

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

March 11
Grade 4 Snowshoe To
Prep Sugaring Trail
Parent Chaperones Needed

March 12, 13, & 14
School Spirit Store Open
7:45am-8:45 am and 3-3:15
KES Library

March 12
Windsor Central
Band Showcase
WUHS/MS Main
Gymnasium
(Snow Date 3/13)

March 13
Online Registration Opens
for Summer SOAK
programs

March 15
Deadline for Round 1
Elementary District School
Choice applications

March 15 @ 3PM
March 16 @ 11:30 AM
3rd Annual Killington Irish
Festival @ Summit Lodge
Saturday: activities for the
kids, irish dance
performances with dancers
from Ireland, and some
wonderful vendors

April 1
End of Third Marking
Period

April 9
Dr. Nancy Doda Presents
Making the "Wonder Years"
Wonderful, 6-7:30 pm,
WUHS Library

April 15-19
Spring Recess/No Classes

May 7
Spring Concert @ 6pm

May 11
Girls On The Run 5K

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

July 1 -26
Summer SOAK



Trailblazers!

With one more TB Thursday left, 3/14, our valuable volunteers have helped KES skiers and riders appreciate Killington's vast terrain, hone their skills, and in some cases ride a chair lift for the first time!

Students always look forward to TB Thursdays when they are able to ski or ride with friends and fellow students. Volunteers voice their disappointment when the program ends and speak to how rewarding it is to volunteer. Consider volunteering next year and reap the rewards of sharing your time.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Virtual Visit with Author Todd Parr by Ms. LeBrun

On February 26th, prekindergarten through second grade attended a Skype call with famous author, Todd Parr. He called from his studio in Berkeley, California or as he referred to it as "Todd World". Parr has written around fifty books including the New York Times best selling "I Love You book." He read three of his books to the students "The Underwear Book," "Teachers Rock" and his newest title "The Cars and Trucks Book." He explained to the children how he draws the illustrations

and then writes the words based on the pictures. Todd now does all of this through a tablet that uploads right to his computer. He even has his own font based on his handwriting, cool! Todd shared his love for the color blue, macaroni and cheese, and his favorite children's books "Don't Let the Pigeon Ride the Bus" and "Dinosaurs Love Tacos." Thank you to the PEAKS (Parents and Educators Aligned for Killington Students) for sponsoring our Skype call, it was enjoyed by all!



Big Friend/Little Friend Breakfast with Frosty



Pairing sixth grade "Big Friends" with kindergarten "Little Friends" is a long standing tradition at KES. The program was in full swing on Friday, 3/8, when the gang had a pancake breakfast with Frosty the Snowman. He is certainly a jolly happy soul! Everyone visited with Frosty and he had something special for the Little Friends. Many thanks to Mrs. Sylvia, the Reed Family, and Mrs. Simonds for making this event possible. And to....Grandpa Andy Hawley, as Frosty. (In Memory of MB Neisner)

Sixth Grade School Spirit Store Opens Soon! by Mrs. Simonds



Sixth Graders have been using the KES Makerspace to solve a real-world problem and need. They want to help raise money for a large net to go behind the Gaga pit, as well as purchase another gift for the school. To accomplish this goal, they have created KES merchandise using the Cricut machines, all with KES insignia. Items include keychains, mugs, bookmarks, stickers, boxes, earrings, and bookmarks, and prices range from 50 cents to \$10 for each item. This store will be located in the Library and will be open March 12th-14th, Tuesday-Thursday 7:45am-8:45 am and 3pm-3:15pm. All classes will have a chance to visit and shop. Parents are welcome.



This project is part of a district-wide initiative to engage students in deeper learning opportunities, and really give students a sense of ownership in their work. They use math, design, art, communication, problem-solving, and computer skills to complete this authentic, real-world task of building a business model. The new KES Makerspace has been a place of creativity, inspiration, and innovation all year for the students at KES. It is wonderful to see such excitement around the students' projects. Thank you for your support!

Super Star Celebration - Dr. Seuss' Birthday by Mrs. Getty



In recognition of meeting our school-wide goal of reaching 11,000 PBIS stars, the KES community held a Superstar celebration on March 1st.

Friday was also Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Each class chose to celebrate this special PBIS accomplishment differently. Students in grades 2nd/3rd listened together to the book *The Sneetches*. Students independently started discussing the author's purpose in writing this story. They connected the behaviors of the *Sneetches* to our country's history as well as personal experience. The celebration culminated with Star-Belly Sneetches, student decorated sugar cookies. An important lesson and a tasty treat were enjoyed by all.

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.

2019 Windsor Central Band Showcase by Jody Henderson, WUHS/MS Instrumental/Digital Music

The seventh annual Band Showcase is taking place Tuesday March 12th, with a snow date of Wednesday March 13th. This will occur in the WUHS/MS main gymnasium (thanks to Athletic Director Q Pinckney). This is a terrific event involving over 150 of our students grades 4 to 12.

The schedule for this after school event is as follows:

2:15 KES band students with written permission depart by bus to WUHS/MS and are met by Mrs. Morton.

3:15-3:30 Elementary band students rehearse as a combined elementary group. All elementary band instructors will be present.

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 arrive to enjoy the WCSU mass 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. All students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

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