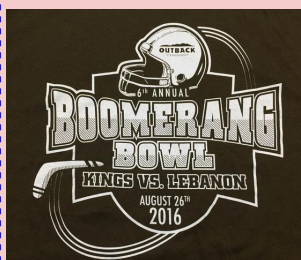




August 26, 2016



Can't make  
it to  
tonight's  
Boomerang  
Bowl?  
Watch it  
LIVE [HERE](#).



Don't miss Mr.  
Ackermann's  
back to school  
letter on page  
4 of today's  
EBBN!



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 5— Labor Day, **NO SCHOOL**.

Sept. 13— Kings Board of Education Work Session,  
5:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

Sept. 16— District In-Service Day, **NO SCHOOL**.

Sept. 20— Kings Board of Education Regular Meeting  
6:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

Sept. 29— Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive, TBA.

Oct. 7— Kings Homecoming Parade, TBA.

Oct. 7— Kings Football Homecoming Game vs. Mil-  
ford, 7:00 p.m., Kings Stadium.

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

## Improved Lighting Saves Money for Kings

The Kings District is undergoing a new lighting project. New LED lightbulbs are being installed in all of our school buildings. This project will provide multiple benefits to the district such as increasing the quality of lighting in our classrooms and ease of changing lightbulbs at the building level, decreasing the need to get an electrician to the building.



The biggest benefit to the district is a cost savings of \$24,000 a year in energy and lightbulb costs, after the initial 8.35 month payback period. The new lightbulbs are projected to last 5,000 hours.

The project will take one to two weeks per building and will take place in the evening so there is no disruption of classroom activities.



## Did You Know?

you a new fact about the levy.

The Kings Board of Education voted to place a 6.2 mill Operating Levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Each week until the election we will be giving

### LEVY FACT #1

**The 6.2 mill levy will cost \$217 per \$100,000 of property market value, or about \$18 per month.**

Please visit the Levy Information page on our website by [clicking here](#). You will find frequently asked questions and more information. If you have questions regarding the upcoming levy, please contact Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann at [tackermann@kingslocal.net](mailto:tackermann@kingslocal.net).

## State Board District 4 Teacher of the Year

We are PROUD to announce that Columbia Intermediate Gifted Teacher, Holly Mueller has been named 2017 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 4. Each year, the Ohio Department of Education invites all local school superintendents to nominate a candidate for Ohio Teacher of the Year. One candidate is chosen from each of the nine State Board districts.



Following an in-depth nomination process, the winners were named this week by Ohio State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria. "Teachers are Ohio's most important educational asset and are key to helping our students reach their full potential," DeMaria said. "The Ohio Teacher of the Year program calls attention to the good work our educators do every day and highlights schools that are creating the conditions teachers need to be successful."

State Board of Education member, Pat Bruns worked with the local superintendents during the nomination process. She states, "Ms. Mueller's dedication to her students, professional leadership, and accomplishments are most impressive," Bruns said. "She is an exceptional role model."

Kings Superintendent, Tim Ackermann said, "Holly is known as an extraordinary teacher who challenges and excites her students in their learning. I was impressed when she and a colleague, who were inspired by the book A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park, developed a social action lesson for their students. The 'Walk for Water' event they planned raised \$30,000 to bring safe water to South Sudan."

This fall, the state superintendent will announce the Ohio Teacher of the Year, who is selected from the pool of State Board district winners. The Ohio Teacher of the Year will represent our state in the national Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers in 2017. We're keeping our fingers crossed for Mrs. Mueller! GOOD LUCK!

## KJH 7-Blue Team Day

The 7th grade students on the Blue Team at Kings Junior High enjoyed a morning of team building and bonding on Wednesday, August 24. The students and staff spent the morning in Kings Stadium participating in bonding activities to help to get to know one another better.



## 21st Century Classroom Comes to Kings

If you have been around Kings Junior High School recently, you may have noticed that a couple of the classrooms look a little different. This school year, two 8th grade math classrooms at Kings Junior High have been transformed into "21st Century Classrooms." This new concept focuses on promoting creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration. Additionally, this type of classroom is student centered; the students are learning by doing.

Over the summer, both classrooms were transformed with white boards, new technology, carpet, and moving desks and chairs.

Mr. Erik Poggi and Mrs. Jenna Jackson are teaching in these new classrooms. They state that the students seem much more engaged in learning than in a traditional classroom. Mr. Poggi said, "Kids actually enjoy coming to math class!"

At Kings, we are using this as an innovative teaching pilot to infuse 21st century skills and project based learning. The new furniture provides an avenue to facilitate this learning style. We will be looking at expanding the high school media center's space in the near future.

The cost of this project was funded by permanent improvement funds which pays for items that will last 5 years or longer. [Read more](#) about this classroom of the future in a story written by KHS [Knight Times](#) Reporter, Madison Lunsford.



## New Elementary Literacy Program

This school year our elementary students will be using a new English Language Arts program. This K-4 program is a research-based comprehensive literacy program. This program, Benchmark Education, uses a balanced literacy approach to meet the needs of all learners.

A balanced literacy program is designed to incorporate the strongest elements of both phonics and whole language to guide students toward proficient and lifelong reading. The five components of balanced literacy are: read-aloud, guided reading, shared reading, independent reading, and word study. All of the K-4 teachers have been trained and they will continue to receive implementation support throughout the school year.

## STAFF FUN FACT

We would like to introduce to you, BINGO the Clown, also known as Kings Mills Elementary 4th grade Teacher, Chris Schriever. Mrs. Schriever shared with us that she used to entertain as a clown and we thought we would share this happy face with you. Happy Friday!





## *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 are growing! We have welcomed over 200 new students to our district this year. We are excited about the eleven new developments being built within our district. Our enrollment is now over 4,300 with our biggest class, our kindergarten class, at 385!

I am excited to report that we have introduced a new K-4 balanced literacy program called Benchmark Literacy, which we are using to strengthen our elementary literacy and instructional practices. Additionally, we have rolled out a new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Support) program and RTI (Response to Intervention) program, both focus on ensuring that ALL children have access to high quality instruction and interventions matched to student need.

Our Kings Junior High is participating in a pilot program where we have transformed two of our 8th grade math classes into "21st Century Learning" classrooms. The classrooms have new innovative furniture and technology which will facilitate 21st century skills and project based learning. We are thrilled about bringing new innovative learning to the district for our students.

Our Board of Education approved to place a 6.2 mill Operating Levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The district has seen an increase in expenses while experiencing stagnant state funding and a loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPP) contribution. While we have implemented \$500,000 of efficiencies in the last school year, and \$530,000 in efficiencies this school year, our five-year forecast projections show a positive cash balance only through fiscal year 2018. By law, the district cannot operate with a negative cash balance.

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

## KHS Students Named to Area Youth Orchestras

Congratulations to our Kings Orchestra and Band students who have been selected as members of the 2016-2017 Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra (CSYO), Northern Cincinnati Youth Orchestra (NCYO), or Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (DPYO). These talented musicians represent over 30 high schools in Southwestern Ohio, Southeastern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky.

Auditions for the organizations are held one time per year. Students who are selected are required to attend weekly rehearsals.

Madeline Reeves, Loulu Kimbrell, Lila Mattaridi, and Olivia Gatto are members of KHS Honors Orchestra, and Mo Juenger is a member of the KHS Band.



L-R: Madeline Reeves-violin-DPYO, Loulu Kimbrell-bass-NCYO, Lila Mattaridi-violin-NCYO, Mo Juenger-bass-CSYO, and Olivia Gatto-bass-NCYO.



KHS received 2016 ACT test scores this week. The district achieved a Composite score of 24.6 while the state average score is 22.0. The scores in all categories fall at least 2 points above the state average scores. KHS scores are as high as they have been in the last five years. We are testing more students while maintaining scores.

This year all juniors will be taking a state funded ACT or SAT exam. Our Curriculum Department and high school leadership team are still looking at data to decide which exam will be the best to administer. The exam will be taken in the Spring. Additionally, on October 19, all 10th graders will be taking a pre-ACT test and 11th graders will take the PSAT.

To view the 2016 KHS ACT scores [click here](#).

## Welcome Class of 2029!

Our Kindergarten classes joined us last Friday at our 3 elementary schools. It was a beautiful, sunny morning as the kindergarteners arrived and were greeted by their smiling teachers. This year's kindergarten class has 385 students; our largest class so far at Kings. Have a great year kindergarteners!



## ODE Wants Feedback on ESSA Survey

The Ohio Department of Education is using an online survey to solicit feedback on its implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The ESSA, which replaced the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, is an education policy to ensure all students are successful. By this fall, Ohio must submit implementation plans for approval to get federal funding under this newly enacted policy.

The ODE is asking for input as they develop a state plan for applying the law here in Ohio. The survey covers focus areas of ESSA including accountability, school improvement, educator quality, and student supports, according to the department. We hope you will take the time to give your feedback. This is a pivotal time for Ohioans who care about local control to make their voices heard! The survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/OhioESSA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OhioESSA).

## Summer Knight in the Village

On July 21, the staff from South Lebanon Elementary gathered at Rogers Park in South Lebanon for a Summer Knight in the Village, a fun night for the staff at SLE to connect with students and their families in the community. Susie Burdine, organizer and SLE Guidance Counselor said, "We like having the opportunity to see how our students are doing over the summer, meet family members, and enjoy time having fun together."

Hot dogs were provided by Village Community Church, crafts were donated from Home Depot, Agenter Orthodontics provided ice cream treats, and they had a special visit from the South Lebanon Fire Department. The fire fighters and paramedics even joined in on a game of kickball with the families! The Mayor of South Lebanon, Jim Smith, even stopped by for a visit!



You may have always wondered what the significance was of that concrete wall near the Kings High School practice fields. "Kyle's Wall" was constructed in memory of KHS Class of 2007 member, Kyle Reaves. Kyle was an avid Lacrosse player and tragically died in a diving accident in his junior year of high school.

The wall was built in Kyle's memory to provide current and future Kings Lacrosse players the chance to develop and enhance their stick skills. The privately funded project was managed by former KHS LAX Coach, John Urban.

Recently, new to the district parent, Dawn Godfrey, an independent graphic artist, noticed that the graphics on the wall were deteriorating. She offered to restore the fading appearance of the graphics at no charge. Last week, between the rain storms, Dawn repainted the graphic on Kyle's Wall and it looks like new! Thank you, Dawn. You are #KINGSSTRONG!





## Check Out Our Virtual Backpack

If you are looking for activities for your student, check out the [VIRTUAL BACKPACK](#) on our website. All flyer requests from our district organizations and non-profit organizations are now in one location! You can always find it on the homepage of our website or under the Resources tab.

## Looking For Girls Interested in Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio will host an informational meeting for Kings Parents on Thursday, September 1, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at J.F. Burns Elementary Cafeteria. For more information contact Kelly Bowlds at 513-619-1427 or [click here](#).



### Extraordinary News! The KHS DANCE TEAM will be traveling to Oahu, Hawaii in March of 2017 to perform at the Pearl Harbor Memorial site!

These athletes will be spending their season preparing choreography to represent the Kings district at the Pearl Harbor site, among several other performance locations in Oahu. In addition, they will be learning about the 2403 servicemen and civilians who sacrificed their lives on December 7, 1941, and wish to pay tribute to them by displaying 2403 flags on the KJH and KHS lawns for KHS Military Appreciation Weekend, Sept 16-18! Dance Team members will be selling the opportunity to place your own flag(s) in honor, or in memory, of current or past serviceman for just \$2 each. Proceeds will benefit the traveling Dance Team members and the **Yellow Ribbon Center**. Look for Dance Team members at Friday night football games, ask a KDT member you know, inquire in the KHS athletic office, or contact us via email at [kingsdanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:kingsdanceteam@gmail.com) to purchase.

The Dance Team will also be holding a **FORD Drive 4 UR School Event** during Military Appreciation Weekend, Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, to raise additional funds for their trip. Save the date, and come out to test drive a brand new Ford of your choice in the KHS parking lot, 10am-4pm. Only a brief survey required at the end of your drive- no salesmen, and the team receives \$20 per drive.

Thank you for your support of our team and those who serve our country!

If you're in the market for college. LEAP has provided us a list of college fairs in Cincinnati and Columbus for this fall. To check out a list of local college fairs [click here](#).

## Senior Picture Yearbook Guidelines

Seniors have until November 22, 2016 to submit a picture for the yearbook. Photos must be in color and in jpg form. If you don't have a school portrait taken, you will be listed as Not Pictured.

For more information and directions on submitting photos for the yearbook [click here](#).

## Brighter Smiles, Better Schools Program



**\$50**  
for your school!

Agenter Orthodontics will donate \$50 to your school for every new patient that begins treatment with us. Be sure to mention the "Brighter Smiles, Better Schools" program or bring in this flyer.



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## Second Annual Military Appreciation Dinner Kings High School & Junior High Cheerleaders FUNdraiser!

**Purchase Your Tickets From Any Kings High School or Junior High Cheerleader TODAY!!**

(advanced ticket purchases only; must purchase by 9/9)

Tickets--\$10  
Police & Fire Fighters--\$5, Veterans--FREE

**Date: Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:30 P.M.**

**Place: KJHS Multi-Purpose Room**

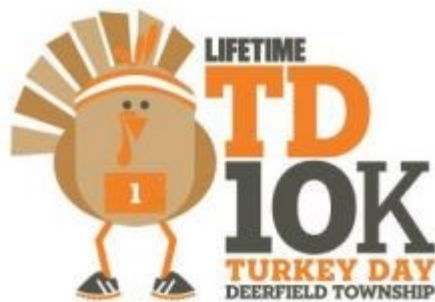
Menu Includes:

- Pulled Pork
- Homemade Bread & Honey Cinnamon Butter
- Tossed Salad
- Loaded Mashed Potatoes

For More Information Contact:  
Kelly Hawkins (513) 307-6461  
Coach Miller (513) 479-9564



7860 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45236  
(513) 791-7427



## Turkey Day Run

Deerfield Township and Life Time Fitness are sponsoring the 7th Annual Turkey Day

10K and 5K Run and Walk on Thursday, November 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Register online or at Life Time Fitness in Mason. Early Bird registration is \$25 until October 31.

All proceeds will benefit the South Lebanon Food Pantry.

[Click here](#) for the registration form.

## Filmmaking Class Offered

The Warren County Educational Service Center will offer an after school Filmmaking program for students in grades 4-6. This four week program will teach students the process of movie making from start to finish on an iPad. Students will learn all of the basics for making a movie from storytelling, camera usage and angles, and lighting and editing on iMovie. All equipment will be provided.

Camps will take place on Wednesdays beginning September 21 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Warren County ESC. Cost is \$80.

For more information [click here](#).







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

# Check out this week's [Knights Weekly!](#)

## Purchase Your 2016-2017 Athletic Season Passes

It's that time again to order your Kings Athletics Season Pass! There are many options available from individual student and adult passes to family and club passes. You can renew your season passes online by [clicking here](#). Season passes allow entry into all home high school and junior high athletic events (excluding tournament games).

If you have any questions regarding the passes or the process for ordering, please contact us in the Athletic Department at 513-459-2937. Thank you for your continued support of Kings Athletics!



## Boomerang Bowl Tonight!

The Kings Varsity Football Team kicks off their 2016 season tonight in the 6th Annual Outback Steakhouse Boomerang Bowl. The team will take on the Lebanon Warriors at Kings Stadium starting at 7:00 p.m. All tickets at the gate are \$7.00. The Outback Steakhouse Pre-Game Tailgate Party starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Kings Baseball Outfield. The tailgate is open to adults and students of both schools. Hope to see you there!

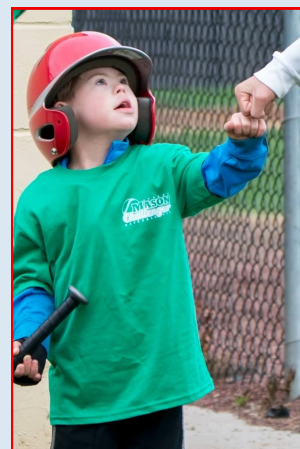
## Free Baseball Clinic for Students with Special Needs

It is once again time for the Annual Mason Challenger Fall Clinic. This is a FREE clinic that offers boys and girls age 5-high school (age22) with physical and developmental challenges the opportunity to participate in an organized game of baseball. The most fundamental goal is to give everyone a chance to play! All participants that register by September 1, will receive a free t-shirt.

The clinic dates are Thursdays- September 15, September 22, and September 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mason High School Varsity Softball Field

PLEASE REGISTER: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944ABAE22A75-mason3>

The Mason High School Baseball and Softball coaches and athletes will once again be organizing and presenting the clinic.



## Kings Spirit Shop

After Labor Day, the Spirit Shop will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00-12:30 p.m., as well as Thursday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Merchandise will also be available in the stadium at home football games.



# YOUTH BASKETBALL

## GRADES 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>

\* Registration Ends September 14th \*

# KBAHOOPS.org

Online Registration is open.

Register online at [www.KBAHOOPS.org](http://www.KBAHOOPS.org)

All players must be registered by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the website for additional information.

Registration Fee:

Before 9/1: \$110 per player

After 9/1: \$125 per player

Girls and Boys  
Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Practices Begin  
Late October

Games Begin  
Late November

Season Ends  
Late February/Early  
March

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## Volley-4-a-Cause

Saturday, September 3

11am-2pm

Kings

Vs

Little Miami

## Volley 4

## Breast Cancer Awareness!

## Volley – 4 - SURVIVORS!!!

[karenwellingtonfoundation.org](http://karenwellingtonfoundation.org)

Come to the Castle wear pink to show your support for breast cancer awareness! We will be selling "I support v4c 2016 flyers to hang in the gym and will host a bake sale on game day.

# KINGS LADY KNIGHTS SOCCER

wants to see our Future Knights at the Castle to cheer them on during their

Gates Open 4:15pm

# YOUTH NIGHT

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

\*Adult Admission \$6  
\*KHS Students \$4  
\*Kids K & Under FREE

# VS. WITHROW

JV Kick-Off 5pm - Varsity Kick-Off 7pm  
FREE admission for all Kings children 1st - 8th grade, when they wear their Kings SAY, Club, or KJH jersey to this match!

\*If you are a Kings SAY coach and would like your team recognized on the field during halftime of the Varsity game, please contact Robyn Cron at [jfburnscs@gmail.com](mailto:jfburnscs@gmail.com) with your name, team name, and age group of your team.

## Mason Bowl 2016

Fall Youth Bowling League  
Junior & High School Program

Sign-Ups are going on now for the fall season



# Mason Bowl

Our youth leagues are Saturday mornings for Junior and High School bowlers.

The league will Bowl every Saturday for 13 weeks.

Junior league starts August 27th at 9:30am  
High School league starts August 27th at 9:30am

Bowlers will be coached by Mike Ackerman, Certified Instructor.

Please call: 398-4956 ask for Mike or Chaz to sign up, or for additional information.

Mason Bowl  
763 Reading Road  
Mason, Ohio 45040

Phone: 513-398-4956  
Fax: 513-398-3209  
Email: [Masonbowl@swohio.twcbc.com](mailto:Masonbowl@swohio.twcbc.com)



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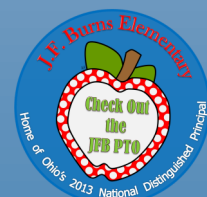
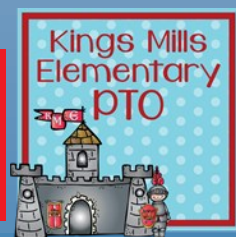
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Did you know that many of our schools and their PTO's have social media pages? Click on the icons below to take you to their pages!

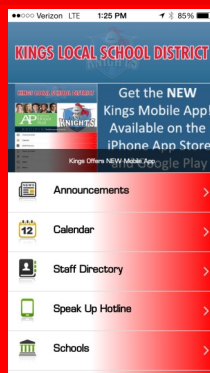


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