



May 30, 2014



Today's EBBN is full of great news all the way to the end!

Make sure to check out summer opportunities. Next week will include Back to School dates.

Congratulations to those who participated in the American Heart Association's "Jump for Heart." This year, our jumpers raised \$15,336, double what they raised last year! Participation also increased 4 times! Kings AHA representative said that out of the seven school districts she represents, Kings is the only district who met their goal. J.F. Burns brought in the most money at \$7320.47.



Upcoming Events

June 4—Board of Education SPECIAL MEETING, Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m., KEC.

June 14—ACT Test, 8 a.m., KHS.

June 17—Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

July 15—Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC.

Aug 19—First Day of School!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

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

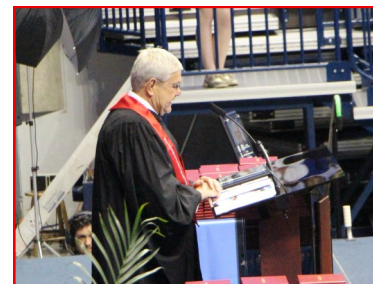
Congratulations Class of 2014!

On Sunday, May 24th, after much pomp and circumstance, the Kings High School Class of 2014 graduated. This year's graduating class of 284 boasted more than \$4 million in scholarships, volunteered over 30,000 community service hours, 144 graduated Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude, and 97 with honors! Additionally, they had 4 National Merit Commended Scholars and three National Merit Finalists. Lastly, 146 students in the class had a GPA of over 3.5!



Gregory Adams was the honored vocational student. Logan Leahy and Laura Vonderhaar earned the Academic and Activity Excellence Award presented by the Kings Board of Education. This year's Distinguished Alumnus was State Representative Ron Maag from the class of 1962. The Valedictorian was Taylor England and Daniel Woodall was Salutatorian.

This year, graduation ceremonies were livestreamed so those who couldn't make it to graduation could still watch via the internet. To see Kings Graduation 2014 in its entirety, [click here](#). To view a gallery of pictures from the day, [click here](#).



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](#).

Big Surprise for Winebrenner

Last Friday, Kings Junior High celebrated Ohio's Outstanding Assistant Principal Dave Winebrenner at a school-wide Pep Rally. Mr. Winebrenner thought he was participating in a staff vs. students whiffle ball tournament when he was surprised by Rosie Red, the Cincinnati Reds female mascot. In honor of Mr. Winebrenner's award, the Cincinnati Reds organization gave him a plaque naming him as Honorary Team Captain for the July 8th game against the Chicago Cubs! A big Reds fan, Mr. Winebrenner was quite surprised and thankful for this honor.

Pictured is Mr. Winebrenner with Rosie Red and his family.



Class T-shirts a Hit at SLE!

South Lebanon Elementary kindergarten students gathered for a photo in their colorful class t-shirts before heading out on a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo earlier this month. Students and staff proudly sported their t-shirts throughout the spring for field trips, field days, and other school-sponsored events. SLE wish-



es to extend a huge "thank you" to the following local sponsors whose generous donations made the class t-shirts possible in 2014: Riversbend Dental (Brandon Romick, DMD), Christ's Church at Mason, Agenter Orthodontics (Michael K. Agenter, DDS, MDS), Skyline Chili-River's Bend, and Rivers Bend Urgent Care.

Kings Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble Travels to Indiana

Last Friday, May 23rd, the Kings Local School District's Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble traveled to Batesville Middle School in Batesville, Indiana to participate in music classes with the Batesville Middle School Gylil (a type of xylophone found in West Africa) Ensemble.

Following the music class sessions, both ensembles presented a concert for the students and staff of Batesville Middle School.

Pictured are members of the Batesville Middle School Gylil Ensemble with our own Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble in African print shirts L-R: Mr. Matt Jenkins, director of the ensemble, Payton Schult, Devin Squires, Samantha Moore, Noah Froah, Brynna Schauer, Micah Belfrom, Luke Hammond, Christopher Clark, and Chloe Wolf.



Ted Kremer Speaks at KJH



On Friday, May 23rd, Ted "Teddy" Kremer concluded Kings Junior High School's Project Kindness. Teddy is a huge Cincinnati Reds fan, and acted as a honorary batboy this season. He was also featured on ESPN earlier this year.

7th grade teachers, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Casto, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Toadvine and Ms. Warner, wanted to invite a guest speaker that really represented what being kind was all about. Teddy's positive outlook and approach to life is contagious!

Before Teddy spoke, the 7th grade students and staff re-watched Teddy's ESPN special. Then, after a brief speech from Teddy, students asked questions, took pictures, and received autographs. The final moment of their time with Teddy was spent linking their links of kindness from the past 30 days.

Kings Baccalaureate

Last Thursday, May 22nd, the Kings Baccalaureate Ceremony took place at Christ Church in Mason. It was a very special night for the Kings High School Seniors. The student-led Baccalaureate Ceremony is a non-denominational event that provides a personal opportunity for students and their families to reflect on graduation as a rite of passage. Students gave speeches, sang, and performed for their parents, teachers, and peers. To view a gallery of pictures from the night [click here](#).



SLE 4th Grade Visits Historical Museum

The 4th graders at South Lebanon Elementary took the "Backpack Tour" at Warren County Historical Society Museum in Lebanon. Students learned about levels of government, early settlers to the area, importance of our local waterways and primary and secondary resources. Students were awarded with Junior Historian certificates and many plan to go back to more closely examine the many artifacts in the museum.



JFB Lemonade Stand for CancerFree KIDS

During Laps for Literary, the J.F. Burns PTO sponsored a lemonade stand to benefit CancerFree KIDS. Last week, J. F. Burns PTO presented CancerFree KIDS with a check for \$622.33!

Pictured with Mrs. Montag is Barb King from Cancer Free KIDS and students Becca Kniskern and Sage Burress.



Kings Kids Preschool Graduation

Students in Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Dunlap, and Ms. Turjanica's preschool classes performed for their parents and friends this week at Kings Kids during their Graduation Ceremony. Here, they are performing their song, "Do You Know Your Alphabet?" It's off to Kindergarten for this group next year!



8th Grade Recognition

Wednesday, the 8th Grade Class at Kings Junior High School was recognized for their year long efforts. Many awards were given for academics and athletics. Katie Gould, 2014 KHS graduate and former Student Council President spoke to the students about preparing for high school. The ceremony ended with the students and their families watching the year end slide show. All the teachers at KJH wish the class of 2018 all the best!



SLE Student Council Volunteers at Circle Tail

On Saturday May 23rd, Brooke Blount and the South Lebanon Elementary Student Council volunteered at Circle Tail. Circle Tail is a non profit organization that trains service dogs. They spent the morning weeding flower beds and the memorial garden (the dads pitched in and helped mulch, too!) and then were able to work with socializing the young puppies who are being trained. The students even got to walk them over to the training center to have their classes that afternoon! This is the 4th year that Mrs. Blount has taken Student Council to Circle Tail and it is always a fun time!



Spring Athletic Awards

Last night, in front of parents and coaches, the Kings Athletic Department had the opportunity to recognize 288 High School athletes who competed in one of our Spring Sports programs and hand out annual awards that included Team MVP, Red, White, and Blue Award winners, 4 year letter winners, and All League honors. Most importantly, 194 young men and women were honored who truly define the term "student-athletes" as they earned a 3.5 GPA or higher during the 3rd grading period, just over 67% of all Spring athletes. A special mention was made of the Women's Track Team where 47 out of the 49 participating held a GPA of 3.5 or better! At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Phil Poggi gave a special presentation to honor Kings Principal Doug Mader.

Pictured: Kings Athletes of the Year Laura Bruns and Ray Brewster.

School's Out for Summer

The last day of school at J.F. Burns was a fun one. As the students were leaving, the entire staff lined the drive waving good-bye. The bus drivers did their annual "Circling of the Buses" as they circled around the drive honking their horns. The students waved from the buses as they said their final good byes.



KME Principal Choice Awards

Congratulations to the students who have had their artwork chosen to be permanently displayed in the hallways of Kings Mills Elementary.



Pictured from L-R: Chloe Craig, 4th grade, Watercolor flower, Gracie Jones, 3rd grade, Guitar, Bella Land, 2nd grade, Fish Line Design, and Erica Katenkamp, 1st grade, Kandinsky Chalk Design.

Congratulations to these talented artists!

Happy Retirement

Our best wishes go to the recent retirees from the Kings School District:

Dave Allen, Sandy Bateman, Tina Blair, Sharon Brunk, Jerry Gasper, Cindy Green, Joyce Hestle, Mollie Holliday, Cindy Lowe, Mike Mowery, Gary Schearing, Jane Stufft, and Diane Wallace.

Thank you for all of your years of service and dedication to the Kings Local School District. You will be greatly missed!

KME Singers Audition to Perform at State Conference

3rd graders at KME who have signed up for 4th grade chorus for the 2014-15 school year have been preparing three songs to record as part of the application process for selection to perform at the 2015 Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference to be held in Cleveland, February 5-7, 2015.

This week, Cincinnati Children's Choir Artistic Director Robyn Lana worked with the chorus members. Ms. Lana is regarded as one of the finest directors of children's choirs in the nation, if not the world, so they were extremely lucky to have her work with the students and share her talent and expertise.

On Tuesday evening, Eric Sayer of Cincinnati's Riley School of Irish Music, a player and teacher of the Uilleann (Irish) bagpipes, and Ann LeVan, a Kings parent who is an accomplished pianist and also gives private piano lessons to many students within and beyond our school district, were guest musicians rehearsing and recording with the singers. Kings Sophomore Kieran Jenkins, who has studied classical guitar through the preparatory department at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music and is also an accomplished percussionist, performed on both guitar and drum set for their recording session.



SLE Field Day

South Lebanon Elementary students enjoyed their annual field day this week. Students wore t-shirts that were donated by local businesses. A great time was had by all!



SLE Teachers "Gone Fishing"

Teachers at SLE greeted students for last day of year yesterday ready to "go fishin'" until August. "Bait" was gummy worms and given out as students entered on their last day.



SLE's 4th Grade Recorder Concert

The 4th graders celebrated their last day at South Lebanon Elementary with an awards ceremony and recorder concert. They played several songs that they had been practicing all year for their parents and the entire student body.



Kings Color Guard Clinic

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

Farewell Seniors

The Kings High School PTO gave the Class of 2014 a farewell picnic last Friday. Parent volunteers provided pizza, chips, and cookies. The seniors played cornhole, football, and enjoyed the beautiful weather. They had the chance to win raffle prizes and were surprised with a special treat by the Kona Ice truck.



International Thespian Society

On Friday May 23, 2014 Kings High School had the privilege of welcoming 18 new members into the International Thespian Society. The International Thespian Society is the only organization to honor secondary students for their outstanding work in Theatre. Membership is granted for the performance of meritorious work in Theatre Arts which meets the society's general guidelines. These 18 Kings students join millions of other thespians worldwide having shown excellence in their work with our theatre program.

Pictured from L-R: Pete Moore (Play Director), Dan Engelehard, Joe McCabe, Ryan Dilts, Madison Kilgore, Leah Ball, Cassidy Foley, Grant Abbott, Skyler Reisinger, Sara Mosteller, Morgan Reece, Ella Jolicouer, Gabbie Griffen, Alex Egan, Scott Hayward (Troupe Director).



Not Pictured: Dustin Acree, Lillian Ashworth, Eddie Baumann, Peter Hogue, Stephen Steffel

Annual KABC Golf Outing

Summer break is upon us which means it's time to start thinking about a little golf! More specifically, it's time to think about the 2014 Kings Athletic Booster Club Golf Outing presented by Bucks Tavern!

This annual event will take place on Sunday, August 10th at Walden Ponds Golf Course in Fairfield, with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm.

Your day includes a round of golf, an opportunity to win contests and prizes, followed by a dinner catered by our own Buck's Tavern. All proceeds from the event benefit the Kings Athletic Booster Club and our athletic facility projects.

Space is limited so reserve your spot today! There are two ways to register this year, either online, or print out the registration form and mail in. For more information and the registration form click [here](#).



Free Summer Bowling!

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 Fall Sports Information

The Kings Athletic Department has put together a list of all Junior High Fall Sports information. It outlines the summer activities and tryout dates for all FALL Junior High Sports.

[Click here](#) for all the 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](#).

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](#)



July 15th is the deadline to register for Fall 2014 SAY Soccer. For more information go to

www.kingssoccer.org.



Beacon Offers Sports Physicals

Beacon Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine 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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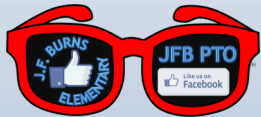
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Mark your calendars for next year's Kings/
Hoxworth Blood Drives!

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



Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

2014 Graduate Sam Parrett will be at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards on Friday, June 6th in New York City to receive a National Medal for his animation project,

Sarge Tree Defender. Only 1% of the over 250,000 submissions receive National recognition. There were only 31 national awards given in the Film and Animation category. In honor of the 2014 National Medalists, the National Ceremony will be broadcast live from the prestigious Carnegie Hall. The ceremony will celebrate the most talented young artists and writers in the country, and Kings own Sam Parrett!

[Click here](#) to watch the LIVE Webcast.

To see Sam's animation in full click "Sarge."



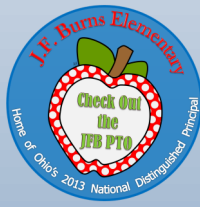
The Kings Education Association recently held their annual banquet and silent auction. They surpassed last year's goal to fund their KEA Future Teacher's Scholarship. They would like to thank the following for their generous donations:



B L'ewie Salon and Day Spa, Horace Mann, Kings Island, Cincinnati Zoo, Riversbend TPC, Jennifer Habra, Tastefully Simple, Children's Theatre of Mason, Mike Thaler, Elements Massage, Fox & Hound, Cincinnati Reds, Little Brownie Bakers, Kings Local Schools Athletic Dept, Rusty Bucket, Mathnasium, School Time, Chili's Restaurant, Putters Grille, Venetian, Elegant Auto Wash, Riversbend Tanning, Trifecta Salon, Roth Chiropractic, Dough Boy's Donuts and Diner (Maineville), River's Bend Skyline Chili, Palm Beach Tan, Performance Lexus, Wetherington Country Club Golf, Montgomery Inn, Chubby's, Montgomery Inn, Jorge Gonzalez, Lynn Kelley, Melanie Sherby, Robyn Bersani, Sally Healy, Randy Willis-SLE, Cheryl Montag-JFB, Tim Spinner-KJHS, Shelly Bogaert-CIS, Rob Burnside, Peggy Phillips, and Mike Mowery.



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