



KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 15, 2014



First day of school for students in grades 2-12 is Tuesday, August 19th. First day for First Grade is Thursday, August 21st and Kindergarten, Friday, August 22nd.



Just a reminder – Early Release will not begin until Wednesday, August 27th!

Upcoming Events

Aug. 19—First Day of School (2-12)!

Aug. 19—Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

Aug. 21—First day of school for First Grade.

Aug. 22 — First day of school for Kindergarten.

Aug. 29— KHS Varsity Football (Home Opener) vs. Lebanon, 7:00 p.m., Kings Stadium.

Sept. 1— Labor Day—No School.

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

Welcome New Staff

There's been a lot of excitement around the Kings district recently. The teachers have been in their classrooms getting ready for the student's arrival for the first day of school next week. The Kings Administrative Staff met for 2 days last

week to go over new policies, curriculum, technology, and safety. The Curriculum Teams from each school building have held meetings and many of our staff have attended Google training and Professional Development seminars this summer to be ready for the school year. Additionally, all schools have had their schedule pick-ups and fee pay days. Finally, 29 new staff members have been hired in the district. Be sure to give these new staff members a warm Knight welcome when you see them.



Kings Staff Back to Work

Today, all Kings staff gathered at the high school for their annual Opening Day festivities. They attended a Vendor Fair and heard about all the updates in the district. Afterward, the staff returned to their individual buildings for meetings. It's going to be a great year!



Enjoy your last days of summer break! See you next week!

Bus Schedules Are Ready

To protect student's safety and privacy, bus schedules will only be accessible online this year. You will need your student's lunch/id number for your user name and password. Please [click here](#) to access our Bus Lookup Link. If you have any questions or are having difficulty finding your student's bus, please call Kings Transportation at 513-398-8050, ext. 10034.



Important Back to School Dates 2014-2015

First day of school for students in grades 2-12 is Tuesday, August 19. First grade– Thursday, August 21 and Kindergarten– Friday, August 22.

KHS

KHS Open House
August 21, 6:30 p.m., KHS

KJH

7th Grade Open House
August 18, 5:30 p.m., KJH

SLE

K-2nd Grade Orientation
August 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., SLE
3rd & 4th Grade Orientation
August 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m., SLE

CIS

Paperwork/Fee Day
August 18, Paperwork 5:30-7:30 p.m.
CIS Open House
August 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
5th Grade Curriculum Night
September 9, 6:00 p.m., CIS Cafeteria
6th Grade Curriculum Night
September 11, 6:00 p.m., CIS Cafeteria
6th Grade Band/Orchestra Parent Meeting
August 28, 7:15 p.m., CIS

JFB

Kindergarten Orientation
August 19, 6:00 p.m., JFB
1st Grade Orientation
August 19, 7:00 p.m., JFB
2nd Grade Orientation
August 20, 6:00 p.m., JFB
3rd Grade Orientation
August 20, 7:00 p.m., JFB
4th Grade Orientation
August 21, 6:00 p.m., JFB

KME

Kindergarten
August 20, 6:30 p.m., KME
1st Grade Parent Orientation
August 19, 6:30 p.m., KME
2nd Grade Orientation
August 21, 6:30 p.m., KME
4th Grade Orientation
August 25, 6:30 p.m., KME
3rd Grade Orientation
August 26, 6:30 p.m., KME

New School Access Protocol

At the Kings Local School District, we strive to make sure that our schools are safe, caring, healthy, and an inclusive place in which to learn and to work. Fire drills, visitor badges/sign in, and other safety and security protocols and practices are important components of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure school environment.

This year, a photo ID will be required to enter our school buildings. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the changes to this year's visitor access.

**SAFE SCHOOL
NOTICE**

**ALL VISITORS
CHECK IN
AT FRONT DESK**

NOTICE

**PHOTO ID
REQUIRED**

Kings Color Guard Clinic

The award winning Kings Color Guard is proud to announce their annual summer Color Guard Camps. Boys and girls in grades K-6 are invited to come and learn to spin from the best! The clinic, directed by J. F. Burns music teacher Jennifer Maegly and members of the Kings Guard, will teach participants a basic flag routine for the campers to perform for their family and friends. A clinic will be held tomorrow, August 16th from 10:00-12:30 p.m in the KJH Gym. Cost of the clinic is \$10 per child. The clinic is a major fundraising event for the Kings Guard. For more information [click here](#).

Columbia Intermediate School's Well in South Sudan



Students at Columbia Intermediate School recently raised over \$5000 and became official sponsors of a well in South Sudan! This fall, 6th grade teachers will again be reading *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park, the inspiration for the Water for South Sudan Fundraiser. CIS will again participate in their walk, #ReadWalkWater, this year on November 7th. Anyone who would like to donate towards this great cause, please send a check made out to Water for South Sudan, Inc. with Columbia Intermediate School written in the memo. Way to make a difference, CIS!

Do You Follow Kings on Social Media?

You can keep up-to-date on what's going on around the Kings School District by "liking" us on our [Facebook](#) page and following us on [Twitter](#). We also have a new hashtag for the district. If you are tweeting positive stuff about the district, don't forget to add #KINGSSTRONG!



COMING SOON-Kings' Mobile App! More details later.



Kings Kloset to Distribute School Supplies Tomorrow

Kings Kloset is our attempt to serve those in our Kings community that are in need! It is simple, people need clothes, and we collect them and then give them away! We offer free Men's, Women's and Children's clothes. Recently, a school supply drive was held at all the schools during schedule pick-up/orientations. Thank you for the generous donations! Those school supplies will be distributed at the Kings Kloset tomorrow, Saturday, August 16th from 9-11 a.m. in the Kings Education Center, 1797 King Ave.

If you need more information contact Tracy Porcelli at 513-383-4197.

Also, Kings Kloset has a new look! Stop on over and see how great it looks!

SLE's Beautiful Garden

Did you know that South Lebanon Elementary has a garden? This is the first year of their Veggie U garden. They implemented a water conservation system that cut their water usage by 54%. Mrs. Julianne Elder brought the idea as part of her graduate work. They reused milk containers and a new rain barrel donated from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. Their garden was quite a wonderful surprise as they weren't expecting such great results during their initial year.

Pictured is 4th Grade Teacher Mrs. Janet Scruby watering one of their very healthy summer squash plants!



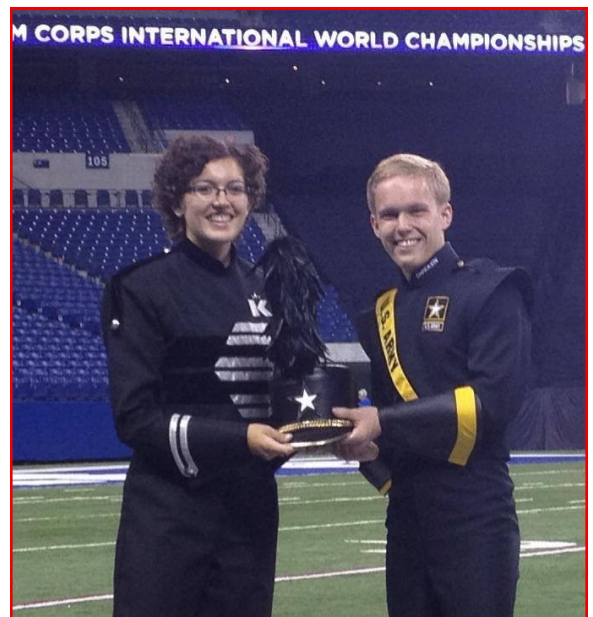
Kings Student Named US Army Drum Major

Kings Senior Emily Swanson was selected as the Drum Major for the 2015 US Army All American Marching Band! She began the audition process in the fall of 2013 when the first videos of Emily's conducting were taken during rehearsals and performances. Miss Swanson also had to submit interviews, piccolo performances, and written documents with the application in the winter of 2014. We received great news in the spring but were sworn to secrecy until this past weekend.

Emily will enjoy an all-expenses paid trip to San Antonio beginning in late December to rehearse and lead a band of 125 of the best marching musicians from around the country. They will perform during half-time at the US Army All-American Bowl on the first weekend of January.

Emily met Blake Morgan, the 2014 Drum Major, at the Drum Corps International (DCI) World Championships in Indianapolis. During intermission of the competition, Blake handed the Drum Major shako to Emily in a ceremony in front of 30,000 marching arts fans. There will be an official selection tour event at Kings High School in the fall of 2014.

Congratulations, Emily!





Ohio Middle Level Association
"Serving the Needs of Young Adolescents"
Proud affiliate of the Association for Middle Level Education

Kings Teachers Receive OMLA Grants

The Ohio Middle Level Association has awarded grants to Kings teachers to fund programs. KJH teachers Jen Bicknell and Erik Poggi both received a 2014 OMLA Mini-Grant. Mr. Poggi said that his 8th Grade White team will use their grant for their RAP Program (Reading as A Pastime), which is an incentive program to get students reading in their spare time. Poggi said, "Thanks to the Ohio Middle Level Association, through the \$500 2014 Mini-Grant For Exemplary Middle Level Projects, we are now able to purchase items for our RAP Auction (live auction paddles, table cloths, table skirts, balloons, and banners) to fulfill the "true-to-life" auctions for our students." Joining Poggi on the 8th grade White Team are teachers Nicole Hindersman, Matt Knott, Sheryl Hoover, and Dave Barta.

Columbia Intermediate School also received a \$500 OMLA Mini-Grant. They plan to use their grant to fund "Funtastic Fridays," an incentive program for 6th grade students, which occurs on Fridays in May if they manage their behavior and assignments successfully. The activities include things like karaoke, bracelet making, Frisbee golf, board games, and puzzles. CIS Principal Shelley Detmer-Bogaert said, "The grant will be used to buy materials and supplies for our Fun Friday's activities. The purpose of the program is to keep very excited 6th graders focused and engaged in school."

Kings Athletic Season Passes Now on Sale

It's that time of year again to purchase your Kings Athletic Season Passes for 2014-2015.

Kings athletic season passes are a great way for you to support the Kings Athletic programs.

Not only does this money go directly to helping our student-athletes and the programs they participate in, but you also gain entry to all Kings athletic home events (High School and Junior High), excluding playoff and tournament contests. You can select the level appropriate for you and your family and these are described in detail on the printable order form.

Families that select the "Kings Club" package will also receive four (4) reserved seats for home football and basketball games, along with a reserved parking space for the fall season at Kings Stadium. You can pick out your reserved seats and parking space on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Kings Stadium.

Season Passes will be available for pick up after August 18th in the Athletic Office at the high school or at any fall stadium event. For orders after August 18th, please allow 48 hours for processing of your season passes.

You can order online [here](#) or print the [order form](#) and return to the Kings Athletic Department. GO KNIGHTS!.



Support Kings Women's Soccer

When you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings at Harpers Station, 11363 Montgomery Road, through October 31st, you can have a great meal AND support Kings Women's Soccer at the same time. Tell your server before you get your bill that you are supporting Kings Women's Soccer (Team C), and 10% of your entire bill will be donated to the team!



SLE Students Learn About Beekeeping

This summer, South Lebanon Elementary students Josie Pong and Isabella Wright, along with SLE teacher, Julianne Elder, went on a beekeeping venture with Mr. John Ware. Mr. Ware is a member of the Warren County Beekeepers Association and worked with Mrs. Elder during the last school year when discussing pollination.

During the afternoon, the girls got suited up and visited two of Mr. Ware's hives to see them up close. It was a great experience for the girls as the hives were pretty worked up and they got to see them in action with, luckily, no stings! Josie and Isabella really enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to making another venture out to visit Mr. Ware's hives!



Kings' Students Starring in Local Production of Beauty and the Beast

Acting Up, an all-volunteer, young performer's community theater in Mason, will present four shows of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* in September. There are four Kings' students starring in the show. CIS 5th grader Ellie Toadvine plays an Enchanted Object, KHS sophomore Tess Hogan plays Madame de la Grand Bouche, KHS sophomore Michael Kaper plays LeFou, and KHS senior MacKenzie Powell will play a dual role of a Wolf and a Napkin.

The shows will be held on September 19, 20, 21, at the Mason High School Theater, 6100 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, OH 45040. Performances will be Friday, September 19 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm. (sign language interpreter will be provided), and 7:00 pm; and Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$12 each and they are for reserved seating. You can purchase your tickets online at www.ActingUp.com or at the box office starting one hour before the show. For more information, visit www.ActingUp.com or call 513-494-6062.

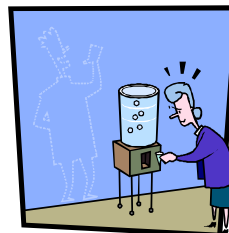


Did You Know?

- The average number of miles driven by Kings' school buses is 2,555!
- There are 75 bus drivers who drive 51 bus routes daily for the Kings School District.



- There are 10 water bottle filling stations in the district.
- Last school year a total of 172,000 bottles were refilled! That number increased over 50,000 from the previous year!



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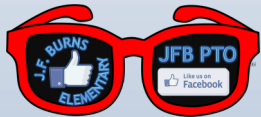
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Fastpitch Putt-Putt Fundraiser

Kings Fastpitch Softball Annual Putt-Putt Golf Outing will be held at the Southwest Golf Ranch on Sunday, September 7th at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per player or \$50 for a team of four. First place team will win 4 tickets & a parking pass to the Kings Homecoming football game against Milford on October 10th. They are still looking for hole sponsors for the event. Click [here](#) for more information and the registration form.

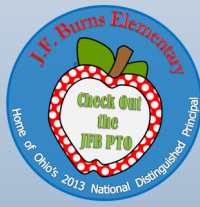


Sign ups have begun for Mason Bowl Youth Leagues. High School League starts on Saturday, August 23rd. Junior League will start on Saturday, August 30th. Both leagues begin at 9:30 a.m. Leagues run 13 weeks and are instructed by a certified bowling instructor.

Mason Bowl is located at 763 Reading Road.

For more information, contact Mason Bowl at 513-398-4956.

MASON BOWL



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SLE
South Lebanon Elementary



2011-2012 **Ohio**
Local Report Card



StatzHub Sports is looking for Kings' students who would be interested in attending and reporting on our teams this year. StatzHub is a groundbreaking sports site that will be covering all high school games this coming year in the Cincinnati area.



Reporters will earn money, free sportswear, an athletic letter for the sport covered, free admittance to the games, and a chance to build your resume.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact mowens@statzhub.com and list your school and sport you'd like to cover.