

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

December 2
Killington Pico Area Assn.
(KPAA) Holiday Festival of
Trees
KES students are invited to
sing at 4:30 PM

December 3
Elephant & Piggy visit the
Sherburne Memorial Library
10-11 am

Killington Artist Guild
Opening Show 1-4 pm

December 8
KES School Board of
Directors' Meeting 8:15 am

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

December 20 & 21
Third Grade Holiday Store

December 23-30
Holiday Recess

January 2
Classes Resume

January 13
Second Marking Period Ends

January 16
In Service/ No Classes

February 20-24
Winter Recess

April 17-21
Spring Recess

May 2
Spring Concert

Festival of Trees is Tonight!



Please have your KES students to the Killington Grand Resort tonight by 4:15 pm so that we can position them on stage to perform their holiday choral songs promptly at 4:30 pm. Holiday dress is appreciated.

Complimentary family tickets went home this week. Performers do not need a ticket to enter on Friday and admission for the general public is free with a non perishable food item. Be sure to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the beautifully decorated trees including the KES tree "World Cup Wonder" donated by Mosher Excavating.

We hope to see everyone there!



Vermont Alpine Racing Assn. and Area Ski Clubs Welcomed World Cup Athletes: Go USA

At morning sing this week, Tao Smith of Killington Mountain School presented students with a personalized poster from reigning World Cup slalom champion, Mikaela Shiffrin. He shared the gratitude World Cup competitors felt for the tremendous turnout of fans at the weekend event at Killington Resort.

Be sure to check out the World Cup athletes autographs on the banner in the KES gym!

Presenting *Snow Biz*

Please join us on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm for the annual KES holiday concert. Students, faculty, and choreographers have been working diligently on the KES Holiday Concert: *Snow Biz*.

Students are asked to dress in holiday attire, no jeans, shorts, or tee shirts please. Students need to arrive at KES at 6:15 pm and go to their classroom.

Reach for the Stars: Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports Celebration (PBIS)



KES students work hard to earn and accumulate stars as they demonstrate the positive behavior represented in our PBIS motto: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.

Upon reaching their latest goal of earning 5000 stars, a "surprise" celebration announcement (last Monday at 2:15) was met with much enthusiasm! Grades k to 6 met up in the gym and played popular board games, including oldies but goodies such as Battle Ship, Chutes and Ladders, and Sorry.

It was refreshing to see smiles, hear laughter, and witness joy from students playing games in a respectful, responsible, and safe manner for everyone.

Grade 2 Presented *A Native American Welcome*

KES second grade and their teacher, Mrs. Laird, wowed parents and students with their presentation of *A Native American Welcome* on November 22nd. Songs, readings, and costumes put all in attendance in the Thanksgiving spirit; what a wonderful way to begin our holiday recess! Thank you second grade and Mrs. Laird for reminding us of the foundation of our Thanksgiving holiday.



Killington-Pico Rotarians Bring The Gift of Words to Third Graders

On Tuesday, November 29th, the Killington-Pico Rotary Club visited Mrs. Getty's third grade classroom bearing a gift for each student; a brand new Scholastic Children's Dictionary.

Students were extremely excited to receive their very own dictionary signed by Rotary members. This is a special day for third grade students as not only are they receiving a special gift, they are also being visited by members of the community who are just as excited to be giving out the dictionaries as the students are receiving them. The classroom was alive with enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you, Rotarians, for this special gift each year. It is truly a special day at KES!



Mary Guggenberger, Principal

The 3rd Grade Holiday Store Is Looking for Donations!

Please have your holiday store contributions to KES by December 14th. The KES merchants are looking forward to setting up their store with your donations of like-new scarves, jewelry, knickknacks, games, puzzles, books, toys, and other valuables. We also need wrapping paper donations for the wrapping table. Please no scented donations or well-loved stuffed animals!

The holiday store will be located in the Specials' room and will be open December 20th and 21st for all KES students to shop and purchase gifts (all under \$1) for family and friends.

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.

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride Volunteer On Hill Safety Session

An on hill training session for all Trailblazer coach volunteers will take place in the next few weeks. The safety training will be on a Monday or Thursday as soon as Ramshead is open. This safety session is necessary for all volunteers working with KES students on the hill.

Reminder: The KES Trailblazers' Ski/Ride program begins on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Please contact KES as soon as possible if purchasing a specially priced KES Killington ski pass, equipment, or appropriate clothing is a hardship for you. We can try to accommodate needs if given enough notice.

Guidance News by Mary Dolan, KES Counselor

Guidance News - Some very exciting things are happening at KES in the social/emotional realm!

As you may know, each classroom at KES boasts a "sensory tool box" - items that help students to de-stress and re-focus (stress balls, headphones, etc.). These tool boxes were made possible via a generous grant from Ottawaquechee Health Foundation (OHF) awarded in 2013, to provide a means for students to practice emotional and behavioral self-regulation in the classrooms and beyond. A few years later, and after much use, our boxes are in need of refurbishing. Luckily we will be able to do so with the help of another grant from the OHF, to help support our efforts and on-going positive culture at KES. Thank you OHF!

In classroom guidance, annual Bully Prevention curricula is currently underway in grades 1, 2 and 5; grades K, 3, 4 and 6 will join within the next few weeks. Awareness and prevention of bullying behavior is of utmost importance in our school (and world!), which we take very seriously.

Prevention class is one way to address this topic. Another will be a visit from Kids on the Block, Puppet Education program, where the topic of Bullying, Emotions and Diversity will be presented via an educational life-size puppet show. Kids on the Block will be coming to KES January 24 for all grades. We also have a child friendly KES Bully Policy brochure at the front desk...please feel free to take one home!

Finally, KES Buddies (peer mentoring program) is ready to launch. Sixth grade students have been in "training" (life skills instructions) and will begin their very important work of providing friendship, relationship building, role modeling and academic assistance to younger students at KES. If you would like your child to have a KES Buddy, please let your child's teacher, or myself, know, and we'll make it happen. Thank you!

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