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### "PINK OUT"

Join the KHS Football team for the first home game of the season Thursday, Sept. 8!

Be sure to wear your pink in support of the Pink Ribbon Girls fight against breast cancer.

Come out and cheer on your Knights as they take on Harrison. Fox Sports will televise this game!

### Kings Seniors to Participate in National Day of Service

This Saturday, Sept. 10, the Kings High School Senior Class and the Mason-Deerfield Rotary will once again participate in the National Day of Service and Remembrance. This day was established as a day for Americans to join in service and remember the lives we lost and to honor the heroes who responded in our hour of need on Sept. 11, 2001.

The KHS Community Service Club, led by teacher Tim Guilfoyle, worked this summer to plan activities for the day. Students will volunteer throughout the community in many different capacities. Some will join the Buddy Walk to support the Down Syndrome Association of Cincinnati, while others will volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Students will make Take-a-Way Bags for the families at the Ronald McDonald House, clean and fix up the Interfaith Hospitality Network house, clean



up the South Lebanon Heritage Park, and volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries.

### Kings Freshman Shows Off Musical Talent

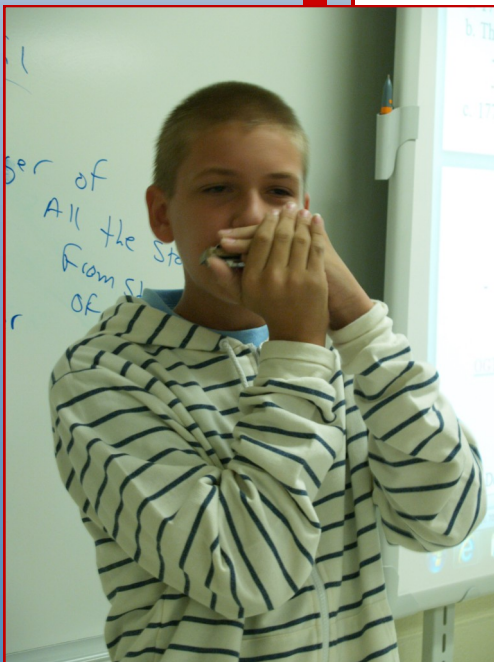
For the past two years Nick Froehlich has been playing the harmonica—anywhere and everywhere. He plays just for fun and occasionally performs a paid gig. Most recently he played at the Starbucks in Eastgate, and he'll be there again in two weeks.

Nick, a freshman at Kings High School, has always been interested in the harmonica. He didn't start playing until 2-years ago when his parents bought him a harmonica for Christmas. He learned to play watching a few videos on YouTube, practicing a lot, and through pure natural talent.

He finds his biggest inspiration from Junior Wells and Louis Armstrong.

"Country music is really fun to play and really gets the crowd going," Nick said. "But I really love to play the Blues."

He's not sure what the future will bring for him and his harmonica, Nick just "wants to see where it takes him."



# START A CHAIN REACTION.

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YOU'RE INVITED!!

At 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, the Rachel's Challenge speaker will present to parents and community members. Come out and see what makes Rachel's Challenge so powerful. Find out more about the program your student's will be involved in this year. You will be challenged to make positive changes in your life as well as reinforce the decisions your students are making.



## A RACHEL'S CHALLENGE EVENT IS COMING SOON!

### RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

On Monday, Sept. 19, Kings Local School District will kick off the district's Anti-Bullying Program when *Rachel's Challenge* comes to Kings High School.

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. To keep her memory alive, Rachel's family started *Rachel's Challenge* – a program that motivates students to make positive changes in the way they treat others.

The program will start with a powerful video, presented to Kings' 7-12 graders, of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. Immediately following the video, selected student leaders from Kings High School and Kings Junior High will attend a small group session focusing on how to make positive changes in their lives.

### Rachel's Challenge Mission

We exist to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change in their school, business and community by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

[www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org)

### KHS Marching Band Invitational—Sept. 10

The sounds of marching bands will fill the air in Kings Mills on Saturday, Sept. 10. The Kings Music Association will be hosting the Kings Band Invitational at Kings Stadium. Thirteen competing bands, with nearly 1,000 participants from all over the area, will compete for the first time this season. Kings' band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of the event.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the contest will have a moment of silence at the beginning of the show.

Nearly 100 volunteers will be on hand to make sure the show runs smoothly. The volunteers include current band parents, alumni band members and parents, and

many current Kings students.

"We are so lucky at Kings to have one of the finest facilities for a marching band competition. We have ample space for spectators and participants," said Denise Manderfield. "The Kings administration has been extremely supportive of us. Fourteen bands will literally take over the entire junior high and high school campus, including the first floors of both schools, all parking lots, the practice fields, and, of course, the stadium."

The public is encouraged to attend. The show begins at 5:30 p.m. with the first band taking the field at 5:45 p.m. The event will conclude at 10 p.m. Ticket price is \$7 per person.

*Picture courtesy of Steve Wilson.*





### **New Faces Around Kings—Blythe Ramsay**

Kings Mills Elementary is pleased to have Blythe Ramsay join the KME family this year. She is the part-time Kindergarten and Pre-school teacher.

“My goal for this year is to teach my students as much knowledge as possible and for all of my students to LOVE school and learning,” Ms. Ramsay said.

Ms. Ramsay is a Kings alumni. She attended here K-12 and is thrilled to teach at her alma mater. This past May she graduated from Miami University. When not teaching she likes to read, exercise, watch movies, and travel. She also tutors and gives swim lessons after school.

“I wanted to become a teacher to impact and influence as many young minds as possible. I want to be a role model, give them knowledge, and help prepare them for the life ahead of them so that they can have the best life possible,” Ms. Ramsay said.

### **WeatherBug now available on the district website!**

Recently, Kings Local School District installed a Scientific-grade Weather Station for the KHS/KJH complex. With this online weather center you can view current weather conditions for the area, see a live view of Kings Stadium, and much more!

Click the link below to learn more about this fascinating new system!

[http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Departments\\_Main/businessdept/Documents/WeatherBugBulletin.pdf](http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Departments_Main/businessdept/Documents/WeatherBugBulletin.pdf)



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### **Kings YOUTH Volleyball Training Teams**

Sept. 11—Oct. 16.

Grades 2-4: 1-2:30 p.m.; Grades 5-6: 2:30-4 p.m.

Cost: \$60 (includes shirt)

Register at [www.KingsVolleyball.com](http://www.KingsVolleyball.com)

The KHS PTO is starting up for the 2011-12 school year! Plan to attend the first meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the Bradford Media Center.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Kings High Honors Military Alumni

Kings High School wants to recognize its alumni who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please send a photo (4" x 6" preferred) and a little information about the individual to:

Rick Krepps  
Kings High School  
P.O. Box 913  
5500 Columbia Rd.  
Kings Mills, OH 45034

We would like to have at least the following information for each photo: Name, Branch of military, and Year of graduation from KHS. \*Photos are not returnable. Thanks to all those who have served!



## Kings High School to Start Self Defense Club

There's a new club at Kings High School, and its organizers aim to teach students how to defend themselves. Teacher Jorge Gonzalez started the Self Defense Club this year to help "instill confidence in our students."

"Last year, when the Anti-Bullying Initiative was unveiled, I started mentioning that a good way to stand up to bullies is to be confident or self-assured. One way to do that is to know how to defend oneself. If these students learn basic, highly effective self defense techniques, that would go a long way in standing up to or deterring a bully. If these techniques instill the confidence in a student in order to avoid a physical confrontation, that would be even better and the desired outcome," Mr. Gonzalez said.

Junior Michaela Wilson also worked to get this club started. After she

brought the idea to Mr. Gonzalez he decided to get the ball rolling and get the club off the ground. Last year was a planning year and this year the club starts.

**The group will meet every Thursday starting Sept. 15. Each session is 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the KJH Multipurpose room. The first quarter sessions end Oct. 20.**

Mr. Gonzalez, along with several guest instructors, will teach some of the techniques. KHS junior Rachael Black, who has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, will teach one day, and KHS teacher Pete Moore will teach another time.

Any KHS student or faculty member can join this club during one of the four sessions being offered this year.

For more information contact Mr. Gonzalez at [jgonzalez@kingslocal.net](mailto:jgonzalez@kingslocal.net).

## Guidelines to follow when choosing your yearbook photo

Your photo should be a COLOR portrait. This image should be in portrait orientation, (taller than it is wide) and should be cropped generally to the shoulders and above. Hands are allowed to be in the image, but must not be distracting. Please no hats or props. You must be in a sitting or standing position. All school dress codes rules apply. No strapless tops or dresses. We reserve the right to decline any image that does not comply with the outlined regulations.

**Digital Guidelines:** We will accept digital .jpg files that have a 300 ppi resolution and are at least 2.5" x 3.5" in size. Please submit the image without any watermarks or photographer logos. Please use the following protocol when naming your file: Lastname\_Firstname.jpg

**Due Date:** The last day to submit your senior picture, with no excep-

tion is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011. No pictures after that date will be accepted and your Lifetouch school portrait will be featured in the yearbook instead. If you did not have a Lifetouch portrait taken, you will be listed as Not Pictured.

**Directions for submitting your yearbook photo:** All senior pictures are to be submitted digitally in one of three ways.

The easiest way is to attach the image to an email with the subject titled- Senior Picture- (your name) to [kshields@kingslocal.net](mailto:kshields@kingslocal.net). You will receive a confirmation email if your image is accepted.

Secondly, you can upload the digital image to our account at [classscene.com](http://classscene.com) using the password (khsknights).

Finally you can submit the image on CD to Mrs. Shields' mailbox in the office.

## Donate to the Cody Mayo Fund Help KJH Students get to Washington DC

Every year the Kings Junior High 8th graders attend Washington D.C. This trip can be expensive for many families, but is so important to our students.

The Cody Mayo Fund was created to offer scholarships so all students can attend KJH school sponsored field trips. Primarily, this fund assists 8th graders wishing to go on the Washington D.C. trip in the fall. Unfortunately, the economic downturn has hurt this fund. The junior high is asking for donations to the Cody Mayo Fund—no amount is too small.

If you would like to make a donation or would like more information please contact Brent Allen at 398-8050 ext. 12009 or [ballen@kingslocal.net](mailto:ballen@kingslocal.net); or Rebecca Vehr at 398-8050 ext. 12000 or [rvehr@kingslocal.net](mailto:rvehr@kingslocal.net). Checks should be made pay-able to The Cody Mayo Fund.

The Cody Mayo Fund was created in honor of Cody Mayo, a KJH student who died from cancer in his 8th grade year. Although his cancer was quite advanced, he went to Washington D.C. with his friends. The character and strength he showed through this ordeal was nothing short of heroic. The Washington D.C. trip was one of the last things Cody was able to enjoy before passing away.

The school now collects money in Cody's name so that those who may not otherwise have an opportunity to take this awesome trip get to go.

### Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run

The 16th annual Kings Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run is coming up on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Kings High School. Registration is now open, so sign up today! Also you, can click the link below to download the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Brant at [jbrant@kingslocal.net](mailto:jbrant@kingslocal.net) or 774-0797.

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### Kings Fastpitch Softball Putt-Putt Fundraiser Sept. 18

The Kings Women's Fastpitch Softball Team will be hosting their annual Putt-Putt Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Cincinnati Golf Center (formerly All Golf) on Columbia Rd. Click on the link to download the registration form for more information!

[http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Athletics\\_Main/Documents/FastpitchFlyer.pdf](http://www.kingslocal.net/sites/kings/Athletics_Main/Documents/FastpitchFlyer.pdf)



Over, under, over under. The students on the 7th grade Red Knights Team played Alaskan Baseball, among other things, on Friday, Sept. 2, during a team building day. In this version of baseball a student kicks the ball, then the outfield has to line up and pass the ball over and under. The kicker has to run around the line and each time they complete a circle that team scores. Once the games were done students ate lunch outside together.



## KHS Class of 2012!

### Attention Senior Parents!

Let's make this year a special one for our seniors!

We're planning three special Senior Breakfasts and Raffles.

Dates are: October 21, 2011 at 7:00 a.m.

January 20, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.

March 23, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.

We'll also host the Senior Picnic on June 1, 2012 at Landen Park.

### Here's how you can help!

Each family is asked to send in \$20 that will cover the costs associated with all four Senior Events.

Make checks payable to Kings High School Senior Account

Mail to:

Name of Contact Person: Jennifer Nenna

Address: 9259 Old Village Drive

Loveland, Ohio 45140

**Donations for the Senior Raffles would be GREATLY appreciated!**  
(Any items such as gas cards, movie gift cards, restaurant gift cards-use your imagination.)

Volunteers are also needed to help at events:

Check if you can help on one or more of these dates: \_\_\_ Oct. \_\_\_ Jan. \_\_\_ Mar. \_\_\_ June

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Feel free to contact: Jennifer Nenna [davenjenn99@hotmail.com](mailto:davenjenn99@hotmail.com) 513-716-7472.

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