



KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 25, 2017

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4— Labor Day, **NO SCHOOL.**

Sept. 12— Kings Board of Education Work Session, 5:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

Sept. 19— Kings Board of Education Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

Sept. 20— Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive, TBA

Sept. 27— Kings Homecoming 5K & Mile Fun Run, 6:15 p.m., Kings Stadium.

Oct. 13— District In-Service Day, **NO SCHOOL.**

More event information can be found at: <http://kingslocal.tandemcal.com/index.php>

Niche K-12 Ranks Kings #7 Best School District in Cincinnati Area

The 2018 Niche K-12 rankings have been released and we are thrilled to report that the Kings Local School District is ranked #7 in the Cincinnati Metro Area, up from #10 last year. Additionally, Kings improved eight places to #30 in all of Ohio!



RANKED #7
BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN CINCY AREA



Niche K-12 offers unique insight into more than 100,000 K-12 schools based on dozens of statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents, as well as data from the U.S. Department of Education. Students and parents can explore millions of reviews and rankings and compare educational outcomes across schools and districts.

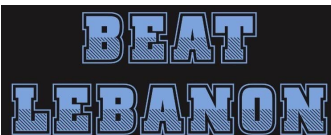
The rankings from Niche are a bit different than some of the other school rankings. They believe that the quality of a school or district should be measured, at least in part, by the parents and students who actually go there. They should also be measured by hard data and across a number of key factors so that no one factor dominates a ranking.

There are 608 public school districts in the state of Ohio and the Kings Local School District consistently ranks highly in the state. Additionally, Kings is ranked #239 out of 10,574 districts in America up from #576 last year! All schools in our district have been awarded an overall Niche Grade of an A.

See all of our [Kings Local School District Rankings](#) on Niche! #KINGSSTRONG



The Kings Varsity Football Team opens their season tonight in Lebanon at the [7th Annual Boomerang Bowl](#). Kickoff is 7:00 p.m.





New District Resource Coordinator

The District is pleased to welcome Becky Lemon as the new Resource Coordinator. A primary role of the Resource Coordinator is to meet with families to identify needs and then help connect them with available community resources. These resources may include: clothing, shoes, school supplies, mental health and substance abuse counseling, mentoring/tutoring, as well as medical and financial assistance.

Becky not only serves as a liaison between the school and community, she will also help the relationships between the school and families, by assisting with free and reduced lunch applications and any non-academic barrier that can potentially impeded a student's success in school.

A majority of Mrs. Lemon's salary is paid by the Warren County Educational Service Center through a grant from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

Mrs. Lemon said, "I am very glad to be with Kings this year and look forward to helping in any way possible." Her office is located at South Lebanon Elementary and she can be reached at 398-8050, ext. 15011 or blemon@kingslocal.net.

KHS Students Named to Cincinnati Youth Orchestra

Congratulations to Kings Junior High School 8th grader, William Lee who has been selected as a member of the 2017-2018 Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra. He will represent one of over 30 junior high and high schools in southwestern Ohio, southeastern Indiana, and northern Kentucky.

The CSYO holds auditions once per year in August. Students who are selected are required to attend weekly rehearsals. William will be a part of the CSYO Concert Orchestra that rehearses once a week and presents 3-4 concerts during their season.



Solar Eclipse

This week's Solar Eclipse proved to be an exciting phenomena and great learning experience for both staff and students! Check out a gallery of photos on our [Facebook page](#).

Kings Receives Technology Grant

The Kings Local School District is pleased to announce that we will receive \$33,932.40 through an FCC E-rate technology grant.



E-rate is a Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, which is administered under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The grants provide discounts to assist schools and libraries in the United States to obtain high-speed Internet access and telecommunications at affordable rates. It is funded through a Universal Service fee charged on every phone line.

In 2016 over \$3 billion was distributed to schools and libraries nationally. Superintendent, Tim Ackermann credits Kings Technology Director, Deann Burns and her staff for their work in gathering the data needed to apply for this grant. Burns stated that the grant money was used to upgrade the district's network infrastructure.

From the Office of the Superintendent...

Hello, Kings Community.

Welcome back to school! It's going to be another exciting year for the Kings School District. We continue to grow and have seen a large increase in enrollment. We have welcomed over 200 additional students to our district this year. We are excited about the eleven new developments being built within our district. Our enrollment is climbing close to 4,600 and some of our classes have nearly 400 students!

We will continue to look at our enrollment and how that impacts our building capacities. We have a Long Range Facility Committee who is working on a Master Plan and we will be asking the community for feedback in the very near future.

Our summer staff completed several projects throughout the district. KME and CIS received a media center update. We added five new preschool classrooms in the Kings Education Center. JFB received a roof repair and new ice tanks. You should also check out their outdoor classroom rain garden! We added another "21st Century Learning" math classroom at KJH and SLE received a new sign. Lastly, a complete renovation of the Kings High School Media Center was undertaken this summer. The new Learning Commons will be a great space for students and teachers to learn and grow in this 21st Century Learning concept.

As we talk about 21st Century Learning, we have developed a new tagline for our district's #KingsStrong Strategic Plan; Relate. Create. Innovate. Our teachers and staff will focus on fostering positive relationships with our students that will give the students the confidence to create and be innovative which will help them succeed in their future.

Our Board of Education approved a new [Wellness Policy](#) for this school year. In addition, a [Classroom Snack List](#) was developed to provide guidance to parents in selecting healthy and nut free snacks for the classroom.

We are always looking for ways to grow the district as we strive for excellence year after year. We will continue to research best practices, as well as keeping an eye on district finances and make fiscally responsible decisions. It takes constant effort to maintain quality and I am committed to doing whatever it takes to maintain that for our students!

Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Tim A. Ackermann
Superintendent

Deerfield Township Community Survey

Deerfield Township is asking for your help by completing a [community survey](#). They are looking for community member's perspective on what it's like to live, work, and do business in Deerfield. Your responses will directly inform the research and strategic planning process in the creation of the Deerfield Strategic Action Agenda.

The survey is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous. The survey will close on Monday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m.



Check Out Our Virtual Backpack



In an effort to help make our building newsletters more efficient and to save on paper costs, we created a [Virtual Backpack](#) two years ago to house activity flyers requested from our district organizations and non-profit organizations. Our school buildings had been inundated with flyer requests to place in the weekly newsletters causing the newsletters to be extremely long.

Still Need Vaccinations?

The Warren County Health District will be holding a Saturday Immunization Clinic on August 26. This clinic will offer the required immunizations for kindergarten, seventh grade, and 12th grade. Families should call the health district at 513-695-1468 to schedule an appointment.

Immunization appointments are also available Monday through Friday throughout the year. Families can visit their website at www.wcchd.com for additional information.



Attention Seniors!



[Senior Class of 2018 class t-shirts](#) are still available. Shirts are available for purchase on a first come-first served basis. If sizes sell out, an order can be placed for \$15 before August 31 to be delivered in time for the Homecoming Pep Rally.

SAVE THE DATE TO GIVE BLOOD

Save the date for the first Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive for this new school year. The drive will be held September 20 in the King Junior High Multipurpose Room. Times are 10:15 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The link to register online is coming soon!



#KINGSSTRONG

Wednesday, August 30th

Symmes/Landen
677-8585



Maineville
494-0199

Lantz Family Fundraiser



20% of all Sales
will be donated to the Lantz family

Order from the Symmes/Landen or Maineville Papa John's anytime on Wednesday, August 30th, and 20% of the day's total sales will be donated to the Lantz family. You can order online or by phone.



In Loving Memory

JONAH JOHN LANTZ
2/4/2003-7/30/2017



Valid for delivery or carryout at the Symmes and Maineville Papa John's Pizza restaurants. Customer responsible for all applicable taxes. Donation based on total day's sales for Wednesday, August 30th. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause and family!

Wednesday, August 30th

Valid for Delivery or Carryout



LOVELAND CANOE & KINGS DANCE TEAM

'FUN'-DRAISER!: A DAY ON THE RIVER!

When: August 26, 2017

What: Enjoy a day on the river with your friends and family and help the Kings Dance Team at the same time! Rent a canoe or kayak from Loveland Canoe on August 26th and mention Kings Dance Team! Loveland Canoe will then make a donation to the Team for each rental.

How: Make a reservation at:

<http://www.lovelandcanoe.com/>. On August 26, when you check in at Loveland Canoe, just mention the Kings Dance Team. That's it!

Kings Cross Country and Track & Field Beef Fundraiser

Lowe's of South Lebanon joins Goldie Beef and Davidson Meat Processing to sponsor the Kings Cross Country and Track & Field Beef Raffle.

There will be 4 winners who will receive a quarter of beef each. The first ticket drawn on October 13 will win a quarter of beef AND a 5.0 cubic foot Idylis Chest Freezer donated on behalf of Lowe's!

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and can be obtained from any cross country and track & field athlete. Watch for sales at the home football games, as well!

Find out more about the [Kings Cross Country/Track & Field Beef Fundraiser](#).

Kings T&F/CC Programs

BEEF RAFFLE

4 Winners - Quarter of Beef each

From Goldie Beef (937) 728-9909 &

Davidson Meat Processing (513) 897-2971

Drawing Held: Friday, October 13, 2017

Winner need not be present to win

Tickets: \$5 each or 6 for \$25



KINGS ATHLETICS NEWS

Check out Kings Athletics NEW website! You can find out schedule information, upcoming events, news about teams, and even get directions to away venues. [Find us on Facebook!](#)

[Click here](#) to access the Kings Athletics Webpage.

Don't miss this week's [KHS Roundtable](#)

The Athletic Department is now on [YouTube](#). Subscribe today!

If you're new to the district, we wanted to let you know that the Athletic Department sends a weekly update of the events in athletics. Check out this week's [Knights Weekly!](#)

7th Annual Kings Throwdown

Support the Kings High School Soccer Program on Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. for their annual cornhole tournament. It will be held in the Kings High School North Practice Field. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per team. For more information [click here](#).



Purchase Your 2017-2018 Athletic Season Passes



Our athletic season has begun and you don't want to miss a contest! Get your [Kings Athletics Season Pass!](#) Season passes allow entry into all home high school and junior high athletic events (excluding tournament games).

Questions? Contact the Kings Athletic Department at 513-459-2937.

Save the Date for the 22nd Annual Kings Homecoming 5K & Mile Fun Run

The Kings Cross Country team would like to invite the entire Kings Community to the 22nd Annual Kings Homecoming 5K & Mile Fun Run on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 beginning 6:15 p.m. at Kings Stadium.

The \$15 pre-registration entry fee includes a t-shirt. The race is a flat 3.1 course through Kings Mills and returns to the Kings Stadium. Be sure to submit your entry form to Jim Brant at Kings High School by the September 20 deadline. Registration is available day of race but t-shirt is not guaranteed. [Click here](#) for the entry form and more information.

Kings Athletics Seeking Nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame

The Kings Athletic Department is still seeking nominations for their Athletic Hall of Fame. If you would like to nominate a Kings graduate for the athletic hall of fame, send your [Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#) to the Kings Athletic Department by November 1, 2017. The next Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in the Spring of 2018.

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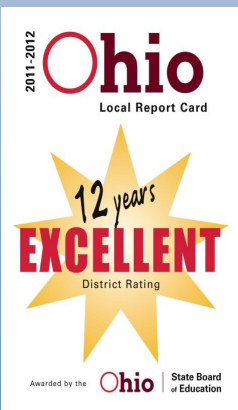
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Don't forget to mention the "Bigger Smiles, Better Schools" program at Agenter Orthodontics and your school will receive \$50!



Did you know that many of our schools and their PTO's have social media pages? Click on the icons below to take you to their pages!

