



Kingdom East School District Dispatch

March 10, 2023

*A regular newsletter for the public education community of Burke, Concord,
Lunenburg, Lyndon, Millers Run, Newark, Sutton*

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

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It is almost the season to tap our trees and for the birds to return from their long winter away from Vermont. I hope that you all had a restful and recharging break. Enjoy the weekend.

Academics

Curriculum, instruction, and assessment

[Curriculum Landing Page](#)

[Instructional Practice Expectations](#)

[KESD Curriculum Mapping Feedback/Comments 2022-2023](#) share input as you use the maps --what has been helpful, anything that could be improved. Thank you!

Knowing Our Impact in Early Childhood: [Making Learning Visible in Early Childhood Through Play](#) (valuable read)

Content

Science [material list](#) for use in classrooms, contact Heather: hskrabely@kingdomeast.org

Achievement.

District goals:

- I. Every student will be known well by at least one adult.
- II. Each child will have at least a year's growth during the year. The focus is on understanding where students are at and what their next move is to learn.

Teacher Ease Reminders:

This is the last week of Trimester 2. Please be sure you are attending to the following action items from the [KESD Reporting Out Timeline](#)

General Ed Statewide Assessment- ([VTCAP](#)):

- [KESD Roles VTCAP Summative Assessment](#) for support at both district & school level
 - Assessment window: April 12-May 26.
 - [Test Specifications Document](#) not a timed test, to get a sense approx. times that assessments will take to complete.
 - [VTCAP Practice tests](#) ELA, Math, Science
 - Familiarize yourselves, try test items, have students practice to become familiar. Formatting looks different -- please review.
- **School Coordinators will be sharing more detailed information and guidance with you as it becomes available.**

Faculty and Staff

[Open Positions in Kingdom East School District](#)

Professional development.

[2022-2023 PD I - Fillable PDF](#); [Free Acrobat Reader Please register early](#)

[KESD Mileage Reimbursement Sheet](#) [KESD Travel Table](#) [KESD Resource Page](#)

[22-23 Ongoing KESD Professional Learning Schedule](#)

[Professional Learning Calendar](#)

[Self Paced Professional Learning Opportunities](#)

(Contact Jessica jkenyon@kingdomeast.org with questions)

It's Happening! Educational Support Staff, here is an opportunity for you to participate in learning opportunities run by our own experts within Kingdom East, and get paid for your learning. Every single ESP is able to sign up for at least one session. Please click on the Google Form Link to read the detailed information on offerings, dates and times and sign up using this form: **ESP Professional Learning Sign up Form:** [Google Form Link](#)

Deadline: March 14th.

[St. Johnsbury is hosting Developmental Design \(MS\)](#) this summer, June 26-29

Come and celebrate the 30th year of the Vermont Kindergarten Conference! The conference will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain. [Click here](#) to access the workshop options and descriptions. [Registration information here.](#)

[All Learners Network](#) high quality professional learning to strengthen universal core instruction/assessments in math, aligned with KESD practices/curriculum.

[Summer Dates for OGAP Trainings:](#) July 31 - August 3 and August 7 -10

Important & Timely Opportunity, Free of Charge!

[Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals \(DITEP\),](#)

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 8:45-3:45

The Reading and Writing Project: Now accepting applications for the Summer Institutes: [Summer Institute Offerings](#)

Technology

Tech Tip of the Week: Use the format roller tool in Google to copy and paste formatting in Google. Watch this [45-second](#) video to make your life a little easier!

Weekly Practice: Using Google Calendar to [Create Group Meetings with Zoom Links.](#) This is especially helpful for ensuring all participants in an IEP or 504 meeting have access to the zoom link and schedule.

Cyber Security Tip of the Week: The most common form of cyber [attack is phishing emails](#) received by KESD users. If you feel that you have received a phishing email, do not respond. Please put in a help ticket with the text of the email and a member of the IT team will reach out to you for support.

Team/Individual Tech Integration Support: Do you or your team need a thought partner on integrating technology into your core instruction? Do you need help

organizing your Google Drive? Do you want to integrate your Promethean Board into your daily lessons? Please fill out the [brief form](#) so that we can support you. No request is too small or large.

Tech Problems: Thank you all for using the [Help Desk Ticket](#). For more information, please see [IT Support One Pager](#).

Character, Social and Emotional Health

Personalized Learning

May College & Career Field Trips: VREC's A.I.M. program is offering **four FREE field trips** to Vermont college and tech centers this May! Trips are for 8th graders, and their teachers. Click the link for more information, or email Morgan Moore (morganmoore@kingdomeast.org) with questions. Busing, meals in the dining hall, etc. are included. Teachers/school staff should sign up their students and plan to attend/chaperone with them.

School culture and environment

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Employee Self Care and Wellness

COVID Health Guidelines

Illness Guidance KESD 2022-2023 (Students and Adults)

Two behaviors that will limit the spread of any type of infection.

1. Washing hands, well and often.
2. Staying home with any symptoms of illness.

What if student/staff gets sick at school?

An individual who has significant symptoms of illness (such as listed below) will be sent home

- fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- flu-like symptoms
- a rash of unknown origin

Individuals with a mixture of mild symptoms may be sent home. The School Nurse makes decisions for individuals based on their clinical judgement, in accordance with current VT Department of Health recommendations.

All may be asked to wear a mask in the school nurse office. In most other cases, wearing masks at school is optional.

When can student/staff return to school after illness?

- When symptoms of illness have improved
- Symptoms of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, should be resolved **for at least 24 hours without medication** before returning to school
- If an antibiotic is warranted (such as for strep throat) the individual may return 24 hours after starting the antibiotic and symptoms are improved

When can student/staff return to school after COVID19?

- Individuals may return to school when **at least 5 full days** of isolation have passed from the date of test or the onset of symptoms, whichever is earlier,
- AND must be fever free without the use of medication for at least 24 hours

VT Department of Health recommends wearing a mask for 5 days after completing 5 days of isolation.

It is strongly recommended by the American Association of Pediatrics that a child's primary care provider be notified of their Covid-19 illness in order to discuss if further evaluation is warranted prior to returning to physical exertion.

Testing for COVID19

School nurses may test students for COVID19 in their office.

A positive test means the child will be sent home for 5 FULL days of isolation.

If students have illness symptoms and/or are not well enough to engage in school, they will be sent home even if the test is negative.

Our schools have rapid COVID19 tests available if you wish to test your family members at home.

Co-curricular

Please spread the word: Summer Camp Registration is Open!

July 5th - August 4th, 2023 8:00-3:00pm

- [Elementary Student Registration Link](#)
- [Middle School Student Registration Link](#)
- [Staff Hiring Survey](#): Staff are needed to teach and support students at camp. Flexible schedules available. Reach out to Morgan (morganmoore@kingdomeast.org) for more information.

Sewing Machines! We are in need of a few sewing machines for a Concord EL program. If you have one you can donate for a month or so, or your school does, email Ann Guillemette aguilmette@kingdomeast.org Thank you!

Let's Go Fishing Training @ Lyndon Outing Club: KEAP is hosting a [Let's Go Fishing Training](#), Lyndon Outing Club, March 29th, 9am-3pm. Free!. To register, check with your building admin/procedures, then email Morgan (morganmoore@kingdomeast.org). After taking the training, staff would be able to borrow equipment to lead fishing with their class, afterschool, or summer camp!

FREE Upcoming Ski/Snowboard Opportunities with KEAP: Please circulate to students/families!

- [Wednesday Night Ski @ the Lyndon Outing Club](#): K-4 (w/ parent supervision) & 5-8 (intermediate to advanced skiers or parent supervision)
- [SheJumps & KEAP Jr. Ski Patrol Event](#): 3-8th grade students (intermediate - advanced skiers)

KEAP is hiring staff to work at all schools for Session 4 & 5 this Spring as teachers, tutors, enrichment providers, support staff, etc. Reach out to Courtney Murray (cmurray@kingdomeast.org) if you are interested.

Community Connections

Engagement - board and community

School Board: [Meeting Schedule](#); [School Board Minutes](#)
[Teacher's Negotiated Agreement](#) [ESP Agreement](#)
[District Policy Landing Page](#)

Community events / volunteer opportunities

[Ride for Mo](#): May 13th, 2023, benefit ride for Kingdom Kids

Resources

Budget

End of Year Fiscal Spending:

- All FY23 Purchase Orders must be to the Business Office no later than 5/05/2023.
- All FY23 orders should be placed no later than 5/26/2023
- Please review all open purchase orders and email Shelly Smith to close any you will not be using. **This is very important.** It makes a big difference to our end of the year balance that I report to the Finance Committee.
- The deadline for any Grant purchase orders is 4/28/2023
- All invoices (Grant & Local) must be received by the Business Office no later than 7/03/2023. Any Grant invoices beyond that date will need to be paid out of local funds (unbudgeted). Any local invoices beyond that date will need to be paid out of your FY24 local funds (also unbudgeted).
- Mileage Reimbursement: Please submit all mileage requests through 5/25/2023 by 5/26/2023. Mileage reimbursement from 5/26/2023 through 6/30/2023 must be submitted no later than 7/03/2023.
- Stipends: Please submit stipend requests for payment by 6/03/2023.

The end of the fiscal year is an extremely stressful time in the Business Office. Thank you for meeting these deadlines. We appreciate it.