



May 15, 2015



The Kings Board of Education Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18th has been canceled.

The next regular BOE meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 of the Kings Education Center.



### Upcoming Events

**May 19**—Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

**May 19**—CIS Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., CIS.

**May 20**—CIS Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., CIS.

**May 21**—KHS Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m., Rivers Crossing Community Church.

**May 23**—KHS Graduation, 11:00 a.m., Cintas Center-Xavier University.

**May 26**—Kokorodza Marimba Concert, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**May 28**—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

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

### Kings Hires New Superintendent

The Kings Local School Board officially hired a new superintendent by a unanimous vote at a special board meeting on Monday, May 11.

Tim Ackermann, Assistant Superintendent of Milford Schools, was one of 31 applicants for the position of superintendent. He was approved for a four year contract with a base salary of \$126,000 per year.



Ackermann has his Bachelors in Education from the University of Dayton and his Masters of Educational Administration from Xavier University. He has served the last four years as assistant superintendent for the Milford District after four years as Director of Human Resources and Special Education. Additionally, he has served as a middle school principal and high school teacher at Milford. Prior to his tenure in Milford, he worked for Reading Community City Schools as principal of Hilltop Elementary School.

For the past four years as assistant superintendent, Mr. Ackermann worked closely with Milford Principals to help move the district's Performance Index to over 106; has assisted in the planning of the construction of two new elementary buildings; and was instrumental in developing a plan to reduce Milford's operating budget by 20 million dollars over a five year period.

Kings School Board Vice President Todd Overturf said, "I am excited about the leadership and experience that Tim Ackermann will bring to the Kings School District. He will help continue to keep us #KingsStrong for years to come!"

Interim superintendent Timothy J. Spinner will assume his role as assistant superintendent on August 1.

An open house to "meet and greet" the new superintendent will take place at a later date.

## KHS Ranked by U.S. News and World Report

U.S. News & World Report released their **Best High Schools Rankings for 2015** this week and Kings High School has again been named among the best high schools in the nation! KHS ranked #600 out of more than 21,000 high schools in the nation, giving them the distinction of being in the top 2% in the country.



The rankings and data offer the most comprehensive information available on public high schools in the U.S. To produce the rankings, U.S. News worked with a research organization and their methodology reflects how well high schools serve all of their students, not just those who are planning to go to college.

KHS Principal Doug Leist said, "This recognition solidifies our solid academic reputation and places Kings High School in the top 2% of public high schools in the state for preparing students for college. This is a testament to what happens when teachers, students, and parents work together to provide the best possible education for our students. This is what community is all about!"

This ranking makes Kings High School the number one high school in Warren County and ranks KHS in the top ten among other greater Cincinnati high schools, as well as #23 in the state of Ohio. Last year, KHS was ranked nationally at #666 and #31 in the state of Ohio.

Congratulations to our staff and students of Kings High School for their great success!



## United Way Delivers Books to Kings Preschool

Every child at Kings Preschool was given a tote bag and three books this week as a part of the United Way of Warren County's Kindergarten Readiness Program. The United Way of Warren County, in partnership with The Duke Energy Foundation and Miami Valley Gaming, are working together to promote childhood literacy and ensuring that every child in Warren County is ready for kindergarten. The book tote packet was created so children and their parents could enjoy reading and learning together this summer.

Jerri Langworthy, Community Impact Director of the United Way of Warren County said, "Our United Way is thrilled to have secured the resources necessary to continue our efforts in promoting Early Childhood Education that we kicked off with the Early Childhood Education Summit this past January."

Pictured are the students in Ms. Turjanica's class with Kings Preschool Director Susan Guckert and Jerri Langworthy.

## 4th Grade District Chorus Concert

The combined 4th grade chorus of J.F. Burns, Kings Mills, and South Lebanon Elementary Schools presented their annual concert on Thursday, May 13 in the KHS Auditorium. Under the direction of Matt Jenkins, Jennifer Maegly and Melanie Sherby, the students sang with accompaniment from Hope Mithaler and members of the KHS band. This year the students sang a song called "Sing Together," written especially for the performance, by Mr. Jenkins. [Click here](#) to listen to their concert!



Pictured is the Chorus rehearsing for this week's performance.



## SLE EClub Environmental Showcase

This week the South Lebanon Elementary EClub hosted their third annual Environmental Showcase. Sixteen green-minded vendors from the area were on hand to explain how their goods/services help to influence the community to make a green impact. EClub adviser, Juli Elder said, "The turn-out was amazing and everyone offered some fun, interactive things to do with the kids which made it an engaging evening for all in attendance!"

The EClub consists of 46 third and fourth grade students. It was created many years ago by former teacher Cathy Tittleman and current SLE 4th grade teacher, Janet Scruby. In their meetings they focus on environmental stewardship. One of the projects the EClub has completed is building garden boxes to plant vegetables. They hope next year to help supply their fresh vegetables to the school's salad bar.



## KHS Students Compete at National Competition



Two Kings High School students competed recently at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

Senior Eric Albino competed in Computer Network Technology/MTA Networking Fundamentals and scored 23 out of 67. He also earned an industry certification at the leadership conference in Microsoft MTA Networking Fundamentals. Digital Media Arts student, Junior Grace Ficke scored 22 out of 48 in Digital Publishing. Congratulations to Eric and Grace and their teachers Reggie Holtrey and Cassandra Barnes.

## Winners Walk Tall

While their peers were enjoying a beautiful Early Release Day, members of the Kings High School National Honor Society were mentoring students at Kings Mills Elementary. The high school students are a part of Winners Walk Tall, a program run by the KHS NHS, where honor students teach virtues and character building. The honor students work on lessons and implement their lessons into the classrooms. Pictured are students from KHS National Honor Society with the second grade students in Mrs. Tepe's class at KME.





## KHS Choir Concert

On Tuesday night, May 12, over 100 students performed in the annual Kings High School Spring Choir Concerts. A highlight of the evening was the seniors who were given the opportunity to sing a solo of their choice as their last time performing on the KHS stage. The concert also included the Men's, Women's and Mixed Chamber Choir. [Click here](#) to check out their finale!

Pictured are senior choir members with Directors Scott Hayward and Hope Milthaler.



## Papier-Mache Monsters

The Sculpture One students at Kings High School have been busy building papier-mache silly monsters designed by the elementary students at Kings Mills Elementary. The selected elementary students in Mrs. Heagen's art classes were asked to draw their idea of a silly monster and then the art students in Mrs. Carrie Cooke and Mrs. Angie Guilfoyle's Sculpture One classes built the three-dimensional sculptures from the two-dimensional drawings. Mrs. Cooke said, "The students at the high school loved having the opportunity to give their artwork as a gift to the elementary kids and were thrilled to see the smiling faces of the kids holding their completed sculptures."

This semester Mrs. Cooke's classes also created monsters for Springdale Elementary in the Princeton School District. Last semester she worked

with South Lebanon Elementary and Western Row Elementary in Mason.

Pictured Above Top Row: KME students Hannah Janney, Gabby Nelson, and Camryn Spruell. Sitting: Miles Findley and Devlin Legault.

Pictured right: KHS Students Lauren Goslee and Kayli Sugawara.



## SLE Historical Figures

South Lebanon Elementary had a visit from historical figures this week. Miss Pagan's second grade students presented timelines, PowerPoints, and other key items to educate their classmates.

Pictured are: Back row L-R: Isaac Logan (Neil Armstrong), Madi Jent (Eleanor Roosevelt), Lucas Webster (Milton Hershey), Brody Pachko (W.K. Kellogg). Front row L-R: Mallory Looney (Abigail Adams), Starlet Doran (Dolley Madison), Karmen Boyer (Sacagawea).







## KHS National Honor Society Accepting Applications

Attention all sophomores and juniors interested in joining National Honor Society: applications are now available through your English teacher, the Guidance Office, the main office or the National Honor Society advisors-Mrs. King 145 and Mrs. Thomas C-117. The applications are due on Friday, May 22nd for everyone. For more information and the application [click here](#).

## SLE Soil Truck Visit

This week, South Lebanon Elementary's third grade spent some time in the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District's Soil Truck. Here, students got an up close look at what lies beneath the ground we walk on daily. Activities included earth worm observation, identifying resources found in compost, and a scavenger hunt on the soil truck, where students had to identify cicadas, a mammoth tooth, and different forms of pollution.

Third grader Austin Linville said his favorite part was that "The truck looked like we were really underground and it listed lots of facts!"

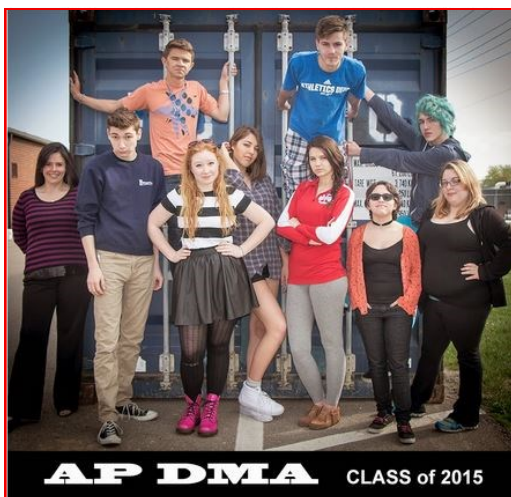


## CIS Art Show

If you had visited Columbia Intermediate School on Wednesday night, you would have thought you were at an art gallery. The halls were jam packed full of creative art work. Students, friends, and parents had the opportunity



to peruse the halls and view the many projects highlighted. One of the favorite displays was the ever popular 6th grade clay frogs! CIS Art Teacher Drew Thomas said, "The clay frogs are really great this year!"



## KHS Digital Media Arts Class of 2015

As this year comes to a close, there are 9 Advanced Placement Digital Media Arts Seniors who will be graduating in few short weeks. They have created wonderful work during their time at Kings High School. These students are looking for internships, commissions, networking, and job opportunities that will help them achieve their future career goals. If you like their work, please contact them directly for your photography, illustration, design, animation, video, and filmmaking needs! Feel free to take a look at their portfolios and forward to anyone you know who might be interested in their work.

[Click here](#) to see their amazing work!

## Kings Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Twelve student-athletes made their official commitments to colleges and universities at the Kings Athletic Department's Spring Signing Day on Thursday, May 14th. This year, 220 seniors participated in sports at Kings High School. A total of 18 of those seniors have made official commitments to continue to play sports at the college level. Six of our athletes already participated in the Winter Signing Ceremony. The national average of student-athletes who go on to play collegiate sports is 7%. Families, coaches,

teachers, administrators, and teammates attended the signing event to witness these 6 student athletes sign their letters of intent. Not only were these students great on the field, they were impressive in the classroom. Below is the list of athletes, sports and schools they are attending. Congratulations!

Ben Dreikhosen—Rose Hulman (Soccer), Carl Schlehr—Rochester Institute of Technology (Swimming), DeAndre Barnett—Thomas More College (Football), Sarah Palmer—Centre College (Basketball), Brianne Gray—Capital University (Soccer), Gage Taylor—Ohio Dominican University (Baseball), Madeline Stock—Wittenberg University (Lacrosse), Sofia Corrao—Ohio Wesleyan University (Lacrosse), Jenna Maschino—Huntingdon College (Soccer), Kylie Cudnoske—Huntingdon College (Soccer), Cameron Fails—Hanover College (Basketball), and Jordan Goslee—Taylor University (Baseball).



## Are you #KINGSSTRONG?

### KME Clay Art

Kings Mills Elementary students have been busy working with clay in Katie Heagen's art classes. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade created a ceramic work of art. Kindergarten students were influenced by the poem "The Kissing Hand" as they traced their hand and added a clay heart. First grade experimented with a variety of ways to create texture in clay in the shape of a fish. Second grade students transformed their pinch pots into owls, turtles, pigs and more animal creations. Third grade students went to the extreme creating very large coil pots. From cookie jars to vases, these coil pots are tall and wide! Fourth grade students created clay rattles. These three dimensional forms have a variety of pitches created by clay beads inside the rattle. Each class had the opportunity to choose from 50 colors of glaze to complete their work of art.

Parents and students are encouraged to pick up their clay project Monday, May 18th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, May 21st from 3:20 - 5:00 p.m. to ensure a safe delivery home!

Pictured Top row L-R: Dylan Altemeier (3-Coil Pot), Katherine Hagen (3-Coil Pot), Reagan Milthaler (4-Rattle); Bottom Row: Maya Schweikert (1-Fish), Leah Livingston (K-Hand).



## Kings PowerPack Program

On Thursday's after school, all year long, Kings High School students joined the folks from Joshua's Place to pack food for the Kings Power-Pack Program.

The Kings PowerPack Program was designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations. Through a partnership with Joshua's Place, we are helping to meet this need by providing 225 children with a backpack full of food every Friday during the school year.

Yesterday, Mr. Spinner joined the KHS students to pack for the last time for this school year.



## Outback Steakhouse KJH Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Kings Junior High Long Term Substitute, Intervention Specialist Diana Swanson, 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.

Mrs. Swanson was nominated by principal Nicole Huelsman. In her nomination Mrs. Huelsman wrote, "Diana has been a wonderful addition to our staff here at KJH. She has filled three long-term sub positions for three different Intervention Specialists and has done an outstanding job!" When asked why Mrs. Swanson deserves the Outback Steakhouse Staff Member of the Month Award, Huelsman wrote, "She goes above and beyond EVERY DAY. She puts students first and doesn't hesitate to do anything to support them."

Mrs. Swanson will receive a gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse, a prime parking spot, and Kings Knights Award. Congratulations Mrs. Swanson!

## Kings Junior High Student Council presents

# THE Tailgate

Thursday, May 21st from 6-8 PM  
@ KHS Stadium

\$5 pre-sale tix sold 5/18-21 @ lunch



*A night of socializing & fun before summer hits!*

- ★ Capture the Flag (by teams)
- ★ Hot dogs and other concession treats (for purchase)
- ★ Kona Ice



## Kings Freshman Camp

Moving up to the high school from the junior high can be a scary time for some students. To make that transition a little less stressful and a little easier, Kings High School hosted Kings Freshman Camp Thursday, May 14, and Friday, May 15. This 2-day event introduced upcoming freshman (this year's eighth graders) to some upperclassman who will help ease them into their first year as high schoolers.

On the first day of camp, the Class of 2019 was divided into "families." Upperclassmen "parent" those families—hopefully making the freshmen feel more comfortable in their new high school home.

On day two, the students heard guest speaker Keenan West, who talked to the students about bullying prevention. The incoming freshman were also treated to a tour of the high school and participated in many student led activities.



## CIS Gets New Signs!

Last school year, Columbia Elementary changed their name to Columbia Intermediate School. This week, the new signs arrived to make the name official!



## Yummy Landforms at JFB

Have you ever eaten a plateau, mountain, or river? In Mrs. Bogard and Mrs. Thomas' second grade classrooms at J.F. Burns Elementary they did just that! The students created landform maps using only edible symbols. They found that it was a tasty way to show what they learned. So, the next time you eat a Rolo, Hersheys Kiss or a Twizzler, think back to what you might have learned as a second grader!





## Kings Kids offers a Quality Before/After School Program

The Kings Kids Before & After School Program for school age children offers quality programs licensed by the Ohio Department of Education. This year, Kings Kids has over 375 children enrolled in the three programs located at J.F. Burns Elementary, Kings Mills Elementary and South Lebanon Elementary. The curriculum includes homework assistance, learning centers, science experiments, large motor play, arts & crafts, and much more. This is not the old "latch key" program of the past. Kings is proud to offer a quality learning enriched program on a daily basis.

Kings Kids opens at 6:30 a.m. and available for drop off until the school day starts. After dismissal it remains open until 6:00 p.m. Each program has a staff that has a qualified lead and a number of aides to deliver the quality care and meet all of ODE's requirements.

If you are interested in registering your child for the King Kids Before & After School Program for next school year, please contact Susan Guckert at (513) 398-8050 ext. 10043 or e-mail [sguckert@kingslocal.net](mailto:sguckert@kingslocal.net).



## SUMMER LUNCH IN THE VILLAGE

Kings Local School District, in partnership with South Lebanon Community Center / Joshua's Place Community Outreach Organization, is participating in a Summer Meal Program. The program will provide FREE meals to children between 1 and 18 years of age. Youth ages 19-21 with a mental or physical disability and who participate during the school year in a public or private nonprofit school program are also eligible to receive FREE meals. No registration required. Come Enjoy a Nutritious Meal!



### Location:

**South Lebanon Community Center  
83 N. Section Street**



### Dates

**June 8<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### Meal Time

**11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**(offerings will be provided Monday through Friday (no weekends))**

Questions About The Program ?

Please contact Jennifer S. Arlinghaus R.D.,L.D. Food Service Director, Kings Local School District at 398- 8050, ext. 10027

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## All About Kings Athletics



Did you know that Kings Athletics has its own website? You can find out schedule information, upcoming events, news about teams, and even get directions to away venues. [Click here](#) to get to the Kings Athletics Webpage.

### Post Season News

Good luck to our Women's Lacrosse team as they play Bexley in Sectional action tonight, May 15. Game starts at 7:30 p.m. at Bexley. Our Women's Softball Team travels to Harrison on Monday, May 18 for the Sectional finals. Game starts at 5:00 p.m. versus McAuley. Good luck Ladies!



### 2015 KABC Summer Sports Camps

It's time to start thinking about summer camps! The Kings Athletic Booster Club is offering it's 2015 Summer Sports Camps again this year. Online registration is available .

There are many camps available for boys and girls! Click the link below for more information on the KABC Sports Camps. [Click here](#) to view all of the camps on Ticketracker. Click the following link for more information. -[KABC Sports Camps Brochure](#).



### KJH Men's Soccer Signups

Kings has long had an outstanding soccer program and we here at the JH want to continue that tradition. We are looking for all male soccer players who will be entering the 7th and 8th grades next year. Club and Rec players, the time has come for all Kings Soccer players to join together to begin building our next championship team.

Never played before? Playing another sport and ready for a change? No problem. Our Coaching staff and trainers will work hard to bring you up to speed in no time at all!

We want you to become a member of the Kings Soccer family! If you are interested in playing JH Soccer next fall, please contact Varsity Head Coach Erik Poggi at [epoggi@kingslocal.net](mailto:epoggi@kingslocal.net), no later than May 21st. Please include players name and grade. A meeting will be set up in the near future for all interested participants.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL KINGS GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE PLAY DAY!

**May 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm at Kings High School (front field)**  
**Open to all Kings girls 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

This is a great opportunity for girls to get introduced to best sport going!  
Girls need to bring a lax stick, eye guard, and mouth piece.

**Play Day** will include basic drills, fun games, snacks, and water balloons!  
No costs, just be ready to have lots of fun! No RSVP or registration required.

Questions: Email Hilary Debelak [hilary\\_debelak@yahoo.com](mailto:hilary_debelak@yahoo.com)

# [www.kingslax.info](http://www.kingslax.info)



# BEACON

Orthopaedics &  
Sports Medicine

## Pre-Participation Sports Physicals

### Beacon West

6480 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45247

July 15th - 6:00pm-8:00pm

### Beacon East

463 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45255

July 18th - 10:00am-12:00pm

### Summit Woods

500 E-Business Way, Sharonville, OH 45241

July 25th - 8:00am-11:00am

**Cost: \$20.00 Check or Cash Only**  
(\$10 is donated back to school's Athletics Department)

**\*Each Student must have OHSAA forms signed  
by a parent or legal guardian!  
Forms can be found online at [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org).**



## 2015 KYO Football Camp

Kings Football Coach Andy Olds would like to invite you to the 2015 KYO Football Camp on Wednesday, May 27th and Thursday, May 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the new Kings Stadium turf. Cost is \$40 per camper. Each camper will receive 4 hours of instruction from Kings Coaches and a t-shirt. [Click here](#) for more information.



## 2015 Fall Junior High Athletic Program Information

Please click on [this link](#) for information regarding the 2015 Fall Junior High Athletic Programs including tryout information. This information sheet only contains Fall Sport offerings. Spring and winter team information will be available after Labor Day.

If your son or daughter plans to tryout for one of these teams, please note that the start day for all sports is August 1.

All student-athletes are required by law and the Kings Local School District Board of Education to have a current physical ON-FILE with the Athletic Office.

For more information visit the athletic website at [www.kingsathletics.com](http://www.kingsathletics.com) or contact the Kings Athletic Office at 513-459-2937.

## Fall 2015 Kings Soccer

The deadline to register for Fall 2015 SAY Soccer is June 30th. Go to [www.kingsoccer.org](http://www.kingsoccer.org) to register.



## Save the Date for the Annual KABC Golf Outing

Don't miss this year's KABC Golf Outing presented by Buck's Tavern! It will be held at Walden Ponds Golf Course in Fairfield on Sunday, August 9. Registration starts at noon with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per golfer or \$400 per foursome which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, tee prize package, on course drink tickets, hole contests presented by Performance Lexus, plus team and proximity prizes.



This event is limited to the first 128 golfers by August 1. For more information [click here](#).

## Coaching Comes Full Circle

JV Men's Lacrosse Coach Chris Saul with the Senior Women's Lacrosse Players. Coach Chris Saul has been a part of the Kings Lacrosse Program for many years. Recently, at the Kings Women's Lacrosse Senior Night, Coach Saul had the opportunity to reconnect with the young women he coached when the program first started. Coach Saul said, "I was these young ladies first Lacrosse coach and it was great to see them as seniors. They are all going on to college and some are even going to play Lacrosse in college. I am very proud of them!"



## Cross Country Teams

It's time to start thinking about Cross Country for the fall. There will be informational meetings next week.

7th Graders will meet on Tuesday, May 19 during Homebase in the KJH Cafeteria.

8th Graders & H.S. Athletes will meet directly after school on Thursday, May 21 in Coach Brant's Study Hall Room (finished by 3:15 p.m.).

6th Graders: Information will be available in the Columbia Office for pick-up May 19 - May 22.

Contact: Coach Brant at [lbrant@kingslocal.net](mailto:lbrant@kingslocal.net) for questions.



The Kings Ultimate Frisbee Club is looking for people who want to learn and play Ultimate Frisbee this summer!

Starting May 24, there will be pick-up games for anyone wants to come out.

When: Every Sunday (weather permitting) starting at 1pm and lasting approximately 2 hours.

Where: Kings High School front field.

For more info, go to our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/KingsKnightsUltimateFrisbee>

COME JOIN THE FUN!





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THE KINGS MILLS ELEMENTARY MARIMBA ENSEMBLE, AND THE KOKORODZA MARIMBA ENSEMBLE WILL PRESENT A CONCERT OF HIGH-ENERGY ZIMBABWEAN STYLE MARIMBA MUSIC ON TUESDAY, MAY 26 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE KINGS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION SO COME ON OUT AND ENJOY THE SPIRITED MUSIC MAKING OF THESE YOUNG MUSICIANS.



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