

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

October 10
Inservice/no classes

October 18
K/1/2 to Castleton Performing
Arts Center

October 24
Act 46 / School Consolidation
Information Meeting @7 PM
@ KES

October 28
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

Winter Ski Gear and
Clothing Swap @ KES

November 17
KES Community
Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Recess

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

December 23-30
Holiday Recess

January 2
Classes Resume

Great Beginnings!

Program Presentation Night was a great success this year with over 85% of our KES families in attendance. How wonderful it was for so many parents and students to be together celebrating the beginning of a new school year! If you were not able to attend the potluck and classroom presentations, don't worry. There will be many more opportunities to visit your child's classroom beginning with Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 11th.

I want to send a big thank you to the cooks at the grill for serving up the best hamburgers and hotdogs to accompany the multitude of delicious pot luck dishes supplied by our KES families. Also a big thank you to the KEEPERS for providing ice cream and cookies for dessert. It hit the spot on a warm evening. Finally, an especially appreciative thank you to the students and teachers for planning such engaging and informative presentations in the classrooms. One teacher commented, "I could have stayed another half hour with the families visiting my room. It was an exciting experience to be with both parents and students learning together."

This is just the beginning of a productive and memorable year of growing together!

Spelling Bee

"Spell exhilarate," said the moderator of the KES/Barnard Academy Spelling Bee competition. The excitement of a spelling bee exhilarates all who are passionate about words and the English language. Nervous energy filled the specials' room at KES on Thursday morning as the start time approached. Congratulations to Barnard Academy as they move on to the regional competition. KES students are to be commended for their tremendous efforts to study the VPA word list during lunch times and other opportunities gleaned throughout the course of a busy school day. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the spelling bee and showed the courage to take a risk and challenge themselves striving for excellence. KES is very proud of our Spelling Bee Team!

Thank you to Ms. Naugle for organizing the spelling bee and encouraging all of her students to reach new heights in learning. Also, many thanks to Andy and Nan Salamon for volunteering their time to assist Ms. Naugle in moderating the bee. Your help is very much appreciated!

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride

Providing we have enough volunteer coaches, the KES Trailblazer Ski/Ride program will begin on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Weather permitting, the program has traditionally run for 9 consecutive Thursdays (excluding the Thursday of February vacation week).

KES needs more volunteer coaches for this program. Volunteers working directly with students need to be fingerprinted and undergo a background check. Please contact us if you are interested in participating so that we can begin the paperwork process. Volunteers are reimbursed for the cost of the fingerprinting (\$25). If you went through the fingerprinting process last year, it is not necessary to do it again this year but please confirm with Sheila Pilsmaker your willingness to continue coaching this year.

We will be scheduling a coaches' meeting with Greg LaBella, P.E. teacher, at KES in November to organize the program and a safety training session will happen in December on the hill once we have snow.

The Killington Ski Swap, happening this weekend, is a great opportunity to purchase ski gear and appropriate winter outerwear at considerable savings.

KES Needs a Safe Walk to School Champion!

Would you like to see the Safe Routes to School program revitalized here at KES? Visit <http://walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-our-work/history> for more information.

In years past, KES has participated in a morning walk from the parking lot of the former Casey's Caboose to KES via our evacuation route.

Without a Safe Routes to School champion, we were unable to participate in this fall's 20th Walk to School celebration that took place in the state on October 5th. Perhaps someone would like to volunteer to organize and promote a different date in the future.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



Alexa Cary

The Web of Life

During the week of September 26th, KES 6th graders joined all the other 6th graders in the WCSU district for a week-long field trip to the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park (MBRNHP) in Woodstock. In collaborative, mixed-school field groups, students conducted biological surveys in diverse ecosystems found within the park. Each day they explored a different ecosystem. They identified, categorized, and compared species' fields, forests, streams,

wetlands, and microscopic pond water ecosystems. After surveying different ecosystems, they created food webs to trace the flow of energy and interdependent relationships found throughout the park.

Students took pictures of different elements of the ecosystems at MBRNHP incorporating various photographic techniques. Here are samples of their wonderful nature photography!

This educational opportunity was created by 6th grade teachers in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union in collaboration with the park to meet the needs of the Next Generation Science Standards. While experiencing an authentic, place-based learning environment, students were engaged and excited about this learning. KES sixth graders loved meeting students from other elementary schools in the district who will likely be attending Woodstock Union Middle School for 7th grade next year!



Maddix Webster



Gavin Schain

Kindergarten & First Grade Field Trip by Ms. LeBrun & Mrs. Knipes

On September 28th kindergarten and first grade traveled to Billing's Farm to participate in two programs; Apple Farming and Mystery Bag.

Kindergarten students were able to make apple cider, go on a wagon ride, make butter, learn about sheep, visit the calves, and much more. What a great day at the farm!

First grade students studied the five senses. We guessed mystery objects found on the farm using our five senses and enjoyed making apple cider, playing games from long ago, visiting the cow barn and going on a hayride.

We would like to thank our chaperones, Tammy Bradley and Jessica Fuster, for helping us on our trip.



Student Council Election Results

Student Council elections were held last week and the students at KES heard speeches from 12 candidates. All candidates spoke eloquently about their qualifications and ideas for Student Council. It was a tight race! Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

Ben McKenna, President
Logan Sudol, Vice President
Paige Fieldhouse, Treasurer
Chloe Masillo, Recorder

Halloween Event at KES by Maddix Webster, 6th Grade Class President

The Halloween Party and Haunted House is Friday, October 28th (rain date Sunday, October 30th). The event will start with a parade around Kids Kingdom at 5:45pm. There will be games and food (pizza, snacks, and desserts) for sale in the cafeteria.

After the parade, the 6th Grade will have a Haunted House in Kids Kingdom! Tickets are \$2 each. All families and friends are invited to come!

We hope to see you there!

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.

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