

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

May 25
Memorial Day
Remembrance @ 1:30 pm
@ KES

May 28
No Classes/Memorial Day

May 30
Grades 3 & 4
Play Prep After School
Party (including pizza, fruit,
and dessert) 3 - 6 pm

June 2
Trek to Taste
@MBRNHP
10-3

June 3
Spring Fling @ The
Foundry at Summit Pond
2-4

June 4
Grades K to 5th Step Up
Day @KES
8:30 - 9 am

KES Field Day and Pot
Luck Picnic Lunch@ noon
Johnson Rec. Ctr.
A-I Salad please
J-Z Dessert please
(June 7 Rain Date)

June 6
KES School Board of
Directors' Meeting @ 5PM
@ KES

June 6
Grades 3 & 4 to
Montshire Museum
8:30 - 2:30

June 9
Huck Finn Catfish Derby
@The Foundry at Summit
Pond 11-2 pm

June 12
3rd & 4th Grade Play
based on the book
Simon's Hook
2 pm

June 13
Grade 6 Step Up @ WUMS

June 15
KES Grade 6 Graduation
@9 am

Last day of Classes
Full Day

July 2-27
Summer SOAK

July 9-28

Law Day Mock Trial : Star Wars



I had the good fortune to be a driver/chaperone on the recent grade five trip to an annual Law Day Mock Trial. Thank you to Dan Molalley and Kristina Tooker for volunteering your time to drive students.

This year the trial had a Star Wars theme and involved the rightful inheritance of dice that had belonged to a deceased Hans Solo. The plaintiff, Kylo Ren, and the defendant, Chewbacca, roles were played by local attorneys. Two KES students, Kingston Cotter and Nathan Ellis were selected to be on the jury.

The following are excerpts from an essay by fifth grader Kiara Nestler:

Last Friday, fifth grade went to a court Case at the Vermont Superior Court Rutland Civil Division to see a mock trial themed around Star Wars. It was a civil case. According to Brain Pop, a civil case is when there is "One party against another," meaning the plaintiff accuses the defendant of something that may or may not be true.

According to the pamphlet that we got at the mock trial, a plaintiff is "A person starting a lawsuit; a party that complains." And a defendant is "A person against whom a lawsuit is brought; a person who is being sued.". Both the plaintiff and the defendant have lawyers, the lawyers both have to defend their client and prove what their client's position to be true.

The judge keeps the courtroom in order, keeps the case fair, and calls witnesses to the stand so they can share their side of the story. The 12 jury members listen to both sides of the story. After the jury members have heard the whole case, the bailiff escorts them into a separate room to deliberate on who they think rightfully owns the dice. Some jury members may disagree with other members, but the vote on who should win must be unanimous. The judge has no say in who wins.

In this case the jury decided Chewbacca should get the dice for a number of reasons with which I completely disagree. If there's a will that says an

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Arena
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item is yours after the owner dies, and someone else says that the owner said he could have it, that doesn't mean he can have it. In a court case, a will is a really strong piece of evidence.

All Are Welcome to Attend the Memorial Day Remembrance @ KES

It is a tradition at KES to remember the deceased service men and women who served from our community. Please join us on Friday, May 25th, @ 1:30 pm as students read the honored names and the KES band pays tribute.

Annual Field Day and Pot Luck Picnic

We hope to see many families at the KES annual end of the school year celebration on Monday, June 4th (rain date June 7th).

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 children will leave 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. Participation forms will be going home later this month. 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.

Were you at the KEEPERS Social?

A grand time was had by all who attended the Killington Elementary Educators and Parents Encouraging Rising Stars social held at the Highline Lodge on May 11th. Childcare was provided at the KES gym and attendees enjoyed wonderful food, bear sightings, and lively conversation from 5-8 pm. This was all accomplished for \$15 per person. Thank you KEEPERS for another opportunity to enjoy our community.

Don't miss the upcoming KEEPERS and Karr Productions sponsored events: Sunday, June 3rd, 2-4 pm Annual Spring Fling and Saturday, June 9th, 11-2 Huck Finn Catfish Derby; both events are at The Foundry at Summit Pond.

There is still time to turn in your order by June 1st for the puravida bracelets, a KEEPERS spirit fundraiser, only \$5 each!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Huck Finn Catfish Derby

The annual Huck Finn Catfish Derby will be Saturday, June 9th at the Foundry at Summit Pond from 11 am - 2 pm. A \$5 registration fee includes a pole and bait, prizes for everyone, and trophies for the winners. All proceeds benefit Killington Elementary School. There will be burgers and hot dogs available for purchase. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support the school.



Spring Fling



All KES students are invited to the KEEPERS' Spring Fling on Sunday, June 3rd from 2-4 pm. The event is free but children must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult. Get dressed up and join the fun: food, dancing, games and more!

Fifth Grade Boston Overnight

Ms. Naugle takes the KES fifth grade on an annual overnight trip to Boston, MA. This year the trip was on May 3rd & 4th.



A colossal thank you to the drivers/chaperones who are essential to this trip: Kenneth Bradley, Liz Cotter, Amy Daigle, John Durney, Joe Grasso, Heather Harvey, Monika Legayade, Dan Molalley, Tamra Nestler, Kristina Tooker. Ask them how much fun they had!

The grade five students are currently writing personal narratives about their most memorable experiences from the trip. The following synopses capture the "heart" of each student's story, showing how they changed, or what they learned about themselves, from the field trip experience.

Leo: When you're on the subway, you shouldn't stand near the turning mechanism if you don't want to feel like you're being swallowed whole.

Kiara: Face your fears. I didn't hesitate with touching sharks and stingrays.

Kolby: Making up games with your friends helps pass the time on a long car ride between Boston and Killington.

Elle: At first I was terrified to ride the roller coaster simulator, but when I saw Nick laughing, it made me laugh and I started to enjoy the ride.

Olivia: Be open to learning new things. I thought the planetarium show was going to be a long, boring show, but I learned more about planets and what's around us.

Pippa: Accomplishing your goals feels good. Our spaceship design worked and the ping pong ball didn't fall out of the cup!

Joffre: Don't jump to conclusions. I thought the planetarium was going to be a boring exhibit, but it was an amazing experience.

Kingston: I conquered my fear of stingrays. I was scared at first, but then I realized they were playful and that made me feel safer.

Ali: *I learned what I want to do when I grow up. A woman in the IMAX movie inspired me to become an engineer.*

Matthew: *I was amazed to see a big skyscraper for the first time in person.*

Nathan: *On the duck boat tour I learned more about the historical monuments that we've been studying in social studies.*

Nick: *The electricity and lightning show was cool; you can make music with lightning!*

Look for the complete published personal narratives on display at KES soon.

Trek to Taste

Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Trek to Taste The 10th annual celebration of trails, local food, and healthy living will be hosted at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park and Billings Park. Guided walks start at 10:30 and noon, or grab a map and venture out on your own. Choose from several hike options and along the way sample free, delicious foods from local producers. Enjoy family games, arts and crafts, demonstrations, and ice cream social, music and more. This free event is co-sponsored by dozens of community organizations. www.trektotaste.info

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