



May 23, 2014



You are cordially invited to Kings High School Class of 2014 Graduation. This year's ceremony will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 24th beginning 11:00 a.m. in the Cintas Center at Xavier University.

If you are not able to attend, as a special treat, this year's graduation ceremony will be livestreamed from Xavier! [Click this link](#) and look for the Kings Logo to see Kings Graduation LIVE!



Upcoming Events

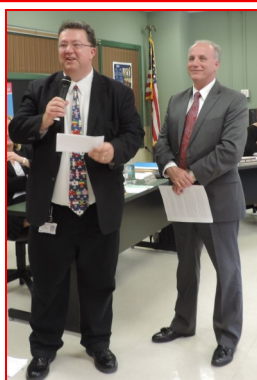
May 24—KHS Graduation, 11:00 a.m., Cintas Center, Xavier University.

May 26—Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL.

May 29—Last Day of School for Students.

Today is the Class of 2014's last day of school. Congratulations to all of these young men and women in their future endeavors!

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



Outstanding Assistant Principal!

Kings Junior High Assistant Principal Dave Winebrenner was recognized at the Kings Board of Education Meeting this week for being honored as the 2014 Outstanding Assistant Principal by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Principals. Mr. Mark Jones with OAESA, presented Mr. Winebrenner his award in front of a packed Board of Education meeting. Congratulations Mr. Winebrenner!

Scholar Athlete's Recognized

For the past 19 years the Kings Athletic Booster Club and the Kings Athletic Department have honored student athletes who have maintained excellent academic standards while

dedicating their time and energy to Kings athletics. On May 21, the Annual Senior Scholar-Athlete Luncheon was held at the Golf Center at Kings Island. Twenty-eight students were recognized at the luncheon with their parents and their most influential person joining them.

To qualify for this award, an athlete must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better for their entire academic career at KHS while earning a minimum of five Varsity letters in multiple sports, or four Varsity letters in one sport.

Every scholar-athlete honored is continuing their education at the collegiate level, many of them will also play sports.

Congratulations to the Kings High School Scholar-Athletes: Stephanie Bennett, Audrey Bigelow, Riley Brashear, Laura Bruns, Calvin Dailey, Becca Davis, Kate Etter, Josh Freudenberg, Kris Hacker, Christine Harris, Gretchen Ingling, Darcy Kircher, Madelaine Kuhn, Victoria Lake, Logan Leahy, Stephanie McCrory, Abigail Nenna, Tristan Nosek, Abigail Rosekrans, Matt Sannella, Kristen Sevier, Claire Sichterman, Katelyn Smithberger, Stacey Stuart, Kelly Sudbrack, Daniel Woodall, Josh Woody, and Sydney Zinser.



SLE Vehicle Day

Vehicle Day is an opportunity for students to get a closer look at some professions in the area. The kids get to ask questions and hear stories about what the profession entails. This year was fun because most of the volunteers had a connection to SLE in some way (parent, friend, husband). They also had some vehicles that were more "interests/hobbies" of the volunteers...motorcycle, RV, golf cart and a 55 Chevy. The students love seeing them up close! This year Duke Energy, Channel 12 News, Loveland Canoe & Kayak, Fosters Farm, Warren County Sheriffs Office, Mr. Tekavec (Harley Davidson), Mr. Gabert (golf cart), Mr. Billow (55 Chevy), Mr. & Mrs. Fischer (semi truck), and Ms. Grant (RV) were on site to teach the students about their respective vehicle. Channel 12 even featured the day on that evening's newscast!



Veterans Visit J.F. Burns



On Monday, May 5th, veterans from the 40 & 8 presented the "Flags for First Graders" program to the first graders at J.F. Burns Elementary. The veterans talked about the United State's flag's history and importance as a patriotic symbol of America. They also folded the flag and told the significance and meaning of each of its folds. At the end of the program, the first graders received a small flag and a patriotic coloring book. The teachers and students at J.F. Burns would like to thank the veterans for their wonderful presentation and service to our country!

Outstanding!

Monday, May 19th was a day of celebration at Kings High School. Students from throughout KHS were honored for various achievements at the annual Academic Awards Night. Students were recognized for being top students in specific subjects, earning scholarships, and earning straight A's, as well as the winners of the Kings Character Award, West Point Appointees, and much more!

The staff at KHS also recognized the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Merit Scholars, those with four years of perfect attendance, and more. Seniors who have already found a college were invited to wear a t-shirt from their college or military. Before the awards program began, these seniors walked onto the stage to be recognized. Congratulations KHS Seniors and KHS students!



Kings Class of 2020 Ready to Cross the Bridge to Junior High

Transitions are never easy – whether it be new homes, neighborhoods, jobs or schools. The Kings School District continues the process of evaluating the transitions that our students make from the time they enter Kindergarten until they leave Post-Secondary Training to become contributing members of society. With that in mind, the junior high hosted the current sixth grade class on Thursday morning to continue their process of crossing that bridge between CIS and KJH.



Students, in three equal groups of 100, were met in the multi-purpose room to be welcomed by building administrators and counselors. Mr. Spinner reminded them that we are all KINGS KNIGHTS. After watching the student created "Welcome to KJH" video; the sixth grade students moved with their homerooms into two equal groups and met up with an equally divided Home Base Classroom of 7th Graders. While half of those groups worked on a team-building activity, the other half toured the campus stopping at 16 stops. The incoming 6th graders also had an opportunity to ask questions about what life was like at KJH.

The students enjoyed lunch together in the KJH Café along with KONA ICE. The day concluded with a Scavenger Hunt in the Kings Stadium where students were challenged with little known facts about Kings Mills, the history of Kings Schools and trivia about the 7th Grade Teachers.



KJH Lacrosse Perform Well in State Tourney

The Kings Junior High Lacrosse team participated in the Middle School State LAX tournament last past weekend in Columbus. They took home 3rd place in their Division 2 bracket. It's the best finish Kings has had in this tournament in many years . Way to go!

SLE Students Learn Composting

Warren County Soil and Water District Program came to South Lebanon Elementary this week with their soil truck to visit the second and third graders. In the trailer, the students got an underground view of how soil composition happens over hundreds of years! They were sent on a mini scavenger hunt to identify local fossils and soil types found throughout the trailer. In addition, they also discuss the importance of keeping water runoff clean and safe as it feeds the local lakes and rivers, which also help enhance soil composition in our area.

The kids got to get their hands dirty in compost and discuss the different organisms that compost can contain.



On Wednesday May 21, the Kindergarteners at South Lebanon Elementary held their annual Music Program and slide show.



SLE Stewardship Fair a Great Success!

The South Lebanon Elementary EClub sponsored their second annual Environmental Stewardship Showcase on May 19th. Vendors from the area including Dogwood Farms, Whole Foods, Flavor's Eatery', Kimmy's Kupcakes and Loveland Canoe and Kayak were on hand to explain how their goods/services help to influence the community to make a greener impact! Many of the vendor's included hands-on activities for the students to partake in, such as planting pollinator friendly seeds, composting, and decorating organic cupcakes using all natural ingredients. Families from around the district came to enjoy the activities and truly had a great time finding ways to make a greener impact!



JFB Laps for Literacy

For the past 14 years J.F. Burns Elementary Principal Cheryl Montag has encouraged her students to read with the Laps for Literacy Program. From January to April students log every minute of extra-curricular reading they do. Those minutes are added up and calculated into laps that Mrs. Montag has to walk. This year's students read a total of 1,098,110 minutes. Last year's total was 1,273,817 minutes.

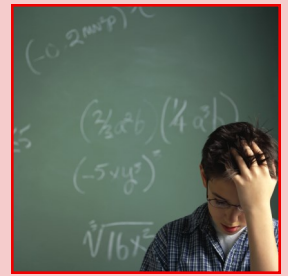
This year's Top Readers were Hailey Wendling, Nathan Edwards, Trevor Lindgren, Elaina Brausch, and Blake Powell. Top Classes were Mrs. Reitz, Mrs. Sova, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. McVay, and Mrs. Bowman.

Even in the rain, Mrs. Montag walked seven laps around Landen Lake – 21 miles! On the first lap around the lake Mrs. Montag was joined by the top classes and Superintendent Dr. Valerie Browning. Mrs. Montag and Dr. Browning wore pink shirts that said "1,098,110. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Montag walked with the top readers. This year's Lemonade Stand to benefit Cancer Free Kids netted \$622.33! Way to go readers!



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](#).



KJH Pay it Forward Day

The 7th grade students and teachers on Team White at Kings Junior High School participated in their second community service day entitled "Pay it Forward Day #2." On Thursday May 15th, you would have seen KJH students giving back at places such as Fort Ancient Memorial State Park, Countryside YMCA, City of Lebanon Ecological Park, and at KJH working on Senior Outreach by providing Mosaic Art for residents at Evergreen/Wellspring. Most of the outside work involved hiking trails, adding soil, and compost to gardens, and cleaning up fallen trees in public areas. Mr. Steve France, KJH Math Teacher said, "Students at KJH appreciate and enjoy many benefits of living in a great community. What a great way to give back!"



Pictured above L-R: Ellie Johnson, Adam Ashour, and Yale Godfrey. Pictured below L-R: Casey Jantzen, Maci Stelmak, and Jada Socha.



CIS History Day Winners

Columbia Intermediate held its annual History Day last week on May 14th. All of the sixth graders participated with projects related to the theme of Rights and Responsibilities in History. Kings High School students from AP classes once again acted as judges for the 300 some projects. The judges commented on the quality of the projects this year. The winners included Grant Shields, Sam Adams, Lexie Nickol, Ellea Hanlon, Kyra Weaver, Victoria Weslow, Aaron Ripley, Ruth Galberg, Macy Addis, Michael Adams, Eric Middlekamp, Adam Spelic, and Maria Bagriy.

Beginning Band on the Road!

The Columbia Intermediate School's 6th Grade Band traveled to Columbus, Ohio on Monday, May 12th to perform at the Rhodes Office Tower. The band played six songs in the lobby. Afterward, the students ate lunch on the Statehouse steps and toured the ceremonial office of the Governor before returning to CIS. Mr. Maegly and Mrs. Reeder would like to thank the chaperones and our truck driver, Angelo Zolotas.

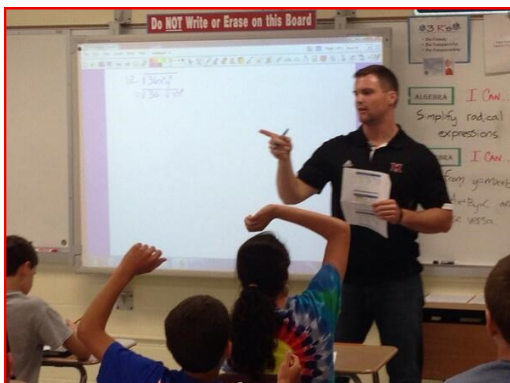


SLE Newbery Readers

The 4th grade students from SLE completed the Newbery Award challenge. The students were given the challenge to find and read past Newbery award books and give it a personal rating. They celebrated their accomplishments with an ice cream party!

Talented "Foxy" KME Teachers

KME teachers finished the student talent show with a performance to the song "The Fox." Teachers created a dance and costumes to go along with the students favorite lyrics "What does the Fox say?"



Student Teacher or NFL Star?

Last week, Channel 12 reporter Mike Berk was at Kings Junior High School interviewing Kings' and Miami University Standout Kicker, Zac Murphy. Zac is currently student teaching in Mr. Erik Poggi's math class at KJH but he is also being considered to possibly play in the NFL. When asked what is easier, kicking or teaching, Zac replied, "Kicking, for sure!" Good luck Zac!

KJH Helps Kids Against Hunger

Kings Junior High's Team 7 Blue recently took a Community Service Field Trip to Kids Against Hunger. A group of 37 students learned about the great things the organization does to feed starving children all around the world, and the process that is followed to accomplish that. The students then took turns packing food kits. Before starting, everyone had to put on hairnets and gloves (the boys especially loved this). Boxes were also decorated with messages and drawings, many of which were very sweet and thoughtful. There was extra time after lunch so the students asked if there was anything else they could do, so they spent the rest of their time folding and packing several boxes of blankets.

The students came away from the experience seeing that in just a couple of hours they were able to help feed starving children, that community service can be fun, and perhaps to appreciate a little more all that they have. Two other groups of students volunteered at Matthew 25 Ministries and the YMCA.



2014 KHS Choir Awards

Last Thursday evening, 29 seniors, many of whom have been a special part of the Kings Choral Department for four years or more, took the stage for the final time. There were many amazing solos, special songs, and silly shenanigans as they sang farewell. Choir awards were distributed, which included the National School Choral Award/Chuck Mason Scholarship and Fred Waring Director's Award/Jared Adamson Scholarship. This year's recipients, John McMullen and Emma Martin (respectively), were selected by the students in the choral department and the awards were presented by KHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Rob Burnside. Congratulations to all of our singers!

Orchestra Travels to JFB

The Kindergarten students at J.F. Burns Elementary School were treated to a special performance by an orchestra trio organized by Rana Southern, Orchestra Teacher for Kings Local Schools. As a part of teaching Kindergarten Science Standards, Mrs. Southern taught the students that sound is the result of vibrations and brought the kindergarten science standards to life with hands-on demonstrations. The students were excited to hear some of their favorite songs played: Star Wars theme, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Shrek Hallelujah, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, and many more.



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 education 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.



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. 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". For more information [click here](#).

Crosse for the Cure a Success!

The Kings Junior High Lacrosse team recently held their Crosse for the Cure game. They were trying to increase awareness and raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Through Kohl's Cares donations, gate admission, and private donations, they raised over \$2000! The team also recognized Valerie Naughton and Elizabeth Vilga who are breast cancer survivors. Way to make a difference!



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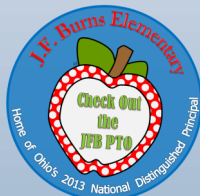
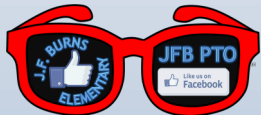
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Mark your calendars for next year's
Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drives!

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



Mason Bowl is offering free bowling to
Kings students this summer! Any stu-
dent 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, be-
tween the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m.
[Click here](#) for more information.

MASON BOWL



Summer Special 2014

KABC Sports Camps

Summer is just a few short months away! Start think-
ing 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 Medi-
cine is offering School Sports Physicals
for student athletes entering grades 7-12.

The available dates are 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.

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