

# KES Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

March 20  
Grades K, 1, & 2 to  
Hopkins Center for  
Elephant & Piggy  
Performance- Bag Lunch  
Please

Grades 5 & 6 Floor  
Hockey Semi Finals 1:15-2  
pm

March 21  
Screenagers showing  
@ KES 5-7 pm

March 22  
Sixth Grade Parent Info.  
Night @ WUHS @ 6:30 pm

March 23  
Grades 3 & 4 Floor  
Hockey @KES 11 - noon

Grades 5 & 6 Hockey  
Finals 1:15 - 2 pm

Killington Aquatic Club  
2017 Spring Programs  
begin

March 27-31  
Energy Week

March 30  
Grades 5 & 6 District  
Hockey Jamboree @  
Union Arena noon

KES STEM Night  
KEEPERS Spaghetti  
Dinner @ 5:00 in the KES  
Dining Hall  
Student presentations to  
follow until 7pm

March 31  
3rd Marking Period Ends

April 12  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Breakfast @ KES @ 8:15

April 13  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

April 17-21  
Spring Recess

May 2  
Spring Concert

May 4-5  
Grade 5 to Boston



## Trailblazer Thank You!

KES had to cancel two Thursdays this year due to cold temperatures and/or high winds. However, we enjoyed 7 great days of skiing and riding at Killington and finished up with a banner powder day!

This wonderful P. E. program is only possible through the volunteer efforts of our community coaches. A giant shout out to our on hill volunteers: Vince Wynn, Kyle Amos, Jennifer Wysocki, Devin Bourassa, Simone Fieldhouse, Ken Fieldhouse, Rebecca Claffey, Dan Molalley, Paul Bisceglia, Chuck Claffey, Andrew McKenna, Laura McKenna, Jody Keefe, Erica Hurd, Todd Kowalczyk, Guy Keefe, Marion Abrams, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Josh Eckler, Glenn Bures, Scott Harvey, Kristina Tooker, Joe Grasso, Kara Stickney, Tyler Gugliotta, Soo Gugliotta, Tony Sudol, Ray Rice, John Durney, and Liz Patnode Cotter.

Thank you to Rebecca Claffey for loading and transporting skis every week and to Monica Legayada for manning the base lodge and caring for children when inside the Ramshead base lodge.

## **KES Budget Thank You**

Thank you to all of our Killington resident parents and community members who joined us on March 6th to express support of the school and approve the Killington Elementary School budget. Congratulations to both Butch Findeisen and Roger Rivera for re-elections to the KES School Board and the Woodstock Union High School Board, respectively.

The support this community and our parents extend to the school helps us to provide an exemplary education to our students.

## **Good As Gold**

The Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) team at KES supports a proactive approach to encourage students to remember to be respectful, responsible, and safe while at school, home, and during extracurricular activities (in other words, everywhere and always). Some recent initiatives to keep the spirit alive have been implemented, such as principal lunches, kind heart nominations, and most recently, the Pot of Gold incentive. Students will be recognized for being responsible, respectful, and safe and given a gold coin, which they will put their name on and paste to a poster in the hallway depicting a pot at the end of a rainbow.

At the end of March, we will celebrate the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow" with a special surprise! Stay tuned to our newsletter as we reveal the surprise on March 31st!

## **Mary Guggenberger, Principal**

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### **Some Grade 5 reflections on Trailblazers**

Hi, Jonas here from KES, and I love Trailblazers. I only moved up here this year, and one of my favorite things about this new school is Trailblazers. And no, it's not just because we get out of school early. It's riding Killington with my friends, having fun, riding all of the mountain trails and parks. You name it, we do it. It's a great way to snowboard, ski, and just have fun with your friends.

By Jonas Wysocki

At Killington Elementary School we have a special event on Thursdays-Trailblazers. Trailblazer is where everyone in the school from kindergarten all the way up to sixth grade go to Killington Mountain and ski or snowboard. I have done it since I was in kindergarten, so it is very special to me.

Trailblazers is the perfect time to have fun with friends, like an extra-long, special recess from 12:00 to 3:30. It is also a great time to socialize, because in school we only have a limited time to talk, or no one wants to talk and socialize, but at Trailblazers you can talk on the chairlift without any time limit because you are with awesome volunteers, like parents, that also want to have fun on the mountain.

Trailblazer is not a racing program or a competition or a training program. It is just a great social event on the mountain and a time to casually ski or ride. We also get to ski or ride with friends we don't see often because they ski race or don't ski or ride often, so Trailblazers brings friends together no matter what they do in their spare time on the mountain.

In the end, Trailblazers is a special part of "school" for me because it is one of the few times I can hang out with all my friends for a long time and just talk and have fun on Killington.

By Logan Sudol

### Sugaring in Fourth Grade by Ms. Kalnitsky

Just when we thought winter was over it came back with gusto! However, before the temps turned frigid and the snow started falling, the 4th graders took advantage of the warmer temps to go out on the KES nature trail with longtime KES volunteer Steve Finneron to tap 9 trees. Students spent some time in the fall preparing for that day by cutting branches and clearing lines and tubing. Prior to heading out last week, the kids measured and cut new tubing, cleaned the taps, and assembled all our equipment in one area.

Once outside, it was discovered that our collector had mysteriously disappeared and that our buckets did not have a large enough hole to hang on the tap. Mr. Finneron was able to bring the buckets to G. H. Grimm & Co. where they repunched the buckets (at no charge to the school!) and had us ready to continue collecting sap. By the end of the second day of collection, we had collected just under 2 gallons because a cold snap rolled in. We were fortunate to be joined by volunteers: the Colton family, Christina Tooker, and John Durney over the course of those days. We are storing sap in the kitchen at school and eagerly awaiting the temps to rise again.



Meanwhile, back in the classroom, students are learning the history of maple sugaring in Vermont. We have been reading both fiction and non fiction texts about sugaring as well as writing journal entries about our activities. We are also collecting data about sugaring that will be analyzed.

## **Puppets in Education by Ms. Dolan, Guidance Counselor**

Kids on the Block, Puppets in Education visited our school on Monday, March 13th, with presentations for students on the topics of Bullying, Learning Differences and Feelings. Each presentation included puppet shows, song, discussion, role plays and video. The presentations were very engaging, entertaining and elicited thoughtful discussion on these very important topics. One parent in attendance commented "This is so good for kids to see" and "I wish all parents could see this...it was so good"!

Puppets in Education, Inc. teaches children how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's differences....through educational programs that use almost life-size puppets who model problem solving, kind behavior, and tolerance. This visit was made possible via a generous grant from National Life Group Foundation of Montpelier.



Look for a "Keep the Conversation Going" paper coming home with your child. Be sure to ask them about the show!

## **Sixth Grade News**

On Wednesday, March 22nd, WUMS is hosting a Sixth Grade Parent Information Night at 6:30 PM in the North Cafeteria.

## **News from the Guidance Counselor, Mary Dolan**

It's summer camp planning time! With the many, varied summer camp options to choose from, it can be hard to keep track or to know what's available. Please check out our [2017 Summer Camp guide](#) for a comprehensive listing of area summer camp opportunities.

Reminder to parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to plan on attending the award winning film, SCREENAGERS, at KES, March 21st, at 5:30-7 pm. Students in grades 5 & 6 are also invited to attend. SCREENAGERS is documentary film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance.

There will be light snacks and childcare available for younger children. Students grades 5 & 6 are encouraged to attend with their parents. To view the SCREENAGERS trailer, see <https://vimeo.com/145826333> . For more information, please contact Mary Dolan, KES Counselor @ 422 3366, ext 215.

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