

KES Newsletter

Volume 3

October 6, 2017

Dates to Remember

October 6
Killington Recreation
Bring a Friend Dance
@KES for grades 4-6
6-8:00 pm
\$5.00
Please bring a water
bottle!

October 9
Columbus Day/No Classes

October 12
School Board of Directors'
Meets @ KES @ 8:15 AM

October 13
KES & Barnard Academy
Spelling Bee @Barnard
@10 AM

October 17
Managing Social Media
Free Parenting Class
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

October 27
Killington Recreation
Halloween Party
Grade 6 Haunted House
@KES @5 pm

November 10
Veteran's Day/ No Classes

November 14
Free Parenting Class:
Bully Prevention
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

November 22-24
Thanksgiving Recess

April 15
Free Parenting Class:
Building Self-Esteem
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

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

The Pleasure of Meeting Mary Beth Banios

WCSU Superintendent Mary Beth Banios gave the Killington community an opportunity to meet and greet the administrative head of our school district. Banios came on board on July 1st and has been actively getting to know the climate of the five elementary schools, middle school, and high school she oversees. We welcome her to Killington and look forward to her frequent visits.

KEEPERS Present Cartoonist Marek Bennett



KES students were treated to Cartoonist Marek Bennett on Tuesday and Friday of this week. This opportunity gave students the platform to express their ideas and thoughts using FAST story tools: Face, Action, Setting, and Text. Ask your child how their cartoons were developed using FAST story tools and be ready for an interesting conversation about cartooning.

Thank you to our active parent organization, Killington Elementary Educators and Parents Encouraging Rising Stars (KEEPERS), for funding this celebration of the arts. It has been an amazing "out of classroom" experience!

Principal's Luncheon Celebration on October 4th

Approximately a dozen children were invited to a special luncheon with me, Mrs. Guggenberger on Wednesday. Lunch with the Principal is a Positive Behavior In Students' reward. Teachers nominate students based on actual positive behavior and that is celebrated at the luncheon. Every student is an ambassador of KES. This is just one of our expressions of gratitude for their respectful, responsible, and safe behavior in and out of school.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Billings Farm Field Trips

Ms. LeBrun and kindergarten enjoyed their first field trip of the year to Billings Farm as well. They learned about apples, pressed apple cider, made butter, toured the cow barn and chicken barn, played wooden games and enjoyed a story walk along the pasture. The students also turned their experience into a class book. The students wrote about their favorite part of the trip. Some examples include:



"I liked petting the cows" ~Koopер

"I liked visiting the orchard" ~Aulani

"I loved everything. The games I liked the best" ~Bree



Mrs. Knipes and first grade students traveled to Billings Farm and participated in an education program called The Mystery Bag. Using their

five senses, their imagination, and a bag of mysteries, the children learned about the variety of animals on a family farm. They were invited to share their own knowledge of animals and the importance of livestock for work, food, clothing, and companionship. Mrs. Knipes reports all had a great time!

Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park Grade 6 Field Trip by Mrs. Simonds

For four days beginning September 25th, KES sixth graders joined the other sixth graders in our Windsor Central Supervisory Union for a field trip to Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park.

This educational opportunity was constructed by all the sixth grade teachers in the district, in conjunction with the park, to meet the needs of the Next Generation Science Standards, while experiencing an authentic, place-based learning environment. The focus of the week-long trip was to locate and identify different organisms in various ecosystems at the park, and trace the flow of energy and interconnectedness of those species through food webs and energy pyramids. Students hiked in fields and forests, collected macroinvertebrates in streams, observed microorganisms in wetland environments, and took nature photographs using digital cameras. It was a very enjoyable and productive week, and the students came away with a greater appreciation of the diversity of ecosystems around them.



Free Parenting Classes by Mary Dolan, School Counselor

The KES Parenting Class Series begins very soon. Mark your calendars! The first of the series, Managing Social Media, will be held in the KES library on October 17. from 5:30 - 7:00. Toni Racine, Family Support Specialist from the Rutland County Parent/Child Center, will be presenting, followed by discussion.

Child care is available, as well as snacks and even a door prize! Please RSVP to Mary Dolan, Mary Guggenberger or Sheila Pilsmaker if you would like to attend.

Trailblazers' Ski & Ride

A registration form went home this week with students in grades kindergarten through sixth for the KES Trailblazers' ski/ride program. Please fill out and sign both sides of the registration and return to KES by October 13th.

Our program relies on volunteers and can only happen each year if we have an adequate number of coaches for all grades. The registration form helps us to determine our coaching needs.

Appropriate clothing and equipment are necessary to participate in the program. The Killington Ski Club hosts a large ski and bike sale this weekend, October 6, 7, & 8. In addition, please visit the KEEPERS Free Ski Swap in the KES gym on Wednesday, 11/15/17. If purchasing or

renting equipment presents a hardship for your family, please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker, 422-3366, ex. 1310, as soon as possible.



After School Program (ASP) News

Have you noticed that the afterschool gang has been out of sight lately and then as if out of nowhere, they emerge from the woods?! They have been busy at work building a fort on the nature trail as well as constructing a space for the kindergarten to have an "outdoor classroom." Goodro Lumber of Killington generously donated pallets to use as a floor so kids don't have to sit in the mud or snow when the weather doesn't cooperate. If your child is attending ASP, please feel free to join us on Fridays to work on the fort and shelters.

If your child hasn't tried the ASP yet, they are missing out on great fun! It's a chance to have a supervised "playdate," create and enjoy healthy snacks, get help with homework and experience enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. One of the most exciting programs that we will be offering is Junior Police Academy. Seven sessions with Officer Whit Montgomery will focus on creating a badge and learning about police tools, dusting for fingerprints, recreating a crime scene and looking for clues, a chance to explore the police cruiser, an interactive experience with the police canine unit, police cadet workout day, and even a kids vs. police asteroids tournament. There is no extra fee for this program; if you are attending the ASP, you are already enrolled!

Some upcoming activities for the after school program include:

Make your OWN fairy garden on Mondays October 16th, 23rd, and 30th
Jr. Police Academy on Tuesdays on October 10th, 17th, 24th and November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
LEGO Play Day on Wednesday, October 11th
Slime making on Wednesday, October 18th
Growing Crystals in a jar on Wednesday, October 25th
Halloween Monster Mash celebration and creepy snack on Tuesday October 31st

Ms. K, Miss Alex and Ms. Vaughn

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