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Kings Local School District has a new Web site!

Please visit www.kingslocal.net to view the new site where you will find Kings news, easy to navigate pages, curriculum information and much more!

On the site you also will be able to subscribe or unsubscribe to the Electronic Blackboard News (EBBN). The format for the EBBN also is changing, it will now be viewable as an Adobe PDF attachment.

RESCHEDULED

Please Join us for a Kings Community Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2010
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Kings Junior High Community Room

Superintendent Dr. Valerie Browning and Treasurer Mike Mowery will present:

- What is the district's current financial situation?
- What is the district's financial future?
- How is the district working to control costs?
- What will an operating levy mean for the district?

A brief Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation.

Board Members and District Administrators will be in attendance to help answer questions.

Questions? Call 513.398.8050
Dr. Browning Ext. 92 and Mr. Mowery Ext. 94

Kings Remembers Dana Strunk

Dana Strunk, beloved first grade teacher at Kings Mills Elementary passed away suddenly Tuesday morning, February 16. Dana was a life-long member of the Kings family. She grew up in Kings and attended school here, graduating from Kings High School in 1986. Dana then attended Wilmington College where she received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1990. Dana started her teaching career in Kings as a long term sub in the fall of 1990 and began her full time career at South Lebanon Elementary School in 1993. Dana taught third grade for many years and received her master's degree in 2007. She was deeply committed to the Kings School District, serving on many district committees, as well as supervising many student activities and clubs. She worked at South Lebanon for 10 years and was known for her nurturing, loving way with her students and her willingness to go above and beyond with children. In 2002-2003 Dana moved to Kings Mills Elementary School where she taught third grade. This year, Dana taught first grade.

Dana is survived by her husband Wendel, also a Kings graduate, and her three children, Joey (9th grader), Emily (7th grader) and Elizabeth (Betsy-5th grader) who attend Kings Schools. Dana is also survived by her mother and father, Danny and Patricia Phipps, and her brother Steven Phipps.



Rev. Earl McGuffey will officiate the funeral at Christ's Church at Mason on Friday, Feb. 19. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to The Dana Strunk Memorial Fund C/O Kings Mills Elementary School, 1780 Kings Ave., Kings Mills, Ohio 45034.

The entire Kings family is devastated by our loss. We ask that you keep her husband and children in your thoughts and prayers.

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will turn 5 before Sept. 30, 2010 and you live in the Kings Local School District, please make plans to attend Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-11 school year. Registration is 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 22 and 24 at the Kings Education Center. Registration packets can be found on the district Web site at www.kingslocal.net and in the elementary schools.

Please bring the following items with your completed packet for registration of your child.

- * Original Birth Certificate or Passport
- * Social Security Card or Number
- * Custody or Court Papers (If applicable)
- * Photo ID of the Parent/Guardian
- * Immunization Records
- * Proof of district residency, such as a Rental or Lease Agreement, Deed, or Settlement Statement. The Parents'/Guardians' name MUST appear on the legal proof of residency document. If the documents are in any other name than the child's parents'/guardians' name that individual must be present and provide a photo I.D.

It is not necessary to bring your child to registration.

If you are unable to attend the February registration please contact Central Registration to make an appointment. For more information contact Central Registration at 459-2932.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 20: Puttin' on the Hits, 7 p.m. in the KHS Auditorium.

Feb. 21: The KHS Dance Team is holding a fundraiser 11 a.m. to close. Dine at Applebee's, 9660 Mason-Montgomery Road, and 10 percent of your bill will be donated to the dance team. You must present a flyer to your server. Visit www.kingsdanceteam.com to download the flyer.

Feb. 22: Rescheduled Meeting. The KJH Softball Meeting has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the KJH Multipurpose room. Any girl interested in trying out for the KJH Softball Team should attend. Questions? Call Coach Bonner at 659-6091 or Coach Bauer at 398-8050 ext. 11011.

Feb. 26: The KHS Dance Team will host a Pajama-Jam 6-8:30 p.m. in the CES gym. Girls in grades k-6 are invited to an evening of fun dance routines, games, pizza and dessert. Wear your pajamas and we'll provide the fun! The cost is \$25. Pre-register by Feb. 20 and receive a t-shirt. Registration forms can be found at www.kingsdanceteam.com/pajama-jam.html.

Feb. 27: Kings Mills Elementary invites you to their annual Extravaganza, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events will include carnival games, giant inflatable's, balloon animals, face painting, cake walk, concessions and of course the giant basket raffle. This year KME will have 20+ baskets included in the raffle. It's a great way to chase off the winter blues and have a wonderful time with your family

and friends!

Feb. 28: Eat at TGI Friday's on Fields Ertel Road and help support the Kings Theater at the same time! When you eat at TGI Fridays on Feb. 28, 20 percent of all sales will be donated to the Kings Theater. You must present a flyer to your server for the donation to be applied. For a copy of the flyer please e-mail stagelights@gmail.com

March 11: The 4th Annual Student Dodgeball Tournament is in the Kings High School gym. Any KHS student is eligible to play. The cost is \$25 per team. You need at least six players per team. However, seven or eight players is best. For more information or to register, sign up in the Athletic Office or contact Coach Bonner at mebonner@cinci.rr.com.

March 19: The 4th Annual Spring Sports Spectacular is 7:30 p.m. in the Kings High School gym. Events include dodgeball games, introduction of spring sports with special recognition of Seniors and Parents, performances by the Kings Cheerleaders.

Kings Café

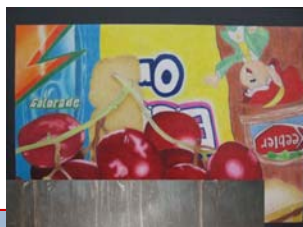
Kings Café will be open all evening featuring a catered pulled-pork sandwich dinner for \$6 (includes sandwich, chips, dessert and drink). If you would like to buy this dinner, please send a card with your name, phone number, number of dinners requested, and payment to:
Trish McLennan, 1190 Marion Ave., Maineville, Ohio 45039.
Call 774-7851 with any questions.

The Kings High School PTO
proudly invites you to

A Night of Knights

Thursday, March 18
6 p.m.
Kings High School

A celebration of the Fine Arts Programs
offered at Kings High School and Kings Junior High



Featuring:

Student Artwork Displays
Short films by the Digital Media Arts Academy

Performances By:

Kings Orchestras
KHS & KJH Theatre Groups
KHS & KJH Jazz Bands
KHS & KJH Dance Teams
KJH 8th Grade Concert Band
KHS Drumline
KHS Symphonic & Concert Bands
KHS & KJH Winter Guards
Kings Firecrackers
Kings Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble
and many Small Group Ensembles & Soloists

Admission:

Students/Senior Citizens—\$1 Adults—\$2
Family—\$5

Mammogram Van Coming to Kings

The Jewish Hospital Mobile Mammography Van will be in our district to offer screening mammograms to our female associates and community members over the age of 35. The screening takes approximately 10-15 minutes. The Mammography Van will be at Kings buildings on the following days:

- * South Lebanon Elementary: 7:30-11 a.m. Monday, March 1.
- * Kings Mills Elementary: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday, March 1.
- * Columbia Elementary: 7-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2.
- * J.F. Burns Elementary: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2.
- * Kings Junior High/High School: 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

Please call the Alliance Woman's Health at 686-3300 to schedule your appointment.

You will need to bring your insurance card and a photo ID with you on your scheduled appointment day. Your insurance company will be billed directly. Please check with your carrier for confirmation of coverage.

For women who are uninsured or underinsured (high deductible), financial assistance programs are available. Call 686-3310 for more information.

If you have any questions, call Eva Garchar RN at 398-8050 ext. 10038.

Kings' Trey Knecht Earns Anthony Munoz Defensive Player of the Year Award

On Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Hilton Netherlands Plaza in downtown Cincinnati, Kings Football Player Trey Knecht will be recognized as the Anthony Munoz Defensive Lineman of the Year presented by Old Spice.

Trey completed an outstanding 2009 season moving to Defensive lineman this season and having immediate success. Trey led the FAVC in tackles in 2009, was awarded Kings Football Most Improved Defensive Player of the year, and was first team all FAVC, 1st team All-City, 2nd Team All Southwest Ohio and 1st Team All Academic All-Ohio.

Coach Andy Olds admired Trey's willingness to put the team first this season. Coach Olds had this to say about

Trey's success this season, "Playing defensive end for us his senior year was not Trey's first choice. The previous year he played outside linebacker and was looking to use that year of learning to set up for a great senior season for him. But we asked Trey to play a position that would help Kings Football. We did not move him because he could not play outside linebacker but because we need him to fill a void in our overall team scheme defensively. We simply asked Trey to put the "goal" of our team first and his "personal" goal second. As a result of Trey's willingness to choose his "team" over "himself", he would record what most players would regard as 'a dream senior season.' He was first Team All Conference, voted Most Improved Defensive Player by the coaching staff, All

District, All City, Academic all Ohio, and his latest accomplishment was being selected as the Anthony Munoz Defensive Lineman of the Year in Division 2. If future players in the Kings Football program follow Trey's example of unselfishness, our program could reach heights never seen by any Kings team in the history of our program!"

To learn more about February 18th Award banquet visit the Anthony Munoz Foundation [Web site](#).

To review more on Trey's contribution to the 2009 campaign enjoy his highlight video on [ScoutOhio.com](#) and links to his Senior page on [www.kingsfootball.com](#).



Trey Knecht will receive the Anthony Muniz Defensive Lineman of the Year Award Feb. 18.

Valentine's Day Lab

Love was in the air last week at Kings Junior High as the seventh graders completed a Valentine's Day Lab.

After students solved the mystery, they enjoyed cookies brought in by parents. There were more than 700 cookies!

From all the students and staff, thank you parents for your help and generosity!



Maggie Cunningham and Addison Webster are pictured working on their Valentine's Day Lab!

Upscale Treasure Sale

The KHS Dance Team is hosting an Upscale Treasure Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Kings High School Café.

There will be name brand items from clothes, electrical, household items, furniture and much, much more!

Stop—Shop—Win!

Secret treasure attached to select items!

The café is located at the main entrance of the high school, which is the left side of the building.

For questions or directions, please contact us at kingsdanceteam@gmail.com or visit our Web site www.kingsdanceteam.com.

Math Counts

The Kings Junior High Math Counts program competed in a mini-competition at St. Margaret of York on Feb. 10. Six students joined in on the fun, Stephen Steffel, Wesley Ball, Leah Ball, Stacey Stuart, Chris Norgren and Leila Ashworth.

They competed against 20 other schools. Wesley Ball placed first on our team and made it to the count down round. The Math Counts

Program will continue working hard in preparation for our big competition on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the University of Cincinnati.



Knight To Remember - April 17

The committee for this year's Knight To Remember Auction Gala is excited to announce this year's event is 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at The Great Wolf Lodge. Arrive early for cocktails and look at all of the wonderful auction items that will be available. A delicious sit-down dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Basket raffles, games, and silent and live auctions will be the buzz of the evening. That's the real reason we'll be together that night: to raise money for all of Kings' junior and senior high school athletic teams. The band, Soul Pocket (often heard at Carlo & Johnny's), starts at 9 p.m. and sets the mood for dancing and fun. Invitations will be mailed in the next few weeks. Please save the date and plan to join us.

Donations Needed

Items are still needed for the basket raffles, games and auctions! We are looking for cool auction items and gift cards. We also need people to help us reach out to area businesses for donations.

Here's our wish list: Sports memorabilia, gas grills, weekend getaways, spa visits, sporting event tickets, appliances, artwork, jewelry, designer handbags and accessories, landscaping and handyman services, electronics (iPods, game systems, etc.) gift cards (salons, restaurants, malls, sports clubs, hotels, etc.) wine, beer, or liquor baskets.

If you have connections for a big, wonderful live auction item such as a puppy, computer, vacation home, concert tickets, etc. give us a shout.

If you can help with a donation, please contact Gina Hakes at ghakes@cinci.rr.com or 336-7090; or Kim Ketterer at kimketterer@cinci.rr.com 583-0013. See you soon!

Celebrating The Year of the Tiger

Students in Christina Shepherd's and Dana Strunk's class rang in the Chinese new year on Friday, Feb. 12, with a celebration! The third and first grade classes came together to learn about the Chinese New Year, one of China's most important holidays.

Cameron McElwee enjoyed getting to try some Chinese stir-fry. "I love it. It's delicious," he said. Students were able to sample some stir-fry, mandarins, rice and an egg roll.

Students also had the opportunity to paint Chinese symbols using red paint, color a dragon coloring page, make fortunes from foam cut outs and much more. Max Smith said it was easy to paint the Chinese symbols.



Kings Music Association Spring Flower Sale

What goes well with mulch purchased from the Kings football program? Spring flowers of course! The annual spring flower sale conducted by Kings band students will be March 5-26, with flowers delivered in late April, just in time for Mother's Day!

Greenfield Plant Farm in Maineville will once again provide a wide variety of beautiful flowers and plants and some new things this year. Contact any band student or check out www.kingsmusicassociation.org for more information.



Burger Bash to Support Kings Winter Indoor Drumline

Join family, friends and co-workers for dinner at Wendy's and help raise money for the Kings Drumline!

What: Burger Bash – no coupon or flyer needed.
Where: Wendy's in South Lebanon, corner of Grandin Rd. and St. Rt. 48.
When: Monday, Feb. 22, 4-8 p.m.

Wendy's will generously donate 15 percent of all purchases back to the Drumline program. Members of this year's ensemble thank you!

Kings Singers Perform in OMEA Honor Choir

One hundred and thirty 5-12 grade singers from around the area gathered at Kings High School for the Ohio Music Education Association District XIII Honor Choir this past weekend. Singers in the elementary and junior high choirs were chosen by their directors, and singers in the high school choir auditioned for participation.

The students learned valuable techniques and rehearsed excellent literature under the direction of Mrs. Robyn Lana (Cincinnati Children's Choir), Mrs. Cynthia Gray (well-known composer from the area), and Prof. Drew Collins (Wright State University). After missing many rehearsals due to snow days, they worked hard on Friday evening and Saturday morning, then performed a wonderful concert for a packed auditorium full of family and friends on Saturday afternoon.

Congratulations to the following participants from Kings!

Columbia Elementary: Josh Brewer, Caitlyn Carlson, Jordan Cheatham, Zach Goodpaster, Haley McCrory, Sara Mosteller, Kirsten Mumbeck and Sam Purkiss.

Kings Junior High: Leah Ball, Max Brockwell, Haley Clutter, Taylor England, Josh Freudenberg, Brennan Gray, Allison Herndon, Emma Martin, Laura Miniard, Kelly Nolan and Emily Wolf.

Kings High School: Carly Gritton, Daniel Grober, Rachel Krallman, Josh Mayersky, Miranda Onnen, Gretchen Snyder and Samantha Williams.



OMEA District XIII Honor Choir.

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The Kings High School Journalism Class has a Web site! Stories and pictures are updated weekly. Check it out at www.kingshighschool.net.

Kings Baseball "Spring Training"

Date: Saturday, March 6

Time: 9-11 a.m. (Grades 3-5); 12-2 p.m. (Grades 6-8)

Where: KEC Activity Center

Cost: \$25 preregistration; \$30 day of
*preregister before Feb. 24.

Our baseball program will offer a one day clinic teaching the proper techniques and fundamentals of baseball. We encourage all young players to come and learn the "Kings Baseball" way. This is a fun camp where each player will receive instruction and learn drills to develop them into a better player. They will also receive a Kings Baseball t-shirt.

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

T-shirt Size: (circle one) Youth S M L XL

Adult S M L XL XXL

**Make checks payable to Kings Baseball and mail to Kings Athletics, c/o "Spring Training" 5500 Columbia Road, PO Box 913, Kings Mills, Ohio 45034*

Kings Class of 2000 Reunion

Were you a member of the Kings Local Schools 2000 Graduating Class, or know someone who was? Then contact Tim Healy, class president, for information about the 10-year Reunion. Plans are still being made. For information e-mail Tim at thealy@gmail.com or join the Facebook group "Kings High School Class of 2000 Group."

KME Dance Recital Flower and Candy Sale

Forms for the KME Dance Recital Flower and Candy Sale Forms may be handed into office until Friday, Feb. 26. Forms are available in the office. Please make checks payable to KAPP. Your flowers or bags will be available for pick up at the high school prior to the dress rehearsal on Friday, March 5, or before the show on Saturday, March 6.

JFB/CES Dance Recital Flower and Candy Sale

Forms for the JFB/CES Dance Recital Flower and Candy Sale Forms may be handed into office until Friday, March 5. Forms are available in the school office. Please make checks payable to KAPP. Your flowers or bags will be available for pick up at the high school prior to the dress rehearsal on Friday, March 12, or before the show on Saturday, March 13.

Donate Your Unwanted Cell Phones

Kings After Prom Party (KAPP) is collecting unwanted cell phones at every school building. Please have your student drop off cell phones (no accessories, please) in the boxes provided at each school. All proceeds directly benefit After Prom.