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**Election Day is
Tuesday, Nov. 2.
Remember to vote!**

Permanent Improvement Levy—Renewal

Kings Local Schools has a Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy on the Nov. 2 ballot.

This levy has been renewed every five years since 1990. The money raised from this levy helps the district pay for building maintenance, technology and much more. This is not a new levy. Taxes will not increase if this levy passes.

If you have any questions about the PI Levy please contact Superintendent Dr. Valerie Browning at 398-8050 ext. 92 or Treasurer Mike Mower at ext. 94.

Kings Alumni Gives Advice to Kids with Asperger's in Recently Published Book

Navigating the hallways of a high school can be overwhelming for a person with Asperger's Syndrome, just as it was for Jeff Kraus. He learned to manage and used coping techniques that helped him survive the high school years. That's why Kraus, a 2008 graduate of Kings High School and the Warren County Career Center, recently wrote a book called *The Aspie Teen's Survival Guide: Candid Advice for Teens, Tweens, and Parents from a Young Man with Asperger's Syndrome*.

In this book, Jeff (he goes by J.D. Krauss for the book) offers practical advice to his peers so they can make the most of middle school and high school. His book starts out by describing Asperger's Syndrome, a term people often hear but don't know how to define. The book then goes on to give advice to kids, parents and teachers.

"I wrote this book for kids with AS, parents and teachers," Jeff said.

Jeff's story starts at J.F. Burns Elementary (JFB) where he first went to school, and when he first got the official diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. Doctor's told Laurie and Bob, Jeff's parents, that Jeff would never lead a normal life or see a classroom outside of a special education room. He proved them wrong. Mrs. Cheryl Montag, JFB Principal, was instrumental in helping Jeff get acclimated to life inside a school and a regular classroom.

Transitioning to the high school was one of Jeff's biggest challenges. The schedule was different, the teachers were different and the building was huge with crowded hallways. This made navigating the first year of high school difficult for Jeff. However, Mr. Dustin Goldie and Mrs. Lisa Orfield, Kings High School teachers, were there for Jeff and created safe spots in their classrooms for him.

Mr. Goldie said he remembers several politically charged debates with Jeff. Conversations were always lively.

"Thank goodness we had a school district that was supportive," Laurie said.

Jeff went on to have a very successful high school career. He eventually attended the Warren County Career Center where he studied Digital Design and graduated top of his class. He was also the Honored Vocational Student at the 2008 Kings High School Graduation.

Jeff started writing this book his freshman year of college, but set it aside to focus on school work and other projects. It was after some pushing by his creative writing teacher that Jeff finally took up the book again and finished writing his story.

Several publishers turned down the book before Future Horizons grabbed hold of it. The book was published Sept. 30, 2010.

Even though Jeff is doing very well in college, he still has trouble understanding some verbal cues and body language. It wasn't until high school that he started to understand humor, his mom said. Even now, understanding sarcasm eludes him. He can also still become overwhelmed when rooms are too busy or places are too crowded. That's why he is planning on writing another book once he graduates. This book will focus on the college years.

"I've learned from school that you have to be approachable and know to ask for help," Jeff said.

Now in his third year at the University of Cincinnati Raymond Walter's College, Jeff is studying Electronic Media Technology and Animation. He said his dream job would be to work at Pixar.

You can find the book for sale at Amazon.com, Borders.com and Barnesandnoble.com.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 30: KHS Women's Lacrosse Clinic, 10 a.m. to noon.

Nov. 1: KHS Music Mania, 7 p.m. at KHS.

Nov. 1: KHS Marching Band Community Night, 6-9 p.m. Audience performance at 8:40 p.m. KHS Stadium.

Nov. 1: KHS and KJH Wrestling registration, 7 p.m. in the KEC Activity Center.

Nov. 2: Election Day, no school.

Nov. 6: The Kings Kloset is open 9-11 a.m. This free store offers gently used men's, women's and children's clothing. There are also school supplies, winter coats and shoes. 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.

Nov. 8: The KHS Guidance Department continues its College Lecture series with a presentation at 7 p.m. in the KHS auditorium.

Nov. 11: JFB will have its annual Veteran's Day Parade at 9 a.m.

Nov. 16: The Kings Board of Education regular meeting is 6:30 p.m. in the KEC, 1797 King Ave.

Nov. 15: CES Band Concert, 7 p.m. in the CES gym.

Nov. 15-19: Canned Food Drive at KJH.

Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving Break, School Closed.

Kings High School wants to recognize its alumni who have served or are serving in the military. Please send a photo and a little information about the individual to:

Rick Krepps
Kings High School
P.O. Box 913
5500 Columbia Road
Kings Mills, Ohio 45034

We would like the following information with each photo:

- Name
- Branch of Military
- Years of Military Service
- Year of Graduation from KHS

*Photos are nonreturnable.

Thanks to all those who have served.



Veteran's Day Activities

At 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, J.F. Burns Elementary will host its annual Veteran's Day Parade. Veteran's proudly march through the halls of JFB as students cheer, sing and shake their hands. If you would like to attend or participate please contact Principal Cheryl Montag at 398-8050 ext. 16001 or cmontag@kingslocal.net

WCCC Veteran's Breakfast and Program

Veterans, you are invited to a breakfast program in your honor at the Warren County Career Center on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the WCCC Commons.

Breakfast will be prepared by WCCC Culinary Students.

Entertainment by Learning Lab Preschoolers. Inspiring video produced by Digital Design Tech Prep students. Patriotic posters by Graphic Arts Tech Prep students. Please contact Peg Allen at 932-5677 ext. 5204 to reserve your place.

The KHS Women's Lacrosse 1st Fall Lacrosse Clinic

10 a.m. to Noon
Saturday, Oct. 30
Cost—\$25

Calling all girls in grades 2-9 who are interested in learning more about the fastest growing youth sport in the country! Make plans to attend this fast-paced, fun beginners lacrosse clinic. The KHS Girls Lacrosse Coach Staff and Varsity Players will be on hand to teach the fundamentals of lacrosse and go over the basic rules and strategy of the game.

Send checks (payable to KABC) or cash to: Ann Delehanty-Koenig at KHS: 5500 Columbia Road, PO Box 913, Kings Mills, Ohio 45034.

Walkup Registration is welcomed!

Boys 3rd through 6th
Grade Lacrosse Registration for Spring 2011
Registration is 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Columbia Elementary School's cafeteria.

Additional information can be found on <http://www.kingslax.com> by clicking Youth Lacrosse.

Wrestling Registration—Monday, Nov. 1

Wrestling season is here!

Parent and student registration and orientation for the KHS and KJH Wrestling teams is 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at KEC Activity Center.

There will be important season information and booster signups at this meeting.

Please contact Coach Ryan for more information or if you are unable to attend at 617-4834 or e-mail at ryan@kingslocal.net.

If you know of anyone who is interested in wrestling but unable to attend this meeting, please have them call Coach Ryan.

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The Kings High School Chamber Choirs Present Music Mania, Monday, Nov. 1.

Besides great music and entertainment, there will be a refreshment table and several themed goodie baskets to be raffled during the night.

Proceeds will help the singers as they travel to Chicago this spring for the Dixie Classic Music Festival.

The Art of Combat

Students in Peter Moore's Acting Class at Kings High School recently learned the fine art of Stage Combat.



They learned how to throw a good (fake) punch, make punching and hitting sound affects, and how to appropriately respond to being punched in the face.

Gina Cerimele-Mechley and John Baca worked with the students on stage combat techniques. Students then had the chance to put those techniques to practice.

Paige Jones and Abbey Gillott are pictured practicing punching and being punched.



Famous Author Speaks at KJH

A great many books today do not have illustrations. In fact, it's mostly children's books that offer pictures to accompany a story. On Tuesday, Oct. 26, author Scott Westerfeld spoke to Kings Junior High students about his books and why illustrations are an important part of his books.

Scott Westerfeld is the author of *Leviathan*, the first in a trilogy of books that can be described as alternative histories, science fiction and steampunk. Set in 1914, *Leviathan* takes place during World War I and starts off with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, triggering a series of alliances that plunge the world into war. But the story takes a different turn as the global conflict is between the Clankers, who put their faith in machines, and the Darwinists, whose technology is based on the development of new species.

Mr. Westerfeld worked closely with Keith Thompson who illustrated the novels. Illustrations were important to Mr. Westerfeld because they enhance what the reader is already imagining.

After the presentation, Mr. Westerfeld stayed for a meet and greet with some students. He signed books and answered questions.

The next book in the *Leviathan* trilogy is *Behemoth*. He is currently finishing work on the third book *Goliath*.

Kings Food Pantry Hygiene Drive Nov 1st-6th

"Not Just Jazz Hands" (the dance teams' community service group) is collecting hygiene items next week. Boxes will be placed in the 1st bell classes at the high school, and the class with the most items collected will win a pastry breakfast! There will also be a box placed in the junior high office.

Personal Hygiene

Bars of soap
Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Feminine Products
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Baby Products

Diapers
Baby Wipes
Baby Lotion
Powder

Cleaning Supplies

Dishwashing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
Any Cleaning Supplies/Wipes

This list is not all inclusive. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated! Thank you!!



KMA Annual Poinsettia Sale

Back by popular demand, Kings Music Association is conducting their annual poinsettia sale. These plants make beautiful holiday gifts and decorations. The plants are available in four sizes (4", 6", 8" and 12" pots) and in five colors (Red, White, Pink, Marble and Jingle Bells). Also available are 10" pots that are 3' tall and only available in Red, White or Pink.

All proceeds from the sale go directly toward the instrumental music programs at Kings High School, including Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard.

All orders must be placed by November 8. Delivery will be the first week in December.

Contact any Kings Band member or Danita Beard 5324-4872 or email her at buckeyebird@fuse.net.

Ski Club signups have started.

Signup deadline is November 21.

Bus seating is limited, so sign up early.

www.KHSSkiClub.com for signup procedures and information.

How Many Seeds are in Pumpkin?

One by one, students pulled slimy, sticky seeds out of a giant orange pumpkin and placed the seeds on a counting sheet. After careful counting, the students in Jessica Contratto's first grade class at South Lebanon Elementary discovered that there were 966 seeds in two pumpkins! They conducted this little experiment on Monday, Oct. 25, to kick off Pumpkin Week. Jaidyn Schroeder (left) and Reece Robinson (right) are pictured placing their pumpkin seeds on the counting chart.

Gavin Stief said his favorite part was "when we get our hands all squishy!" Most of the students like squishing the pumpkin guts in their hands to find the seeds.



Kings Dance Team Gift Card Sale

Are you giving gift cards for Christmas? (Who doesn't?) If so, why fight the traffic and long lines? We can bring gift cards right to you!

The Kings Dance Teams are working to raise money this holiday season with using the SCRIP gift card program! If you are looking to make your holiday shopping hassle free. All you need to do is shop our SCRIP card list. We can supply all your needs for the holidays.

Please contact one of the KHS or KJH dance members or check out the team's website for all the information. It's that simple! <http://www.kingsdanceteam.com>

Red Helmet Club Tailgate Party

All Kings Football Fans, make plans to attend the tailgate party at Turpin High School before the football game. Look for the giant Kings flag and canopies in the parking lot. They will grill hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be plenty of chips and water available too. Everything is free to all Kings fans graciously donated by the Red Helmet Club. The part starts 5:30 p.m. and goes until game time.

KJH Girls Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

On Sunday Oct. 17, a group of King's Junior High girls gathered together for a great cause, to fight Breast Cancer. The girls walked in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser.

The walk started at Yeatman's Cove and covered a 5-mile walk winding through downtown, over the Purple People Bridge, into Newport and then over the Taylor Southgate Bridge. The team name was Stride Spirit. There were a total of eight girls from 8th grade that walked and one Junior from Kings High School.

The original idea was to get together the KJH squad to walk together to show support. Unfortunately their coach was unable to attend so a group of the mother's joined together and took the girls downtown Sunday Morning. There was no registration fee to walk, but as a team, Stride Spirit were able to raise around \$200 to donate to the cause. The walk itself was raised \$525,000, and more than 10,000 people turned out for the event. The weather was beautiful and the walk itself an amazing experience. After the walk was over all the girls asked the moms if they could make this an annual tradition and do it again next year.

Kara Campbell, who helped organize the group, would like to thank all the girls who came out and especially all the moms who came out to share this experience with their daughters. What a great way to spend a Sunday morning, a mother and daughter sharing the power of giving and how that giving makes such a difference.

Pictured are: Kylie Gay, Ashlee Mathews, Brook Hemmelgran, Kelly Walker, Addison Webster, Kaylen Stanelle, Danielle Johnson, Autumn Mathias and Kara Campbell.



KHS Marching Band Community Night

The Kings High School Marching Band has been working tirelessly since June on their 2010 show "Fortress," featuring the music of Sting. The season will culminate on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Mid-States Bands Association Championships.



As they begin their final week of practice, the band would like to invite their friends, family and neighbors to the annual *Community Night* on Monday, Nov. 1 in the Kings Stadium.

The rehearsal will run 6-9 p.m. The audience performance will take place at 8:40 p.m. Community and family members are welcome to watch and observe how the marching band rehearses and prepares for a contest setting. The audience may choose to watch all of and portion of the rehearsal that they may choose. There is no admission cost and treats will be available.

The MSBA Championships will be held in four different venues on November 6, with Kings hosting bands in Class AA (which Kings is a member) and Open Class. The

first Class AA band will take the field at approximately 8:30 a.m. Kings will perform at 2:45 p.m. in preliminary competition. Class AA finals will begin at 5 p.m. with final awards given for Class AA at 7:30 p.m. The Open Class bands will only perform in finals competition which will begin at 8:30 p.m. The event will conclude with Open Class awards at 10 p.m.

The Kings Band staff and students greatly appreciate the support of their community and would love to see you in the stands on Monday, November 1 and/or Saturday, November 6.





Lady Knights Soccer Team Finishes 2nd

The Kings Women's Soccer team made history this week, making it to Sectional Finals beating McAuley and Fairfield to make it to the final game.

The Lady Knights ended their season Oct. 26 but not without a fight to the #2 team in the nation, the St. Ursula Bulldogs. Kings Soccer held the Bulldogs scoreless for 70 minutes of the match.

Kelsey Baird and Stephanie Wehmer shut down the best forwards in our area (Wolfe and Gruber) by their intense play. Paige Jones, Rachel Anthony, Nicole Riveron and Megan Clark helped the defense stay strong. Freshman Goalkeeper, Sydney Zinser helped the

Knights hold off the Bulldogs for most of the match. Sydney had two amazing saves in the second half to keep the game close. Abby Bush dominated the center of the field with the help of Senior Sammy Jones. Mac Seiter added to the offensive pressure helping the Knights generate 5 shots.

The Kings girls left everything on the field and could walk to the bus proud of their strides that they have made this season.



Kings Local School District is looking for Registered Nurses to substitute in our building health clinics. If you are a RN and are interested in subbing, please contact Eva Garchar at egarchar@kingslocal.net or 398-8050 ext. 11022.

College Level Lacrosse

**Presented by
Kings Lacrosse Programs**

**The Dayton Men's Lacrosse Club vs the Cincinnati Men's Lacrosse Club
and**

The Miami University Redhawks Vs The UC Bearcats

When: Saturday, November 13th, 2010

Where: Kings HS Stadium

Game Times: 10:30am - Dayton Men's vs Cincinnati Men's

12:30pm - Miami University vs UC

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Family maximum \$12.00

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS 2010

The Kings Knights are guaranteed a spot in the 2010 playoffs next week. The site and opponent will be determined on Sunday, Oct.

31.

The Knights will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Pre-sale tickets are \$7, this includes students, adults and Senior Citizens. All tickets at the game are \$9.

No employee passes, no athletic family passes will be accepted.

The Athletic Department will begin selling tickets on Tuesday, Nov. 2. We encourage everyone to purchase pre-sale tickets because a portion of the price comes back to the school.

Senior Picture Submission Guidelines

Due Dates: The last day to submit your senior picture, with no exceptions, is **November 15**. No pictures after that date will be accepted and your Lifetouch school portrait will be featured in the yearbook instead. All pictures are to be submitted in one of three ways. The easiest way is to upload the digital image to our account at classscene.com using the password (**khsknights**). Secondly, an e-mail with the picture attached with senior picture-(your name) as the subject can be sent to kshields@kingslocal.net or finally a CD with the image on it can be submitted to Mrs. Shields' mailbox in the office.

Digital Guidelines: We will accept digital files that have a 300 ppi resolution and are at least 2.5"x3.5" in size. Please use the following protocol when naming your file: Last-name_Firstname.jpg so we can place the image files into the correct spots.

Guidelines to follow when choosing your photo: All school dress code rules apply (no strapless tops or dresses). Photo should be a portrait, which is generally shoulders and above. Hands are allowed but must not be distracting. No hats or props and you must be sitting or standing. We reserve the right to decline any image that does not comply with the outlined regulations.