



## KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 31, 2014



Congratulations to Kings Athletic Director Phil Poggi who was named ***Athletic Director of the Year*** by the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association. This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the highest standards of their profession and who, through their influence on the lives of young people under their direction, has made significant contributions to their school community. Mr. Poggi will represent the S District at the OIAAA State Conference in November. Congratulations, Phil on this well deserved honor!



### Upcoming Events

**January 31-February 1**—KJH Presents Cinderella, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**February 1**—Kings Klosest, 9:00-11:00 a.m., KEC..

**February 3**—KHS PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., KHS Bradford Media Center.

**February 4**—KME PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KME Media Center.

**February 4**—JFB PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m., JFB Media Center.

**February 14-17**—No School.

**February 18**—Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

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

## KHS Students Take the Pledge to "Don't Text and Drive"

The students at Kings High School were given the opportunity to take a pledge not to text and drive last week. A "Don't Text and Drive" campaign banner was donated to the high school and students signed the banner and took a pledge not to drive distracted. The students were given a black wristband to wear that says, "DNT TXT N DRV" as a constant reminder of the pledge that they have taken.

The campaign was organized by Warren County Safe Communities Coalition (WCSCC), Joey Brumfield, Trauma Outreach Coordinator with Atrium Medical Center, along with the Warren County Sheriff's Office, AAA, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and several other local police departments and traffic safety partners throughout Warren County. The coalition presented the banner to Kings High School Student Council President Katie Gould and Vice-President Matthew Fowler, and the Kings community at halftime of last Friday night's basketball game against Loveland. The banner will be displayed in the high school as a reminder to student drivers to not text and drive. Some of the other projects they are working on include coordinating mock crashes and impaired driving campaigns at local high schools.



Pictured from L-R: Kim Heck from AAA, Kings' School Resource Officer John Downs, Matthew Fowler, Katie Gould, Cheryl Parker from AAA, Hamilton Township Police Officer Darcy Workman, and Joey Brumfield.

## SLE Guitar Club

The 4th Grade Guitar Club meets every Thursday through February, for one hour after school. The students learn how to read guitar music and proper finger positioning in order to play songs. Some of the more advanced players learn how to finger pick as well as learning various chord progressions.

In the past, students in the class have learned 5-8 different songs by the end of the class (i.e. Amazing Grace, Jingle Bells, the Star Spangled Banner to name a few) and the goal is for everyone to learn "Ode to Joy" by the end of the program.

The students hope to give a guitar concert for the rest of the 4th grade students and staff at the end of the program in late February. The students are taught by South Lebanon Elementary Principal Randy Willis, who has in his ninth year of teaching the 4th Grade Guitar Club.



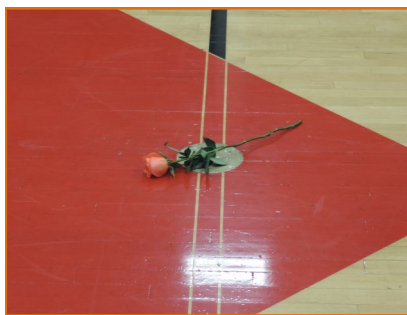
Top Row, L-R: Maya Barrett, Wesley Jones, Peyton McKinney, Jasmine Logan, Wyatt Russell, and Zach Rice.

Bottom Row, L-R: Rayna Quentin, Jonathan Aarons, Alexis Faucett, Juliana Harper, and Abigail Noble.



## Kings Remembers Sammy Reagan

Last Friday, the Kings School District was a **Sea of Orange**! The Kings community pulled together to honor Sammy Reagan on the one year anniversary of her tragic death. The Kings student was killed in a multi-car pileup on I-275 last year on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Wherever you went around the district that day, you would see orange, Sammy's favorite color. Dr. Browning said, "We're wearing orange today to honor Sammy's memory and to remember the positive impact her short life had on all of us." An orange rose was placed at half court with a moment of silence to honor Sammy at the Friday night's men's basketball game against Loveland where the Knights beat the Tigers 60-49.





## KHS Senior Receives Eagle Scout Award

On January 11, 2014, Boy Scout Michael Thomas Strassell, a member of Troop 21 in Deerfield Township, Ohio, was honored at a special Court of Honor for achieving the Eagle Scout Award, a Boy Scout's highest honor. Only 4% of Boy Scouts achieve this goal.

Michael, a Kings Senior and four-year member of the Kings High School Marching Band, has been working toward this goal since first grade. He has held various leadership positions within Troop 21, including a nomination for the National Youth Leadership Training Camp a few years ago, where he learned important and lifelong leadership skills. Even though he is a quiet leader, he utilizes the skills he learned in all areas of his life, including his work with Rivers Crossing Community Church and the Power Pack program at Kings High School, where he leads students every Thursday after school.

To become an Eagle Scout, Michael earned 27 merit badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. He also completed a major community service project, making "Little Free Libraries" for Deerfield United Methodist Church. These wooden boxes that house a variety of books will serve as a free lending library for anyone who desires, encouraging the love of reading and books for all ages. After high school, Michael plans to attend Indiana State University or Ohio University to study mechanical engineering technology. Congratulations, Michael!



## ECC Swimmer of the Year-Kate Etter

Kings Senior Swimmer Kate Etter has been named the Eastern Cincinnati Conference Swimmer of the Year! Kate has committed to swim for Marshall University in West Virginia this fall. Congratulations Kate on this well deserved honor!

## SLE Learns About Raptors

RAPTOR, INC. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of birds of prey through rehabilitation, education, and conservation. They educate the public on the importance of raptors and the preservation of their native habitat. Last week at South Lebanon Elementary, Cindy Alverson, an educator with RAPTOR, discussed the basic physical traits and characteristics of these birds and the many ways that kids can be active participants in promoting safe environments for them. RAPTOR has a limited number of captive birds that can not be returned to the wild due to the extent of their injuries. These birds are used in over 250 RAPTOR programs given annually to schools, scout troops, churches, and senior citizen groups.



## UC Health Mobile Mammography Van Visits Kings

The UC Health Mobile Diagnostic Van will be in the Kings Local School District to offer screening mammograms to our female associates and community members. Mammography screening takes approximately 10-15 minutes and will be available at our schools. The mammogram van will be at:

Kings Mills Elementary	Tuesday, March 4	12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Kings Junior High	Wednesday, March 5	6:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Columbia Intermediate	Thursday, March 6	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM
JF Burns Elementary	Thursday, March 6	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM



Please call 585-8266 to schedule an appointment.

Screening mammography is usually a covered benefit with most insurance carriers. Your insurance will be billed directly for the service, therefore please make sure that UC Health is an “in network” provider with your insurance carrier. You will need to bring your insurance card and a photo ID with you on your scheduled appointment day. The results of your examination will be reported directly to you and to the physician you designate and will not be reported to the Kings Local School District or any of its personnel.

# Save the Date

April 12, 2014

*A Mardi Gras Knight to Remember*

*Great Wolf Lodge*

An evening of dining, dancing and  
good times to benefit Kings Athletics.



## Let the Good Times Roll!

Stay tuned to EBBN for exciting details.

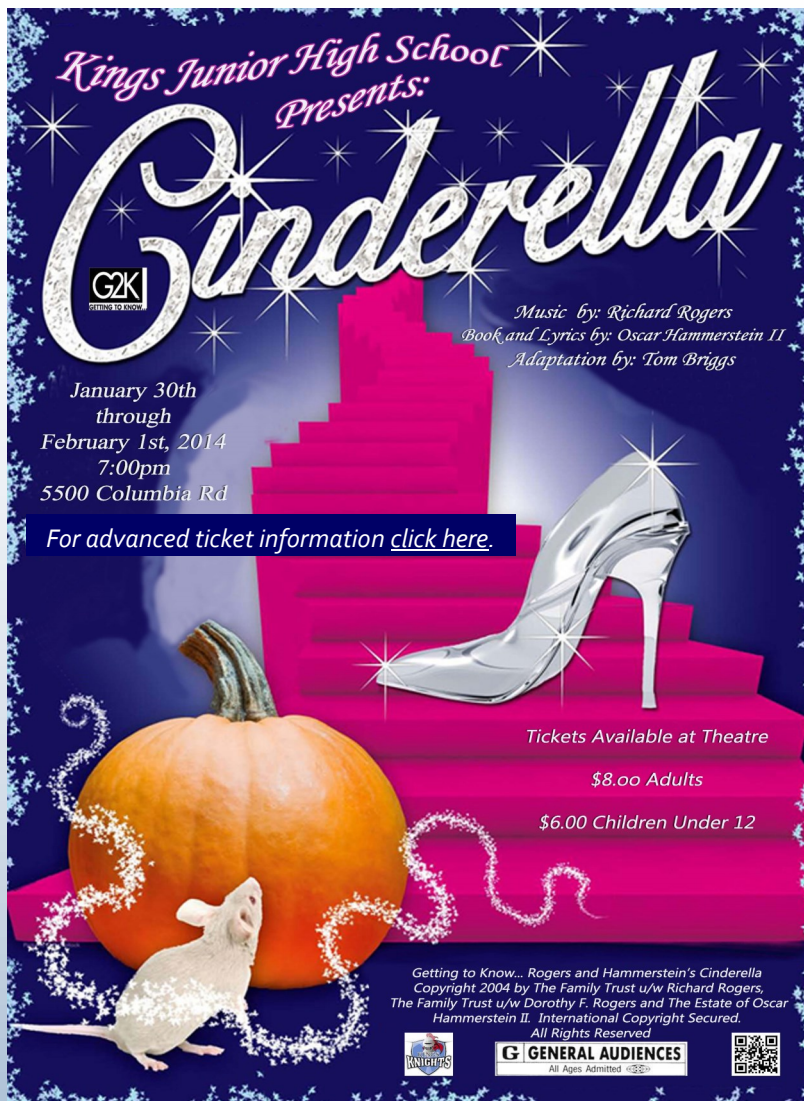
## Project Excellence - Excellence in Teaching Educator Award Nomination



The Project Excellence Committee of the Area Progress Council of Warren County, Inc. seeks to recognize and honor innovative or excellent teachers within the public schools in Warren County. They are asking for your assistance in identifying exceptional educators who demonstrate excellence in instruction, or innovative teachers who have pioneered a teaching method. The educator must hold a current teaching certificate and work for the public school system.

Consideration of your nominee will be based on the information you provide. Completed nominations are due by February 28, 2014. For a copy of the nomination form [click here](#).





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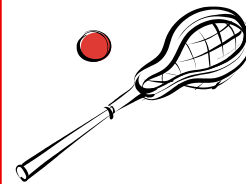


### Kings Kloset—Open 9-11 a.m. This Saturday, February 1st

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.

Kings Kloset is now accepting donations! We are in need of gently used Clothes – especially sweaters, coats and larger sizes of Boys/ Men clothes. If you would like to make a donation please contact Kaley D'Erminio at 513-550-2738, or email [kingskloset@gmail.com](mailto:kingskloset@gmail.com).

Kings Kloset is located at Kings Educational Center, 1797 King Ave. and open the first Saturday of each month 9-11 a.m.



There will be a parent information meeting for

any girls in 3rd-6th grade that are interested in participating in the Kings Girls Youth Lacrosse Program, on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Kings High School.

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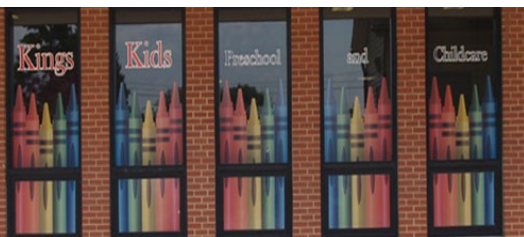
# KINGS KIDS PRESCHOOL

Now accepting registrations for  
the 2014-2015 school year!

2 day, 3 day, and 5 day classes  
available for ages 3 and up

Childcare also available from 6:30 am - 6:00 pm daily

Visit [www.kingslocal.net](http://www.kingslocal.net) or call (513) 398-8050 ext. 10043



To access the Preschool Registration Forms and for more information [click here.](#)

## Please join us for a Kings Community Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Kings Junior High Multipurpose Room

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

- ♦ The district's current financial situation
- ♦ The district's financial future
- ♦ How the district is working to control costs
- ♦ Update of permanent improvement fund expenditures
- ♦ Safety and security measures

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

Mr. Mowery EXT. 94

## KHS/KJH Track and Field

The Outdoor Track and Field On-line Registration is now open. To register your athlete, please go to <http://www.kingsathletics.com> and open the Registration menu. The links will take you through the registration process. There are four team options for Track and Field so please select the correct gender (Boys/Girls) and the correct level (JH is labeled) to avoid having to re-do the process. In addition, be sure to schedule an updated physical now so your athlete can participate on the first day of practice (an OHSA physical form is required to participate in all sports and remains in effect for one year from the date of your exam).

Important Dates

**Tuesday, February 11**

Track and Field Parent-Athlete Mandatory  
Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
H.S. Auditorium

**Monday, March 3**

First Day of Practice



## KHS Freshman Bring New Ideas

The students in Andrea Nichols Freshman English classes at KHS have started a 20% project. The concept of this project actually started with Google and 3M, who allow their employees to spend 20% of their work time on projects of their own design. Those projects produced Gmail and Post-It-Notes. The concept has been trickling into education and Mrs. Nichols decided to bring it into her classroom. This week, the students set up their projects in the media center and pitched their ideas to parents and community members. Some of the ideas presented included a blog for people interested in becoming a vegetarian, creating a weather app to alert students when schools are closed or delayed, and Jessica Longheinrich and Jessica Roberts' idea was creating an impact of beauty through a fashion blog. Mrs. Nichols said, "their ideas are phenomenal!"

Pictured from L-R: Alec Kwasniewski, Robbie Palmer, Nathan Gurley, Taishi Okamoto, and Gabe Stacy as they present their idea to Mrs. Nichols.



## Looking for Distinguished Alumni

Do you know a KHS graduate who has made a significant impact in their communities and professions and serve as exemplary role models for Kings Students? Nominations are being accepted for the Kings Local School's Distinguished Alumni Award. The Distinguished Alumnus has the honor of speaking at the KHS graduation ceremony in May. In order to be considered for this year's Distinguished Alumni Award, the nomination is due by February 14, 2014. [Click here](#) for the nomination form.

## KJH Scholastic Winners

Kings Junior Highs Students have recently earned recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

This year was the first year that Mrs.

Jan Thomann entered students' work in the Jewelry Category. Winners include:

Gold Key Winner-Jade Ghobar Ceramics Gold Key for "Box for Tears."

Silver Key Winners-Brooklynn Buck Ceramics Silver Key for "Sneeze Box," Abby Dorsa Ceramics Silver Key for "Patterned Box," and Savannah Mussari Ceramics Silver Key for "Filagree Box with Lid."

Honorable Mention-Katie Waissbluth, Jewelry for "Pendant with Swirl."



## KBA Teams Recognized

It was KBA Youth Night at the Lady Knights Basketball game vs. Milford on Wednesday night. The youth players involved in the Kings Basketball Association in grades 2-6 were recognized at halftime.





## Kings Band & Guard Garage Sale

Saturday, February 8, 2014  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
J.F. Burns Elementary School

Small furniture, Housewares, Clothing, Toys  
Collectibles, and Much More!

**We Need Your  
Tax Deductible Donations!**

Donations may be dropped off at J. F. Burns  
Cafeteria on Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5p.m.

All donations must be in good working order, please.

**Please Help Support the Efforts of  
Our Outstanding Students!**

## SLE Third Graders Learn About Soil

This week, Amy Pond from Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District was able to visit Mrs. Elder's class as they were finishing up their unit for studying rocks and soils. During her visit, she discussed the importance of remembering that soil has so many important components and that everything we eat is affected by soil! The students were even able to create their own mock soil bags to take home and discuss with their families. It was a messy but informative and fun afternoon studying pebbles, sand and silt!



## Kings Youth Baseball Registration



Online registration continues for Kings Youth Baseball. Deadline for registration is **TODAY**, January 31st. The league is also looking for umpires. Training classes begin in February. You must be 12 years old and pass an umpire test to be eligible. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

## KHS Academic Team

The Varsity Academic Team is having a great season! Standing at 8-2, they have swept Glen Este, Winton Woods, and Milford and have split with Walnut Hills and Loveland. They are in second place in the ECC, only behind Walnut Hills by one game. Congratulations on your successful season so far!



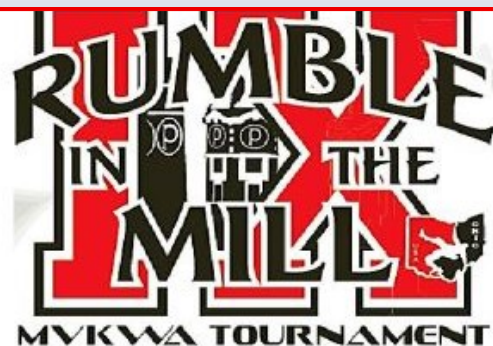


# KME EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**

The annual KME Extravaganza will soon be here. It's a day of fun with carnival games, inflatables, face painting, cake walk, balloon art, split the pot raffle, the ever popular basket raffle, and silent auction.

This year, all of the students will have the opportunity to make/design a hand to be hung on the wall by the entrance of KME. They will be designing them in class and be on display during the extravaganza. The project symbolizes that "we are all individuals, but together we can create a wonderful school, Kings Mills Elementary." Volunteers are still needed to make the day a success. For more information about tickets and all of the day's event's [click here](#).



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**"LET'S GET**  
**READY TO.....**  
**RUMM...BLE..."**

## **Sunday February 2, 2014**

The Kings Youth Wrestling Club is rolling out the red mats **Sunday, February 2, 2014**. The **NINTH** annual "Rumble in the Mill Tournament" is taking place in Kings High School gym. **Doors open at noon! Wrestling starts at 1:00 p.m.**

**300 youth wrestlers** ages 5-13 from 9 Ohio schools will be participating. This event is a must see! **It is loud, fast, and too much fun!** Everyone is welcome to watch this event and cheer on your favorite Knight wrestler! This is a great opportunity for students interested in wrestling to check out the program.

**Kings Youth Wrestlers** representing us in this tournament from each elementary school are:

### **J. F. Burns Elementary:**

Gunner Ackerman, Cole Begley, Colin Cameron, Gabe Charles, Ethan Chilton, Tucker Isaacs, Carson Lindholm, Caden Moore, Raymon Render, Jayden Sheppard, and Seth Steele,

### **Kings Mills Elementary:**

Dylan Altermeier, Drake Dane, Cooper Lawson, Devlin Legault, Gavin Legault, Andrew Lloyd, Alex Markov, Caden Walker, and Logan Wells

### **South Lebanon Elementary:**

Kaito Brown and Andrew Rook

### **Columbia Elementary School:**

Trent Benson, Zach Cunningham, Joe Hulefeld, Evan Lawson, Xavier Legault, Frankie Rook, and Ethan Yeaste

### **Knight on loan from area school:**

Logan Jones, Titus Ray, and Brentan Simmerman

## **Pajama Jam!**

It's a Pajama Jam with the KHS Dance Team! Girls in grades K-6 are invited to wear their pajama's and have a night of fun with the high school Dance Team. The fun takes place on Saturday, February 22nd from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Kings Junior High School Gym. The evening includes a pizza dinner, dessert, fun dance routines, and games.

Wear your pajamas and the dance team will provide the fun! The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt if pre-registered by

February 18th. [Click here](#) for the registration form and more information.



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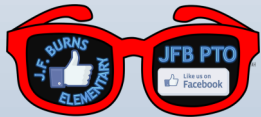
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## JFB PTO Donations at Work!

This week, JFB **Third and Fourth Graders** were treated to "**Fantastic Fairy Tales**" by **Madcap Puppets**. The children met the King's Royal Court Jester, Flump, who

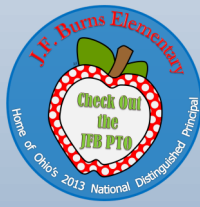


accidentally overheard a plot by the Wizard Glistor to turn the King into a mouse! As he entertained and amazed the audience with fantastic fairy tales, Flump tried to discover a way to save the King. Each tale unfolded with giant puppets, audience participation, and a surprise twist to each fairy tale classic! The stories included were "The Wishing Tree," "The Water of Life," and "Rapunzel."

In-school enrichment programs such as this one are hand-picked by our fabulous teaching staff at JFB, and complement the lessons being taught in classrooms. **These programs are paid for, 100%, by YOUR donations to the JFB PTO!**

*Please contribute to the JFB PTO by participating in our fundraising efforts.*

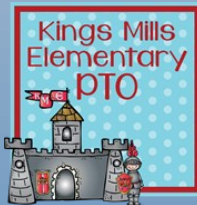
*The MAGIC of PTO can only happen with YOUR help! [www.jfb-ptd.org](http://www.jfb-ptd.org)*



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South Lebanon Elementary



## 2014 KYO Football Registrations Start Soon

Students in grades 1-6 who are interested in playing KYO Football will have the opportunity to register Wednesday, February 26th or March 11th in the KME Cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This year's cost to play is \$185. Bring a completed registration form, updated picture, and a copy of the player's birth certificate (new players only). This year, there is no weight limit for players.

For registration forms and more information about KYO [click here](#).



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