

# KES Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

**March 20**

Grade 6 Parent Information  
Night for WUMS 2018-19 7th  
graders @ 6 PM @ WUMS  
gym

**March 21**

Community Presentation  
on Drug Awareness by  
Detective Sergeant Richard  
King of the Ludlow Police  
Department  
5-7 pm @ WUMSHS Library

**April 5**

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

**May 1**

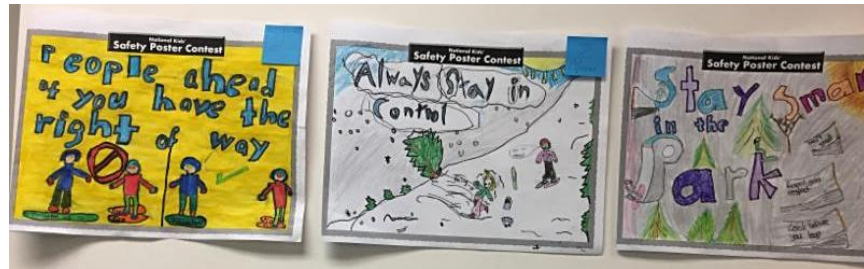
Spring Concert @6:30 PM

**July 2-27**

Summer SOAK

## National Ski Area Association Safety Poster Contest

Thank you to Killington Ski Resort and Justin Guth for bringing the National Ski Area Association's Safety Poster Contest to grades 4-6 students at KES. Students "Know the Code" for safety very well as it is greatly emphasized before and during the nine weeks of the Trailblazers Program. Congratulations to our top three winners of some fantastic prizes, including a helmet and goggles for the first place winner. Those winners are: 1st place - Sophia Randolph, 2nd place - Jacob Legayada, and 3rd place - Schuyler Hagge. Winners were announced after the Talent Show on February 16th and the top winner was entered into the national contest with a March 2nd deadline. Thank you to all of the students who worked hard these posters. The judges certainly had their work cut out for them.



## Thank you for supporting KES!

A big thank you to the KES community for supporting our school budget at the recent March 6th Australian Ballot vote. Many folks attended the school and town information sessions on Monday, March 5th, ensuring an informed voting public.

Congratulations to Laura McKenna on her election to finish out the KES school board term through June 30th. As of July 1st, the new Windsor Consolidated Union Board will replace local school boards with Jennifer Iannantuoni and Jim Haff representing Killington. We are most fortunate to have two dedicated and informed representatives at the helm as we transition to this new direction.

## Recess!



Meet Mr. Malfunction made by some of the kindergartners, first graders, and second graders at recess. Unless temperatures are in the single digits or it is raining, KES kids enjoy outdoor recess. All children are expected to get fresh air unless there is a medical reason for them to stay indoors. To that end, please continue to send your child to school with boots, hats, gloves, snow pants, and jackets for the unpredictable March weather.

## Mary Guggenberger, Principal

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### 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.

### Trekking Tuesdays by Ms. Lebrun

Trekking Tuesday in kindergarten continues to be a highlight for students, teachers, and parent volunteers. The students enjoy trekking to their "peaceful spots" at the top of the KES nature trail, where they sit and observe the nature around them looking for differences from the week prior. Then we all report out in the class meeting area what was observed. Class meeting is usually followed up with explore time. Some days have a predetermined focus, while other days take the lead of the students' interests.

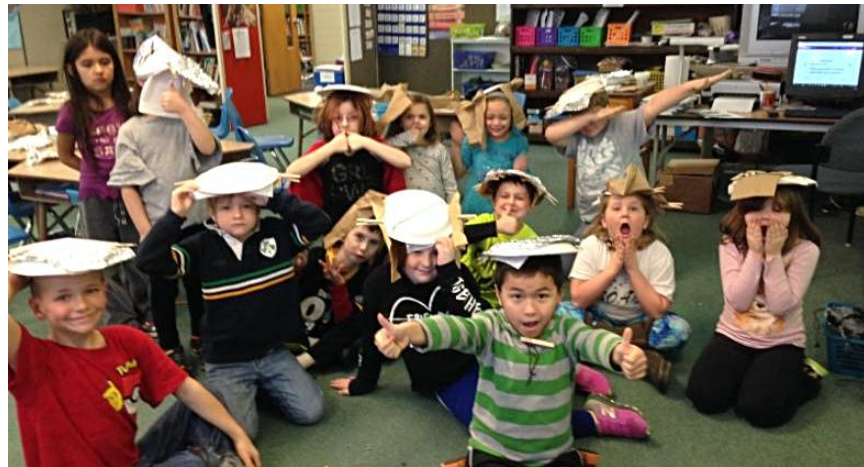




Last week, we all ended up in the mud clearing paths for the water to flow better and experimenting with dams and creating ponds.

This week the conditions were much different as we all had to break trail through a foot of snow. Trekking Tuesdays is all about enjoying nature, building curiosity of the world around us, testing ideas, cooperation and much much more. We'll keep on trekking as the seasons change.

### Grade 2 Mystery Science Engineering by Mrs. Laird

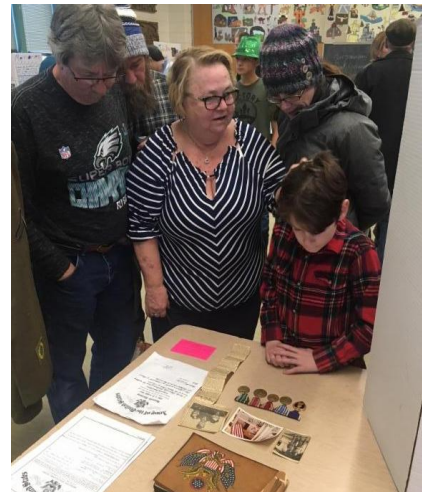
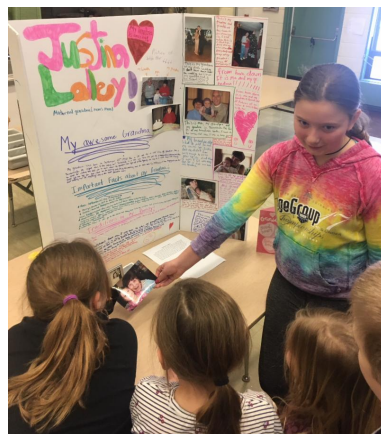


Problem- Second graders are stranded on a desert island and need to keep cool. We only have the materials from our lunch box. The students identified the properties of the materials by testing them for softness, stiffness, and absorbency. The students then used what they learned to design and construct a hat. They shared their designs with the class and discussed possible ways to improve their designs.

### Grade 5 Storykeepers Project by Ms. Naugle

Fifth grade researchers and historians dove into their family's history as a part of a special unit called Storykeepers, led by Vermont author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Natalie taught students to research their family history by developing family trees, identifying and analyzing primary and secondary sources, and interviewing their family members. This grand research project culminated in a showcase, where the 5th graders showed off all of the great family stories they uncovered to parents, grandparents, KES

students, and our greater school community. Everyone realized how special their families are and every family had interesting stories to tell. Thank you to everyone who participated in supporting these students!



### **Killington Buddy Program by Ms. Dolan, School Counselor**

We are looking to start a Killington Buddy Program in our school! In collaboration with Ottauquechee Community Partnership, we are looking for volunteers who can dedicate 1 hour a week to working with a student matched up with them. The Killington Buddy Program has great potential to positively reach students, but caring adults are needed to be trained as mentors. Mentoring is a meaningful and effective way to impact young people and help put them on a trajectory toward success. A mentor is someone who lets a young person know that they matter. Some example of activities are; playing board games, walking on the trail, reading, having lunch, and supporting school assignments. If this prospect calls to you, please contact the Program Director by emailing [biz.alessi@gmail.com](mailto:biz.alessi@gmail.com) or by calling (802) 457-2679. Mentoring runs throughout the school year only, one hour a week at the school.

If you are a parent of a Killington Elementary student who would like to see their child experience this wonderful opportunity, please contact Mary Dolan at [mdolan@wcsu.net](mailto:mdolan@wcsu.net).

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