

# KES Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

December 10  
WCUD School Board Meets  
@ KES @ 6:30 pm Public is  
Welcome

December 11  
KES Holiday Concert  
@ 6:30 pm

December 12  
KEEPERS Meeting @KES  
@ 8:15 AM

Principal's Lunch @ 11:30  
& 12:00

December 16  
Community Christmas  
Sing Along @ 5 pm  
@ Litte White Church  
2326 Route 4

December 19 & 20  
3rd Grade Store is Open in  
the KES Library for Student  
Shopping

December 24-January 1  
Holiday Recess/No Classes

January 10  
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride  
Program Begins

January 14  
End of Second Marking  
Period

January 21  
MLK Day/No Classes

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



## KEEPERS Basket Raffle Fundraiser and World Cup

Over the course of Thanksgiving Weekend, many volunteers were present at the KPAA/KES tent during Killington's World Cup Ski Racing. KES parent group, KEEPERS, organized a volunteer schedule to promote KES with brochures, hats, magnets, and stickers, as well as to sell basket raffle tickets. Each of the three baskets were filled with items donated by area businesses and valued at \$800. This fundraiser profited over \$2,500! The raffle was held on Sunday after the Women's Audi FIS World Cup Race and we congratulate KES parent Jen Conley, winner of a basket,

In addition to coordinating the efforts at World Cup, KEEPERS also sponsored a parent social at Domenic's on November 29th supported with childcare at KES. These events are just a few of the benefits that KES recognizes from our amazing group of parents who ensure that KEEPERS is an active and viable organization that works for the benefit of our students and their families.

Keep reading the newsletter to learn more about what's happening with KEEPERS.

## Innovations in Technology

Mrs. Eileen Vaughn, Librarian and Ed Media Specialist, has been hard at work leading the charge for innovations in technology integration at KES. She has revolutionized the aging computer lab into a more STEM-related Maker Space. This space is intended to promote a design thinking approach to creating and problem solving. Mrs. Vaughn is inspiring KES educators to integrate content specific skills with real-world applications. This inspiration is evident in the design-thinking approach to the decorations adorning the KES Tree at the Holiday Festival of Trees this past weekend at the Killington Grand Hotel. Each student had an

opportunity to contribute a decoration that was coded and created with a Cricut Machine in the Maker Space at KES.



Mrs. Eileen Vaughn featured KES student-designed Cricut ornament creations in the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Workshop at Vermont Fest in early November at the Killington Grand Hotel. Teachers throughout Vermont had an opportunity to view our students' work and to learn the Cricut techniques that Mrs. Vaughn has been teaching our students. Mrs. Vaughn shares this collaborative spirit not only with KES educators but with the larger community of professional educators. Thank you, Mrs. Vaughn, for your motivation and inspiration to develop and strengthen learning outcomes for our students.

### **White Stars At Home Strengthen PBIS**

A little over a month ago, Ms. Allison Naugle and the PBIS Leadership Team introduced white stars at home as an incentive to promote being respectful, responsible, and safe outside of school. This school to home connection is definitely having an impact on strengthening positive behaviors at school. Each day at morning sing, students are invited to share their white star information with the entire school, and there have been many proud moments during this time. Since the inception of white Stars coming from home as a token economy for positive behavior, the overall Star Data is showing a 31% decrease in problem behavior referrals. Thank you, parents, for your diligence in sending in 177 white Stars for the month of November. It is definitely enhancing the learning environment at KES!

### **Superstar Celebration and High Five Foundation**



On Friday, December 7th, the Superstar Leadership Team pulled five lucky names from the collection box of stars earned for the month of November. Congratulations to the students who had the opportunity to choose from the treasure box. Keep earning those Stars, both at school and at home, to increase your chances of getting your name picked to choose from the treasure box items.

Teachers also nominated students for the principal lunch to be held on Wednesday, December 12th. Students bring their lunch to eat with the principal and enjoy a special treat for dessert. Those students attending lunch are Tucker Hawley (K), Hailey Stevens (1), Lilliana Fleischner (2), Damon Fuster (3), Pippa Shaw (4), Madison McConnell (5), Allison Daigle (6), Sophia Randolph (Tech), Lilly Clark (Spanish), Elle Mollaley (Music), and Violet Randolph (Library). I'm looking forward to having lunch with all of these super star students.

As special guests to our monthly celebration, Killington Ski Resort and the High Five Foundation presented a safety precursor to National Safety Awareness Month in January. John Duke, Risk and Insurance Manager at Killington Ski Resort, introduced the assembly with a review of Know the Code. Rob DiMuccio from High Five Foundation, showed a brief video on the importance of skiing/riding with a helmet and staying on open terrain at all times. KES Alum Max Ellis shared some of his riding experiences and the value of wearing a helmet. Students were full of great questions about safe skiing and riding. To end the assembly, High Five Foundation so generously presented KES with 40 new Smith Helmets and a lesson on proper fitting. Thank you to John Duke and Killington Ski Resort for prioritizing the awareness of safe skiing and riding and to Rob DiMuccio and High Five Foundation for helping us keep our kids safe!

**Mary Guggenberger, Principal**

### Spooky Sagas: A KES Success! by Ms. Naugle

Back in October, 5th and 6th graders learned about a writing competition through the national group Young Writers. The task was to write a spooky mini-saga, which is a story written in 100 words or less. Many 5th and 6th graders entered the competition with tales of creepy castles, zombie pets, and eerie attics. These students had to work hard to tell their best spooky story possible in a limited amount of words, and they worked hard to draft, redraft, revise, and edit their own writing to ensure it was neat and ready to be published.

Since then, we've learned that over 12,000 students submitted entries from across the U.S., and out of those entries, a whopping 13 of our KES 5th and 6th graders' writing has been chosen to be published in a special Spooky Sagas book! Congratulations to the following 5th and 6th grade students: Elle Molalley, Olivia Grasso, Leeland Montag, John Underwood, Ali Daigle, Dexter Namkung, Jacob Legayada, Sylvia Linder, Richie Underwood, Pippa Scott, Kiara Nestler, Quinn Eckler, and Jake DeCicco. Maybe one of you will be the next R.L. Stine!

### Third Grade Holiday Store

Thank you to all KES community members who have generously donated to the third grade merchants' store.

We are collecting donations of like-new scarves, jewelry, knickknacks, games, puzzles, books, toys, and other valuables through December 13th. We also need wrapping paper donations for the wrapping table. **Please no scented donations or well-loved stuffed animals!**

The store will be open for business on December 19th and 20th. Third grade parents who are interested in helping out with this endeavor should contact Mrs. Getty. The holiday store will be open for all KES students to shop and purchase gifts (all under \$1) for family and friends. Teachers will sign up for at least two designated times to bring their students to the store to shop. Please send children with small change (no more than \$5) to spend while 3rd graders hone their math skills adding up purchases and making change. We look forward to your business!

### KES Trailblazers' Ski/Ride at Killington Resort

We have a need for more adult bodies in our Trailblazers' program. If you are a non-skier who can help out at the magic carpet and/or learn to ski area, we can use your help. Please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker if you have some Thursday afternoons to volunteer.

On-hill coaches met last week to work out groupings for all KES students to ski/ride together safely. It is apparent that we could use some "cabooes" to follow groups and their leaders. Please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker if this might interest you.

There will be two days of on-hill training with Coach LaBella, December 13th and 20th starting at Ramshead Base Lodge at 1pm. This is a necessary requirement of leading a group.

We would appreciate hearing from any family who is still without the necessary equipment to participate in the program, which begins on January 10th,

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