

KES Newsletter

Volume 1

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Dates to Remember

September 7
Labor Day/ No Classes

September 9
Program Presentation Night
for KES Parents @6:30 PM

September 10
PEG TV Open House
11-1PM @ Howe Center

September 14
KES After School Program
begins

September 15
KES School Picture Day

September 21
Grades 3-6 to OMYA &
Vermont Marble Museum

October 1
School Board of Directors'
Meeting @8:15 am @ KES

October 9
Grade 4 to StarBase

October 12
Columbus Day/No Classes

October 16
Grade 4 to StarBase

October 21
KES School Picture Retake
Day

October 22
Grade 4 to StarBase

October 27
Grade 4 to StarBase



School is Off and Running!

While the weather sure still feels like summer, KES is filled with the excitement of starting a brand new school year! Teachers and students are celebrating positive energy and attitudes with a focus on being respectful, responsible, and safe in all aspects of school, including the bus and recess. I noticed many students in grades 4-6 taking the lead in modeling positive behavior by helping younger students, and students new to the school, in getting out to the bus on time and finding their way throughout the daily routines. Students celebrated their accomplishments in being respectful and responsible on this hot summer day with a water balloon toss. This is just one example of how students are learning to take care of themselves and each other while still having fun!



Welcome New Teachers!

KES is thrilled to welcome several new teachers to our learning community.

Mrs. Holly Getty is the new third grade teacher. Ms. Emma Murray is the new fourth grade teacher. Ms. Shayna Kalnitsky is the sixth grade long-term substitute until November 1st. Ms. Kalnitsky will continue on with us as a math interventionist, as well as a reading teacher. I also want to send a big welcome to Carly Stugart who is new to our support staff this year. I am looking forward to creating many fond memories with everyone during this exciting year!.

Program Presentation Night

Please join me with the KES teachers on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM beginning in the KES Gymnasium for an evening of information about your school and your child(ren)'s curriculum. Please come and learn all about the many opportunities that KES has to offer you and your family from sports to volunteer opportunities. This evening is a great time to get to know the classroom teachers and to ask any questions that you may have about the rules and routines in your child(ren)'s classroom.

KES After School Program

On Wednesday, a letter went home with students introducing Betty Hughes as our new Program Director for the KES After School Program. It is important to note that the After School Program beginning Monday, September 14th is unlike last year's program. This year there is a cost of \$10 per day per child or \$5 per hour, as it is no longer funded by a grant. KES has obtained a state license to run this self-sustainable program designed to provide homework/tutoring opportunities for children, as well as social and educational activities for enrichment. If you are interested in having your child attend the after school program, please complete the bottom of the letter that was sent home earlier this week, or come to the Program Presentation Night to obtain paperwork to attend.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

The student day begins when the bus arrives at 8:00 a.m. Teachers are often unable to attend to students arriving before 8:00 unless prior arrangements have been made. At the end of the day, bused students are dismissed at approximately 2:55 p.m. Students who are car riders may be picked up at 3:00 p.m. Younger students wait indoors until a designated adult arrives for pickup.

We are working with a Safe Routes to School Coordinator to reinstate the designated lanes for drop off and parking in the KES lot. Look for more information in the near future regarding traffic patterns. Please use extra caution when entering and exiting the KES grounds.

New Front Doors at KES

Among several capital improvements done at the school this summer, two new sets of doors were installed on the front of the school just in time for school to begin. Please take a moment to admire them! Not only do they look fantastic, but they are sure to keep the heat in and the cold out this winter!

Warm Welcome with a Cool Treat!

Many, many thank yous to the KES School Board for hosting the ice cream social on August 25th to welcome me to Killington Elementary School. I very much enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and meeting so many smiling faces the day before school began. It certainly made it easier to put names with all those new faces on the first day of school! Thank you, School Board and volunteers, for such a sweet beginning!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Instrumental Lessons at KES

Paperwork went home this week with students in grades 3-6 for the opportunity to have instrumental lessons with KES Music Educator Christine Morton. Band. Lessons for experienced band members and new band members will start on Tuesday, September 14th. Please direct your questions to Mrs. Morton at 422-3366 x 228 or cmorton@wcsu.net.

KES is a Scent Free School

Due to a serious allergic reaction to diverse scents, KES is a scent free building. If you are planning a visit to KES, coming to a public event, attending a concert, volunteering, or just dropping something off, please avoid using perfume, hair spray, cologne, or any other product that produces a scent.

PEG TV News

PEGTV invites the public to their open house on Thursday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Building 24 in the Howe Center located on 1 Scale Avenue in Rutland. The public will be able to meet staff, tour the studio, get information on becoming a volunteer independent producer and even record a quick message or PSA right in the parking lot using the PEGTV Studio Speedway. WJJR will be broadcasting live and guests can enjoy free hot dogs and popcorn amongst other refreshments. There will be giveaways, door prizes and you can register to win a new 50" Samsung smart TV! We hope to see you there!

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All future newsletters, published monthly on the first Friday of the month, will be paperless, sent to you via the e-mail address you provided in your contact information as well as on our website: kesvt.org. However, if you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Sheila Pilsmaker at the front desk, 422-3366.

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