



# Kings Local School District

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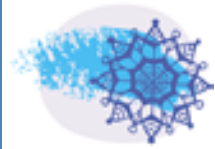
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### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 16:** KJH Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16:** KME 4th Grade Winter Chorus Concert, 6:45 p.m.
- Dec. 16:** SLE 2nd and 4th grade Chorus Holiday Musical, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18:** Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 a.m. at KHS.
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2:** Winter Break.



In case of inclement weather please check [www.kingslocal.net](http://www.kingslocal.net) for the latest information on closings and delays. Click the following link for the district's policy on closing or delaying school due to inclement weather: <http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Documents/Inclement%20Weather.pdf>



### Connie Beede 1948-2010

On Sunday, Dec. 12, Kings Local School District and St. Margaret of York School lost a great teacher, friend and colleague, Connie Beede.

Connie was a well respected teacher and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a sweet, kind and giving person who dedicated herself to the children she taught.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home, 129 N. Riverside Dr., Loveland.

Another visitation will be held at St. Margaret of York 9-9:50 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17. The Funeral Liturgy will follow at 10 a.m. SMOY will be closed on Friday.

Her obituary can be viewed on the Tuft Schildmeyer web site: [http://www.tuftsschildmeyer.com/Obituaries/obit-display.jhtml?DB=obits&DO=display&ID=1292271790\\_4881](http://www.tuftsschildmeyer.com/Obituaries/obit-display.jhtml?DB=obits&DO=display&ID=1292271790_4881)

### Kings Local Food Pantry Needs Your Help

The Kings Local Community Service Food Pantry in South Lebanon is dedicated to helping feed hungry residents living within Kings Local School District.

Besides traditional non-perishable food items, the Kings Food Pantry also needs toiletries, laundry items, grocery gift cards (Meijer, Kroger, Wal-Mart, etc.), monetary donations, and even perishable items. The pantry has several refrigerators and freezers to store cold items.

The food pantry is open 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call 494-2692. The pantry is located at 10 High Street, South Lebanon. However, the main entrance is off Broadway Street.

## KME Welcomes Mrs. Ketch

Every morning as students walk into Kings Mills Elementary they are greeted with a smile. For 13-years that smile has come from Mrs. Pat Lampe. But at the end of the month Mrs. Lampe is retiring and the students will be welcomed by Mrs. Judi Ketch.

You may have seen the two working together this month. Mrs. Lampe is helping Mrs. Ketch as she adjusts to her new role as Secretary at KME.

Mrs. Ketch comes to us from The University of Notre Dame. She and her husband recently moved to the area to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She is very excited to join the KME family.

"This is my dream job. I love being around the kids. They have so much energy and are so fun," she said. Mrs. Ketch wants everyone to know that she is very approachable and easy to talk to.

Even though everyone at KME is excited to welcome a new person to the front office, they are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Lampe. She has been at KME for 13-years. Prior to that she worked in the business world and at a school in Kentucky.

"I've always loved working at school. So when I heard about this opportunity (13-years ago) I jumped on it," Mrs. Lampe said. She is going to spend more time with her family. She has two grandsons she would like to be involved with more. She also sells Shaklee in her spare time and plans to do more with that business.



## Kings Receives \$9,600 from Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for KJH

### "Kings Junior High Meets the Needs of At-Risk Learners"

Thanks to a generous grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation (MHJF), the staff at Kings Junior High will participate in year-long professional development to improve curriculum and instruction to meet the growing needs of at-risk learners.

The new initiative will focus on improving learning in mathematics and language literacy, and help the teachers at KJH hone their skills in meeting the individual needs of at-risk learners.

"Reading and math are the two most critical academic areas for which students must feel success. They are the foundation for which everything else is built," wrote Curriculum Specialist Terri Socol in the grant application.

The grant will support professional development for 52 KJH staff members November 2010 through June 2011 with the ultimate goal of improved instruction for all of Kings Junior High's 618 students. This grant will help the staff focus on at-risk learners, and at the same time improve instruction so that all students benefit.

The goals of this initiative are many and varied with the implementa-



tion of yearlong professional development for the KJH staff. They will learn to provide instruction to meet the needs of typical learners and customize instruction for at-risk learners. Through this initiative the staff will be able to provide parents with a team of educational professionals to assist in the social, emotional and academic development of their child. We also want to open the lines of communication and collaboration through accessibility of teams to parents and other professionals who work with our students, Dr. Socol wrote.

The biggest long-term goal the KJH staff expects to meet through this process is a combination of improved reading and math instruction, increased student learning in reading and math, and increased student/teacher motivation.

The professional development will include four half-day work sessions where regular education and special education teachers, and support personnel meet and develop a plan for improvement. The staff will also work with a national expert in the middle school philosophy. This will help the teachers work together on teams in an effort to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of our students. In the last part of the professional development, teachers will engage in learning communities centered on meeting the needs of at-risk learners.



### SLE Celebrates the Holidays with a Multicultural Event

Ian Meeker (left) and Ethan Allen (right) filled their maracas with beans and rice before sealing them closed and shaking them wildly.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the second graders at South Lebanon Elementary had a Multicultural Day. Each student made a special craft at different "countries." In Italy, students made paper Gondolas. In Germany they made Edelweiss Hats. And in Australia they crafted a construction paper candle.

Students even got to sample foods from around the world. There were cookies, sauerkraut and franks, pita chips with hummus, pocky sticks and much more!

Sheridan Pagan, SLE teacher, said this event coincides with their social studies lessons on customs and holiday traditions from other countries.



### The Holiday Decorations

The students in Susan Waugh's third grade class at J.F. Burns Elementary performed the play "The Holiday Decorations" this week. It is based on the many holidays that are celebrated this time of year. Students spent last weekend making decorations for Christmas, Diwali, Chanukah, Kwanza and Las Posadas.

Mia Super is pictured standing in front of various holiday decorations. She was a narrator for the play.

Devin Karrick is pictured holding a farol, a paper lantern used to celebrate Las Posadas.



### Kings Students Chosen for Honor Ensembles

Congratulations to the following students. They were selected for various Ohio Music Education Association Honor Ensembles.

**OMEA District XIII Honor Choir:** Melanie Baumann, Emily Haddix, Rachel Krallman, Miranda Onnen, Sophia Moriarty, Daniel Grober, Emma Martin and Josh Mayersky.

**OMEA District XIII Honor Bands:** Joseph Song, Clarinet 7th Grade Honor Band; Bryson Wires, Alto Saxophone alternate 7th grade Honor Band; Elliott Waissbluth, Alto Saxophone 8th Grade Honor Band and Alto Saxophone Junior High Honor Jazz Band; Nick Kurtzahn, Baritone Saxophone 8th Grade Honor Band; and Patrick Ritchie, Piano Junior High Honor Jazz Band.

**OMEA District XIII Freshman Honor Band:** Calvin Dailey on Bassoon, Casey Ryan on Alto Saxophone, Logan Leahy on Alto Saxophone and

Claire Bobel-Fonner on Tuba. **1st Alternate to Freshman Band:** Nick Wright on Baritone Saxophone and Kris Hacker on Euponium. **Top High School Group:** Maggie Vetter on Trombone Wind Symphony.

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## Kings Local School District Kings Kids Preschool & Childcare

Kings Kids has been educating preschoolers from the Kings Local School District for more than 20 years. The Preschool and Preschool Childcare is located in the Kings Education Center in Kings Mills. Registration for the fall 2011-12 school year begins in January. Applications will be accepted until classes are filled.

Class Offerings include:

- 3-year-old Preschool: Three day program designed for children 3-years old by September 30. Morning and afternoon sessions available.
- 4-year-old Preschool: Two or three day programs designed for children 4-years old by September 30. Morning and afternoon sessions available.
- Childcare for Preschoolers: Full time child care is also available for children enrolled in the Preschool program.

Curriculum is based on the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards for preschool education as well as the philosophy of the Kings Local School District.

Visit the website at [www.kingslocal.net](http://www.kingslocal.net).

Go to Departments-Preschool/Childcare then Kings Kids Preschool or call 398-8050 ext. 10040 for more information.

Please consider having lunch or dinner at the Landen LaRosa's on Wednesdays during the month of December. They will again donate a percentage of proceeds to the Kings High School choirs. Contact Hope Milthaler for a copy of the flyer ([hmilthaler@kingslocal.net](mailto:hmilthaler@kingslocal.net)) and remember to take one with you to the restaurant or give to your delivery person when your pizza is delivered. Flyers are also available at the store.



## Basket Raffle to Benefit Cooperative for Education—Buy Your Tickets Today!

The Kings High School Spanish V Conversations Class is sponsoring a Basket Raffle this holiday season. The students have undertaken a year-long project of raising \$2,500 in order to sponsor a school in Guatemala through the Cincinnati based, non profit charity Cooperative for Education (CoED [www.coeduc.org](http://www.coeduc.org)).

Students have already held a Ping Pong Tournament and a Jeans Week at KHS to help raise money. Now they are having a basket raffle! The basket contains:

- 2G Columbia Blue iPod Shuffle
- \$15 iTunes Gift Card
- Designer Snuggie
- Kings Coffee Mug
- Imported German Chocolate
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Mango Green Tea
- Lavendar Grey Tea
- Kettle Corn
- Chips Ahoy Thin Crisps
- Oreo Thin Crisps

Cheese Nips Thin Crisps

*Over a \$100 value!*

Tickets are:

- 1 ticket for \$3
- 2 tickets for \$5
- 5 tickets for \$10
- 12 tickets for \$20

The winner will be announced at the Kings vs. Harrison Basketball Game Thursday, Dec. 30. You do not need to be present to win.

To purchase tickets contact Jorge Gonzalez at [jgonzalez@kingslocal.net](mailto:jgonzalez@kingslocal.net) or 398-8050 ext. 11029.

