

Dates to Remember

March 25

One School One Book
Launches

March 28

Grade 5 to StarBase

April 1

End of Third Marking
Period

April 2

Grades 5 & 6 to attend
Ryan's Story Presented
by John Halligan @ WES
@ 12:30 PM
Parent Presentation @
6:30-8 PM

April 4

Grade 5 to StarBase

April 5

Killington Parks & Rec
Dance for KES grades 4-6

April 8

Jump Rope for Heart
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

April 9

Dr. Nancy Doda Presents
Making the "Wonder
Years" Wonderful, 6-7:30
pm, WUHS Library

April 10

PEAKS (formerly
KEEPERS) Meet @ KES @
8:15 AM

April 15-19

Spring Recess/No
Classes

April 23

VINS visits PreK

April 25

Grade 5 to StarBase

May 2

KES Prekindergarten
Visits & Kindergarten
Registration

May 3

KES Volunteer
Appreciation Pancake
Breakfast & Grade 4
Maple Syrup Celebration

May 7

Spring Concert @ 6pm

May 11

Girls On The Run 5K

Trailblazers!

These photos say it all about our last 2019 Trailblazer day at Killington. All KES volunteers please mark your calendars for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast coming up on May 3rd. Hope you can attend and allow us to show our appreciation for all you do. More details to follow.



One School One Book

We are excited to launch a new project on Monday, 3/25/19, at Morning Sing called One School One Book. Sponsored by PEAKS (formerly

May 21
Free Parenting Class
Children and Self-Esteem
5:30 - 7 PM

July 1 -26
Summer SOAK

KEEPERS), each student will receive the same book to read with their family at home. Along with the book there will be a reading schedule to follow beginning 3/25/19 through 4/8/19. Several times each week during Morning Sing, students and teachers will engage in a mini "book club" discussion and answer trivia questions. Your child(ren) won't want to miss Morning Sing and opportunities to share their thoughts on the previous day's reading and a chance to win prizes. We'll reveal the book selection on Monday and send home books and resource materials with students via back packs.

Thank you to PEAKS for inspiring us to seek out this special "community of readers" project as well as for sponsoring it. We can't wait to share this experience with the whole school! All parents are welcome to attend the launch at 8:10 on Monday when we reveal the book and meet the author.

Principal's Lunch

Students celebrated exemplary respectful, responsible, and safe behavior at th Principal's Lunch on Wednesday, March 20th. Congratulations go to Sage Karr, Griffin LeBrun, Bryson Lawrence, and Leo Durney, who were not able to attend last month's lunch, as well as this month's nominees Owen Rogers, Jack Kuhn, Kooper Fowler, Brian Keefe, Lucas Geller, Emmie Kuhn, Lucien Fleischner, Samantha Daigle, Allison Kuhn, Joffre Legayada, Olivia Grasso, Christian Bisceglia, and Celino Eto. Not present was Cha'alle Wier who is invited to the next luncheon on May 1. Thank you to these students for helping to make KES a safe and healthy learning environment!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Coding the Sphero



Students in grades 4 - 6 learned how to use the sphero, a robot ball that can be coded to move, change color, and say sounds or words. Under Tech Media Specialist, Eileen Vaughn's direction, students used their chromebooks to connect to the bluetooth of the robot. Here are some fifth graders' responses to the lesson:



Sphero by Schuyler Hagge, Grade 5
Recently my class had the privilege of being introduced to a small spherical ball called Sphero. Sphero is a programmable ball that can be driven, programmed, and moved via bluetooth, on your ios, Android, Chrome and Windows device. Our class first worked with the drive, then we took it a step up to programming Sphero and making Sphero do jobs and complete certain tasks. I think that everyone should program with Sphero. It's fun, educational, and will teach you about new technology.

Spheros by Madison McConnell

Using the Spheros was probably my favorite thing my class has done in library/tech with Mrs. Vaughn. My favorite part of using the Spheros was all the things we could do with them, like making them go off of jumps just by pressing a button on the computer. Another thing I liked about using the Spheros was that we could work with partners, and it was more fun that way. It was also really easy to control them. All you had to do was move around a joystick on the computer. I also liked the routine. We would get paired up with an unexpected partner by pulling names. Then Mrs. Vaughn would assign the two of us a space in the library that we got to use however we wanted! I think everyone should use the Spheros

2019 Windsor Central Band Showcase Was a Huge Success by Christine Morton, Music Teacher

The annual WCSU Band Showcase was held on March 12 at the WUHS. The number one goal was to build camaraderie and reinforce excitement about the overall band experience with the students, parents, teachers, and to make beautiful music. This experience gave our KES School Band the thrill of being part of a Band with about 150 players! All of our students were so happy that they decided to be part of this experience. More students were able to attend this year thanks to Mrs. Guggenberger and the Butler Bus company. I hope you will enjoy this video from the concert. Kudos to Olivia Grasso, Elle Molalley, Schuyler Hagge, Celino Eto, Joffre Legayada, Liam Claffey, Spencer Claffey, Leland Hall, Samantha Daigle, Christian Bisceglia, Madison McConnell, Tobe Smith, Lia Gugliotta, Leo Durney, Kaitlyn Burres, Sylvia Linder, Amelia Hurd, Pippa Shaw, William Bisceglia, Ruby Keefe, Jacob Legayada, John Underwood, Kody Lantiegne, Ali Daigle, Quinn Eckler, and Adelle Danilchick for a job well done!

[Band Showcase Video](#)

Ryan's Story

John Halligan will be presenting for district 5th and 6th grade students on the topic of bullying at Woodstock Elementary School on April 2. He will be presenting for parents at WES April 2 as well, 6:30 - 8 pm.

Current Vermont anti-bullying laws and model bully prevention policies are a direct result of Mr. Halligan's advocacy toward this aim, in response to his son, Ryan, being bullied in school. Some of the information in Ryan's story is very sensitive; as such we will be sending home more information and the opportunity for student opt-out, if you should so choose. Mr. Halligan shares "My son's life story affects students like no other presentation. It is a real story that inspires students to make positive changes in their lives towards reducing bullying, cyber-bullying and preventing teen suicide." All will leave this presentation feeling loved, hopeful and changed. Please see Mr. Halligan's website <http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org> for more information.

Big Friend/Little Friend Leprechaun Traps Photos by Mrs. Simonds





Making the "Wonder Years" Wonderful: Understanding Our Changing Young Adolescents

Dr. Nancy Doda presents making the "Wonder Years" wonderful on April 9th, from 6-7:30 pm, at the WUHS Library. You are invited to this unique opportunity for middle school parents to meet, hear, and learn from his internationally recognized expert on young adolescent (ages 10-15) learners.

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