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Kindergarten and New Student Registration

If you need to register your child for Kindergarten, please contact Central Registration to make an appointment to register your child. For more information contact Tammy Schnetzer in Central Registration at 459-2932 or tschnetzer@kingslocal.net.

You'll also need to see Mrs. Schnetzer if you are registering a new student or need to change any of your information.

J.F. Burns Elementary Named a Hall of Fame School

Congratulations to J.F. Burns Elementary on being named a 2011 Hall of Fame School by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA). This ranks JFB as the top elementary school in the region and one of the top seven in the state!

JFB Principal Cheryl Montag and her staff accepted the award at an Awards Luncheon in Columbus on June 17 during the annual OAESA Professional Conference. OAESA recognized seven elementary Hall of Fame schools and one Middle-level Hall of Fame school during the 2011 Awards Luncheon.

School officials applied for the award in December. The finalists were selected from nominations across the state. Building administration submitted extensive written documentation substantiating the quality of their educational program in the following areas: Instructional System, Student Achievement, Personnel Administration, and School Management Stakeholders.

Hall of Fame winners are chosen by two committees of active principals; one of which read and scored the applications and the other conducted on-site evaluations of the schools. The eight winning Hall of Fame schools represent the finest schools in the state of Ohio.

"The simplest way to describe J.F. Burns Elementary is an outstanding educational culture. The school is positive, inviting, enthusiastic, and student centered," the judges wrote during the JFB evaluation. "There was a true sense that individual learning styles and needs were met through a variety of strategies and approaches. Amazing availability of resources for students, teachers, and the community! The district is very fortunate to have so many resources available to them, and they use them for the betterment of their school, staff, students and community!"

This is not the first time a Kings school has earned this award. Kings Mills Elementary was named a Hall of Fame School in 2001.

Congratulations to the staff, parents, and students at J.F. Burns Elementary!



Kings Local School District Creates Savings Plan

When voters approved the levy in 2010, the district promised to cut \$3 million over three years. In the past two years the district has reduced its expenditures by \$2 million and we expect to save another \$1 million next year. This was done mostly through department and building reductions, retirements and attrition.

We realize how important it is to cut costs whenever possible. To do that without directly affecting curriculum and the education of our students, the district is getting creative and looking at every facet of our operation.

On Tuesday, June 21, District Superintendent Dr. Valerie Browning presented a Cost Reduction Plan to the board of education.

While the new reduction plan does save the district close to \$800,000 a year, it does not affect classroom size or offerings. Some of the cuts include the elimination of one special needs aid and reducing custodial substitutes. The district will also eliminate one physical education teacher through retirement. Kings High School and Kings Junior High will combine some courses so that no classes are lost.

The district is also saving money by eliminating one administrative position. When our secondary curriculum director resigned in December the district decided to move some administrators around instead of hiring someone new. This will save the district approximately \$120,000 annually. Jerry Gasper is the new Secondary Curriculum Specialist, Shelley Detmer-Bogaert is the new Principal at Columbia Elementary, and Lori Stovall will move from Kings Mills Elementary to Columbia Elementary as Assistant Principal. This eliminates the assistant principal position at KME.

On Tuesday, June 21, the board of education approved a new four-year contract with the district's teachers. This new contract includes a pay freeze for next school year and freezes on individual teachers step pay increases. Base pay will increase 1 percent in 2012-13 and then 1.75 percent in each of the last two years of the contract.

The district was also able to save money this year by joining the Educational Purchasing Council (EPC), an insurance consortium. There will be no increase for next year. The district had anticipated a 20 percent increase. Savings also come through the addition of annual deductibles, increases in out of pocket expenses and increases in co-pay. Through the insurance concessions, the district avoids about \$5 million in projected cost increases over the next four years.

Despite the loss of state funds over the next several years, the district is doing everything it can to stretch the taxpayers dollars. The district is also focused and dedicated to improving student learning and achievement. As we move forward in developing a strategic plan for our district, we will also continue to explore educational opportunities for our students. Our most important job is the education of your children. We strive to provide the best education and opportunities throughout the district.

Kings High School's InvenTeam Goes to MIT's EurekaFest

"We're MIT Bound," Morgan McClanahan said as she talked about the Kings High School InvenTeam. This group of highly-motivated and talented students secured a \$10,000 grant from MIT to compete at this year's EurekaFest for the InvenTeams program.

InvenTeams are teams of high school students, teachers and mentors that receive grants to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. The Lemelson-MIT Program initiative aims to inspire a new generation of inventors.

The Kings team, which is comprised of Ryan Sharp, Michael Kemp, Lauren Wilhelm, Paige Craig, Morgan McClanahan, Grant Leung, Taylor Sharp and Deea Hoque have built a portable hydroelectric generator.

June 15-19 the students showcased a prototype of their invention at EurekaFest at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. EurekaFest, presented by the Lemelson-MIT Program, is a multi-day celebration designed to empower a legacy of inventors through activities that inspire youth, honor role models, and encourage creativity and problem solving.

Work first began on this project when KHS Engineering Teacher Jason Shields approached MIT with his idea. Once he got approval, the team began work on their proposal. The proposal included research, cost, parts, why it was needed, why it was unique and many other specs.

Students said this hydroelectric generator differs from all others on the market in that it is cheaper to produce and would be more affordable for people living in developing countries who often don't have access to reliable power sources.

The goal was to create the generator for less than \$1,000, and the students did that, building the final prototype for less than \$500. The group's research showed that similar hydroelectric generators on the market cost \$2,000-\$4,000 and were designed more for corporations and larger companies. This generator would be for the everyday consumer.

Morgan McClanahan said this project was very hard and working on a team was more difficult than she had anticipated. However, she also said it was a "unique learning experience."

Students started testing their product in May. It worked great, but the look needed cleaned up a bit.

Many companies attend EurekaFest looking for the next great invention. Michael Kemp said he hopes someone can use their invention and build off of it. The group all agreed that it would be awesome to see their invention become mass produced for consumers worldwide.

Mr. Shields and Paul Caito, district parent and Engineer with Siemens, served as advisors to the students for this project.

To learn more about InvenTeams visit <http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/index.html>.

About the Lemelson-MIT Program

Celebrating innovation, inspiring youth

The Lemelson-MIT Program recognizes the outstanding inventors and innovators transforming our world, and inspires young people to pursue creative lives and careers through innovation.

Jerome H. Lemelson, one of U.S. history's most prolific inventors, and his wife, Dorothy, founded the Lemelson-MIT Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1994. It is funded by The Lemelson Foundation and administered by the School of Engineering. The foundation sparks, sustains, and celebrates innovation and the inventive spirit. It supports projects in the United States and developing countries that nurture innovators and unleash invention to advance economic, social, and environmentally sustainable development. To date, The Lemelson Foundation has donated or committed more than \$150 million in support of its mission. For more information about the Le-



Sports Summer Camps

There are plenty of sports camps and clinics this summer to keep your students busy for weeks! Click the link below for more information about this year's Sports Summer Camps.

http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Athletics_Main/Documents/SportsSummerCamps2011.pdf

The dates and time for the Kings Cheer Camp are listed incorrectly on the form. The Kings Cheer Camp is July 25-27, 9 a.m. to noon.

Kings Softball Camp

http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Athletics_Main/Documents/SoftballCamp2011.pdf

The Fastpitch Softball Camp is June 27-29 on the KHS Softball Field.

Kings Color Guard Youth Clinic

http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Athletics_Main/Documents/ColorGuardClinic2011.pdf

The Kings Color Guard Camp is August 13 in the KHS gym.

Northern Cincinnati Basketball Camps at Kings High School

Camps are conducted by Mike Stevens- Men's Varsity Basketball Coach and John Karabinus- Women's Varsity Basketball Coach. For additional information or a camp application visit

www.northerncincyhoops.com

Boys: June 20-23

All Day Camp/League:

Entering Grades 4-8, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Girls: June 27-30

Entering Grades 4-8, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Little Dribblers: June 27-30

Boys & Girls Entering Grades K-3

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Shooting Camp: July 11-14

Entering Grades 4-7, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Entering Grades 8-12, 12:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

All Camps are held at Kings High School and Kings Junior High

Teamwork Wins Again!

Last week's Annual All Star festivities for the East vs. West All Star Football Game once again proved that Kings Local knows how to put on a first class event! The week really started with Rob Patterson and the "Tag-it" company as he once again donated locker tags for both coaches and players for both teams! This tradition is just one of many that make the Southwest Football Coaches Association decision very easy to choose Kings High School as the "Home Site" for future All Star events!

Another tradition unique to Kings is the annual Team Cookout during Media day. This is sponsored in large by John Morrell Meats but more importantly, some of our Team Moms pour their heart and soul into this event knowing the memories that they help create for the players as well as coaching staffs. These moms include Terri Cook, Candy Anthony, Tina Rice, Kim Mathias, Kim Carlin, and Janine Phelen. And at the end of the night, the All Stars were treated to custom Cupcakes by Katie Gebhardt and Lisa Crull's amazing brownies!

On Thursday, game day, was simply an amazing display of teamwork! We had the ticket takers and booths headed up by Bob Olds, Parking headed up by Dan Weed, Concessions headed by my Tina and Bill Rice, and DVD sales by Terri and Kelcey Cook. Our own Bob Hinman did his

usual awesome job with announcing the game while Ro Collado filled in at score keeper on this night! We even called on Southwest Ohio's finest "stat man" Dave Stubenrauch and his faithful assistant (and son) Noah! Our long standing videographer Eric Berg captured all of this excellent game on DVD! We had the usual Kings chain gang consisting of Tim McCarty, Brian and Jason Kidder. We also had over 75 football players from Kings along with our entire staff selling water, programs, and t-shirts!

Lastly, a huge "thank you" goes out to King's maintenance consisting of Mark Bailey, Steve Leuzinger, and Tim Byrd. Not only did this crew clean up after the event, they were the ones responsible for getting the entire facility to tip-top shape!

Without question I sure have missed a few people but I thought I should at least take a stab and mention as many as I could possibly remember! Once again, the parents of our football players, coaches and various Kings Staff have come through in a HUGE way! On this night, I was certainly very, very proud to be the head Coach of the Knights!

See you on the field.....soon!

Coach Andy Olds



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KINGS FOOTBALL HOST 14TH ANNUAL YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

FORMER RIVAL TURNS INTO SPONSOR

The 14th Annual Youth Football Camp took place June 13-15 at the Kings Practice facility. Football staffs of every level were teaching and coaching grades 1-6 for youth camp this year. Campers were awarded with Camper of the Day awards, The Smokehouse Award (the fastest player in camp), and the Razzle Dazzle champs were crowned as well!

This year, Former Wilmington Hurricane and Ole Miss tight end, Doug Zeigler, sponsored the 2011 camp. Doug played Quarterback in high school as was recruited as such. Ole Miss recruited another pretty good Quarterback the same year-a guy named Eli Manning! Zeigler quickly moved to tight end where he started many games for the Rebels and was not only Eli's roommate in college, but also found himself on the receiving end of many, many thrown balls.

We at Kings Football look forward building a long lasting relationship with Doug as he looks to grow his State Farm Insurance Business in Mason! If Doug approaches his commitment to insuring people like he committed himself to the Ole Miss Football program, he will not doubt develop a very, very successful and dependable Insurance Business!!

Calling all Moms!

Are you looking for a social/support network close to home?

Welcome to
KINGS MOMS

A free group of Moms helping Moms, open to those in the Kings Community with preschool age children, older siblings welcome, of course. Enjoy fun monthly group activities, such as outings around town, book club, coffee talk, lunches, Mom's Night Out, seasonal events and much more.

For more information or to be added to the e-mail list:

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