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*Happy
Spring Break!*

Kings To Make Up Calamity Days

Kings Local School District will need to extend its school year to make up calamity days. Due to several winter storms this year the district has used six calamity days and the PM Kindergarten classes have used seven. The state allows districts to have five calamity days before they must be made up. The last day of school for students is Friday, June 4.

Since the PM Kindergarten classes missed an additional day, they will make up that time by going a full day on Wednesday, May 26. More information about the PM Kindergarten make-up day will follow.

Upcoming Events

April 2-9: Spring Break!

April 12: School Resumes!

April 14: Kings Celebration, 7 p.m. in the KHS auditorium.

April 17: The Kings Kloset is open 9-11 a.m. This free store offers gently used men's, women's and children's clothing. It is located at the Kings Education Center, 1797 King Ave. For more information contact Tracy Porcelli at tporcelli@cinci.rr.com or 697-8263.

April 17: A Knight to Remember, 6:30 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge.

April 24: KHS Prom "Through the Looking Glass" - Prep-Prom, 4:30 p.m. at KHS; Prom, 6:30 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center; After Prom, midnight at Countryside YMCA.

Kings Kids News

Summer Registration has begun! Registration forms can be found online at www.kingslocal.net (look for Childcare/Preschool under the Departments tab) or in our Kings Kids rooms at J.F. Burns Elementary, Kings Mills Elementary, and South Lebanon Elementary. Forms must be turned in with the \$40 registration fee in order to reserve your spot! Registration forms are due by April 30, 2010. Please contact 398-8050 ext. 10040 or ext. 10039 if you have any questions.

Parents of Preschoolers...

There is still availability in the Kings Kids 3-year old room for the 2010-11 school year. Preschool registration forms can be found online at www.kingslocal.net. Look for Childcare/Preschool under the Departments tab. Forms are also available in the Kings Kids office at the Kings Education Center, 1797 King Ave.

Pinwheels for Prevention

As your drive down Columbia Road you will see 637 pinwheels on the front lawn of Kings Junior High. Those pinwheels were placed there by students to remind everyone that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the Kiwanis Club of Mason provided the pinwheels. The Child Advocacy Center of Warren County, the Mental Health and Recovery Services of Warren County, Warren County Children Services and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office are working to educate the public about child abuse.

637 pinwheels were placed at three locations in Warren County - at KJH, on Justice Drive and East Street in Lebanon, and at the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County. This number represents the number of child abuse and neglect cases reported to Warren County Children Services in 2009. There are many ways to prevent child abuse - be a nurturing parent, help a friend or neighbor that seems overwhelmed, get involved, and much more.

For more information please contact: Child Advocacy Center of Warren County - 261-6031 or Warren County Children Services - 695-1546.

Picture: Alicia Kitts places a pinwheel in the ground outside of Kings Junior High.





Reflecting on Their Years of Service

"Community Service is about investing in people," Beth Guckenberger said. She was speaking to an auditorium packed with hundreds of students, panelists, and volunteers at Kings High School. On Tuesday, March 30, the KHS Seniors presented their Community Service Reflection Projects.

Before that happened though, everyone listened intently to what Mrs. Guckenberger had to say. She is the author of "Reckless Faith," the story of a couple with a heart to serve. She told her story to the crowd. As a teenager she visited Nicaragua, and almost immediately knew she needed to do more to help. So, when she returned home she started a campaign to collect used clothes for the people in Nicaragua. From then on, she has spent her life serving and helping people around the world.

Mrs. Guckenberger, a Kings Alumnus, told the crowd that it takes every one of us to reach the world. Her hope was that every student had learned something valuable from their community service to take with them through college and beyond.

Once everyone was dismissed from the auditorium, students began their presentations. These presentations came in all shapes and sizes—there were videos, PowerPoint Presentations, Posters, Cheers and much more. One girl even brought her younger brother to help with her presentation.

Julia Cobb did her community service at the Stepping Stones Center, helping kids with disabilities enjoy summer camp. At first the experience was frustrating. She was working with a girl who needed help walking and who had very limited verbal communication. It didn't take Julia long to step back from the situation and remember why she was there. "I learned so much about me, who I am now and who I want to be," she said.

Erin Jamieson also had a fulfilling community service experience. She helped with a water stream study through the Green Acres Foundation's lab in Loveland, along the bike trail. "I really enjoyed it because it was new and unique to me, and because I was directly involved with helping protect our waters," she said.

Before KHS students can graduate, seniors at KHS must complete at least 75 hours of community service and present a reflection project.

Counselor Heidi Murray said the reflection projects are meant to enhance the community service experience. Mrs. Murray was instrumental in getting the community service requirement changed at KHS. Several years ago students simply had to complete 100 hours of service. The reflection piece helps students focus on service learning. Guidance Coordinator Terry Kahn was also instrumental in organizing the Community Service Reflection Night.



Kings Fourth Graders Show Their PRIDE

It can be scary entering a new school, especially when you don't know more than half the students there. That's why the elementary staff at JFB, KME and SLE held PRIDE days again this year.

March 31 was the third PRIDE day of the year, held at South Lebanon Elementary. There, students learned about bullying. Using the book "100 Dresses" as a basis, students debated whether or not public schools should have uniforms, played BINGO, acted out a bullying situation and learned the PRIDE Day Shuffle.

What is PRIDE? Problem-Solving, Respectful and Responsible Individuals Determined to Excel. These individuals can be found in the fourth grade.

Students are pictured debating school uniform. A vote was cast and it was decided that school uniforms were not the way to go.

Another important lesson was about how to treat others. "100 Dresses" encourages students to walk a mile in someone else's shoes before making any judgments. To go along with this theme students donates hundreds of pairs of socks and shoes to Shoe Shine Mission.



Down by the Bay, In Mrs. Hopewell's Room...

South Lebanon Elementary Principal Randy Willis has a love for music and teaching. On Monday morning he was able to combine those two while teaching songs to Mrs. Hopewell's special education class.

Music is a great way to reinforce student learning. Through songs kids can learn letter sounds, rhyming, opposites and much more. So, while Mr. Willis played guitar, students sang along to several songs including "BINGO" and "Down by the Bay." For "Down by the Bay" Mr. Willis encouraged students to think up their own rhymes.

Down by the bay. Where the watermelons grow. Back to my home. I dare not go. For if I do, my mother will say "have you ever seen..." Mr. Willis had many rhymes of his own, but students had a great time thinking up their own. One student said "have you ever seen a fox in a box." Another said "have you ever seen a hog riding a frog."

The last songs students sang, written by Mr. Willis, was called "is not, is too." This song is about arguments between siblings. He included many opposites such as "day and night." On Thursday, the students went to their regular classrooms to share their new songs with their classmates.



Senior Class Picnic—Parents, We Need Your Help!

We are starting to plan the final event for the Kings High School graduating class of 2010. The Senior Class Picnic will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 28, at Landen Park—rain or shine.

Here's how you can help

1. Send in \$20 *if you haven't done so already: We are in need of additional donations to make the picnic a success. The menu will be planned depending on donations. So far, money and gift cards from 85 of our 288 senior families have helped cover the cost of the three very well attended breakfasts held throughout the year. **Thank you!!!** Donations in any amount are always welcome. *Please make checks payable and mail to: Carol Delgado, 7819 Strawberry Hill Lane, Maineville, Ohio 45039.

2. Volunteer: Volunteers will be needed to help prepare, set-up, serve and clean up on the day of the picnic. The volunteer responses have been great and we will find a place for you if you are interested in helping out.

Sincerely,
Your Senior Breakfast Coordinators
Carol Delgado, 398-4805 cdelgado@cinci.rr.com
Andrea Biedenharn, 677-2172
Heather Wooley, 398-2758

Name _____
Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please check the times that you are available on Friday, May 28: s
et-up (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. _____
serve and clean up (1-3 p.m.) _____

To print forms and for the latest information, please visit www.landenstingrays.org or contact Galen Steele at 583-0060. We look forward to seeing you at CES on April 22!

Knight To Remember - Response Cards Due April 2nd!

Response cards for Knight To Remember are due **Friday, April 2.** We'll be working on assigning tables over Spring Break, so please send yours in. If you need an invitation or response card, have a question, or want to make a donation, contact kimketterer@cinci.rr.com or ghakes@cinci.rr.com. Pop onto www.soulpocket.com to listen to the band that will be performing. Find us on facebook to see details as we release them. We have such a festive and fun event planned. We want you all to have a wonderful evening, while you support Kings Athletics. Don't miss this party!

Some hints...Destin...gym memberships...fire pits... sports camps...Tiffany's...outdoor accessories...cornhole... autographed sports items...Maine...wine...Coach bags ...art....Bengals...gift cards... Kings Spirit items...convertible lease...golf.....ski.....party!party!!.....parking spots...a puppy...and a few surprises!

Landen Stingrays Swim Team!

The Landen Stingrays is a recreational summer swim team open to ALL youth ages 5-18 who reside in the Kings School District. With more than 25 years of history, this prestigious group of swimmers is home to district, state and national champions! The Landen Stingrays promises to be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences for you child. Swimmers at every level are encouraged to participate. Whether a first timer to the team or a seasoned Stingray, keeping kids active and meeting new friends are just a few of the reasons to consider this exciting team. Practices are in the mornings, and swim meets are Tuesday evenings in June and July. Coached by veteran swimmers, run by wonderful parent volunteers, the Stingrays will leave the competition "eating our bubbles!" Won't you come join us? Mark your calendars now for signups at Columbia Elementary, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 22.

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Prom Ticket Sales

Regular Ticket Sales:

April 12-16—\$70 per person

Last Chance Ticket Sales:

April 19 (only)—\$75 per person

Prom forms can be found on the district Web site

www.kingslocal.net. Look on the KHS page under Announcements.

Important Pre-Prom Information

Pre-Prom starts at 5 p.m. in the KHS Auditorium.

Parking in the high school parking lot is reserved for *Prom Attendees and Faculty only*. Parents and spectators are to park in the junior high parking lot and enter the doors near the media center.



Important After-Prom Information

Parents of Kings Juniors and Seniors, you should have received a letter in the mail about how to purchase After-Prom tickets and the annual Senior Yard Signs. Please be sure to read through the information and complete all forms prior to purchasing the tickets. Celebrate your student's graduation by purchasing a 2010 Senior Yard Sign. Forms and directions with deadline is included with the After Prom letter. **Pick up for yard signs is May 13.** Questions? Contact Karen Troyan at 225-6667. All proceeds benefit After Prom.

Reading as a Pastime

Students on Team 8-2 at Kings Junior High have extra incentive to read, read, read this year—the Reading as a Pastime (RAP) incentive program. Anytime a student gets “caught” reading, the teacher awards that student points. Those points add up and at the end of the school-year students can use those points to bid on auction items.

Teacher Nicole Hindersman said students have been writing letters to companies and celebrities asking for donations for the RAP auction.

On Friday, March 26, a special guest visited KJH to drop off an auction item—former Kings High School Football Player and current University of Cincinnati Football Player Collin McCafferty. Sabrina Downey wrote him at the beginning of the year asking for a donation. When he visited KJH on March 26 he brought with him a football autographed by the UC Football Players who went to the Sugar Bowl.

Pictured with Collin McCafferty are: (front row, left to right) Sabrina Downey, Marianna Hernandez, Josie Cheatham, Allison Hoyle and Kelli Howell; (back row) Mrs. Hindersman and Collin.



With the help of local artist Greg Storer, students at Columbia Elementary created color wheel murals to hang in the locker bays. The project was designed by Mr. Storer in cooperation with CES Art Teacher Drew Thomas. You can view a video of the project on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74U_vBJNpLQ.

Knight to Remember—Goldendoodle

If you are ready to add a four-legged member to your family, this may be the puppy for you! This nine-week old neutered male Goldendoodle (F1B) puppy from a reputable AKC/OFA breeder will be available for auction at Knight to Remember on April 17. Goldendoodles are a hybrid between a golden retriever and a poodle. They are terrific family dogs, friendly, intelligent, affectionate and easy to train. They inherit the fur qualities, but not the texture, of the poodle; they don't shed (or shed lightly). They most likely will not produce an allergic reaction.

If you can't attend the event, you can still bid on this little guy. Submit a sealed bid to the KHS Athletic Department by April 16. Include your name, phone number and bid price. All sealed bids will be opened at the beginning of the live auction April 17th. If you'd like to meet the puppy, contact Wendi Herbert at 218-3633.



Cooperative for Education Needs Your Help

Kings High School and the Conversational Spanish V class are raising money in order to sponsor a Cooperative for Education (CoEd) workstation.

CoEd is a non-profit organization based in Cincinnati that works to bring textbooks to students in Guatemala. In Feb. 2009 Jorge Gonzalez, KHS Spanish teacher, traveled to Guatemala on a trip with CoEd.

If you would like to make a donation to help KHS sponsor a workstation please send monetary donations to Karin Gonzalez at Kings High School: 5500 Columbia Road, PO Box 913, Kings Mills, Ohio 45034.



Puttin' on the Hits Stars Entertain at Ronald McDonald House

Two groups of Puttin' On the Hits fame hit the road to entertain at Ronald McDonald House last week. The two teams were "I Want You Back" with Katie Hacker, Claire Middlekamp, Emma Yunker, Madison Mettey, Gabbie Griffen and Katie Busemeyer and "Don't Bring Me Down" with Patrick Ritchie, David Lehn, Grant Abbott and Jack Lemmel.

The teams started the evening by performing their numbers from the Puttin' On the Hits show for the residents. Afterward, all the children and parents were invited to join the teams on the dance floor for a dance-a-long.

They danced to the "Cha-Cha Slide," "Macarena," "Electric Slide" and many others. The parents of the children at Ronald McDonald House thanked the teams for bringing a smile to their children's faces, many of whom had been through difficult medical treatments during the day. It was a welcome break for everyone. They all laughed and boogied for over an hour and then closed the show by performing "Don't Bring Me Down" as one huge group, residents and all.

KYO Cheerleading registration is 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Columbia Elementary in the cafeteria. This is for the grades K-6 football season.

The Sweet Sounds of Music

The sweet sounds of music filled the halls of J.F. Burns Elementary on Monday, March 29, as the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra String Quintet performed. The group performed a wide variety of musical styles and helped students discover what instruments are in the string family, how the instruments work and the various ways they produce sound.

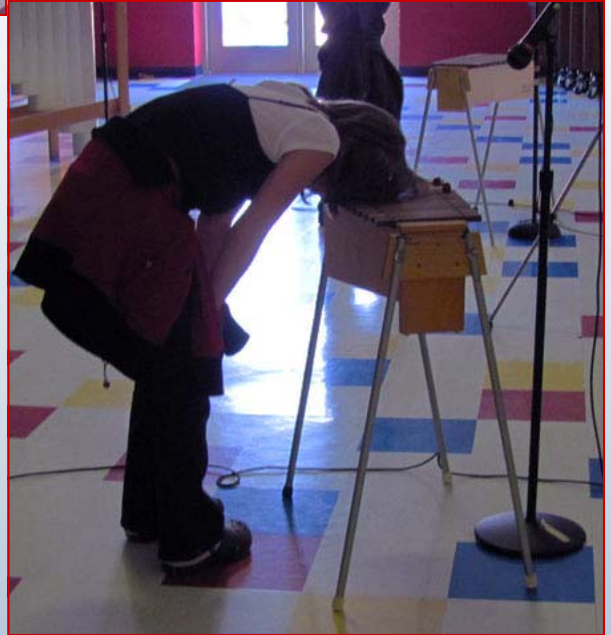




Long Day in the Studio

The Kings Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble spent eight long (yet fun) hours in the KME gym last Saturday laying down tracks for their second CD to be released later this spring. At one point Lydia Berg rested her head on her xylophone just to get a break. Instruments and microphones had to be placed carefully to ensure adequate separation of the individual audio tracks, as well as multiple takes to achieve the best possible performance of each tune.

Kelly Hock, Emily Strunk and Lora Vonderhaar are pictured, along with Lydia Berg and her xylophone.



BINGO!!

Students at CES who earned the third quarter reward activity were able to participate in grade level BINGO games. Prizes were awarded for specially marked bingo cards and BINGO winners. It was a great way to celebrate hard work, responsibility, and respect.



Congratulations to the Kings 4th Grade Girls Basketball Team, in the Cincinnati Area Youth Basketball League!

They finished their season as runner-ups in the league championships. After finishing fourth place (11-8) during the regular season, the Lady Knights went into the tournament riding a 5 game winning streak. With impressive wins over Glen Este and Loveland they fell to eventual tournament champs Sycamore on March 14th. The Lady Knights are coached Larry Maschino who is assisted by Greg Hanna and Jeff Douglas (pictured in back row left to right). The girls are pictured left to right: Neely Reilly (S.M.O.Y.), Hallie Farber and Brooklynn Buck (J.F. Burns), Sidney Hanna (South Lebanon Elementary), Taylor Kwasniewski, Savannah Mussari, Ashley Douglas and Chandler Kircher (Kings Mill Elementary). Not pictured: Leah Maschino and Madysen Ovington (Kings Mill Elementary).

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Through DonorsChoose.org, KHS Art Teacher Carrie Cooke is trying to raise money for classroom supplies. Visit www.DonorsChoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=345343 for more information. (If you have trouble with the link, please copy and paste the url into your internet browser).



Animal Art
Congratulations to Morgan Hubbard, Matti Foster, Ally Skirvin, Stephen Gerstner, Brianna Garrett, Chloe Wolf and Josh Mettey! They are the winners of the annual 1st Grade Animal Art Contest, conducted by Art Teacher Stacey Vermette.

Animal Habitats
Did you know the cow has a tongue that is 12 inches long? Anna Tsembe knew that. She wrote a paper about cows for her Animal Adaptations project for Suzie Smith's first grade class at Kings Mills Elementary. Students researched and wrote a report about any animal of their choosing. Some chose to write about the platypus, elephants, dogs, and much more.
For the project, students had to build a model of the animal's habitat. Their reports included information about where the animals live, how they survive in their environment and fun facts.



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