Killington Elementary School Principal's Report

The 2022-2023 school year was filled with joy in teaching and learning. Current enrollment for grades Prekindergarten through grade six is 117 with students coming from within the school district and from Pittsfield.

Parents and Educators Aligned for Killington Students (PEAKS) celebrated the culmination of their mission to support the playground expansion project with the installation of the donor-recognition brick walkway from the bridge to the playground. The Grand Opening of the playground took place during an ice cream social prior to the first day of school on August 28, 2023. A final opportunity to purchase a brick for the walkway was extended through the fall of 2023. Thank you to all of the contributors who participated in this fundraising event and to PEAKS for their tireless efforts in supporting a safe play place for all students at KES.

KES Faculty are committed to strengthening capacity in teaching mathematics and reading. KES Teachers in grades K-5 engaged in over 40 hours of intensive training in best practices in literacy instruction based on the science of reading. Likewise, KES math teachers in grades 5 & 6 joined the Woodstock middle and high school teachers to create essential agreements in teaching mathematics consistently across the district.

KES continues to support educational opportunities for learning including: Instrumental Music Lessons and Band, Four Winds Nature Program, Student Leadership, Starbase, Trailblazers Ski Program, writing and art contests, and PEAKS annually sponsored One School One Book. KES partners with the Town of Killington to offer a state-licensed afterschool program available to PreK - 6 students Monday through Friday, 3 PM - 5:30 PM, allowing qualifying families to apply for subsidized payments for the program.

KES is extremely grateful to the entire Killington community for the dedication and support of our students. Please visit our website at <u>www.kesvt.org</u> to find photos and newsletters to learn more about our school community.