

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

October 8
Columbus Day/No Classes

October 9, 10, 11, 12
Grade 6 to Marsh Billings
Rockefeller National
Historic Park

October 10
Kindergarten to Hathaway
Farms

October 15
Community Session on
Strategic Planning for the
WCSU

@ The Foundry at Summit
Pond @6 pm
Public Invited

October 28
Killington Parks and
Recreation Halloween
Party at KES - Grade 6
Haunted House

October 29
Free Parenting Class
5:30 pm @ KES

October 31
End of First Marking Period

November 5
Free Parenting Class
@ 5:30 pm @ KES

November 12
Veteran's Day Celebrated
No Classes

November 13-20
Parent - Teacher
Conferences

November 14
KES Community
Thanksgiving Luncheon
KEEPERS Free Ski Swap

November 21-23
Thanksgiving Recess/
No Classes

December 7
KES students perform @
Holiday Festival of Trees
@4:14 pm

December 11
KES Holiday Concert
@ 6pm

December 24-January 1
Holiday Recess/No Classes

January 14
End of Second Marking
Period

January 21
MLK Day/No Classes



Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Reinforcing positive behavior creates a positive climate in which every student can learn and grow academically, socially & emotionally. KES rewards respectful, responsible, and safe behavior with goal oriented celebrations. Students reached a goal of 3,000 stars and were rewarded with a crazy hair day celebration last Wednesday.



Celebrations also come in the form of extra recess time, dancing in the gym, or obstacle course races, to name a few. New this year, KES has begun to host a monthly assembly to celebrate positive school climate as a result of respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. Parents are welcome to attend these celebrations as well. We aim to host these assemblies

on the first Friday of each month at 8:10 AM in the gym. Watch the newsletter and announcements for date confirmations. We would love to have parents attend!

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Allison Naugle for her dedication to the successful implementation of PBIS at Killington Elementary School. Ms. Naugle formed and facilitates the Superstar Leadership Team, consisting of students in grades 5 & 6. Each Friday during lunch, they collaborate to plan celebrations, tally star counts, and represent student voice and choice in creating a positive school climate.

Please join me in thanking Ms. Naugle for her sincere dedication to students and colleagues at KES!

February 18-22
Winter Recess/No Classes

March 4
In Service/No Classes

March 5
Town Meeting/Voting
Day/No Classes

April 1
End of Third Marking
Period

April 15-19
Spring Recess/No Classes

May 7
Spring Concert @ 6pm



KES Trailblazers' Ski/Ride at Killington Resort in January

Packets of information and registration paperwork for the KES Trailblazers' Ski/Ride program will be sent home next week. Please check your child's backpack and promptly return the registration and guidelines forms. All KES students preK to 6 participate.

The program has been part of KES (and the former SES) for 40 years! It is only possible to offer this exciting opportunity through the generosity of Killington Resort and the time commitment from community and parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering for 9 Thursday afternoons, 1 - 3:30, 1/10/19 - 3/14/19.

The Killington Ski Swap this weekend is an excellent source for the appropriate clothing and gear necessary for the program.

Portrait of a Graduate

Supervisory Union Superintendent, Mary Beth Banios, is hosting family & community engagement sessions throughout the district. She invites Killington and neighboring residents to join her at the Foundry at Summit Pond at 6 pm on Monday, October 15th.

Childcare will be provided at KES for those attending the community engagement session starting from 5:30 until 8:15 PM. Pizza, snacks, and games will be provided. An R.S.V.P. is required for childcare to ensure we have adequate coverage. Please call or e-mail Mary Guggenberger or Sheila Pilsmaier to reserve a space for childcare.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS)

On Thursday September 27th the first-third grade hub went on a field trip to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS). We attended a workshop where we learned about bird features and adaptations. Students studied actual bird wings, feet, and skulls to determine where certain birds lived and what they ate. We learned why owls can barely be heard when flying due to the structure of their feathers. We attended a Predators of the Sky program where we learned about raptors and saw these feathered ambassadors in action. One of the birds flew directly over our heads, while others performed their skills upfront for meat treats. After a picnic lunch, groups explored other aspects of VINS. We saw eagles, falcons, and owls up close, and learned how birds are related to dinosaurs. Groups visited the bird rehabilitation building, took a walk on a nature trail, and climbed around the adventure playscape. We had a great day of educational fun!





Halloween Party & Haunted House is Sunday, 10/28!

Mark your calendars for the annual Killington Parks and Recreation Halloween Party and KES Sixth Grade Haunted House on Sunday, October 28th, at KES.

Parks and Recreation asks to be sure to bring a carved or decorated pumpkin to enter in the judged contest. They will provide games and a costume parade beginning at 5:45 PM.

Grade 6 will have food for sale (pizza, healthy snacks, and desserts) as well as the very popular Haunted House, admission \$3. Funds go to the sixth grade class fundraising for Nature's Classroom trip.

Mark Your Calendars for Free Parenting Classes @ KES

Behavioral Consultant, Fritz Weiss, will once again offer free parenting classes at KES. *Positive Discipline* will be offered on Monday, October 29th and Monday, November 5th from 5:30 to 7:30. These classes were very popular last year.

Please r.s.v.p. to KES to ensure we provide adequate childcare, snacks and door prizes!

PreK and Kindergarten Meet Rainbow Fish

On Monday, October 1st, PreK and Kindergarten went to the Hopkins Center for the Arts to see a show called Rainbow Fish. Based on the book by Marcus Pfister, the Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia brought the characters alive using black light puppetry. Many students reacted to the amazing show that glowed in the dark. Tucker in kindergarten said throughout the show, "How did they do that?" Many students enjoyed watching the big whale as it opened and closed its giant mouth.

We had a great time and many thanks to our PreK parents for chaperoning.



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