



May 16, 2014



Congratulations to the students and staff of Columbia Intermediate School who have not only reached, but surpassed their \$5000 goal to build a well in South Sudan! They were notified by Marie Cinti, a staff member of "Water for South Sudan, Inc.," an organization that raises money to bring fresh water to residents of Sudan, that the school's donation makes them an official sponsor of a well in South Sudan.

CIS will make this an annual event to continue the work that the current students have started. Mrs. Detmer Bogaert, Principal of CIS said, "We're proud that CIS is moved to world action through great literature!

Way to make a difference!

## Upcoming Events

**May 19**—SLE Environmental Fair, 5:00-7:00 p.m., SLE.

**May 19**—KHS Academic Awards, 7:00 p.m., KHS.

**May 20**—Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

**May 24**—KHS Graduation, 11:00 a.m., Cintas Center, Xavier University.

**May 26**—Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL.

**May 29**—Last Day of School for Students.

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

## Ten More Kings Athletes Sign to Play Collegiate Sports

Ten KHS Seniors participated in the third and final athlete signing recognition ceremony at Kings High School yesterday in the Bradford Media Center. The students made their official commitments to colleges and universities to continue their playing at the collegiate level in front of their families, friends, coaches, teachers, administrators, teammates, and media.

A total of twenty student-athletes from the Class of 2014 have committed to play sports in college.

Congratulations to the following student-athletes:

Riley Brashear - College of Mount St. Joseph (Volleyball)

Garrett Irwin – Ohio Christian University (Soccer)

Logan Hall – Muskingum University (Golf)

Tristan Nosek – Georgetown College (Tennis)

Rebecca Kraeutle – Transylvania University (Lacrosse)

Ryan Maguire – Wittenberg University (Football)

Adla-Marie Burke – Bowling Green State University (Dance)

Matt Sannella –The United States Military Academy at West Point – Army (Football)

Ray Brewster – John Carroll University (Football)

Delaney Galbraith -Otterbein University (Track and Field)



Front L-R: Adla-Marie Burke, Riley Brashear, Rebecca Kraeutle, Delaney Galbraith. Back L-R: Logan Hall, Ray Brewster, Ryan Maguire, Tristan Nosek, Garrett Irwin, & Matthew Sannella.

## Kings Participating in Field Testing for Future Assessments



Students in the district recently participated in field testing for the future PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments. The PARCC assessments will replace the Ohio Achievement Assessment and eventually the Ohio Graduation Test. The PARCC is a group of states working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and

their careers. Only 14 states participated in the field testing to provide educators a chance to “test the test.”

All assessments are computer based using the Google Chromebooks, engaging the students in challenging tasks to allow students to continue to learn reading, writing, and mathematics, and to grow as critical thinkers and problem solvers. Between May 5th and June 6th, participating students will take a different part of the test, known as the end-of-year assessment. They will take English language arts, including reading comprehension, or math, both of which measure students’ understanding of concepts.

Each field test includes a student and teacher survey, so feedback can be provided to PARCC. The survey questions are designed to let PARCC test developers know what worked well and what improvements need be made.

Buildings participating in the field test are Kings Junior High, Columbia Intermediate, Kings Mills Elementary, South Lebanon Elementary, and J.F. Burns Elementary.

Pictured is Miss Wendy Flynn at J.F. Burns as she readies her 4th graders to take a practice test this week.

## 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 15th, and Friday, May 16th. This 2 day event introduced incoming freshman (this year’s eighth graders) to some upperclassman who will ease them into their first year as high schoolers.

On the first day of camp, incoming Freshman were divided into “families.” Upperclassmen parent those families—hopefully making the Freshmen feel more comfortable in their new high school home. The families participated in skits, a scavenger hunt, and team building activities. The upper-class leaders outfitted their families with something special to wear whether it was a colored bandana, a visor, beads, or a Hawaiian Lei.

KHS Assistant Principal Rob Burnside said he hopes this will help bring the students together. Another part of the camp will extend to the first day of classes next year. The upperclassmen in charge of families will go out of their way to find the freshmen they worked with at the camp to say “hi” and help them through that first day.



## Tool Time at J.F. Burns

The 2nd and 3rd grade students at J.F. Burns Elementary had the opportunity to participate in an annual Career Day called "Tool Time" on Wednesday this week. The day is called "Tool Time" in order to encourage the presenters to bring examples of their work, or any tools, hand-outs, or equipment needed for their craft. These tools provide an opportunity for students to get a clearer picture of what the presenters do for their career and why they love it.

Students had the opportunity to hear from professionals from the following career fields: City Manager, Sports/Event Marketing, Brand Identity Design/Digital Design, Mechanical Engineer, Safety Training, Prosecuting Attorney, Nurse, Computer Science Professor, Teacher at Granny's Garden, Paper Maker, Physical Therapist, Pharmacist, Construction Manager, and a Police Officer.



Pictured is Mason Police Officer Nick Fantini who was demonstrating some of the tools he uses while investigating crimes. He is the father of 3rd grader Emilia Fantini.

## Jim "Basketball" Jones Visits SLE

The legend, Jim "Basketball" Jones, visited South Lebanon Elementary School this week. Jones travels the country to inspire and encourage students to believe in themselves and realize their potential. He learned to spin a basketball to try to fit in while in middle school. He now incorporates his basketball theme to connect to students at schools all over the nation. He puts on a fun and entertaining show with a great message. All the students had a great time and even the teachers were inspired!



## ESL Students Pen Pals Finally Meet!



The students in the English as a Second Language classes at Kings Mills Elementary have been practicing their letter writing skills this year by corresponding as pen pals with ESL students at Kings High School. Throughout the school year, they have written letters, Christmas cards, Valentines, and even used an app to send recorded messages and videos. This project culminated when the students finally met face to face at KME. Everyone was happy to get to meet a new friend!

## 4th Grade District Chorus

The 4th Grade District Chorus, made up of the chorus groups from J.F. Burns Elementary, Kings Mills Elementary and South Lebanon Elementary performed on May 14th in the KHS Auditorium. Here they are rehearsing under the direction of Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Maegly, and Mrs. Sherby.



## KHS PROM

Congratulations to Kings High School Prom Queen Sydney Zinser and Prom King Jacob Beard! They were crowned at Prom which was held at the Great Wolf Lodge



last Saturday. This year's theme was Bella Notte. After Prom was held at the high school. This year's After Prom theme was A Knight in the Jungle.

## Poetry Winner

Kings High School Junior Emme Mattaridi was recently informed that she placed 3rd in the Cincinnati Public Library's "Random Acts of Poetry" contest that was held in honor of National Poetry Month. The library received over 500 entries. Winners were selected by the Main Library's Official Teen Advisory Board.



Emme will receive a Chipotle gift card, medal, and certificate of achievement at an awards ceremony next weekend at the Main Library.

[Click here](#) to read Emme's poem.

Congratulations Emme!

**Eclub**  
South Lebanon Elementary

**SLE Environmental Stewardship Fair**  
Monday, May 19 From 5:00 7:00 PM  
South Lebanon Elementary Cafeteria

**Hands on Activities for all and displays**  
**Also environmental agencies and**  
**companies will be showcased**

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Join the SLE EClub as they host their **Environmental Stewardship Fair** on **Monday, May 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the SLE Cafeteria. The **SLE Stewardship Fair** is a public viewing event. The fair will host companies that promote environmental awareness and practices throughout the community. During the fair, families will be able to discuss with local company/business owners how they have made a positive impact on influencing our community to think about what they're eating and where it comes from. There will also be hands on activities for the students to partake in, such as composting practice, planting vegetable seeds to take home, and recognizing ingredients in food labels. Mark your calendars!



## Kings Offering FREE Summer Math Program

Research shows that most students lose 2-3 months of grade level math equivalency over the summer. The Kings Local School Curriculum and Instruction Department is delighted to inform you about a free computer-based program for students in grades 1 through high school offered by TenMarks Education that will provide your child with access to a powerful, personalized summer math program designed to help them reverse summer learning loss and be prepared for next year's math concepts.



An hour a week is all it takes for your child to strengthen his/her math skills, and prepare for the year ahead. The TenMarks Summer Math Program will guide your child through their personalized program, one topic at a time, helping them refresh what they know, and learn what they don't know. Each assignment contains embedded instructions (hints, video lessons, and interventions) to help your child refresh concepts from the past year and prepare for the ones ahead. For more information on how to access the summer math program [click here](#).

On Thursday, eleven KHS senior band students visited the J.F. Burns Preschool to play for the students and share their instruments. The preschool students have been working on a music unit. The band played a special rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Mrs. Nenna's birthday.



Congratulations to J.F. Burns Elementary for being recognized by Freedom Alliance for their work in supporting the troops. Freedom Alliance partnered with J.F. Burns



to send care packages to troops. The students collected and packed 46 boxes as part of a military appreciation service project. Parent and military mom, Hope Cantrall said, "This project provides the community and the kids with a sense of making a difference in the lives of those who protect and serve. It helps to create a deep respect and admiration in these kids that will carry through long after they leave the walls of JF Burns Elementary School."

## KJH Band Earns Superior Rating

Last Saturday morning, the KJH 7th Grade Band earned three Superior ratings at the OMEA Large Group Contest held at Lebanon Junior High School. They were playing B class music which is commonly played by 8th Grade Bands. Congratulations!





May is Better Hearing and Speech month. Kings has a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) at each building, from preschool through 12th grade. The SLP's each hold a Master's degree and have a combined total of 150+ years of experience. The SLP's support a range of skills including speech sound development, receptive language and expressive language as well as assistive/alternative communication for students with multiple handicaps. Speech and language skills provide the foundation for literacy and impact all aspects of a child's education.

With summer quickly approaching, parents have the wonderful opportunity to immerse your children in language rich activities. Consider shared reading activities at bedtime, trips to the Children's or Art museum, or stopping at the library each week. Spend time reading with, talking to and listening to your child every day. Please be mindful of how loudly they are listening to gadgets as well. If your child can't hear you talking to them an arm's length away, their ear buds are too loud. Please visit [www.asha.org/](http://www.asha.org/)

## 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](#)

## BEACON Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

Beacon Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine is offering School Sports Physicals for student athletes entering grades 7-12. The available dates are May 19, July 16th, and July 26th. The cost is \$20 per athlete but \$10 per athlete will be returned to the Athletic Department to use for sports medicine supplies. This is a great way to get a physical and help Kings Athletics at the same time! Click [here](#) for more information.

For the second time in their high school careers, local students from Kings and William Mason High Schools are teaming together to SaveLives! The students are promoting a Be the Match Donor Drive June 6th at Kings High School from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Be The Match Registry matches potential bone marrow donors to patients with leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening blood

cancers. As freshman, Jenna Maschino (Kings) and Carver Nabb (Mason) led a record setting increase in bone marrow registrations at the 3rd annual Soccer Marrowthon. Now in their junior year, the Kings and Mason youth, along with members of their school's National Honor Society will be "Playing Soccer to Save Lives" once again. This year's event highlights a transplant survivor in our own Kings community. Becca Kniskern, a J.F. Burns student, had a bone marrow transplant two years ago from a college student that she calls her "hero". "We are excited to make a difference and continue our passion for combining great soccer with a great cause.

**SOCCER MARROWTHON** BE THE MATCH

**Be The Match Donor Drive**

Presented by **MERCYHEALTH** **LYKINS**

**June 6, 2014 Kings High School 6pm-Midnight**

Meet Becca Kniskern, JF Burns Student, Transplant Survivor and her HERO Matt!

Becca is an active, loving girl today because of her hero, Matthew. The chance that two random people are a match is 1 in 20,000. We, as Becca's parents, might call it a "numbers game", if during the time we were waiting to find out if there was a match to help our baby, felt anything like a game. Knowing thousands of kids every year run out of time waiting for "The Match" haunted us. Because of Matthew's good intentions, he and Becca were able to be matched and have been kicking cancer's rear-end going on two years! One little swab from one great guy changed Becca's entire life.

Become a donor. Join the Be The Match Registry today.

The first step to being someone's cure is to join Be The Match Registry. If you are between the ages of 18 & 44, patients need you. Research has shown patients who receive marrow from this age group have better outcomes.

When you join Be The Match, your tissue type is added to the registry by swabbing the inside of your cheek with a q-tip.

Everybody who joins the registry at the Soccer Marrowthon will be registered to win a flat screen television.

Students from area high schools will be **Playing Soccer to Save Lives** throughout the Marrowthon. For additional information contact Diane Shapiro or Audrey Maschino at 513-686-5482.

[www.bethematch.org](http://www.bethematch.org)

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## KHS PTO/Kings Ford Fundraiser

Ford Motor Company and Kings Ford are generously partnering with the Kings High School PTO to raise a lot of money to support the work of the PTO – in the **easiest** fundraiser ever!



Test drive a new Ford (just for the fun of it), give them your opinion, and Kings Motor Company will donate \$20 to Kings High School. Have your car inspected for free and we get another \$10.

That's it. Nothing to sell, buy, or deliver.

It doesn't get much easier than this, so please help us take advantage of this incredible opportunity.

When: Saturday, May 17th, from 11-3.

Where: Kings Ford at the Kings Automall

What: Stop by Kings Ford to take a spin around the block in one of their new cars and fill out a one-page survey afterwards. Then Ford Motor Company donates \$20 to Kings High School PTO.

Who: Anyone interested in helping the students of Kings High School. **You do not need to be interested in buying a car to participate!** You must be 18 to drive, and only one driver per address may fill out the survey.

Kings Ford will provide the cars, food, and entertainment. We provide the drivers and opinions. And everybody wins!

## Kings Kids Before/After School Registration for 2014-2015

Kings Kids offers a Before and After School program at all three elementary buildings. The morning program begins at 6:30 a.m. and is open until the children go to their classrooms. The afternoon program begins when school is dismissed and is available until 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of our Kings Kids Before/After School program is to provide quality care and a safe environment for children before and after school. Students are provided time to do homework and Kings Kids Staff are available to provide homework assistance. In addition children will be able to participate in a variety of activities such as crafts, outdoor/indoor play, group and individual reading time, puzzles/games and imaginative play. Kings Kids meets Ohio Department of Education criteria.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on April 28th. Registration forms are available on the Kings Local School District website at [www.kingslocal.net](http://www.kingslocal.net). The Kings Kids program information is located under Departments. For more information, call 398-8050 ext. 10040.



## KHS Parking Pass

KHS will be accepting Parking Permits from the Class of 2016 (next years juniors) starting on May 19, 2014 at 6:45 a.m. Permits for next years juniors will only be sold from May 19 - 23, 2014.

The cost for a KHS Parking Pass is \$50. Make checks payable to Kings High School.

Parking passes will not be sold to the Class of 2017 (next year's sophomores) until the start of school next year.

## KHS Summer Term Registration

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. **TODAY** is the final day of registration. For more information on costs and to access the registration form [click here](#).



## Become Part of the Kings HS/JH Cross Country Tradition

### Sign-Ups Week of May 19

#### High School Cross Country Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 20

Where: High School Study hall Room 004

Time: 2:30 p.m. (Directly after school)

#### Current 7th Graders:

#### Junior High Cross Country Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 20

Where: KJH Cafeteria

Time: Home Base - 2:00 p.m.

#### Current 6th Graders:

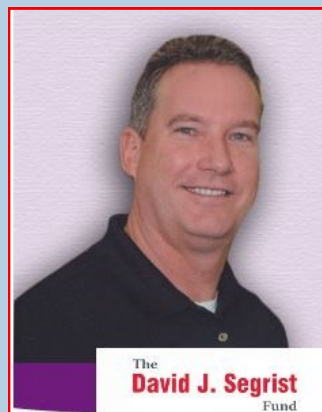
#### Junior High Cross Country Sign-Ups

When: Week of May 19

Where: Columbia Intermediate School Office

Packet of information will be available as athletes sign-up in the office.

## Dave Segrist Golf Outing



Former Kings teacher and coach Dave Segrist lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on May 30, 2011. A fund was founded in his name to offer financial support for seniors wanting to continue their educa-

tion at the collegiate level, and it also helps to support underprivileged kids who want the opportunity to attend educational or athletic camps during the summer. Last year, three 2013 Kings seniors received money towards their college education because of Dave's fund.

To help support this fund, an annual benefit golf outing is held yearly. This year, the benefit takes place on May 31, 2014 at the Golf Center at Kings Island. [Click here](#) for more information.



Mark your calendars for next year's Kings/ Hoxworth Blood Drives!

Monday, October 20, 2014 and Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Mason Bowl is offering free bowling to Kings students this summer! Any student who will be attending Kings Schools during the 2014-2015 school year can bowl two free games (shoes not included) on Mondays during the months of June and July 2014, between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### MASON BOWL



Summer Special 2014

## KJH's #theBIGeventRETURNS

The Kings Junior High Student Council will host #theBIGeventRETURNS. The event is an opportunity for students to have one final night together before the summer hits and the eighth graders move up to the high school. There will be something for everyone: A 3-on-3 basketball tournament led by Mr. Poggi and Mr. San Marco, a karaoke and game room, an arts and crafts room, ping-pong tournaments, Kona Ice, music and much more! The #theBIGeventRETURNS will be held on Thursday, May 22nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Kings Junior High. Pre-sale tickets will be sold at lunch the week of the event for \$5.



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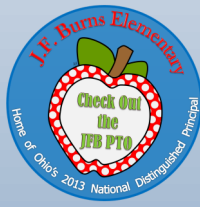
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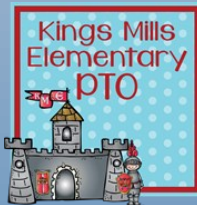
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### Warren County Community Heroin Forum

*Please join us as we come together to listen to speakers from our community discuss the impact of the heroin epidemic. We will hear from Dr. Uptegrove, our Warren County Coroner, Chief Whitman from the Franklin Police Department, educators, a recovered addict, a foster parent who has fostered many drug affected infants and children, our Prevention and Education specialist, Pastor Wolfenbarger from the Vineyard Community Church and an Investigator from the Prosecutor's Office.*

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

6pm-8pm

Vineyard Community Church

4900 St. Rt. 123

Franklin, OH 45005

*Hosted by the Coordinated Care Program at the Warren County Educational Service Center in partnership with the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force, Warren County Sheriff's Office and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.*

Please RSVP at [www.warrencountyesc.com](http://www.warrencountyesc.com)  
under "Quick Links" and "Workshops" or by calling  
Kim Sellers or Shelley Brown at 513.695.2900.



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