

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

February 5

Girls On The Run On-Line
Registration Begins for
Girls in Grades 3-6

February 8

KES Board of Directors
Meets @KES @8:15AM

Most Likely To Succeed
Screening @7pm
@Woodstock Town Hall
Theater

February 16

Annual Talent Show
@11 AM KES gym

February 19-23

Winter Recess/No Classes

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 13

WCSU District Band
Showcase @6pm
@WUHS/MS gym

April 4

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

April 26

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

Most Likely to Succeed

On Thursday, February 8th, at 7 PM, at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater, I encourage the KES community to attend the showing of the documentary film [Most Likely to Succeed](#). Following the film, 8:40 to 9:15, a panel discussion will address the question: How are we re-imagining education in Vermont to better equip students for the realities of the twenty-first century economy?

"Our school system was engineered a century ago to produce a work force for a world that no longer exists.

Alarming, our methods of schooling crush the creativity and initiative young people need to thrive in the twenty-first century.

In *Most Likely to Succeed*, bestselling author and education expert Tony Wagner and venture capitalist Ted Dintersmith call for a complete overhaul of the function and focus of American schools, sharing insights and stories from the front lines, including profiles of successful students, teachers, parents, and business leaders." [Scribner Magazine](#)

Four Winds



Parent volunteers attend a science training session monthly at KES brought to them by the Four Winds Nature Institute. That lesson is then taught by the volunteers to students in classrooms k-5.

In January, the focus was on Winter Ways. Students learned about the winter strategies of active animals. Volunteers performed a puppet show and took classes out of doors to look for signs of active animals, tracks and things they've eaten, such as nibbled twigs, stripped bark, or seed husks.

Ask your child about the winter bouquet they made and arranged in a dough vase and the sign language they used to communicate wordlessly while observing and listening to winter sounds.

Thank you so much to our Four Winds volunteers!

Kind Hearts At KES

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Aesop

Therefore, KES is wasting no time in preparing to be more kind to each other during the month of February. Students will challenge themselves to complete as many acts of kindness between February 5th and February 14th. A checklist of acts of kindness will be given to each student on February 5th. Whoever turns in a list with at least 10 acts of kindness checked off will display a brightly colored heart in the cafeteria with their name on it. The reward: students will create a kinder place to work and play at KES.

A special thank you to Nancy Hagge and her group of sewers for helping us to remember to be kind by making beautiful hearts to hang on our trees outside the school. The various colors brighten up our winter days and bring joy to our hearts!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Kindergarten Pot Luck Dinner by Ms. LeBrun



On Monday, January 22nd, the kindergartners and their families returned to school for a fabulous pot luck dinner and game night. Despite some nasty weather, thirty-five attendees enjoyed an evening of getting to know the new student teacher from Castleton, Sara Palmer, and mingling with other families over a home cooked meal.

Sara comes to us from New York, but currently resides in Killington. She will be student teaching in kindergarten for fourteen weeks and is excited for this opportunity.

The Pot luck dinner was a great way to bring families together and to promote parent involvement. Thank you to all who came out and brought food.



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 at KES! by Mrs. Getty

Girls on the Run is a non-profit with a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident. By using an interactive curriculum that creatively integrates running, we help to positively impact girls in 3rd to 6th grade. In addition to the life-long lessons learned, the 10-week program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through

accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health, compassion, and community.

Registration for the spring KES team opens online on Monday February 5th. Your 3rd-6th grade daughter received a registration packet at school this week. On the back of the information form is a tentative schedule for our spring program. Please let Ms. LeBrun or Mrs. Getty know if you have any questions.

KES Geo Bee by Mrs. Simonds

The Savannah River forms part of the border between Georgia and what other state?

The Cook Strait separates the two major islands of which country?

On weekends, residents of Warsaw often escape to the forests to hunt mushrooms, a treasured pastime in which country south of the Baltic Sea?

These are just some of the questions posed to KES 6th graders who participated in the KES Geo Bee. Congratulations to Clara Shortle, the winner of our school competition. Clara will be representing KES at the state Geo Bee in April!

After School Program (ASP) by Ms. Kalnitsky

The ASP is looking at several new activities this month. Today we are planning to go snowshoeing on the nature trail and next week we will be playing Friskies Jitterbug on the wall of the gym, making a bead project, having a glow in the dark dance party, yoga, and crazy relays.

The week of Valentine's Day we are doing craft activities and having a party, and a pajama and popcorn movie day. As soon as the snow softens up a bit we will be adding 6 sleds to our equipment collection and going sledding. If you are interested in crafts and nature, you'll certainly want to join us for making bird feeders for our feathered friends.

Some programming is also in the works. The start of 4H is slightly delayed but scheduled to begin within the next several weeks. We are working out details with the 4H coordinator. We are also considering a Friday afternoon of ice skating at the Foundry. Please consider joining for one day or every day!

Trailblazer News

The Trailblazers' Ski/Ride program has enjoyed fantastic weather thus far and is off to a wonderful start. At least 3 of our never-ever skiers are off the magic carpet and riding a chair lift, experiencing the joy of physical education in the glorious Green Mountains. Special thanks to volunteers Rebecca Claffey, Chuck Claffey, Annie Masillo, Anna Rayner, Susan Clarke, Liz Patnode, and Amy Daigle for spending hours on Killington Resort's magic carpet teaching!

Please take the time to put names on all your children's ski gear. It is most helpful as equipment makes its way from KES to Ramshead and home again. Many items are left at the lodge at the end of the program and identification would be very helpful!

Please remember to sign your child/ren out with the indoor chaperones seated at Ramshead base lodge on Thursday afternoons. The program ends at 3:30 pm and these volunteers wait until all children are accounted for, making it necessary to place phone calls if a child isn't signed out.

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 or 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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