

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

March 6
In-service/No Classes

Killington Elementary
School Annual Meeting
and Budget Vote @4:30

SUCC Dinner in KES
Dining Hall following KES
Annual Meeting approx.
@5:30 pm \$5 donation

Town Informational
Meeting @ KES @ 7pm

March 7
KES is in Session
Town voting Australian
Ballot @ Town Office
7am-7pm

KES Full Band Rehearsals
begin

March 8
Grade 4 NAEP Testing

Summer SOAK Expo @
Woodstock Elementary
School 4:30 - 6:30 pm

March 13
Puppets in Education
Rescheduled

Summer SOAK online
registration opens

March 14
WCSU District Band
Showcase

March 15
WCSU Band Showcase
Snow Date

March 16
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride Last
Day

March 20
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



KES Has Talent!

On February 17th, students of all ages performed for a full house in the annual KES Talent Show after many weeks of planning, preparation, and practice for a variety of 1-2 minute acts. The audience applauded not only for the performers' talent and creativity but also for their determination and perseverance to share their interests and talents with the KES community.

Thank you to all of the teachers who dedicated their time and energy to bring this event to the stage. Also, thank you to everyone for coming to support our budding performers.

Killington Elementary School Meeting and Budget Vote

Please attend our annual school meeting on Monday, March 6th at 4:30 pm in the KES gym. We need your voice to support our efforts to maintain a high standard of excellence for all KES students. Voting is from the floor and not part of the Australian ballot on Tuesday. Child care will be provided on Monday from 4pm to 8pm in the KES Specials' Room. Sixth graders will be helping and donations are gratefully accepted for their Nature's Classroom week-long trip in May. There are no classes at KES (or P@K) on Monday, 3/6/17; it is a teacher inservice day.

Following the annual school meeting, at about 5:30 pm, the Sherburne United Church of Christ is offering a pasta dinner in the KES Dining Hall. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread, and dessert.

At 7 pm, a Town Informational Meeting will be held in the KES gym to discuss the articles listed in the town report, which will be voted on via Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7th. Registered voters of the town of Killington are asked to vote between the hours of 7am and 7pm at the town office on River Rd. KES is in session Tuesday, March 7th.

Sixth Grade & Middle School News

On February 10th, KES alum, Nina Borzekowski, accompanied Woodstock Union Middle School (WUMS) Principal, Dana Peterson, and Guidance Counselor, Vali Stuntz, to address the sixth grade about the transition from KES to middle school.

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

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

March 31
3rd Marking Period Ends

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

On Wednesday, March 22nd, WUMS is hosting a Sixth Grade Parent Information Night at 6:30 PM in the North Cafeteria. More detailed flyers went home this week with all KES sixth graders.

Join Us in Welcoming Mary Beth Banios

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mary Beth Banios as the new Superintendent of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union effective July 1, 2017.

Mary Beth is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Shrewsbury Public Schools in Massachusetts, a position she has held for the last 6 years. In addition to her Central Office experience, Mary Beth brings 8 years experience as a building principal, one year as an assistant principal, 3 years as an instructional coach, and 8 years as a classroom teacher.

Mary Beth is passionate about creating a school culture that supports a vision of what our students need to learn to be successful and productive in a 21st century learning environment. As you all get to know Mary Beth, we are sure you will also appreciate the enthusiasm with which she speaks of the opportunities we have in this supervisory union to partner with members of our communities to the benefit of our students.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss by Mrs. Knipes

First graders celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by participating in several activities this week. We listened to our favorite stories read by two special Guest Readers, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Guggenberger. We did an author study and learned more about Dr. Seuss and his books. We made Oobleck which was a lot of fun. We also read Dr. Seuss books with our fifth grade reading partners. First grade comments included: Samuel says, "He is silly and he makes up words." Jayson says, "He is a good writer."



Dr. Seuss in Kindergarten by Ms. LeBrun

Kindergarten kicked off our study of Dr. Seuss with the book "The Cat in the Hat." The students made rhyming hats to wear while they faced a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) challenge. The students were given twenty mini solo cups and a stack of index cards and were challenged to see how tall of a structure they could build. The students worked diligently for about an hour trying several different designs. First, they started building independently just stacking the cups up. One student tried a pyramid, while another stacked the cups back to back. Eventually, they decided two heads were better than one and started combining cups and working together in partners. The tallest tower was eleven cups high. They practiced patience, persistence, problem solving, and cause and effect. Our Dr. Seuss unit will continue on with many more fun activities!.

KES Music and Band News

Music Educator Christine Morton asks us to share that beginning Tuesday, March 7th, in lieu of group lessons, instrumentalists will meet at 2 pm for a full band rehearsal. Students will be dismissed in time to catch the bus This schedule will continue on Tuesdays until June 6th.

Summer SOAK

Now that the snow is quickly melting, plans for Summer SOAK 2017 are under way. You can take a look at what will be available this summer on the Windsor Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) website (wcsu.net) under Summer SOAK Sessions.

WCSU is also providing a Summer Program Expo that will be held on March 8th at the Woodstock Elementary School from 4:30 to 6:30. So far, we have 13 different programs sharing information about their summer activities, and the Family Place will be there to help with completing subsidy paperwork. WES is also presenting their Parent Series that night to make it a full evening of learning and doing.

Remember that Participation Forms and Medical Release Forms can be accessed from the registration website and will be accepted prior to registration day.

Registration day is March 13th and should begin at 7:30 am .



Preschool at KES by Betty Hughes, Director

The Pre-K's are traveling the world and last week we were in Australia. Here the children are Aborigines and they are showing their Didgeridoos, a special Australian instrument, that they made. We celebrated with a special dance playing the Didgeridoo! They are learning all kinds of facts about each of the countries and their passports get stamped with the country's flag too!

Puppets in Education

The performances of the Puppets in Education presentation at KES will be March 13th. Parents are invited to attend! The schedule for these presentations is: grades 3-4, 8:30-9:30 (Bullying and Learning Differences); grades K-2, 9:40-10:40, (Bullying and Feelings) & grades 5-6 10:45-12:00 (Bully Prevention Workshop).

News from the Guidance Counselor

The Award winning film, SCREENAGERS, is coming to KES March 21st, for parents of students grades 4 and up. 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. SCREENAGERS "depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addictions...and (offers) solutions on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world." After seeing the film, people say they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

SCREENAGERS creator, Delaney Ruston, M.D., is a Stanford trained physician and social change documentary filmmaker who got the idea to make Screenagers while struggling with her kids over screen time.

The film and informal discussion will be held March 21, 5:30 - 7:00 at KES. 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> .

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