

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

November 9
Trailblazer Volunteer
Meeting @8:15 AM @ KES
Dining Hall

November 9 - 20
KES Student Council Food
Drive

November 10
KES School Board of
Directors' meeting @8:15 am

District Choral Workshop
@WUHS, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

November 11
No Classes/ Parent -Teacher
Conferences

KEEPERS' Ski and Winter
Gear Swap @KES Dining
Hall during Conferences

Sherburne Memorial Library
Movie, *Inside Out* @1 PM
LEGO Club @3:15pm

November 13
KES Community
Thanksgiving Luncheon
Last Name: A-H 11:50
Seating
I-Z 12:40 Seating
Please bring a pie to share!

November 16 - 20
Killington Park & Recreation
Basketball Open Gym
Grades 3-6 Register at
www.killingtontown.com

November 17
WUHS/MS Bands' Fall
Concert @7pm @WUHS

November 23
Grade 2 Pilgrim Play
@2:15PM

November 25-27
No Classes/Thanksgiving
Recess

December 3
KES School Board of
Directors' meeting @8:15 am

December 4
Festival of Trees
@ Grand Hotel
KES performs @4:30 pm

December 15
KES Holiday Concert @6:30
pm in the gym

December 21-January 1
Holiday Recess

January 14
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride begins



KES Big Friend/Little Friend Halloween Celebration

Killington Elementary School kindergarten "Little Friends" celebrated Halloween with a costume parade and party with their sixth grade "Big Friends."

Pairing kindergartners with a sixth grade friend is a longstanding tradition at KES. The classes meet on Friday afternoons and work on projects together. The friends pair up for concert performances, bus rides, and other school activities.

They share the stage for their mutual end of the year "graduation" as well.



Trailblazer Ski/Ride Needs Volunteers!

The KES Trailblazer program can only operate if enough parent volunteers are available to make it happen. Please attend the volunteer meeting on Monday, November 9th, at 8:15 am in the KES Dining Hall to see how you can help. There are needs other than leading a ski/ride group.

Due to the willingness of parents to commit and be flexible about what groups they lead, our students have enjoyed Thursday afternoons skiing and riding at Killington Resort for many years. The resort continues to provide affordable ski passes and our KEEPERS parent group organizes an equipment and clothing swap; this year it's **Wednesday, November 11th**. Hope to see you at Monday's meeting and at the swap.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are Wednesday, 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 Friday, November 13th. 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 hope families will bring a pie to share. Feel free to drop pies off in the KES dining hall any time Friday morning. It helps us avoid last minute slicing and plating!

Parking can be a little tricky as the playground is open to students for recess. Many people park on Schoolhouse Rd. Remember to mark your calendars!

Red Ribbon Week

KES students and staff recognized Red Ribbon Week recently. The United States Congress proclaimed an eight day Red Ribbon Week twenty-five years ago as a way to help students understand the negative effects of drug and alcohol abuse. The red ribbon signifies intolerance for drugs in our school, our work place, and our community. The campaign has grown since that time and affects millions of Americans. Teachers spoke to children about the importance of making healthy choices, and various activities were held throughout the week to remind children of this message. The week culminated with "cap day" to put a cap on drugs and promote a lifetime of healthy habits.

Thank you to grade 1 teacher, Melissa Knipes; our school nurse, Susan Clarke; and our guidance counselor, Mary Dolan, for organizing the week's events.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Student Council Food Drive

We are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive here at KES, sponsored by the KES Student Council. All the food will be donated to the Killington Food Shelf. We would appreciate it if you would donate a few nonperishable foods such as canned goods. There will be a box out in the KES front hallway where you can put food.

Thank you,

Otto Nisimblat, President; Taylor Blodom, Recorder

Choral Workshop News by Christine Morton, Music Educator

November 10, 3:30-6:30PM, All-WCSU Choral Workshop, Grades 4-12. We encourage all of our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to sign up for an afternoon of singing on Tuesday, November 10, culminating in a 6PM performance that very same night. The students will join children from four other elementary schools, along with middle and high school singers. For details and to sign up, see flyers that went home two weeks ago or contact Christine Morton, music teacher: cmorton@wcsu.net.

KES Families' FREE Winter Clothing/Gear Swap

Once again, the KES parent group, the KEEPERS, will manage the FREE winter gear and clothing swap during Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday, November 11th. Winter clothing and sports gear will be available for families to choose from along with some advice from our seasoned parent volunteers. Come join us and ask what your child might need for the KES Trailblazer Ski and Ride program, which begins in January. All students need equipment and warm clothing in order to participate.

If you have equipment or clothing your children have outgrown, we'll gladly accept donations. Come to the swap to find items your child will need for a cold and snowy winter!



The 3rd Grade Holiday Store is Looking for Donations & Volunteers

Once again, the third grade will create a holiday store in their coatroom for all KES students to shop and purchase gifts (all under \$1) for family and friends. The KES merchants are looking forward to setting up their store with your donations of like new scarves, jewelry, knick knacks, and other valuables. Donations of wrapping paper for the wrapping table outside the store are also appreciated. Please no scented donations or well loved stuffed animals! Donations are being accepted daily until Friday, December 11th.

Also NEEDED: Third grade parents to help set up the store, help students man the shop, and break down. Please contact Mrs. Getty or Mrs. Pilsmaker if you are able to help out.

The District Spelling Bee by Ms. Naugle, Coach

The KES Spelling Team, consisting of sixth graders Maria Sell, Taylor Blodom, Alex Martell, Evan Joaquin, and fifth graders Gaven Schain and Ben McKenna, traveled to Woodstock Union High School to compete in the district spelling bee on October 9th. Other contenders in the bee were Woodstock Elementary School and Barnard Academy. Killington spellers were focused as they tackled difficult words like encyclopedia, majority, and government. Congratulations to Woodstock Elementary and the KES spelling team for their hard work and dedication. All who participated should be very proud!

Killington Parks & Recreation News by Kim Peters, Director

Killington Basketball will begin practices the week of November 16th for 3rd-6th graders. Open Gym will be the week of November 16th. Exact times and days will be sent out by November 9th. An athlete MUST sign up at www.killingtonrec.com. Signing up on the website allows communication on practices, game times, and any changes. 1st and 2nd graders will begin in January. Coaches needed for this program.

Coaches are still needed. Please email Kim Peters, Recreation Director, at kim@killingtontown.com or call 802-422-3932

Cost: \$40.00

When: Open Gym will begin on November 16th and Regular schedule practices December 1st. Season ends February 12th. (before Winter Break)

Sherburne Memorial Library News by Jessica Langlois, Children's Librarian

Wednesday, November 11th, at 1PM the Sherburne Memorial Library on River Road will host a screening of the movie *Inside Out*. The movie is rated PG and all ages are welcome. LEGO Club will follow the movie at 3:15 PM.

Dining Hall News

October bills (including previous balances) went out via e-mail on Tuesday, November 3rd. If you did not receive a dining hall bill or have a question about your bill, please contact Mrs. Flynn.

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