



October 21, 2016



### Upcoming Events.

**Oct. 27**— Special Ed Parent Information Night, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**Nov. 8**— **NO SCHOOL**, Election Day.

**Nov. 9**— BOE Work Session, 5:30 p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2. (NOTE: Date change)

**Nov. 16**— BOE Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2. (NOTE: Date change)

**Nov. 23**— **NO SCHOOL**, Covers 2 Conference evenings)

**Nov. 24-25**—**NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break.

More event information can be found at: <http://kingslocal.tandemcal.com/index.php>

Reminder-  
There is **NO SCHOOL** on  
Tuesday,  
November 8  
due to Election  
Day.



### Kings Marching Band Heading to STATE!

It was a big weekend for Kings High School Marching Band this past Saturday, October 15 when they performed at two different competitions in one day. At the Mid States Band Association competition at Mason High School, the band placed second in class AAAA. At the OMEA Sounds of the Stadium event at Harrison High School, Kings Marching Band won Best Percussion, Class AA Champion, and Overall Grand Champion award with a Superior Rating. This qualifies the band to compete at the state finals in Dayton on November 6th. Congratulations, Kings High School Marching Band!

Pictured (L to R): Horn Seargent, Isaac Slavens and Drum Major, Andy Maier

Can't make it  
to the game  
tonight vs.  
Loveland?  
Watch it **LIVE**  
on [The Cube!](#)



### District Threat Assessment Workshop

The Kings Local School District's Threat Assessment Team participated in a School Safety Workshop on Thursday, October 20 at the Kings Education Center.

Dennis Lewis, President of Edu-Safe, LLC, along with

Edu-Safe's Judy Brunner worked with our staff focusing on safety and security. Mr. Lewis presents over 100 times a year on the topics of bullying prevention, crisis planning and management, managing aggressive and violent behavior, and overall school safety.

The workshop was sponsored by Navigate Prepared, suppliers of School Safety Response Systems. Thirty of our Kings Staff Members were in attendance, as well as representation from 9 other school districts from the area including Goshen, Hamilton, Lebanon, Milford, Mount Auburn, Princeton, Sycamore, Warren County Career Center, and Winton Woods.





## Did You Know?

The Kings Board of Education voted to place a 6.2 mill Operating Levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Each week until the election we will be giving you a new fact about the levy.

### LEVY FACT #9

**Kings Schools' five-year forecast projects a negative cash balance for the district by the early months of the 2018-2019 school year. By law, the district cannot operate with a negative cash balance, thus causing the need for additional funds. View the five-year forecast [here](#).**

Please visit the Levy Information page on our website by [clicking here](#). You will find frequently asked questions and more information. If you have questions regarding the upcoming levy, please contact Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann at [tackermann@kingslocal.net](mailto:tackermann@kingslocal.net).

## KHS Student Club and CIS Teacher Recognized by SW OSBA

The Southwest Region of the Ohio School Boards Association held their Fall Conference on October 13, 2016. Kings High School's C.A.R.E. Club was honored as an Outstanding Student Program at the meeting. The OSBA looks for programs that promote or show student achievement in the following categories, On-going program, New or Innovative program, Volunteer program, Multi-District Impact program and Special Recognition program. A committee from OSBA receives nominations of student programs and makes the final decision on what program will win the honor.



The C.A.R.E. (Culture, Awareness, Recognition, Ethnicity) Club, a program student group that focuses on celebrating diversity formed last school year under the direction of KHS Teachers, Dustin Goldie and Wendy Loudermilk. Students Keenan Williams and Tiana Onnen accepted the Club's award for Special Recognition Program along with Mr. Goldie and Mrs. Loudermilk.



Also recognized at the SW OSBA Fall Conference was Columbia Intermediate School Gifted Teacher, Holly Mueller. Holly was publicly recognized for her District 4, Ohio Teacher of the Year honor.



Health Heroes was in the district on Thursday, October 20 administering FREE flu shots to students. There were 219 vaccinations given to our students. Kings High School Nurse, Eva Garchar reported that this year's numbers were down a bit due to the flu-mist vaccination not being available.

Thank you to Health Heroes for providing this FREE service to our students!



## Dennis Walters Golf Show at Kings

The fourth graders from South Lebanon Elementary were treated last week to a special presentation of the Dennis Walters Golf Show. Walters is an inspirational speaker who demonstrates how to overcome adversity and disability through the sport of golf. Left paralyzed from the waist down after an accident, Dennis found he wouldn't be able to fulfill his dream of playing on the PGA Tour. But, there was no way he was giving up golf and thus with this "never say die" attitude, a new career was born.

Mr. Walters taught the students the importance of never giving up on your dreams, no matter what challenges you face. Mr. Walters provided a funny, entertaining afternoon, and his service dog, Bucky was a huge hit with the students!

The Dennis Walters Golf Show visited J.F. Burns and Kings Mills Elementary last week, as well, courtesy of Brian Parkhurst, Executive Director of The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley, and who also happens to be Kings Girls Golf Coach, and TPC River's Bend. After the SLE program, Mark Romito, Director of

External Affairs for AT&T, presented a check to The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley. AT&T is a longtime supporter of education and has invested millions of dollars in innovative programs across the country that empower students to fulfill their highest potential. The goal is to help build a well-educated and successful work force of tomorrow.

AT&T decided to support the First Tee of Greater Miami Valley because its programs for teens and youth emphasize the First Tee Nine Core Values. These values include things like integrity, perseverance, and responsibility which will help young people be more successful in school, career, and life. Combining the Nine Values and valuable life lessons with the fun of golf is a winning combination.



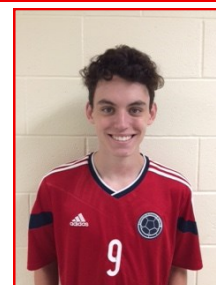
## Preschool Takes a Nature Walk



Last Friday, Mrs. Dunlap took advantage of the beautiful weather and took her preschoolers on a nature walk. They didn't have to go too far from school because there are trails by the old King Mansion. Deerfield Township recently added a "story walk" which features the story, *Over in the Forest Come Take a Peek*, by Marianne Berks. Mrs. Dunlap said, "It was a perfect integration of literacy, math, and science for our fall nature explorations!"

## KHS Drummer Wins Drum Off, Heads to Regional Finals

Kings High School Junior, Daniel Laverde won the Guitar Center "Drum Off" in Tri-County on September 20. Daniel had to prepare a 5 minute drum solo that is adjudicated by three judges. He was able to out perform seven adult players to move on to the regional finals in Cleveland next Tuesday. Daniel was recently announced alternate drummer to the 2016-2017 OMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble. Way to go Daniel! Good Luck Tuesday!



## SLE Kindergarten Has Special Visitors

The Kindergarten students in Elicia Mellendorf's Class at South Lebanon Elementary have had a couple of special visitors lately. Last week, two firefighters from two local stations visited their class. One of the special visitors from Deerfield Township was Mrs. Mellendorf's son, Collin along with Kenny Lynch. They spent their day off of firefighting to teach students about fire safety. Firefighter, Matt Hannigan of Union Township surprised the students by bringing the firetruck and allowed them to see the equipment up close. They invited all kindergarten classes outside to see the truck.

Chip Sweeney, a healthcare professional and father of Carson, a student in Mrs. Mellendorf's Class, visited this week to teach the importance of hand washing. He told the students to sing the ABC's or the Birthday Song two times while washing their hands to be sure they are clean. He also started a quick handwashing science experiment with slices of bread which will help the students to understand that germs are everywhere.



## Columbia Intermediate Pumpkin Contest

The annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest at Columbia Intermediate School produced some very creative pumpkins! This year's winners are Mrs. Manis' class, Mrs. Stephens class, Mr. Kleis' class, and Mrs. Sexton's class.

All winning classrooms will receive a pizza party courtesy of the CIS PTO!



Kona Ice was on hand at South Lebanon Elementary last week to reward those students who raised \$100 or more for this year's walkathon.

Thanks to Kona Ice for the business partnership!





## Two Kings Students Help Local School in Recycling Efforts

Kings 8th grader Paige O'Donnell and her 6th grade sister, Lauren were recently recognized for their contribution towards a new Styrofoam tray recycler at Little Miami Schools.

Paige and Lauren O'Donnell are part of a five member Lego Robotics community team with three students from Little Miami Schools. As a team, they brought home a top award at the FIRST® LEGO® League (FLL) 2015 Trash Trek Challenge District tournament last year. Their challenge was to identify a piece of trash to research, and invent a solution to help the trash problem. The students chose Styrofoam cafeteria trays and researched ways on how to reduce the waste.

During their research, they found out about a product called the StyroGenie, a thermal densification machine that reverses the foam manufacturing process by removing the air and returning the trays to a liquid resin. The resin is then cooled and formed into small block that can then be recycled into new trays.

The student's research piqued the interest of Little Miami Food Service Director, Rachel Tilford and she subsequently purchased the product for the school district. She said she would not have known about its existence if it had not been for this team.

Last week, Little Miami unveiled their new SyroGenie last week with Paige and Lauren there to help! Watch [this video](#) produced by Little Miami's Communications Director, Melinda Briggs.



Pictured left are Lauren and Paige with their parents and the rest of their Lego team, and their parents.



## Another Mystery Reader in SLE 3rd Grade

The third graders at South Lebanon Elementary had another Mystery Reader this week and they were surprised to find it to be our own Superintendent, Tim Ackermann! The book Mr. Ackermann chose to read is called *Fish is Fish* by Leo Lionni. The book is about two friends, a tadpole and a fish, who live in a pond until the tadpole becomes a frog and leaves. He brings back fantastic descriptions of the outside world and the fish tries to explore this other world for himself. However, he finds out that he cannot breathe outside the water and is saved by the frog.

Mrs. Wey, 3rd Grade Teacher said, "Mr. Ackermann picked a book that talked about visualizing, without knowing that visualizing is our meta-cognitive strategy for this unit. We enjoyed learning about the tasks that he does, his favorite parts of his job, and how he makes a difference in the community."

## Kings Celebration

There are always reasons to celebrate at Kings! On Wednesday, October 19, we honored our students of the quarter and other outstanding students at our first of three yearly District Celebrations. District Administrators and School Board members were on hand to celebrate these fantastic students. Congratulations to everyone recognized!



JFB Students of the Quarter: 1st Grade – Adelyn Antonczak and Madeline Bruns, 2nd Grade – Tori Melton and Austyn Woodstock, 3rd Grade – Ofi Alon and Rhiannon Little, 4th Grade – Erica Katenkamp and Gavin Power.



SLE Students of the Quarter: 1st Grade – Mallory Kirkendall, 2nd Grade – Sam Wilson, 3rd Grade – Chesnie Weisbrod, 4th Grade – Mason Hans and Landen Peters.



KME Students of the Quarter: 1st Grade – Payton Hawk and Emma Wagner, 2nd Grade – Tyler Noble and Dane Singer, 3rd Grade – Lucy Ajebe and Kenlie Adkins, 4th Grade – Camryn Spruell and Levi Miller.



KJH Honored Students: 7th Grade – Lauren Deaton (Team White), Rayna Rosales Quentin (Team Red), and Blake Powell (Team Blue). 8th Grade – Jacob Meenach (Team White), Ryann Watiker (Team Blue), and Christopher Allgeier, not pictured, (Team Red); Tristan Jones (Essentials in Art).



CIS Students of the Quarter: 5th Grade – Kassie Ingram, Kennedy Krieger, and Brendan Stock. 6th Grade – Caraline Bode, Ty Hacker, and Kristina Kolodeznova



KHS National Merit Semi-finalists: Hannah Rasmussen and Anders Wikum.



KHS Award of Excellence at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders 2016: Savannah Watiker.



KHS National Merit Commended Scholars: Kelly Hock, Ethan Cain, Brendan Guerin, Jillian Krynock and Megan McMahon.

## Special Education Parent Information Night

Kings High School will offer a Parent Information Night for any parent who may have questions about the Special Education services at Kings. The event will feature representatives from Warren County Developmental Disabilities and representatives from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

The meeting will take place in the Kings High School Auditorium on Thursday, October 27 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Experts will be addressing services available for students with disabilities, how to prepare for your child's future, and answering parent questions.

### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
7pm-8pm

WHERE  
Kings High School  
Auditorium  
5300 Columbus Rd. Kings Mills, OH 45034

FEATURING - Representatives from Warren County Developmental Disabilities and representatives from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities



ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

WONDERING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE?

ARE THERE SERVICES THAT YOUR CHILD COULD BE RECEIVING?

WHAT'S NEXT?

FIND OUT THE ANSWERS HERE!

## Order Your Yearbook



Kings Junior High yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$30 for a 72 color page hard-back book. Name engraving is included in this price. You must take advantage of this before October 31 to get this special pricing. After October 31 the price increases to \$35, so don't delay, get your yearbook today. Go to [www.smart-pay.com](http://www.smart-pay.com) to order your book. Type in Kings Mills and you should see our school's page. Any questions, please call Mrs. Thomann at 398-8050 ext. 12045 or email at [jthomann@kingslocal.net](mailto:jthomann@kingslocal.net).

## Free and Reduced Lunch Information

The Food Service Department is a member of the National School Lunch Program. With this program we offer a Free and Reduced Meal Program.

The Free and Reduced price lunches are available to students who qualify and meet the eligibility guidelines. Students who qualified last school year automatically qualified for the first 30 days of the school year.

Students that were on the program last year and have not completed a new application are no longer on the free or reduced meal program. In order to reactivate the program to determine the eligibility for your child / student, applications are due at this time

Applications may be obtained by contacting your child's school or you can also access a copy on our website or by [clicking here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Arlinghaus, Kings Food Service Director at 513-398-8050, ext. 10027.



## Check Out Our Virtual Backpack

We have added a lot of flyers to our Virtual Backpack. If you are looking for activities for your student, check out the [VIRTUAL BACKPACK](#) on our website. All flyer requests from our district organizations and non-profit organizations are now in one location! You can always find it on the homepage of our website or under the Resources tab.



## "Annie" Features Kings Actors

The Children's Theatre of Mason's presents Annie November 4-6 at Mason High School. This production features 18 Kings Local School District students from the elementary schools through the high school. The show will run for four performances -Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m.. VIP reserved seating tickets can be purchased for the Friday and Saturday evening shows as well as the Sunday matinee for \$25 each. General admission tickets for any show are \$12 each. All tickets can be purchased online at [www.ctm-kids.com](http://www.ctm-kids.com) through November 3 at 5:00 p.m. and at the door starting one hour before each show.

For more information [click here](#).



## Looking for Distinguished Alumni

The Kings Local School's Distinguished Alumni Award began in 2009 to honor graduates of Kings High School who have made a significant impact in their communities and professions and serve as exemplary role models for Kings Schools.

The award is presented during KHS Graduation. Nominations are accepted year-round and will be kept on file and considered each year. In order to be considered for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award, the nomination is due by February 1, 2017. If you know anyone who you feel would make a great Distinguished Alumnus, [click here](#) to access nomination form.

Pictured is 2016 Kings Distinguished Alumnus Darren Goodman.



## National Bullying Prevention Month

It's National Bullying Prevention Month and the Kings Local School District would like to make you aware of some resources available to you right on our website. We offer a hotline through Public School Works that can be found on the Resources Tab on our website. You just click the link that says "Stay Safe, Speak Up Hotline." Also on our Resources page you will find information about Bullying and Cyber-bullying and a Parent Information Section which provides parents with information on the challenges that students face. [Click here](#) for more information.

The State of Ohio now offers a Safer Schools Ohio tip line. Once a tip is received by the Safer Schools Ohio tip line, Ohio Homeland Security personnel will determine whether the concern is a school-related threat of a criminal nature and /or a criminal terrorism-related tip or suspicious activity, call 844-SAFEROH.



**October is  
Bullying  
Awareness  
Month**





**SAVE THE DATE**



**Spooktacular**  
**10.22.16**  
**6pm-9pm CTS**

**Don't Miss the Fun!**

If you love Halloween & want to be part of the fun...contact Mary Butler at [mk126@aol.com](mailto:mk126@aol.com)



**Learn Archery!**  
No Equipment Needed!  
No Previous Experience Necessary!  
HisPins Programs  
Learn2Shoot Programs for All Ages

Classes available Monday-Thursday Fall II: Oct 24 - Dec 9	Cost: \$45-\$75 Times Vary Location: 406 4th Ave Mason, OH 45040
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**GraceChapel**  
Archery

This activity is not sponsored or endorsed by Mason, Lakota, Lebanon, Kings or any other Public Schools or their School Districts.

[gracechapelarchery.com](http://gracechapelarchery.com)

SUPPORT KINGS THEATER



Please join us on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm at Anna's Gourmet Popcorn, 6054 S. State Rt.48 in Maineville at Rivers Bend Center for a King's Theater Fundraiser.

For any delicious popcorn purchase you make, King's Theater will receive 15% toward our program.

You can present this flyer or simply mention you are supporting Kings and your purchase will greatly benefit the talented kids in our program! See you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT





**Kings is hiring Substitute Teachers and Custodians. [Click here for more information.](#)**

**Senior Picture Yearbook Guidelines**

Seniors have until November 22, 2016 to submit a picture for the yearbook. Photos must be in color and in jpg form.

For more information and directions on submitting photos for the yearbook [click here](#).

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- Must attend all sessions
- Must be available to work M-F



**WHEN:** Nov 23, 25, 26  
**TIME:** 11/23, 25 10-4p, 11/26 10-1p  
**LOCATION:** COUNTRYSIDE YMCA  
Aquatic Training Room  
For more information contact  
Nate Brestelli  
513 932 1424 x116  
nate.brestelli@ymcastaff.org

## BUFFALO WILD WINGS

## KINGS SOFTBALL



## FUNDRAISER!!!

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT KINGS SOFTBALL AND  
JOIN US FOR DINNER OR CARRY OUT  
EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY FROM 6:00-8:00 IN October,  
November, and December,  
AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS IN  
KINGS MILL!

10% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TOWARDS THE KINGS  
SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION!!!

## Turkey Day Run

Deerfield Township and Life Time Fitness are sponsoring the 7th Annual Turkey Day 10K and 5K Run and Walk on Thursday, November 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Register online or at Life Time Fitness in Mason. Early Bird registration is \$25 until October 31.

All proceeds will benefit the South Lebanon Food Pantry.

[Click here](#) for the registration form.

Volunteers are needed to help pass out race packets on Wednesday, November 23. Please contact Lauren Leimberger at [lleimberger@lifetimefitness.com](mailto:lleimberger@lifetimefitness.com).







## KINGS ATHLETICS NEWS

Check out Kings Athletics NEW website! You can find out schedule information, upcoming events, news about teams, and even get directions to away venues.

[Click here](#) to access the Kings Athletics Webpage.

Get this week's Knight's Weekly— [Click here](#)

Don't miss this week's Knights Roundtable— [Click here](#)

Don't miss tonight's Pink Ribbon Game at the Castle where the Knights take on the Loveland Tigers at 7:00 p.m. It's the biggest pink game of the season! The Pink Ribbon Girls will be on hand, as well as KISS 107, ESPN 1530, Kings Island's USS Nightmare, Gold Star Chili, and more! Don't miss the exciting half-time where someone can win a car in the Borcharding Punt/Pass/Kick for Pink Challenge. Tickets and Rumble for the Ribbon t-shirts will be available at the Kings Athletic Office until 3:00 p.m. on Friday.



### Men's Cross Country ECC Champs!

Congratulations to the Kings Cross Country Team for a great weekend last weekend! The Lady Knights finished Second overall in the Conference and Hannah Rasmussen took first overall and Athlete of the Year in Girls Cross Country. The Men's team WON the Conference Championship and placed 5 runners in the top ten! Head Coach Jim Brant was named ECC Men's Coach of the Year! Both teams will run this weekend at the OHSAA District Meet on Saturday at Voice of America Park. GOOD LUCK!

Congratulations are in order to our girls 8th grade Volleyball Team who captured the Eastern Cincinnati Conference Middle School Volleyball Championship last weekend!



### Mark Your Calendar for Knight Madness



This year's Knight Madness, an evening filled with food, fun, and interactive entertainment, courtesy of our winter sports teams will take place on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. There will be performances by the Kings Dance Team and the Firecrackers. There will also be intersquad scrimmages of our boys and girls basketball teams. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. to meet and have dinner with the players. Texas Roadhouse and Penn Station will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Kings Basketball Programs. For more information contact Wendy Longwell at [wlongwell@kingslocal.net](mailto:wlongwell@kingslocal.net).

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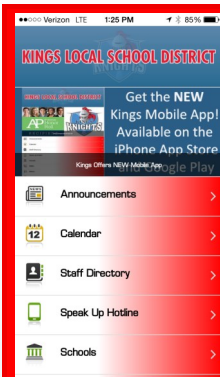
- Bullying/Threats
- Sexual Assault
- Drugs/Alcohol Abuse
- Physical/Violence/Abuse
- Sexual Harassment
- Weapons
- Suicide/Self-Harm
- Theft/Vandalism
- Problem Relationships
- Health Concerns/HIV/AIDS

Your Voice Matters!  
Call: 1.866.listen2me  
or go to our school website to report bullying or safety issues.



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Reaching for the Stars Ohio Schools to Watch

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J.F. BURNS PTO

J.F. Burns Elementary Check out the JFB PTO