

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

December 16
Holiday Dance Grades 4-6
@KES 6-8PM \$5 fee

December 20 & 21
Third Grade Holiday Store is
open for student shopping

December 23-30
Holiday Recess

January 2
Classes Resume

January 5
Four Winds Training

January 12
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride begins

January 13
Second Marking Period Ends

January 16
In Service/ No Classes

January 24
Kids on the Block Puppet
presentations

February 20-24
Winter Recess

April 17-21
Spring Recess

May 2
Spring Concert



Happy Retirement, Mrs. Flynn!

KES is sad to be saying goodbye to Gail Flynn, Food Service Director, after 17 years of being an integral member of our community. Thursday, December 22nd, will be her last day serving breakfast, snacks, and lunch to children who will surely miss her. Mrs. Flynn not only provided KES students, faculty and staff with "the best school lunches ever" (former student quote), she also coordinated special events in the school, such as the Thanksgiving luncheon, the school picnic, Volunteer Appreciation luncheon and the pancake/maple sugaring breakfast. She never hesitated to volunteer to help out in emergencies, especially in the aftermath of Irene, when she coordinated and served meals from the KES kitchen. She could be counted on to lend a hand whenever there was a need without being asked. Her service and dedication to KES students and families is extremely commendable. It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell and wish Mrs. Flynn all the best in her retirement.



Holiday Concert

The KES students performed for a full house on Tuesday evening in the spirit of the approaching winter holidays. The faculty and staff of KES could not have been more proud of the students' hard work and cooperation as they performed the musical, SnowBiz! Thank you to Mrs. Christine Morton for your expertise and leadership. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional as our Music Director. Many thank yous go to the KES teachers who worked tirelessly to practice the songs,

choreography, and scripts as well as to design and set the stage to ensure every student's success. Finally, thank you to all of our parents in support of the KES music program. It makes a positive difference for so many of our students.



Concert photos provided by photographer Robin Alberti. To see more photos and order prints visit <http://www.creativeimagesbyrobin.com>.

Rocket Science



How do you transport a space shuttle from the east coast to the west coast without it flying in the air? In a Guppy, of course! Mr. Andy Salamon, retired scientist, visited grade six on Wednesday to share his experiences while working on the Hubble Telescope that has been an integral part of the Space Station for nearly 25 years. Students asked many questions regarding the flight and design of the space craft that transported the telescope to the space station. Thank you, Mrs. Simonds and Mr. Salamon for bringing real-life science to our classrooms.



Festival Of Trees Gift

Led by music educator, Christine Morton, KES students performed five spirited songs from their holiday concert at the KPAA Festival of Trees on December 2nd.

The KES tree decoration theme was World Cup Wonder complete with black diamond garland, Popsicle stick skiers, and a race gate representing each country participating in the World Cup.

Unexpected and much appreciated was the donation of a beautiful Festival tree completely covered in stuffed animals to grace the KES entryway. Thank you to the KEEPERS, and specifically Rebecca Claffey, for picking up the tree, erecting it, and redecorating after the truck ride! Third grade merchants are looking forward to selling the little



animals at their upcoming holiday store.

In keeping with the holiday tree theme, Librarian Eileen Vaughn and our valuable library volunteer, Barbara Porter, created a "book tree." Books Light Up our Lives.



Happy Holidays!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



The 3rd Grade Holiday Store is Open 12/20 & 21

The KES merchants are setting up their store and looking forward to honing their math skills with KES students holiday shopping.

All grades will visit the store located in the specials' room during scheduled times on the 20th and 21st of December. Third grade parent volunteers will be on hand to assist the merchants and shoppers with their purchases. There is also a wrapping station.

All items are priced under \$1 (odd amounts to enhance math skills). Please do not send children in with bills larger than \$5.

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride Volunteer On Hill Safety Session

Our first scheduled Trailblazer Safety Training session had to be cancelled due to the frigid temperatures. Another volunteer coach training session will be held on Monday, December 19th at 1:00 pm. Although Ramshead base lodge is where we have operated from in the past, look for an announcement on where to meet on Monday in the event it is not yet open.

The Vermont School Board Insurance Trust mandates this safety training for all volunteer coaches. It is imperative that everyone attend in order to comply and keep our program running. THANK YOU volunteers!

Guidance News- Kids on the Block

The KES Bully Prevention curricula is currently underway in all grades. Awareness and prevention of bullying behavior is of utmost importance in our school. We look forward to a visit from Kids on the Block, Puppet Education program, where the topic of Bullying, Emotions and Diversity is presented via an educational life size puppet show. Kids on the Block will be coming to KES January 24 for all grades. Schedule is as follows:

8:30 - 9:30 K-2 Bully Prevention/Feelings
9:40 - 10:40 3/4 Bully Prevention/Learning Difference
10:45-12:00 Bully Prevention Workshop.

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