

KES Newsletter

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February 16, 2018

Dates to Remember

February 16
Annual Talent Show
@11 AM KES gym

February 19-23
Winter Recess/No Classes

March 2
Grade 5 Presents their
Family Research Projects
@8:30 AM in the KES
Dining Hall

March 5
Inservice/No Classes

Annual School District
Meeting @ KES Gym @
4:30 pm

Community Pasta Dinner
5:15 - 6:30 @ KES Dining
Hall

Special Select Board
Meeting & Informational
Meeting for Town Meeting
Articles @7PM

March 6
Town Meeting & School
District Articles Vote
@Killington Town Offices
7AM-7PM

March 7
WCSU Summer Program
Expo @ WES, 4-6PM

March 8
KES School Board of
Directors' Meeting
@8:15 AM @ KES

March 13
WCSU District Band
Showcase @6pm
@WUHS/MS gym
(snow date 3/14)

April 4
Free Parenting Session
Building Self Esteem
5:30-7 pm @ KES Library
Snacks and childcare
provided

April 16-20
Spring Recess

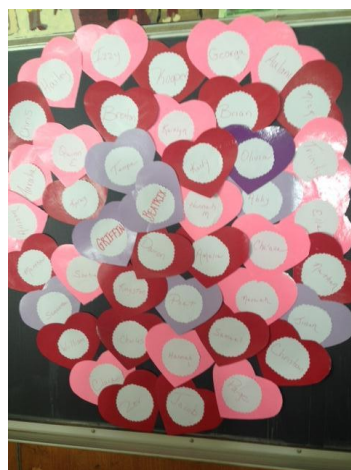
April 23
Clif - Children's Literature
Foundation Visits KES

April 26
Free parenting Session
Positive Discipline
5:30-7 pm @ KES Library
Snacks and childcare
provided



February is Kindness Month

Kindness matters at KES, especially during the month of February. KES students made concerted efforts to complete acts of kindness over the past two weeks. Those acts reinforced KES values in positive behaviors, such as, "Hold the Door Open for Someone" and "Say Hi to Someone Who Looks Sad" and "Make a Kindness Matters Sign," like the one above.



A display of hearts in the cafeteria reminds students to continue to be kind just as they have been during this month of celebration.

Please take the opportunity to ask your child how they demonstrated kindness at KES this month. The answer will surely bring a smile to your face and brighten your day! A special Valentine's Day ice cream dessert was enjoyed by all.

Student Council dispersed the valentines from the KES mailbox. Students in grades first, fourth, and fifth were each awarded a certificate for a free Friendly's ice cream for wearing the most pink, red, and purple to celebrate Valentines, kindness, and school spirit. Thank you Student Council!

KEEPERS Fundraiser

The KES Parent Group has been busy collecting prizes from area businesses for the upcoming Basket Raffle Fundraiser. Gathering donations ended this week and the very valuable baskets (over \$1500 each!) will be on display at the Killington Welcome Center along with posters listing all of the donations and donors. Ticket sales begin Friday, 2/16 and run through March 2nd with a drawing on March 3rd!

Beginning Monday, February 26th, raffle tickets will be available at the front desk. \$5 each, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20.

May 1
Spring Concert @6:30 PM

July 2-27
Summer SOAK

Have a Wonderful Winter Recess!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Big Friends/Little Friends Celebrate 100 Days



On Thursday, February 8th, the kindergartners and their big friends celebrated the 100th day of school. They started their day by "crawling into the 100th day" through a tunnel into the classroom. With the help of their sixth grade friends, the kindergartners completed several stations including making a necklace with 100 fruit loops, bouncing a ball 100 times, building a creation with only 100 Legos, making a 100 hat and much more. We condensed our celebration into a half of a day due to Trailblazers, but everyone had a blast. The children are 100 days smarter, but have so much more to learn by the end of the year. Keep up the good work!

WCSU Summer Program Expo

On Wednesday, March 7th, at the Woodstock Elementary School gym, 4-6 PM, come learn about local camps, summer programs, have a light dinner, and win some prizes! Participants include: Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock Rec Center, Farm & Wilderness Camp, Billings Farm & Museum, Bethany Birches Camp, HACTC Summer Tech Camp, Night Eagle Wilderness Adventures, Roaring Brook Camp for Boys, Artistree, and Summer SOAK.

Trailblazers

The path to a life-long love of skiing often begins at a young age. At KES, our ski and ride program ensures that all of our students get the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport. After only four Thursdays of instruction by KES volunteer coaches, these students were riding lifts and learning their way around the mountains. This experience is not only awesome for the emerging skier, but equally rewarding for their coaches, maybe even more so! Thank you to the parents and grandparents who

spend nine winter Thursday afternoons sharing their expertise and the magic of the downhill experience.



We have completed six Trailblazer Ski/Ride events. With only three more to go, March 1st, 8th, and 15th, we could use some additional volunteers to help out with our youngest skiers who are ready to leave the magic carpet, need a 2:1 student:coach ratio, and would love the opportunity to ride a lift. Please contact Mrs. Guggenberger or Mrs. Pilsmaker if you could give us some time.

Free Parenting Series at KES!

Please join WCSU Behavior Consultant Fritz Weiss in the KES Library, from 5:30 - 7 pm, for two important sessions:

April 5 Building Self Esteem

April 26 Positive Discipline

Snacks and childcare will be provided free of charge. Please r.s.v.p. to Mary Guggenberger, Mary Dolan, or Sheila Pilsmaker @422.3366 to ensure adequate coverage.

Girls on the Run Update! by Mrs. Getty

Girls on the Run registration for the spring KES team is still open! Registration is online at gotrvt.org Girls in grades 3-6th received a registration packet at school. On the back of the information form is a tentative schedule for our spring program. We will begin twice a week sessions the first week in March, culminating with our 5K event on Saturday May 19th. Please let Ms. LeBrun or Mrs. Getty know if you have any questions.

WCSU 2018 6th Annual Band Showcase by Jody Henderson

The showcase is Tuesday, March 13th with a snow date of Wednesday, March 14th. This is a once a year event and please consider it an important opportunity in the context of other reoccurring commitments and activities. The number one goal is to build camaraderie and reinforce excitement about the overall band experience with the students, parents

and teachers. The targeted result is a grades 4-12 continuum in the band program based on strong retention and commitment. And we will make some nice music too!

Some great music has been carefully selected for this event and sent to all elementary school band instructors. We are looking forward to another great showcase. Details:

2:45-3:15 HS and MS band students setup the gymnasium.

3:15-3:30 Elementary band students will arrive after school to get to know Mr. Henderson and rehearse as a combined elementary group. All elementary band instructors will be present. Parents should plan to drop their elementary student off and return at the time indicated below. (if students need to arrive earlier than 3:15 to meet a personal transportation issue, they may.)

3:30-5:00 Elementary band students rehearse under the direction of Mr. Henderson, band director of WUHS/MS bands.

5:00 HS and MS band students will join the elementary students while all enjoy a snack break. Snack will be provided at this time.

5:15 HS and MS band students will rehearse with the ES students, forming one awesome WCSU mass band (last year 150 students strong!)

6:00 Parents will return to enjoy the All WCSU Showcase Band perform their combined work at 6:10.

6:30 The event will conclude so that families can get home for the remainder of the evening.

7:00 Gymnasium cleaned and ready for an evening activity.

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