

# KES Newsletter

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May 6, 2016

## Dates to Remember

May 7

KEEPERS sponsored Green Up Day  
Bottle Drive @ Killington Chamber  
of Commerce Welcome Center Lot  
9-11 AM

May 9 -13

Grade 4 SBAC Remaining Testing  
Window  
Grade 6 to Nature's Classroom

May 9 - 21

Fountas & Pinnel Remaining  
Testing Window

May 9 - 26

Grade 4 NECAP Science Remaining  
Testing Window

May 11

Mark Breen @ Roger Clark  
Memorial Library, Pittsfield, 7-8  
PM Signup:

[www.pittsfieldlibrary.com/programs](http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.com/programs)

May 12

School Board of Directors' Meeting  
@KES @8:15 AM

May 16-27

Grade 3 SBAC Remaining Testing  
Window

May 22

KEEPERS host Spring Fling @The  
Foundry at Summit Pond

May 26

Grades 3 & 4 After School Scenery  
Preparation and BBQ

May 27

Memorial Day Tribute @ 1:30 pm  
@ KES

May 27-29

KSC Beast of a Bike Swap  
@Killington Resort

May 30

Memorial Day/No Classes

June 3

Symphony for Kids @KES @1:30  
PM

June 5

Fishing Derby @ The Foundry at  
Summit Pond

June 6

KES Step Up Day  
KES Field Day & Picnic @ Johnson  
Recreation Center

June 7

WUMS Step Up Day  
Grades 3 & 4 to Montshire

June 8

Grade 3 & 4 Play

June 9

School Board of Directors' Meeting



## Spring Concert: Back to the Future

KES students serenaded the audience back in time with song and dance from yesteryear on Tuesday evening, May 3rd during our annual spring concert. Thank you to Christine Morton, our music teacher, for your dedication to our students in leading this event.

Thank you to Allison Naugle and Amy Simonds for set design, Allison Naugle as backstage manager, and Melissa Knipes and Annie Masillo for choreography. The creativity and originality of student work, including Mrs. Kaija's displays of student art work outside the gym entrance, is a testament to the dedication of the fine arts program at KES. Thank you, all, for this wonderful celebration of music.



## Growing Works of Art Contest

Evan Joaquin is the Grade 6 winner of the 2016 Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program's Growing Works of Art Contest. Evan's poster will be commemorated in a large collage poster of all the winning

@KES @8:15 AM

June 10  
KES Kindergarten & Grade 6  
Graduation @9 AM

Last day of classes  
3:00 PM dismissal

June 27-July 22  
Summer Soak

August 1 - 19  
KES Summer Enrichment, Mon-  
Fri, 8-12

August 31  
First Day of Classes for  
2016-17 School Year

artwork for the 2016 Growing works of Art contest. Among other prizes, Evan was invited along with other winners of the contest to be interviewed by Judy Simpson on WCAX's Across the Fence television show and receive a tour of the studio. Thank you, Mrs. Kaija, for supporting and encouraging creativity at KES!



### Letters About Literature Winners

Four students from KES were winners in the Vermont Department of Libraries writing contest. Back in the fall, Ms. Allison Naugle challenged her students to participate in the contest Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing program, of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Students were required to read a book and respond to the author in a personal letter explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Congratulations to Taylor Blodorn, Evan Joaquin, Alex Martel, and Nina Borzekowski on their accomplishments in reader response and reflective writing. Thank you, Ms. Naugle, for your dedication to student achievement!



### Come Join the Fun at the Annual Picnic

The annual KES Field Day and Picnic will be held on Monday, June 6th, following the hour long Step-Up Day on that same morning. At approximately 10:30 am, all students, their teachers, and Greg LaBella, take the bus to Johnson Recreation Center on River Road for a fun-filled morning of field games.

Parents and community members are invited to join us at noon for a potluck lunch under the pavilion before heading to the pool. Hamburgers and hot dogs are supplied by KES; we ask that families' last names A-I bring salad and J-Z

bring dessert please!

Parental supervision is required at the pool. Students without adult supervision will not be permitted to swim. Prior to the event, a written confirmation form will go home for signature declaring a parent or designee for swimming and pick up.

If you would like your child to wear sunscreen and/or bug repellent, please apply this prior to the start of the school day or when you see your child at the picnic.

## Step-Up Day

All students, incoming kindergartners through grade 5, will participate in "Step-Up Day" on Monday morning, June 6th, from 8:30 9:30 am. Meanwhile, sixth graders are invited to participate in "Step-Up Day" at Woodstock Union Middle School on Tuesday, June 7th. Step-Up Day provides students with an opportunity to hear about some of the new learning that will go on in the next year and ease the transition from one grade to the next.

**Mary Guggenberger, Principal**

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## KEEPERS News

The annual Green Up Day KES fundraising bottle drive is Saturday, May 7th, from 9 - 11 am, at the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, on Route 4. KES student council members and upper classmen will be on hand to help.

The second annual "Spring Fling" event at The Foundry at Summit Pond is on Sunday, May 22nd, from 3 - 5 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and it is requested that everyone dress in semi formal attire. This event was a huge success last spring and we look forward to seeing lots of KES families enjoying the beauty of the venue and the hospitality of the Karr family. Please R.S.V.P. to Simone Fieldhouse, 570-789-1442 or sgee111@aol.com , by Thursday, May 12th.



## Sixth Grade News

Sixth grade students recently completed a unit on Ancient Greece. As a culminating project, they performed Greek plays for the student body and interested parents. Students learned about Greek culture and contributions through the actors' comedies and dramas. Plays performed included

Arachne and Athena, Echo and Narcissus, Medusa and Athena, and Pandora's Box.

## Floor Hockey Jamboree at the Union Arena

The games were well played and the players demonstrated the skills and knowledge of the game, which were introduced in the PE floor hockey unit. Equally as satisfying for me to observe and to report on are the positive behavior values the students demonstrated in this competitive team event. The fifth and sixth grade students from Reading, Killington, and Barnard participated in this special athletic event.

These students will become classmates in the years ahead, so this is just one of the things that will help create the bond that the students have at the middle and high school.

Thanks to the teachers and administrations for making this event happen for the seventh year running. Also, thanks to the Union Arena for making the facility available to our students.

## Four Winds by Annie Masillo

We have just one more training this school year, and I want to send out a very big thank you to the parents who help in making Four Winds such an amazing program. Four Winds brings parents into the school where they engage our students in a hands-on, nature-based science program. Your

children have been exploring and investigating nature in our schoolyard most every month. We are currently learning about beavers and muskrats, and the incredible engineering skills they use to survive. In our May unit, we will learn about busy bees and their fascinating lives.

While teaching your children materials to support the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards, our volunteer parents have been wonderful role models. Since September, these parents have committed themselves to both teaching and inspiring the kids to make their own discoveries in and about nature. Thank you to Stephanie Kowalczyk, Laura McKenna, Jody Keefe, Laura Almeda, Eric Lantiegne, Monika Legayada, Rebecca Claffey, Detlef Hagge, Tyler Gugliotta, Kristina Tooker, Scott Harvey, Jennifer Iannantuoni!!

And please...do not forget to ask your children what they have learned in Four Winds!

### **Mark Breen Presents: The Puzzling, Promising, Peculiar....Pluto**

Date: 05/11/2016 (Wed.) Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Roger Clark Memorial Library - Pittsfield, Vermont

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Surprise! Although once thought of as a frozen, silent, slumbering piece of ice, Pluto stunned the scientific world with a tremendous variety of landscapes, materials, and perhaps one of the most active, changeable worlds in our Solar System. Data and images from the New Horizon's spacecraft have been arriving over the past 18 months, revealing mountain ranges of water ice, frozen lakes and flowing glaciers made of nitrogen, and signs of great changes in its atmosphere and climate over billions of years. Mark Breen, the Director of the Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Planetarium at the Fairbanks Museum will share what astronomers are still learning about this famous dwarf planet. But, is this just the beginning? New Horizon's has already made plans to visit an even more distant world, sure to reveal even more about the mysteries of our distant Solar System neighbors.

Mark Breen is the Senior Meteorologist at the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, and for over 30 years he has been heard on Vermont Public Radio's an "Eye on the Sky" each weekday morning, and "Eye on the Night Sky" in the afternoon. He is also the author of the award-winning children's book, "The Kid's Book of Weather Forecasting."

### **Killington Ski Club Hosts Beast of a Bike Swap**

Coinciding with the Killington Stage Race and opening weekend of the Killington Bike Path, the KSC will hold a bike swap Memorial Day weekend. The event is free and open to the public. Hours are: Friday, May 27th, 4-8pm; Saturday, May 28th, 9am-7pm; Sunday, May 29th, 9am-2pm.

In addition to consigned used bikes, there will be new bikes, parts, and accessories, apparel, and more.

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