween in Pittsfield. Please help Pittsfield's Roger Clark Memorial Library make it a little bit more fun for EVERYONE. Drop donations of trick-or-treat candy at the Swiss Farm Market, at the collection box by the front desk at the Killington Elementary school, or at the Pittsfield Library by October 27th. We will divide it up and distribute it among homes that traditionally welcome trick-or-treaters from area towns by October 28th.



Get Ready for KES' Trailblazer Ski/Ride Program

On Friday, November 11, 2016, Parent/Teacher conference day, the KES Parent Group, KEEPERS, will hold its yearly ski and clothing FREE swap

in the KES dining hall.

All KES students, K-6 grade, participate in Trailblazers and the swap is an opportunity to acquire the equipment and clothing they need: i.e. skis, poles, boots, helmet, goggles, waterproof outerwear (jacket, pants or bib), long underwear, socks, gloves or mittens, neck gator or face mask (no scarves).

Please stop by the dining hall and select what you need for the upcoming winter season and Trailblazer program! All items have been donated and are free of charge. If you have ski equipment or any of the above mentioned items that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to this program! We are especially in need of smaller children's skis.

If you need help selecting equipment for your child, visit the swap during the hours of 1:30 - 3pm, when some parents will be on hand to help you.

If you have any questions, email Simone Fieldhouse at sgee111@aol.com.

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