



September 19, 2014



Check out this story about Kings Mills Elementary Music Teacher Matt Jenkins who has been driving for Uber, a nationwide ridesharing service. Uber asked teachers who drive for them to complete an online survey about their driving experiences and how Uber works for them as teachers. Mr. Jenkins was one of 4 teachers selected for a national blog post video interview.

[Click here](#) to see the video that highlights Mr. Jenkins and Kings!



Upcoming Events

Sept. 24— College Lecture Series: Sophomore Parent Information, 7:00 p.m., KHS.

Sept. 26— KME Playground Ribbon Cutting, 5:30 p.m., KME

Sept. 26— Friday Night Pink Game vs. Loveland, 7:00 p.m., Kings Stadium.

Oct. 7— CIIS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9— JFB & KME Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Oct. 10— Homecoming Parade, 5:30 p.m., KME to KJH.

Oct 11. —KHS Homecoming Dance, 7:00-11:00 p.m., KHS.

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

Kings Board of Education Hires New Interim Superintendent

At Tuesday night's regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, the Kings Board voted unanimously to hire current Assistant Superintendent, Timothy J. Spinner as Kings' new Interim Superintendent. The latest change in leadership comes from the resignation of Interim Superintendent John Lazares.

Spinner will act as interim superintendent for Kings until July 31, 2015. The Kings Board of Education will begin a Superintendent Search in January or February of 2015 to find a permanent superintendent for the 2015-2016 school year.



Spinner writes:

I am honored to serve our community in the position of interim superintendent. It will continue to allow me the chance to work with all of our staff and students preschool through twelfth grade. As is true with every school year, this is a critical, yet exciting time in our district's history. Your continued support will be vital to seeing us through the many challenges I am confident we will meet and face together.

Thanks in large part to the consistent support from our community as well as the dedication of our staff, the Kings Local School District has accomplished a great deal over the past several school years. We have a lot to be proud of, but there is still much work to be done. I look forward to the opportunity of serving alongside our community, staff and students in this new role as interim superintendent. Together we can and together we will make the leap from good to great!

Gooooooo Knights!

Yours in education,

Tim Spinner

Congratulations to KHS National Merit Semifinalists!

The National Merit Scholarship Association announced their 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists for 2015. Three of those are Kings High School Students! Congratulations to Luke Danko, Gina Grosso, and Alexa Murray. These academically talented high school seniors will now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National



Merit Scholarships worth about \$35 million dollars to be offered next spring. From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation.

KHS Principal Doug Leist said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for our students. It is yet another reminder to our community and the city that Kings Students, teachers, and programs are prepared to excel and can compete among the nation's elite. We look forward to following the academic careers of these three students. Their futures are incredibly bright."

Congratulations on your achievement Luke, Gina, and Alexa!



In 2009, Kings High School launched *The Knight Times*, one of the first high school newspapers in the region to offer content exclusively online. The student-run news site covers not only Kings events, but also has links to local and national news. This week, *The Knight Times* Staff visited J. F. Burns Elementary to cover Crystal Clear Science, a PTO sponsored program that offers hands-on science lessons. Several Kings High School National Honor Society students helped the third and fourth grade students with experiments. To read more about Crystal Clear Science and to check out *The Knight Times* [click here](#).

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?



The Kings Local School District takes Safety and Security very seriously. We continue to develop and review safety plans. The district is now in the process of evaluating the options and processes that will be required for reuniting students with their parents in the event of a major incident in the district. This is a common matter for consideration but one that requires proper planning and preparation for implementation.

A recent Harris Poll conducted on the behalf of Save the Children concerning a disaster preparedness report card noted that 65% of parent respondents said they were at least somewhat concerned about the risk their child faces from natural disasters, and 55% said they were at least somewhat concerned about the risk their child faces from terrorism.

The average parent responding to the survey spent 5 hours organizing back-to-school supplies, but only one hour on family-emergency planning. This being noted, it is a great time for each member of the Kings family to consider your own home safety and security plan. Kings Manager of School Business Affairs, Steve Waldmann has put some tips and resources together for our families to help create a disaster plan for your home.

[Click here](#) for more information and for a Disaster Checklist for parents and families.



Jack Berckemeyer presents to the Kings Board of Education.

KJH and CIS Teachers Enjoy a Special Speaker

This week, nationally recognized presenter, author, and humorist Jack Berckemeyer was in the district speaking to the staff of Kings Junior High and Columbia Intermediate. He spent all day on Tuesday working with the junior high staff and met with the building leadership teams from KJH and CIS in smaller groups, as well as running an early release in-service at junior high on Wednesday. He also spoke to the Kings Board of Education on Tuesday night.

Mr. Berckemeyer began his career as a middle school teacher in Denver, Colorado. Over the years he has garnered many accolades for his work with students and as a presenter. He helps schools by providing outstanding professional development. He brings his energy, humor, and expertise of the middle level adolescent to all staff development.

CIS' Sammy's Spot

There is a new, bright blue bench out on the playground at Columbia Intermediate School. Last spring, now 6th grader, Becca Baumlein, approached her teacher about adding a Buddy Bench to CIS. Becca shared that she had seen a story about a Pennsylvania boy who had created a Buddy Bench at his school for students who needed a friend on the playground. She wrote a letter to Mrs. Bogaert, Principal at CIS, asking if a Buddy Bench could be added.

Mrs. Bogaert then met with Mrs. Jill Reagan, mother of Sammy Reagan, the Kings student who lost her life in a tragic car accident, to see if the Sammy Reagan Foundation would be interested in helping to purchase the Buddy Bench in Sammy's name, since the foundation had already purchased new playground equipment at CIS.

Recently, "Sammy's Spot" bench was installed on the playground in memory of beloved Sammy.

Becca explained to the CIS students on the morning announcements today that, "The bench was added to our playground to help students who might be feeling left out. If you notice kids on the bench, take the time to go over and ask them to play." Becca then reminded the students to remember their school saying; Columbia Intermediate...Be nice out there!



Pictured is CIS Principal Shelley Detmer-Bogaert and Becca Baumlin.



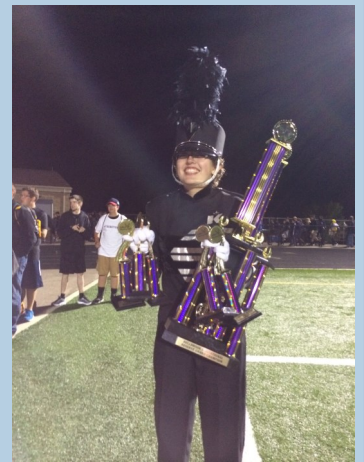
KHS Choral Department Selling Flower Bulbs

Flower Power is back! Help the students who sing at Kings raise money towards their choir fees and for the choral general fund! Simply click the link below and start shopping. For every purchase made, 50% will be given back to the KHS Choral Department! The bulbs will be delivered to your door (flat \$5 shipping no matter how much your purchase) in time for planting season. If you would like your purchase to benefit a specific student, please forward your emailed receipt and the student's name to Hope Milthaler at hmilthaler@kingslocal.net. To access the order form and for more information [click here](#). Fund-raiser ends on September 22nd. Happy planting!

Kings Marching Band Brings Home the Hardware

The Kings High School Marching Band had a very successful weekend last week-end! They won best caption awards in Music, Visual, General Effect, Color Guard and Percussion last Saturday at the Bellbrook Invitational. They rounded out their success with Best Band in class AAA and overall Reserve Grand Champion. Congratulations to our marching band!

Pictured is Emily Swanson, Field Commander for Kings High School Marching Band showing off all of the band's awards.



CIS Gets Soaked for Sammy

The staff at Columbia Intermediate School Got Soaked for Sammy recently. Sammy Simonson, a kindergarten student at Kings Mills Elementary has been suffering with multiple daily seizures. A "Get Soaked for Sammy" fund-raising campaign was set up to help the family with medical expenses. If you would like to help the Simonson Family [click here](#).



SLE First Graders Learn Chemical Change



Miss Beckett's First Grade students got to experiment with chemical change this week. They made "Elephant Toothpaste," which is a mixture of hydrogen peroxide, dry yeast, water, liquid dish soap, and food coloring. The chemical

reaction that is caused by the ingredients mixed together creates a rapid expansion of foam. It looks like a volcano of foam that produces so much foam, it looks like an amount of toothpaste an elephant could use!

Artwork at CIS

Each year, Columbia Intermediate School Art Teacher Drew Thomas selects student's artwork to be framed and hung in the building. Eight pieces of art from the 5th and 6th grade each were chosen. Pictured below are the lucky artists whose artwork will be displayed. Congratulations to Megan O'Connor, William Ritchie, Chloe Wolf, Jake Owens, Danielle Floreani, Anya Martin, Danielle Page, and Trey Mount.



Pictured L-R: Anya Martin, Danielle Page, & Trey Mount. Not Pictured: Danielle Floreani.



Pictured L-R: Megan O'Connor, Chloe Wolf, Jake Owens, & William Ritchie.

Join KME for an Evening of FAMILY FUN

Help KME celebrate the opening of their new playground and the success of their Walkathon.

All the fun begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26th and runs until 7:00 p.m. There will be free tattoos, face painting, balloon animals, and ice cream. Toss water balloons at some of your favorite teachers and jump in the bounce houses. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase at rock-bottom prices! You should be able to feed your whole family for around \$10!

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at 5:45 p.m. The KME PTO and Staff will be joined by some of our Kings Administration and BOE Members. KME Spiritwear will also be available for purchase.

Make a \$25 donation to the playground fund to be entered to win one of two pairs of Scout Seats to the Sunday, September 28th Reds game. See you there!



Science Fun at SLE

The third graders in Julianne Elder's class at South Lebanon Elementary had some fun with science investigations this week. The students were investigating the different uses of science tools and why it's so important to use them properly.

Their favorite was testing the coverage of the safety goggles. In order to do so, they were able to give each other a quick spritz or two and discuss the parts of their faces that felt wet versus dry. This helped them realize the importance of

having safety goggles when working with materials that could be dangerous to their eyes.

In addition, they got to practice with stopwatches, balances, magnets and magnifying glasses.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:

The Kings High School PTO Senior Parent Committee is planning a special breakfast & raffles this year and will also host the Senior Picnic. Each family is asked to send in \$20 that will cover the costs associated with these events. Please [click here](#) to print out the form and send in BY OCTOBER 1, 2014. THANKS for your help in making this a great year for our seniors!!

CLASS OF 2015

Senior Picture Guidelines

Seniors have until November 25, 2014 to submit a picture for the yearbook. Photos must be in color and in jpg form. They can be submitted by attaching the picture to an email to Mrs. Shields, or submitting the image on a CD. [Click here](#) for more detailed information.

Looking for Band Instruments



Do you have an old instrument sitting the closet or under the bed? Got a former band student who no longer plays that old instrument?

The Kings Band Department is looking for old instruments to be donated to the school for students to use. Donated instruments are put to use for students who need to borrow an instrument to use for the year or for students whose instrument is being repaired. We can provide you with information to use for a donation for tax purposes. If you have an instrument to donate, you can drop it off at Columbia Intermediate School, Kings High School or in the band room during Kings home games. For further information, please email Jennifer Reeder at jreeder@kingslocal.net or call 398-8050, x13036.

FITNESS FOR FUNDS at CIS!

The Columbia Intermediate School PTO is gearing up for its first fundraiser, FITNESS FOR FUNDS, where the students exercise for money. The event is on Friday, September 26th. During that day at Columbia, each team will have an hour to go outside and participate in several fitness activities. Students are encouraged to raise money and there are drawings for prizes for every student who collects money. VOLUNTEERS are needed. We are also in need of donations for WATER and GRANOLA BARS for our hungry and thirsty students. Please [click here](#) to sign up.



Kings' Students Starring in Local Production of Beauty and the Beast

Acting Up, an all-volunteer, young performer's community theater in Mason, will present four shows of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* in September. There are six Kings' students starring in the show including Ellie Toadvine, Zoey FitzGerald, Amy Helms, Tess Hogan, Michael Kaper, and MacKenzie Powell.



The shows will be held on September 19, 20, 21, at the Mason High School Theater. Performances will be Friday, September 19 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm. (sign language interpreter will be provided), and 7:00 pm; and Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$12 each and they are for reserved seating. You can purchase your tickets online at www.ActingUp.com or at the box office starting one hour before the show. For more information, visit www.ActingUp.com or call 513-494-6062.



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.



Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run

Come join us for the 19th annual Kings Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run on Wednesday, October 8th. This has grown to be a fun community event with last year's run hosting nearly 150 participants. Grab your friends and family for an evening of walking/running the streets of Kings Mills.

The \$15 entry fee includes refreshments as you finish the course and a white t-shirt that features the former Kings Powder Factory in the design. Be sure to submit your entry form to Jim Brant by the September 26th deadline. [Click here](#) for the entry form and more information.



Announcing the 2014 HOMECOMING PARADE!

This year's parade will take place on Friday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start at the KME parking lot and end at the KJH parking lot.

All groups are welcome to walk in the parade! A Homecoming Parade Permission Slip and Release of Liability must be signed by everyone in the group and turned in the day of the parade.

To participate in this year's parade, please contact Genevieve Brewster at RnGBrew@aol.com. Please include the name of your group, the number of participants, and the best way to reach you. [Click here](#) to access the permission slip.



Kings Soccer Cornhole Tournament

Mark Sunday, October 5th on your calendars for the 5th Annual Kings High School Soccer Cornhole Tournament! This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Kings High School Soccer Program. It is a good time for the whole family. There will be prizes and food, and even a "split the pot." If you can't make it, donations for the program are always welcome. If you would like to play, contact a Women's or Men's soccer player. [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.



Kings is looking for a Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Interested parties should contact Matt Knott, Head Women's Basketball Coach, at mknott@kingslocal.net or call 513-459-2937.



KINGS vs LOVELAND

FRIDAY NIGHT PINKS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

PINK RIBBON GIRLS

honoring and supporting all breast cancer survivors

SEPTEMBER 26 @ 7:00 P.M.

Visit Kings H.S. Cafeteria during lunch to buy your Tshirt or visit www.pinkribbongirls.org

LET'S PINK OUT THE STADIUM PLAY SOME FOOTBALL

Don't miss next Friday, September 26th events at Kings Stadium. First, the night is dedicated to the 4th Annual **Friday Night Pinks** Football Game, Rumble for the Ribbon, to support the Pink Ribbon Girls and women in our community who are battling breast cancer.

The Kings Athletic Department will be awarding the 4th annual "Pink Football Award" that evening prior to the game. This year's recipient is Kings Integrated Preschool Teacher, Angie Niemann.

Also that night, we will be celebrating **50 years of Kings Football** and recognizing the first Kings Football Team from the Class of 1964. Members from the inaugural team will be in attendance and will be recognized at half-time.

Friday Night Pinks t-shirts are available for \$10 and proceeds support the [Pink Ribbon Girls](#). They will be for sale and the high school and junior at lunch all next week.

After the game, Mac's Pizza Pub in Landen is hosting an after party. Grab your pink and join in on the fun!



Tickets will be available for pre-sale in the Kings Athletic Office for \$5. All tickets at the door are \$7.

All Kings Students!

There's Still Time to Register!

www.DancifyYourLife.com

Dancify Your Life! At JF Burns Elementary



Dancify Your Life is a dance program that serves all Kings Schools. They offer Tap, Jazz, Ballet, and Hip Hop for students in grades 5-12. All classes are held in

the J.F. Burns Elementary Multipurpose Room. To learn more about the Dancify program and for the registration form [click here](#).

Support Kings Women's Soccer

When you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings at Harpers Station, 11363 Montgomery Road, through October 31st, you can have a great meal AND support Kings Women's Soccer at the same time. Tell your server before you get your bill that you are supporting Kings Women's Soccer (Team C), and 10% of your entire bill will be donated to the team!



You can also support Kings Women's Soccer by eating at the Kings Mills Chipotle on Tuesday, September 30th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tell the cashier and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the team!



The Lady Knights Soccer Team is GOING PINK for Pink Ribbon Girls! Come out to the game on Saturday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m. as the Lady Knights take on Clinton-Massie and raise money and awareness for breast cancer. The team would also like to invite all local survivors to attend the game and be recognized on the field during the game. Survivors that would like to attend are asked to email Audrey at audmaschi-no@yahoo.com.

The money raised at this event will be used by Pink Ribbon Girls to provide free meals, housekeeping, transportation and peer support to local women battling breast cancer.

Wear your PINK and support Lady Knights Soccer & Pink Ribbon Girls.



KINGS CHEERLEADING ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

1st PRIZE-

\$1,000.00

2nd prize- \$100.00

3rd prize- \$50.00

TO BUY TICKETS CONTACT ANY KINGS CHEERLEADER

Ticket cost: only \$5.00 each!

Drawing is at KHS on Fri. Oct. 3rd

All winners will be notified by phone

Winners will also be announced
at Kings Homecoming game on Fri. Oct. 10th

Limited amount of tickets sold for increased chances of winning!

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE CHEER PROGRAM!

KABC Cheer Rep. Rachel Lemmel at: rlemmel@cinci.rr.com



Last Day to Register

Kings Youth Basketball Signups are NOW OPEN! Online registration for any child in grades 2-6 will be open until 3:00 p.m. **TODAY.** Assessments for all grades will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 12:00-7:30 p.m. at KHS. For more information go the KBA hoops website by clicking [here](#).



You can support Kings Men's Soccer by eating at the Kings Mills Chipotle on Tuesday, September 23rd from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tell the cashier you're supporting Kings Men's Soccer and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the team!



Support Sammy's Foundation by ordering a t-shirt to wear at the Kings Homecoming game against Milford. The Sammy Reagan Foundation is a proud sponsor of this year's Kings Homecoming game. The foundation, named after Sammy Reagan, the Kings student who tragically lost her life in a car accident, is a local organization that identifies underfunded children's projects in the Kings Community and provides financial assistance and volunteers in honor of Sammy's memory.

Also that night, there will be a canned food drive to support Joshua's Place in South Lebanon. Their current need is cans of tuna fish and/or chicken. For every 3 cans donated, you will receive a "Sammy Band" for \$1.

T-shirts are \$10 and orders are due no later than Tuesday, September 30th. Please [click here](#) for more information and the order form.



Deerfield Women's Club Community Yard Sale



JF Burns Elementary School

8471 Columbia Road, Deerfield Township

Last Saturday of month – April through September

9:00 – 1:00

Shoppers welcome—no charge

Vendors: \$15 per space – includes room for vehicle and selling space

For more information or to learn about membership with Deerfield Women's Club call 513-489-0900 or visit our website www.deerfieldwomensclub.com

All proceeds benefit local charities

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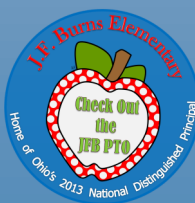
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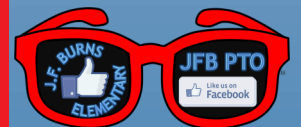
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The KJH 7th Grade Team Blue had their team photo taken at the Kings Stadium recently. The team uses this photo to send out positive post cards to parents. That's one good looking team! #KINGSSTRONG #KJHSTRONG



The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill—the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls ages 10-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line. Participants score points by placing the ball in chosen areas of the goal so this challenge is about precision and skill, not just athletic ability. Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels.

The SMOY Knights Council will be holding their competition on Sunday, October 5th from 2:30 — 4:30 PM on the SMOY fields. The Knights will be serving up complimentary burgers for moms and dads.

For details and pre-registration please visit: <http://smoykofc.org/soccer-challenge>.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

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