



April 11, 2014



### In today's EBBN-

- Check out page 4 of today's edition for a letter from Dr. Browning.

Did you see the article in the Cincinnati Enquirer this week about Kings Graduates returning to teach in the district? [Click here](#) to read all about it!



### Upcoming Events

**April 11-12**—KHS Musical-Crazy For You, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**April 15**—Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

**April 18**—NO SCHOOL-Good Friday, HAPPY EASTER!

**April 23**—Kings District Celebration, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**April 24**—KHS Senior Reflection Night, 5:00 p.m., KHS.

**April 24**—JFB Kindergarten Musical, Hoffman, Finn, & Marchal, 6:00 p.m., Alcorn/Holliday, Gillesipe, & Reitz, 7:15 p.m., JFB Cafeteria.

**April 28-May 9**—3-8 Grade Ohio Achievement Assessments.

More event information can be found at: <http://www.kingslocal.net/Calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

### Kings Hires New Treasurer

The Kings Board of Education hired a new treasurer for the district. Mr. Shaun Bevan will be joining Kings as our new treasurer effective August 1st. Shaun is currently the treasurer for the Warren County Educational Service Center. He has also served as treasurer at Little Miami Schools and Clinton-Massie Local Schools. He is a graduate of Miami University and is an Adjunct Professor of Accountancy at Sinclair Community College.



Bevan is looking forward to getting to know the staff and community members and learning about the district's current and future financial path. Shaun's primary focus will be on providing accurate, timely, and detailed information to the Board, staff, and community members, and delivering quality customer service to the district staff and taxpayers. He says his biggest challenge as a school treasurer is "to hit the mark of balancing high quality education at a good price for the community and taxpayers."

Shaun resides in Lebanon with his wife of 15 years, and four children aged 5-11. He enjoys coaching his children's teams any chance he gets, and even plays basketball with friends at the YMCA in the morning before work. He and his family are thrilled to be in the process of growing their family through adoption and hope to have their baby home later this calendar year.

Shaun will replace long-time Kings Treasurer, Mike Mowery, who will retire from the Kings Local School District after 24 1/2 years of service.

"I'm very grateful and excited about the opportunity to join the Kings family. This is an excellent school district in a wonderful community, and I look forward to being here and working together," he said.



## Marvin Lewis Visits KJH

The Kings Junior High School 7th graders were treated to a surprise speaker on Tuesday. Marvin Lewis, Head Coach for the Cincinnati Bengals, was asked by KJH Language Arts teacher, Cathy Malone to come talk to the students about how the whole student body is a team, and how a good team has to work with all sorts of differences in order to come together to be champions.

His visit coincides with the kick-off of PROJECT KINDNESS. Project Kindness came about after the seventh grade language arts classes read *the Outsiders*. The students learned that stereotypes and judging others leads to rivalries, which can sometimes bring

about tragedy and upset. In an effort to make KJH the best that it can be, the students are being encouraged to view people's differences as assets and then learn how to work together to produce success. The students are also preparing for the sixth graders visit in the middle of May, as they promote acceptance and kindness throughout the building.

Students and staff at KJH should expect to see or receive random acts of kindness during the months of April and May. And, one doesn't have to be a seventh grader in order to participate in committing kind acts. The language arts teachers hope that this kindness and acceptance will spread and that everyone who enters KJH will leave a better person!

## Boonshoft Museum Visits J.F. Burns

Yesterday, Boonshoft Museum came to J.F. Burns to present Slimy Science to the first graders. The students learned about the different states of matter, and how the molecules move differently in each state. They also learned about chemical changes by doing experiments. During the experiment they could feel the chemical changes when they mixed phenylphenyl red with baking soda and with calcium carbonate. Baking soda gets cold and calcium carbonate gets hot! Then, students used glue and borax to make slime, which is a polymer, because it has characteristics of both solids and liquids. The students had a wonderful time learning about matter and chemical changes.



Pictured L-R: Annabelle Hathaway, Yashu Dharmadharan, & Olivia Hahn from Jessica Contratto's class.



## SLE Music Program

The 3rd grade students at South Lebanon Elementary, under the direction of Mrs. Melanie Sherby, performed their music program, "A Day in the Life of Me," last night to family and friends. They also put on a show for the whole school yesterday afternoon.



## Matter is Delicious!

Mrs. Christina Shepherd's first grade class at Kings Mills Elementary concluded their unit on the states of matter by eating ice cream sundaes. The children poured chocolate syrup (liquid) on vanilla ice cream (solid) and topped it with whipped cream that uses gas to spray out of the can. The children agreed that matter is "delicious."



## Outback Steakhouse KJH Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Kings Junior High Special Education teacher David Williams, on being named the **Outback Steakhouse Staff Member of the Month** for April. Outback recognizes outstanding KJH staff members who demonstrate excellence in and out of the classroom.

Mr. Williams was nominated by co-worker Aaron Bunker. In his nomination Mr. Bunker wrote, "David always brings a positive, upbeat attitude to school and is very helpful." When asked why Mr. Williams deserves the Outback Steakhouse Staff Member of the Month Award, Bunker wrote, "David brings a lot of patience and sense of humor to a position in which it is needed.

He is a great role model and brings happiness to students.

Mr. Williams will receive a gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a prime parking spot, and Kings Knights Award.

Congratulations Mr. Williams!

## Mystery Skype Session at SLE

The third graders in Stacey Murphy's class at South Lebanon Elementary School recently participated in their first "Mystery Skype." A Mystery Skype is a session where students need to ask yes/no questions in order to guess where the class is located in the world. The teacher sets an appointment up ahead of time with another classroom and talks to the teacher before the day of mystery skype.

On Monday, April 7th, the students were asked questions by the mystery class and then they asked questions that helped them gather information to identify which state their fourth grade friends were located in. The SLE students learned that they were skyping with Mrs. Cerda's fourth grade class at a school called Manchester Academy, located in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and it is the only fourth grade class in the school. After both classes had guessed the proper state, they then shared facts about the State of Ohio, such as baseball teams, large cities, state flower and tree, etc. The SLE students learned that Mississippi's state flower is the Magnolia and the state tree is the Magnolia Tree. They also learned that Elvis Presley and Oprah Winfrey are both from Mississippi, and they don't have a major league baseball team, but they do have a minor league team that is associated with the Atlanta Braves.

The lesson was used as a way to review thick and thin questions before state testing at the end of this month.



## *From the Office of the Superintendent....*

In light of recent events surrounding violence in schools, it is important to remind our community that we take the issue of safety and security very seriously. By intent, there are parts of our security efforts that we will not share with our community at large. It is, however, good on occasion to take stock of some of the things we do at Kings to enhance security.

The district has, for some time, provided for a main point of entry to our buildings. Those locations have recently been upgraded to allow for multiple layers of security protection before gaining access to the interior of our buildings. In coordinated efforts with external security firms and the Warren County Sheriff's Office, the district is revamping its visitor badging system.

New this year, Kings hired a School Resource Officer who is a Warren County Sheriff, for the KHS/KJH campus. Officer John Downs is literally seconds away from assisting with any threats in those two buildings. Officer Downs also periodically drops in at our elementary buildings, as well. Additionally, all of our staff has participated in threat assessment and lockdown training.

One of the keys to keeping our schools safe is remaining vigilant! The district maintains a school "Stay Safe - Speak Up" link at the bottom of our district's web page and on the last page of EBBN. If you have any immediate concern about security in a particular building, please report those directly to the building principal. It's important for parents, students, and members of the community to have the opportunity to alert the district to any potential issues.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kings Local School District. It is important to remember this saying: "See Something, Say Something!"

Sincerely,

*Valerie M. Browning*  
Superintendent

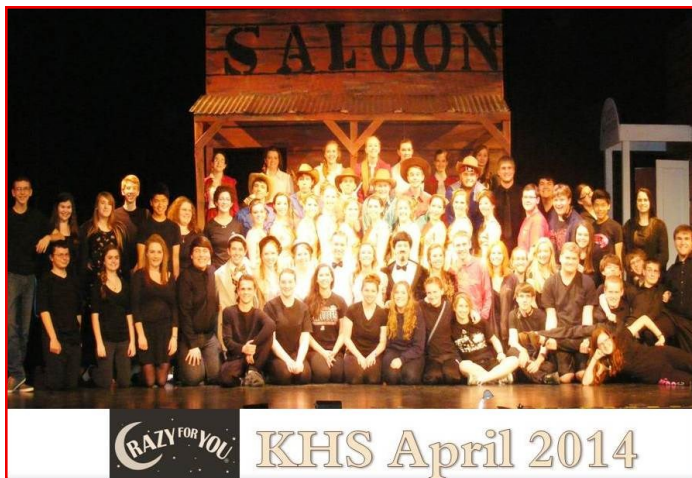


Go see the Kings High School Theatre Department's production of the musical *Crazy for You* this weekend. This is a really fun show full of comedy, singing, and a lot of dancing! The musical features over 80 Kings students in all aspects of the show between onstage, backstage, and in the orchestra. *Crazy for You* is a Gershwin Review, so if you are familiar with the "older" style of music that George Gershwin is famous for, then you will love this production! The performances are Tonight and Saturday (April 11 & 12) at 7:00 p.m. in the KHS Auditorium. Tickets are available in the theatre lobby starting at 6:00 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Some of the cast members visited Channel 12's Good Morning Cincinnati last weekend. [Click here](#) to see their performance.



Pictured are Grant Abbott and Maddi Kilgore performing at Channel 12.



## Kings Participates in the Ohio Jazz Festival

The Kings High School Jazz Band performed at the 37th annual Ohio State University Jazz Festival on March 30th. Three Kings High School seniors received outstanding soloist citations: Nick Wright - Baritone Saxophone, Casey Ryan - Alto Saxophone and Matt Wagner - Tenor Saxophone. There were nine high schools that participated in the Festival which culminated with a performance by the Ohio State Jazz Ensemble. Each high school that participated attended a clinic following their performances that were led by one of the Ohio State Jazz professors.

The next Kings High School Jazz Band performance will be at the Warren County Career Center Community Day on Saturday, May 3 at 11:20 a.m.

## Alumni Update....

Kings High School graduate, Gus Lazares, who will graduate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in May and also a graduate of Miami University, was awarded The Best Oral Advocate Award at the National Trial Competition held in Austin, Texas the last week in March. The competition attracts more than 140 law schools and more than 1000 law students each year. The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law was one of 26 law schools advancing to the national level and finished in the semi finals. Congratulations, Gus!

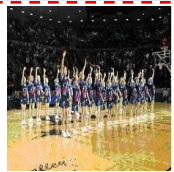


## KME Has Their Own March Madness...Of Sorts!

Along with the excitement of March Madness basketball brackets, the 3rd and 4th grade teachers at KME (Anissa Jones' idea!) designed a "Tournament of Books" to play along.

Each of the teachers selected their favorite classic picture book to rival against a newly published picture. A tournament bracket was created using 8 classic books and 8 recently published books. The teachers read the 2 books to their classes that were competing against each other. On the Google Chromebooks, a google site was created for the students to vote for their favorite choice. Votes were tallied and the winners moved on in their respective brackets.

This process continued until the "Championship Round" of 2 books. The final 2 books were: *The Day the Crayons Quit* & *Little Red Writing*, and the winning book is....*The Day the Crayons Quit*!



## FIRECRACKERS JUMP ROPE TEAM

Try out dates for new Firecrackers will be held on Tuesday, May 13th starting at 4:00 p.m. at SLE. If you are interested in setting up a tryout time please email Patty Cory at [banjobetty@aol.com](mailto:banjobetty@aol.com). All girls trying out must

attend the open gym on Monday, May 12th from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the SLE gym to learn the new tryout routine.

Open gym times for practice will be from 4:15-5:30 p.m. on April 15, April 17, May 6th and May 8th. All girls are welcome to come practice their lists at this time but there will be no formal training or lessons. List of skills for tryouts are available online at [kingsfirecrackers.com](http://kingsfirecrackers.com)

Tryouts are open to all current 2nd-5th graders. If you have any questions please contact Missy at [mom-ma4@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mom-ma4@cinci.rr.com)

## Circle of Life at J.F. Burns



The first grade students in Kelly Sova's class at J. F. Burns Elementary were treated to a PTO sponsored program called Circle of Life. The students learned about extinct, endangered, and threatened animals and what can be done to protect them. They saw a hedgehog, as well as see and touch a chin-chilla, corn snake, box turtle, and a bearded dragon lizard.

Pictured are Ayden D., Sergio R-C., Lucy T., and Isabella W. touching the bearded dragon lizard.



The Kings Firecrackers hosted their Staff Appreciation Banquet this week. Each of the Fire-

crackers were asked to invite a memorable teacher to their final show. Following the performance was an AMAZING spread of snacks and desserts for all of the girls and their guests. It was so wonderful for the teachers to spend some quality time with previous students! Pictured is Danielle Page with CIS teachers Jennifer Reeder and Holly Mueller.

## KABC Sports Camps

Summer is just a few short months away! Start thinking about what Sports Camps your children might want to attend this year. Click the link below for more information on the KABC Sports Camps.

Your kids can play football, bowling, baseball, soccer, golf, lacrosse, and so much more!

[KABC Sports Camps Brochure](#)



## KEA Looking for Donations

The Kings Education Association is looking for items to be donated for the silent auction that will be held at their end of the year Association Banquet. The banquet will take place on May 16th at the Montgomery Inn. The money raised via the silent auction will be used to fund the Kings Education Association Future Teacher Scholarship. The scholarship was established 11 years ago and is awarded to a Kings High School graduating senior who plans on entering the field of education. The student must demonstrate high academic standards, leadership skills, and may have a financial need.

In exchange for a donation, your business name will be mentioned in the silent auction promotions and digital catalog. Please contact Silent Auction Committee Chair, Sheridan Pagan at [spagan@kingslocal.net](mailto:spagan@kingslocal.net).

## Crystal Clear Science Visits KME

The students at Kings Mills Elementary had a visit from Michelle White, also known as "Crystal Clear," from Crystal Clear Science. The students, along with helpers from Kings High School's National Honor Society, had the opportunity to make paper. They learned that by using scraps of old paper and water they were able to make their own paper. Some students added rose petals or glitter to add to substance to their paper. They learned about chemical changes, physical changes, and evaporation. Yesterday's program from Crystal Clear Science was sponsored by the KME PTO.



**Children's  
Book  
Drive**

## United Way Summer Book Drive

The United Way of Warren County's Summer Book Drive is underway. The United Way is trying to gather new or gently used books to help distribute to at risk students in the community. For some kids, summer is a world of interesting vacations, sporting activities, and library trips. For others, something harmful is waiting for them, and their parents may not even know it is out there. It is called the "summer slide" and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for three months.

Unfortunately, reading loss is cumulative; children who lose reading skills over the summer have the potential of being two or more years behind their more affluent peers by the end of 6th grade. For children, summer is supposed to be fun and carefree, but that does not mean that learning needs to stop. Summer is a great time for children to read books while having fun.

How can you help? The Kings Local School District is partnering with the United Way of Warren County by placing Donation Boxes in each of our schools. From now until April 30, 2014, we will be collecting books to help with the "summer slide." Kings CAN make a difference in Warren County!



## KHS PROM May 10, 2014

This year's Kings High School Prom theme is "Bella Notte," Italian for Beautiful Night. Prom will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 5-11 p.m. at the Great Wolf Lodge. Early Bird Ticket Sales begin the week of April 14th for \$70. Please make checks payable to KHS Prom.

Click the links below for all the information

[Prom Letter](#)

[Prom Information](#)

[Prom Forms](#)

[Guest Request](#)

Tickets for The PARTY! After the Prom, A Knight in the Jungle, will be sold during lunch April 14th-29th for \$20 per student. [Click here](#) for After Prom information.

## Attention KHS Senior Parents...

Seniors need to turn in a preschool age photo to Mrs. Shields or the prom ticket table next week for the prom senior slide show. These photos will be the same ones shown at graduation. No nude baby photos will be accepted. Photos will be returned once they have been scanned. Photos are due by May 1st. Please also include future plans.



## Senior Yard Signs

There's still time to order your Senior Yard Sign! Your student's name is hand printed on the bottom of each side by parent volunteers, and stapled onto brackets. You can personally pick up your sign or have your senior bring the sign home from school. Pick up date will be Wednesday, May 7th, between 6:00 – 7:00pm, in the KHS Cafeteria, or seniors will bring signs home from school on May 8th. We know how proud you are of your student's accomplishment in graduating and this is such a fun way to show it to friends, neighbors and the community in general! We truly hope to have 100% participation so no one will be left out. Simply complete the form on the bottom of this letter, and return by Friday, April 18th along with your \$10 (checks made payable to KAPP (Kings After Prom Party)).

If you are able to help with the printing of the student's names on these signs, please complete that portion of the form as well. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Diane Westaway at 513-543-3371 or you may email her at [westaway@fuse.net](mailto:westaway@fuse.net). For more information and the order form [click here](#).



## KHS Summer Term Registration Begins

Registration has begun for Kings High School Summer Term. The Summer Term is offered to give students a chance to gain either original credit course work or remedial credit. Courses that will be offered will be Physical Education, Personal Finance, and Honors Geometry. Classes will begin on Monday, June 2, 2014. Final day of registration is May 16, 2014. For more information on costs and to access the registration form [click here](#).



## KJH Students Win eCybermission Competition

eCYBERMISSION is one of several science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives offered by the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP). For the second year in a row, Kings Junior High students have won 1st and 2nd place in the eCYBERMISSION competition for the state of Ohio. The first place team: Red Storm is made up of Nora Combs, Coryn Younger, Clare Ruddy, and Kellyn Schroeder. They will each receive a \$1000 US Saving Bond and will go on to compete in the Regional Tournament. The second place team: Stags and Athenas is made up of Avery Herd, Natalie Corradini, Savannah Cross, and Manjari Kavi. They will each receive a \$500 US Saving Bond. We are very proud of all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations!



Pictured left is the Red Storm team L-R: Nora Combs, Coryn Younger, Clare Ruddy, and Kellyn Schroeder.

Pictured right is the Stags and Athenas Team L-R: Avery Herd, Natalie Corradini, Savannah Cross, and Manjari Kavi.



## KYO CHEER SIGNUPS

Sign-ups for KYO 2014 Football Cheerleading will be held in the Columbia Intermediate School Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 23rd and Tuesday, April 29th from 6-

8p.m. Children in grades K-6 are eligible. Registration cost is \$78 and includes new shoes, spankies, 2 hair bows, and a warmup jacket. Cheerleaders must be present at registration for proper sizing.

KYO Cheerleading will also be offering a Uniform Resale Night at Columbia Intermediate on Tuesday, April 22nd from 6-8 p.m.

For more information on registration and the Uniform Resale [click here](#).



Kings Baseball Youth Night is quickly approaching! The team will host Mason High School at Prasco Park ( 6125 Commerce Court, Mason, OH 45040) in a combined youth night with Mason, next Saturday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th Annual Trinity Diamond Classic. Spread the word and let's try to fill the stands with Knights fans and outnumber the Mason fans! There will be plenty of entertainment with inflatables, ice cream, family fun games, and a great baseball game.

Additionally, the Kings Baseball Team will be attending the Reds game on May 4th and be walking around the field prior to the game. Head to Crosley Field on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 pm. and support our Knights!

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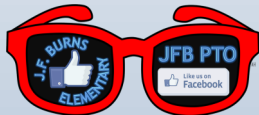
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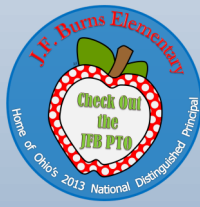
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**STAY SAFE.  
SPEAK UP!**

Bullying Threats  
Sexual Assault  
Drug/Alcohol Abuse  
Fights/Violence/Abuse  
Suspicious Behavior  
Weapons  
Suicide/Self Abuse  
Theft/Vandalism  
Problem Relationships  
Health Concerns/HIV/AIDS

Your Voice Matters!  
Call: 1.866.listen2me  
or go to our school website to report bullying or safety issues.

The J.F. Burns Kindergarten Musical date has been **CHANGED** to Thursday, April 24th. Classes of Hoffman, Finn, & Marchal perform at 6:00 p.m., and classes of Alcorn/Holliday, Gillespie, & Reitz perform at 7:15 p.m. Hope to see you there!



"Your choice for a future of opportunities"

The annual Warren County Career Center Community Day is Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy many free services such as mini-manicures in the Cosmetology Salon, drop off appliances for disposal and Freon removal at the HVAC lab, and ask questions of experts on home repairs. A silent auction will be going on all day featuring WCCC student projects and services. Information on motorcycle safety will also be available, along with the Lebanon Police Safety Town interactive display for children. The annual Landscape Plant Sale will begin at 10.

Enjoy entertainment by area music students and also a concert by the Centerville Community Band. Peruse a craft show and look for some great gifts.

WCCC is located at 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon. For more information, visit [mywccc.org](http://mywccc.org) or call 513-932-5677.

REMINDER: TODAY is the last day to place orders for the J.F. Burns Market Day sale. Orders can be placed online at [MarketDay.com](http://MarketDay.com) by using school code 6983, OR you can call your order into Lisa 697-1659 or to Market Day's customer service 877-632-7753.



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Pick up is on Wednesday, 4/16 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information or if you have a question contact Lisa Lehr at [llehr@fuse.net](mailto:llehr@fuse.net)



The Deerfield Township Fire Rescue is looking for Safety Town Counselors for their summer Safety Town Program. For more information contact Lt. Patrick Strausbaugh at 513-459-0875, email at [pstra@deerfieldtwp.com](mailto:pstra@deerfieldtwp.com), or visit [choosedeerfield.com](http://choosedeerfield.com) to sign up.

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