

Dates to Remember

May 18
Johnny Barrows
Annual Youth Fishing
Derby
9 - noon @ Colton
Pond Pittsfield

May 21
Free Parenting Class
Children and Self-
Esteem
@ KES 5:30 - 7 PM
Please r.s.v.p for
childcare

GRANDparenting:
A Support Group for
Grandparents Who
are Caring for or
Raising their
Grandchildren
8:30-9:30 AM at the
Thompson Senior
Center, Woodstock

May 24
Memorial Day
Commemoration
@ KES @ 2:15 PM

May 27
Memorial Day/No
Classes

May 28
Scenery & Dinner for
Grades 3 & 4 Play
3-6 PM @ KES

May 30 & 31
Grade 5 to Boston

May 31
Grades 1, 2, 3 to
Hildene The Lincoln
Family Home
Manchester, VT
Bag lunch please

June 1
Trek to Taste
10 - 3 @ Marsh
Billings Historic
National Park,
Woodstock

June 2
Spring Fling 2-4 PM @
The Foundry
@Summit Pond
Concert Attire
KES students and an
adult chaperone
please

June 3

Thank You Volunteers and PEAKS for Recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week!

During Teacher Appreciation week, 5/6-10, our parent volunteers went above and beyond to recognize KES teachers for their hard work and commitment to the education of all our students. An amazing catered lunch from PEAKS was enjoyed by all on Tuesday, May 7th while volunteers monitored the dining hall and recess time giving faculty an hour of collegiality. Every day of the week, cherished gifts appeared in all of our mailboxes. Thank you one and all for making teachers feel valued and special!

On behalf of all of the faculty and staff at KES, thank you for being such a generous group of volunteers who strive for the betterment of the entire KES community.

Spring Concert: You've Got a Friend - A Celebration of Women in Music



Parents, grandparents, and KES friends were wowed by the Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 7th. Kudos to the talented students who beautifully sang songs made famous by women artists. It was difficult not to sing along and dance in our seats to *Downtown*, *Mockingbird*, *Big Yellow Taxi*, and more. As always, our younger students rocked the audience with song and dance and stole the show!

The KES band performed instrumental classics and also improvised to the delight of all. Congratulations and thank you to Music Teacher and Band Director Mrs. Christine Morton for another wonderful show.

Special thanks also goes out to Grade 5/6 Teacher Ms. Naugle and her 5th and 6th grade students for the design and execution of outstanding scenery and thank you to Richard Underwood, Stage Hand.

KES Step Up Day
Grades 1-5 8:30 - 9:00
PreK & K 8:30-9:30

KES Field Day 10:30 -
noon
Pot Luck Picnic noon
Parents A-I, please
bring a salad to
share; parents J-Z,
please bring a
dessert to share.
Dismissal to parent
or designee after
lunch for pool time.
Rain Date: June 6th

June 8
Huck Finn Catfish
Derby 11-2 @ The
Foundry @ Summit
Pond

Summer
Extravaganza
noon - 3 PM
@WUHS & MS
Campus
Water Slides, Foam
Slide
Donations collected
for Summer SOAK
Scholarships

June 10
KES Kindergarten &
Sixth Grade
Graduation @ 9AM

June 11
3rd & 4th Grade Play
@ 8:30 AM

Last Day of Classes
Noon dismissal and
Bus Run
Lunch @ 11:20

July 1 -26
Summer SOAK



Join Us for our Memorial Day Commemoration

KES students and band members will commemorate Memorial Day at 2:15, on May 24th, in the KES gym. Students will read the names of local deceased veterans. All are welcome to join us in honoring our heroes.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Prekindergarten Celebration: Mommy and Muffins



On Monday May 13th, prekindergarten honored their moms for Mothers' Day with a Mommies and Muffins breakfast. The students sang a Mothers' Day song with the egg shakers they made during their class study on music. After the children presented their mothers with a handmade card and paper flower bouquet, everyone sat down to eat a delicious breakfast together. Thank you moms for all you do!

Girls on the Run 5K by Holly Getty



On Saturday May 11th, the KES Girls on the Run team completed the 5K celebratory event at Castleton University with other teams from all over Central Vermont. Students from another school in our supervisory union, Barnard Academy, were also in attendance, and it was great to connect with members of their team. The weather was cold and windy for warm ups, but the girls enjoyed bouncing around to the hair dye and face painting stations, as well as dancing and singing Happy 20th Birthday to GOTR of Vermont. By the end of the 5K the sun was shining and participants were still smiling, quite proud of their accomplishments. Our final activity for this season is the bake sale today. We will be donating money collected to purchase books for kids at the hospital and to help animals at the humane society. Thanks for your support! We look forward to another fantastic season in 2019-2020. All girls in grades 3-6 are invited to participate. Please reach out to Jodi LeBrun or Holly Getty if

you have questions or are interested in volunteering next year.

Kindergarten News



The kindergarten class went to the Sherburne Memorial Library in April and again in May. Miss Jane and Mrs. Knipes organized the visits which focused on literature activities that connected to the curriculum. We furthered our study on chicks and (teddy) bears. Thank you to Miss Jane for the book and bear gifts which kicked off our summer reading practice.

Thank you to Coral Hawley, Grandpa Andy, and Chris Karr for volunteering to drive us to and from the library.

Mock Trial

5th graders had the exciting opportunity of attending the annual Law Day Mock Trial at the Rutland County Courthouse. This year's mock trial theme was based on the Avengers, and in this court case, Thanos, the plaintiff, was accusing Shuri of Wakanda, the defendant, of damaging his gauntlet. The 5th graders saw the presentation of evidence and witness statements from Rocket Raccoon and Groot. Ultimately, it was up to the jury members, which including our own Maren Cromie, Liam Claffey, Kaitlyn Burres, and Sylvia Linder- to decide if the evidence was strong enough for Thanos to claim damages. The final verdict was in favor of Shuri, and she was found not guilty of damaging Thanos' gauntlet.

5th graders also had a chance to ask the participating lawyers and judges about their careers and experiences. Some of the questions asked included "What's the balance of civil and criminal cases you have in a month?" "How many court cases do you go to in a day?" and "What types of cases do you

see the most in a day?"

As a result of this special field trip, KES 5th graders walked away with a better understanding of a jury trial and the court system.



KES Free Parenting Series Continues: Tuesday, 5/21

Parents who have attended the previous free parenting classes at KES have raved about the presenter, Fritz Weiss, and the content of these evenings, 5:30-7 PM. Children & Self-Esteem is the topic and there will be childcare, snacks and door prizes.

Please r.s.v.p to Mrs. Pilsmaker or Mrs. Guggenberger if you plan to attend and if childcare will be needed.

GRANDparenting: A Support Group for Grandparents Who are Caring for or Raising their Grandchildren

Meet & Greet Kickoff Meeting: May 21st 8:30-9:30 AM at the Thompson Senior Center, 99 Senior Ln, Woodstock, VT (across from the high school off Route 4).

Join us for breakfast on Tuesday, May 21st at the Thompson Senior Center to meet the support group facilitators and talk about what a GRANDparenting support group could mean in your life. This kick-off meeting will introduce possible discussion topics that may include nutrition, behavior, legal guardianship, public benefits, therapeutic supports, and more. There will be gift card giveaways for attendees. The ongoing support group will commence in the Fall of 2019, and will meet in the conference room at the SU building at the WUHSMS campus on the second Tuesday of each month, from 11 AM to Noon. This is a collaborative effort with the Woodstock School District, Senior Solutions (area agency on aging), the Mount Ascutney community health team, and the Thompson Senior Center.

Annual KES Step Up Day is Monday June 3rd

All students attending KES in the 2019-20 school year (prekindergarten to grade 6) are invited to attend step-up from 8:30 - 9 AM, in their future

classroom. Kindergarten and prekindergarten are planning an hour of time ending at 9:30.

**Annual KES Field Day, Pot Luck Picnic, & Pool is Monday,
June 3rd (Rain date) Thursday, June 6th**

We hope to see many families at the KES annual end of the school year celebration on Monday, June 3rd (rain date June 6th). Participation forms for the event will go home with students in the next few weeks and are necessary to participate. Parents are asked to join in for the potluck picnic lunch at noon at the picnic tables at the Johnson Recreation Center on River Rd. KES will supply and cook hot dogs and hamburgers. Parents A-I, please bring a salad to share; parents J-Z, please bring a dessert to share.

The field day piece has children leaving school on buses at approximately 10:15 am for the field for sports and games led by Mr. LaBella. Please be sure to apply sunscreen and insect repellent in the morning before school. Be prepared to reapply when you see your child at noon.

Children will be dismissed after lunch to their parent or designee. Weather permitting, the recreation center pool will be open. Children who wish to swim must have a parent or parent designee present at poolside. Children without a parent or parent designee will not be allowed to swim. Parent and/or designee are responsible for applying sunscreen and bug spray.

There will be no buses or After School Program at the end of the day.

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