

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

April 24-May 3
SBAC Testing
Grades 5 & 6

May 1
Kindergarten Registration
by Appt.

May 2
Spring Concert @ KES
@ 6:30 pm

May 4-5
Grade 5 to Boston

May 9-19
SBAC Testing Grade 4

May 13
Girls On The Run 5K

May 14 - 26
SBAC Testing Grade 3

May 15 - 19
Grade 6 to Nature's
Classroom

May 18
KES School Board
Meeting
@ 8:15 AM

May 19
Grade 2 to MBRNHP

May 21
Spring Fling @ The
Foundry at Summit Pond

May 26
KES Memorial Day
Remembrance

May 29
No Classes

June 5 (6/8 Rain Date)
KES Field Day and Pot
Luck Picnic Lunch

June 9
KES Kindergarten &
Grade 6 Graduation @
9AM

June 10
Huck Finn Fishing Derby
@ The Foundry at Summit
Pond

June 13
Last Day of Classes

Thank You!

Thank you to all our valuable KES volunteers for taking time from your busy schedules to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. We combined our Grade 4 sugaring celebration with an all school volunteer opportunity and the turnout was spectacular. Thank you fourth grade for sharing the wealth of maple syrup.

KES teachers truly appreciate the opportunity that Parent/Teacher conferences provide to collaborate on the success of our children. The conference is a great opportunity to discuss report cards, ask or answer questions, and share information. Please do not hesitate to keep that channel of communication open.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal



Four Winds by Annie Masillo, Coordinator

Four Winds parent volunteers have two more trainings this school year. Here's an update on what we've been doing.

Four Winds brings our parents into the school where they engage your children in a hands-on, nature-based science program. This school year our theme is Earth. And each month we investigate and explore a topic related to that theme. We have discussed big concepts so far, learning about the interactions between living and non-living components of our world. These include: Sunlight and Shadow, Erosion, Rock & Minerals, Air, Sound, and Water. Our next topic is Wind & Clouds. And we finish the year with Navigation: How we use the earth, sun, landscape and magnetic field to find our way.

Each month, parent volunteers learn material, and then present it to our children in the classroom. We felt especially fortunate to be treated to volunteer Detlef Hage's own expertise and knowledge for the rocks and mineral unit! The children get to see that parents care about learning, nature, science and most of all...them. Our teaching materials support the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards.

The volunteers who make all this happen have committed themselves to both teaching and inspiring kids to make their own discoveries about nature. THANK YOU to Laura, McKenna, Jody Keefe, Laura Almeda, Rebecca Claffey, Detlef Hagge, Kristina Tooker, Scott harvey, Tyler Gugliotta, Anna Rayner, Eric Lantiegne, and Jennifer Iannantuoni. Jennifer is "graduating" from Four Winds this year after 6 years in the classroom. She makes sure that every unit is fun and the children love her. Thank you for your dedication; we are going to miss you.

Please ask your children what they learned in Four Winds!

April Health News by Susan Clarke, School Nurse

Spring Safety Tip: Continue to take everyday precautions against the FLU!

Spring Cleaning: In addition to your regular spring cleaning chores, consider adding some that will make your home a little safer for your kids, such as cleaning out your medicine cabinet, checking product recalls, and looking for broken toys, etc.

Sun Safety: Remember, the sun's rays are strongest between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm. Use SPF 15 or higher, even on cloudy days. It is important to get a healthy dose of sunshine each day.

Immunization Schedules: Check with your healthcare provider to be sure you and your child are up to date, especially children entering Kindergarten and rising 6th graders.

Asthma/Allergy Action Plans: Seasonal Allergy and Asthma Action Plans are important to review and update with your healthcare provider, and a copy should be on file at school, as well as a rescue inhaler. Learn what your child's triggers are - pollen, grass, molds, temperature changes, exercise, smoke, perfume, pesticides?

A word about head lice- This can happen to anyone, it's not uncommon. Most head lice are transmitted from head to head contact. Check your children regularly, if head lice are found consult a healthcare provider regarding treatment options. Follow package directions and comb out lice and nits thoroughly. While this is a time consuming task, it is also very effective at preventing repeat cycles. Clean all items that may have been in contact with your child's head. (Combs, brushes, linens, stuffed animals). Let your children's close friends and parents know so they too can check regularly. Report all cases to the school nurse.



Principal's Luncheon by Joffre Legayada, Grade 4

Have you heard about the Principal's special luncheon? It is a fancy meal and like going to a restaurant. There is a tablecloth and cloth napkins for your lap. The table is festive with a vase of flowers in the middle. The food

is also special because it comes from a restaurant. When I went to the luncheon, we had "make your own" tacos and desserts. There were chocolate chip and sugar cookies.

The way to get invited to the special luncheon, you have to be respectful, responsible, and safe. A teacher has to tell Mrs. Guggenberger that you should go to the luncheon. You should go to the luncheon so you can get a good lunch and after that have a dessert like a cookie.

Student Council News by Logan Sudol, Grade 6

This year's Student Council School Store was a huge success. We raised over \$240 for new soccer nets to be used on our KES field. Thank you to the KEEPERS for helping to contribute to the cost of the new nets. We can't wait to use them on the field!



Spanish News by Senora Elena

Students in grades K -2 celebrated with the Dance of the Eggshells in Spanish. The Dance of the Eggshells was a tradition among Spanish settlers in northern Mexico and the American Southwest. People made cascarones, or brightly decorated eggshells, filled with confetti following forty days of a meatless diet during Lent. At the dance held the week after Easter, the way you ask someone to dance is by breaking a cascarón over their head. If you're thinking this makes a giant mess, you are right. Fortunately, another part of this traditional event is the Broom Dance. This is a little like musical chairs, except that the person without a dance partner has to dance with the broom.



Fifth Grade STEM Night by Chloe Masillo, Clara Shortle, and Maxwell Abrams

We had a very successful STEM night this year on March 30, 2017. We had some extremely interesting and intriguing projects.

Technology Timeline

Fifth grade pulled some old technology out the library closet and did some specific research on our technology. After researching our items, finding out the years they were manufactured, writing about how they work, and what we use now, we constructed a timeline in order of the years the technology was manufactured. Then we presented our technology for STEM night to our KES community.

Inventions

We also designed and created some technology ourselves. The fifth grade class interviewed each other about problems we had with our binders or backpacks. Then after we interviewed each other, we decided how we could help our client with her problems. Finally, we collected recycled materials from the classroom and assembled our designs.

We appreciated your support and for coming to STEM night. Thank you!!

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