

KES Newsletter

Volume 4

December 4, 2015

Dates to Remember

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

December 4
Killington Parks and
Recreation Holiday Dance for
grades 4-6, @ KES Dining
Hall, 7-9 pm

December 7
Basketball Practice, grades 3-
6, 3-4:30, KES Gym

December 9
Basketball Practice, grades 3-
6, 3-4:30, KES Gym

December 11
End of the Second Marking
Period

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

December 21-January 1
Holiday Recess

January 4
Classes Resume after Holiday
Recess

January 14
KES School Board Meeting
@8:15 am

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride begins



A Message From the Principal

As we transition from the season of thanksgiving to one of snow and skiing, I would be remiss to not take this opportunity to thank the many people who have made this past month so fulfilling and rewarding. Thank you to all of our parents for your diligence to partner with teachers during parent/teacher conferences. These types of opportunities for open dialogue among parents and educators benefit the children in our community far beyond report card grades and achievement test scores. This shows our students that we care about their well-being and that is invaluable.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving luncheon, which was beautifully prepared by our own cook, Mrs. Flynn. Everything was delicious! The desserts were quite amazing; you couldn't eat just one slice of pie as there were many varieties from which to choose. Many thanks to the bakers who shared their talents with us.

The second grade class entertained us with a Thanksgiving play to remind us why we celebrate Thanksgiving. It was very evident that they had rehearsed as they took their roles seriously and read their lines fluently. Thank you to Mrs. Laird and Ms. Susslin for all you do for our second grade students. Your dedication to students is to be commended!

Finally, I want to send out a big thank you to all who volunteer in our school. The KEEPERS, Four Winds, Trailblazers, and many others contribute a tremendous amount of time, talent, and wisdom to benefit the community of Killington Elementary School. Many of our programs would not be as successful without the dedication of our volunteers. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Mary Guggenberger

Presenting: *Snowtastic*

Students, faculty, and volunteer choreographers have been working diligently on the KES Holiday Concert: *Snowtastic*. Please join us on Tuesday, December 15th, at 6:30 PM, in the KES gym, for the show.

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 the classroom of their singing group. (The room where they have practiced each morning at school leading up to the concert).



Vermont Holiday Festival Tonight for KES Families!

KES students are invited to participate in a holiday choral performance at the Vermont Holiday Festival taking place tonight, Friday, December 4th at 4:30 pm.

Get a preview of our upcoming concert and look for the KES tree, Out of this World Holiday, adorned with ornaments created by our students!

We ask student performers to be ready to perform in the Oscar Wilde Ballroom at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel at 4:15 pm. Student performers do not need a ticket to enter. Complimentary tickets for their families went home yesterday and admission is free on Friday with a non-perishable donation. We hope to see everyone there!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Grade 4 Starbase News

Chloe Masillo interviewed several students from our fourth grade classroom about their experience at Starbase, and here is what they had to say!

"I learned about chromatography, and about air foils and air pressure. In Computer-Aided Design, I learned how to build a rocket!"

-Mac Abrams, Grade 4

"I learned about how to use Computer-Aided Design (C.A.D.). I also learned about the procedures of how to build a rocket."

-Paige Fieldhouse, Grade 4

"I learned the different engine sizes that can be used in different rockets. I

also learned how much we would weigh without fluids!"

-Charles Rice, Grade 4

"I learned about what some STEM jobs are. I also learned how to build a paper tent and how to protect 'Eggbert' when he lands on the moon!"

-Jacob Roth, Grade 4

"I learned how to use Computer-Aided Design. I also learned about the procedures behind a rocket launch and about the different sizes of rocket engines."

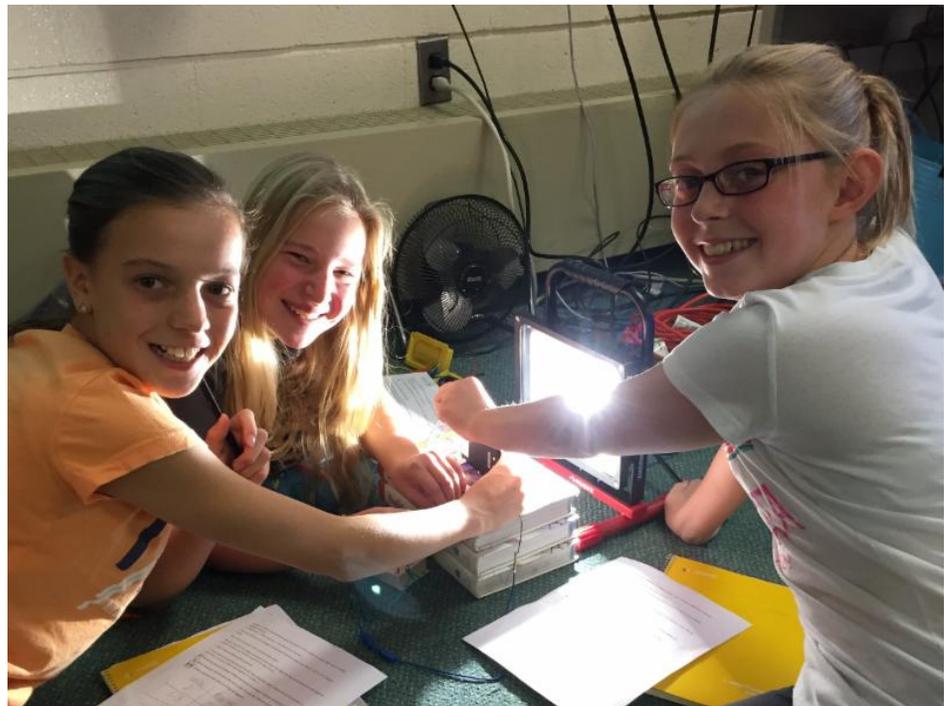
-Brexton Eckler, Grade 4

"I learned how to program Lego robots. I also learned how to build a safe spaceship!"

-Emma Blodom, Grade 4

"I learned that I have a group of creative, intelligent, and respectful students who can now call themselves engineers. I am so proud of how the fourth grade represented Killington while at Starbase."

-Miss Murray, Teacher



Sixth Grade News by Hannah Black, Grade 6

The Killington Elementary sixth graders have been working on experiments with photovoltaic cells, also known as solar power. We split up into groups to test how the angle of a solar panel (against a work light) affects how much voltage is produced. In this picture, Abigail Masillo, Hannah Black, and Heidi Alf tested the angles of solar panels at the angles of zero, twenty two, forty, sixty, and ninety degrees. We used two sets of alligator clips, one solar panel, a voltmeter, a work light, a protractor, and a stack of books (to keep the solar panel level with the light) to conduct our experiment. We concluded that the angle of a solar panel against a light source does in fact matter. At ninety degrees it produced 3.75 volts and at zero degrees it produced only 2.0 volts.

Student Council News by Taylor Blodorn, Grade 6

The KES Student Council thanks you for your contribution towards our food drive. We are excited to provide local families meals for the winter. We

appreciate your donations.

The 3rd Grade Holiday Store Is Looking for Donations

The third grade holiday store tradition will continue on this year with a few minor changes. The holiday store will be located in the Specials' room and will be open 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, knickknacks, and other valuables. We also need wrapping paper donations for the wrapping table. Please no scented donations or well loved stuffed animals! Donations are being accepted daily until Monday, December 14th.

The store will be open December 16th and 17th and 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.

KES Trailblazers' Ski/Ride

Reminder: The ski/ride program will begin January 14, 2016. 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.

A giant thank you to the parent/community volunteers who attended the coaches' meeting on November 9th. We are still looking for additional on hill and off hill volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Susan Clarke, susantrailblazers@gmail.com.

Randy Wood, a retired professional ski instructor, attended our meeting and will oversee the instruction for our never-ever skiers. KES never-evers who registered to learn to snowboard will learn to ski this year with Randy. We don't have the volunteers to run both programs. Randy could use some volunteers to help him with his learn to ski program.

An on hill training session for all on hill 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.

Killington Parks & Recreation News

The Recreation Department is hosting a Holiday Dance tonight, Friday, December 4th, from 7-9 pm, in the KES Dining Hall, for grades 4-6. Drink and snack donations are appreciated and chaperones are needed. DJ Justin will perform. There is a \$5 fee.

Basketball practice continues next week for grades 3-6 on Monday, Dec.7th, and Wed., Dec. 9th, 3-4:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for this program. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact the recreation director, Kim Peters, at 422-3932 or kim@killingtontown.com.

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