



December 11, 2015



Upcoming Events

Dec. 15— Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kings Education Center, Conf. Rm. 2.

Dec. 17— JFB 3rd Grade Musical, 6:30 p.m., JFB Café.

Dec. 21-Jan 1— NO SCHOOL, Winter Break.

Jan. 5— Kings Board of Education Organizational Meeting, 5:30 p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2.

Jan. 19— Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2.

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

KHS Offers Diversity Club

There is a new club at Kings High School! Formerly known as the Diversity Club, C.A.R.E., which stands for Culture, Acceptance, Recognition, Ethnicity has been formed to embrace the diversity at KHS.

The goal of the club is to spread awareness and ensure ALL Kings students be global citizens. During last week's meeting, with over 30 students in attendance, the club read aloud their Mission Statement: Increase Awareness, Step Toward Acceptance, and Achieve Equality. Students spoke of being proud of who they are, that they are looking for acceptance, and hoping to educate others about equality and being sensitive to those who may feel differently than themselves.

Some of the goals of the club are to allow students to discuss changes that they would like to see made, as well as share positive or negative experiences they have at school. The club will also help to promote awareness of minority groups. The students will be working in the coming months to plan events surrounding the mission of their club.

In 2002, the minority student population at Kings High School was 2.9%. It has now grown to 12.2% The C.A.R.E. Club is not just open to minority students, but for any student who may feel different because of cultural or religious differences.

The club's adviser's are Dustin Goldie and Wendy Loudermilk. "We have an amazing group of students who are very involved. They have provided a great amount of support thus far and have had wonderful ideas and input. It is fantastic watching them interact," said Loudermilk. Other staff members assisting with the club are Elisa King, Jorge Gonzalez, Junior Ili, and Katie Mosure.

The group is hoping to get their message out to the Kings Community. Mr. Goldie said, "Since we are a new group, we are hoping to get community members to reach out and help with resources and ideas." Goldie also noted that the students have been a driving force behind the club. "It's almost magical how well all the students work together."



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Kings Preschool Gingerbread Night

The 4-Day Preschool classrooms at the Kings Education Center participated in a very special evening event on Thursday, December 3. Students and their families from Mrs. Askren, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. House and Ms. Niemann's classes celebrated the holiday season by creating mini gingerbread houses at Kings Preschool's second annual Gingerbread Night. As Christmas music filled the air, each family worked together to create a special graham cracker house to take home. Mrs. House said, "The children had a blast adding candy to the house, as well as sneaking several pieces into their mouth!"



SLE Has Jumping Visitors

The World All-Star Jump Rope Team visited South Lebanon Elementary last Friday, December 4. The performance featured National and World Champion Jumpers who have been featured on Fox Sports Channel, "War Room" movie, the Disney Movie "Jump In," America's Got Talent, and the 2012 London Olympic Games.

World Jump Rope Champion Nick Woodard spoke to the students about having confidence in themselves and striving to improve each day. This approach to life and school was evident by the quote on the back of each jumper's t-shirt - "I'm better than I was yesterday,

but not as good as I will be tomorrow." Thanks to Kings Firecrackers Coach Lynn Kelley for arranging this amazing visit.

Pictured above is 4th grade teacher Jennifer Westley. Who knew Mrs. Westley had jumping skills?

Foreshortening in Fourth

The fourth graders at J.F. Burns Elementary just finished an artwork project titled, "Falling for Foreshortening." Foreshortening is the visual effect or optical illusion that causes an object or distance to appear shorter than it actually is because it is angled toward the viewer.

The students traced their feet and hands on a piece of paper. They then drew the rest of their body to create an illusion that the body is further away than the hands and feet. They learned to express distance and dimension of drawing on a piece of paper.

Mrs. Bowman said, "They turned out so adorable!"

Pictured is Julianna Fritzsche.

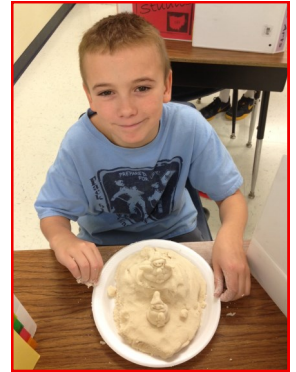


Kings Central Registration Office will be closed from December 19-January 3 for Winter Break. It will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016. For more information contact Amy Andrews at aandrews@kingslocal.net.

Mound Building at KME

The fourth graders at Kings Mills Elementary have been learning about Prehistoric American Indians. Mound builders were part of this group of Indians. Students took the part of being a mound builder by mixing flour, salt, and water together to make dough. They then formed the dough into a mound burying artifacts to represent themselves. After the mounds dried for several days, the students then took the role of being an archaeologist to excavate the mounds to learn interesting facts about other students in the class.

Pictured is Tyler Ninnemann from Mrs. Schriever's Homeroom.



Kings Preschool Registration for 2016-2017

Preschool registration for next year is just around the corner for the Kings District! The Kings Preschool & Childcare will be accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year beginning January 19. The preschool/childcare program meets in the lower level of the Kings Education Center. Kings Preschool offers both preschool and childcare for 3-5 year olds.

Two, three, four & five day classes are available. All programs are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.

More information may be obtained on the Kings Local School District website at www.kingslocal.net. Click on the "Schools" heading at the top of the page, and then follow the Kings Preschool link. Registration forms will be available on the "About Preschool" page in late December. To schedule a tour or ask questions about our program, call 398-8050 ext. 10043.

Monsters in the Making

The Sculpture One students at Kings High School have partnered with the third grade art classes at South Lebanon Elementary to create papier-mache silly monsters. SLE Art Teacher Stacy Hoffert asked the third graders in Mrs. Blount and Mrs. Wey's classes to draw their idea of a silly monster. Then, art students in Mrs. Cooke's Sculpture One classes built the three-dimensional sculptures from the two-dimensional drawings. The students at the high school loved having the opportunity to give their artwork as a gift to the elementary kids and were thrilled to see the smiling faces of the kids holding their completed sculptures. Mrs. Hoffert said, "It was pretty cool to see them open their monsters this morning in art class."



Congratulations to Columbia Intermediate School for being awarded a \$10,000 donation from Ethicon, a division of Johnson & Johnson, to help fund their initiative, Water for South Sudan. If you remember, for the 3rd year in a row, CIS 6th graders have been raising money to provide a water well in South Sudan. There is already a well in their name and they are well on their way to have enough money to support another.



Ethicon sponsors a grant to support projects that help prevent disease, build healthcare, and support increasing access to care for the under served communities. Mrs. Holly Mueller and Mrs. Tracy Kleis applied for the grant.

This is the second year that Ethicon has awarded CIS with this donation.

SLE Choir's are in the Holiday Spirit

It was standing room only last night as the South Lebanon Elementary 2nd grade classes and 4th grade Chorus performed their holiday concert.

The SLE 4th grade choir also performed this week, Tuesday, December 8 at Riversbend TPC for a Ladies Luncheon. This performance is a 12 year tradition for the 4th grade classes.



Holidays at KHS

This week has been a festive week at Kings High School as they celebrated Holiday Dress Up Week. Each day, students had the opportunity to dress a different way like wearing a flannel shirt, wearing holiday socks and pajama pants, or dressing as their favorite holiday movie character. The KHS Student Council sponsored a Holiday Sweater Contest on Thursday. Members also handed out hot chocolate and candy canes during lunch.

To see images from the week check out the KHS Knight Times who covered the week in pictures [click here](#).

Pictured here is one of our favorites from the week, Mr. Corradini, who won the Faculty prize on Holiday Sweater Day!



Cincinnati Zoo Visits Kings Preschool



The 4 day preschool classes at Kings Preschool enjoyed a visit from the Cincinnati Zoo this week. The children discussed hot (desert) and cold (Ohio winters) environments before meeting animal friends. The

morning classes met Marvin, a blue tongue skink and Leonardo, an Eastern Box Turtle. The afternoon classes met Princess Leah, a tree frog and Nessie, a water dragon.

From the Office of the Superintendent...

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This bipartisan legislation replaced the No Child Left Behind Act which passed in 2002. This new legislation will give individual states more control in educating our elementary and secondary students. It reaffirms the importance of local governance.

While the No Child Left Behind Act gave Washington significant control over states, the ESSA will allow states the flexibility to adopt their own standards and assessments, and create their own accountability systems with the input of education stakeholders. With this in place, schools will be evaluated on a wider range of factors, giving school leaders the opportunity to highlight positive elements of their schools not represented in test scores.

Schools will still be required to administer annual testing in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school in each subject, but with the new law, states will be allowed to use a number of factors on top of testing to assess student performance, and the details of how they test and interpret scores will be up to them. The new law also prohibits the federal government from mandating teacher evaluations or defining what an “effective” teacher is and allows for decisions to be made locally by collaboration between educators, parents, and other community members. U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan believes in actively empowering state education leaders saying “the best ideas come from outside Washington.”

The ESSA, which will take effect on August 1, 2016, will give our state legislature a decisive role in determining how it is implemented. The state will now need to work with local stakeholders and districts to design new assessments and accountability systems. Please continue to talk to your legislators about the importance of local control in education.

We will keep you up-to-date on the latest information as it pertains to our district.

Thank you for your continued support of Kings Schools. I hope you have an enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

Tim A. Ackermann
Superintendent



Reading Fun at JFB

The students in Julie Gray's 3rd grade class at J.F. Burns Elementary are doing something a little different during their reading time. Instead of traditional reading groups, the students are sitting in "book clubs." Each group is student led with a "discussion director" and a "careful connector." All groups meet at the same time, so it allows the students extended time to read and discuss, which promotes more meaningful discussions with their peers. Mrs. Gray said, "They love the responsibility of being the discussion director, and are coming up with some awesome conversation starters."

Pajama and Stuffed Animal Party at KME

The students Miss Cory's Kindergarten Class at Kings Mills Elementary have worked hard in the months of November and December to earn a class reward for good behavior! They earned a letter each time they were recognized for good behavior by specials teachers, other teachers, hallway behavior, and lunchroom behavior. Once they spelled a particular word on the board, they received a celebration! This week, the students got to wear their warm PJ's to school and bring their favorite stuffed animal to share and keep them company while learning. Miss Cory said, "It was a big hit!"



The Kings PowerPack Program was started five years ago when teachers and school nurses recognized hungry children arrived at school on Monday mornings. Kings partnered with Joshua's Place, a community outreach whose mission is to help break the negative cycles of poverty, to discreetly provide weekend meals to students in our district. Every Thursday, KHS students pack food to send six self-prepared meals home with those who need it for the coming weekend. The PowerPack program provides weekend meals to over 250 students. Overall, the Kings PowerPack Program provides 35,000 meals to children in our community each year. How can you help? You can be a PowerPack Partner for 2016. For only \$48, you can provide weekend food for one child during the school year. To learn more about Kings PowerPack Program and to donate [click here](#).

Save Energy and Help KJH

Did you know that you can request a FREE Energy Kit from Duke Energy through the My Energy Kit Program? All Kings Staff and students' families can request a free kit and by doing so, will give Kings Junior High the opportunity to win \$10,000 in January. If 75 families sign up for a FREE kit by December 31, KJH will be entered into two drawings for \$10,000!

[Click here](#) to sign up for your free kit today or call 1855-3869548. Don't forget to credit KJH!





Get Ready for Winter!

It's getting to be that time of the year when bad weather is upon us. In case of inclement weather and possible school closings or delays, we will use our School Messenger All-Call System. Please be sure that your School Messenger account is up to date. For the most up-to date information, check our website at www.kingslocal.net, our [Facebook Page](#), and [Twitter](#).

Literacy Resources from the Kings Curriculum Department

The Kings Curriculum Department would like to share a Pre-School through Grade 3 Literacy Resource. This resource from the Ohio Department of Education gives parents activity ideas and tips to prepare their children for Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The tips are easy for parents to work into their activities as they work around the house or run errands. [Click here](#) to check them out!



SLE Snow Shop Family & Community Night

The South Lebanon Elementary PTO would like to invite all of the Kings family to their Snow Shop on Thursday, December 17 from 3:15- 7:00 p.m. They have scoured the sales and have the fantastic items for everyone on your list... all for under \$5! Please come out to shop, maybe grab a Kona Ice, and check out the Kings Spirit Wear available!

There's still time to support the Kings Local Food Pantry in the Simply Give Program. Just go to Meijer and purchase a \$10.00 Simply Give card and Meijer will match your donation. (No other purchase is necessary) The cards are displayed by the checkouts and entrances.



The Kings Local Food Pantry supports those in our community that deal with food insecurity issues. Last year, through generosity of the Kings Community, the Kings Food Pantry received over \$6,500 in Meijer gift cards. For more information about the Kings Local Food Pantry [click here](#).



Kings Marimba Ensemble to Auditions

The Kings Local School District's Kokorodza Marimba Ensemble will be holding tryouts for new members during the first two weeks of January. Over the past 12 years the ensemble has performed throughout the Greater Cincinnati and Tri-State area, as well as performances and clinic/demonstration sessions at the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference and the American Orff Schulwerk National Conference in Denver, Colorado. Upcoming performances include the Kings Local School District's Night of Knights and the Cincinnati Museum Center's World Culture Weekend on April 23 & 24.

The ensemble is open to students of Columbia Intermediate School and Kings Junior High School. Prospective members will be provided with a video demonstration of the techniques and tunes required for the audition, and will check-out a marimba to take home over the winter break to use in preparing for the audition. For further information please contact Kings Mills Elementary music teacher and marimba ensemble director Matt Jenkins at 398-8050 ext. 14025 or email mjenkins@kingslocal.net.



KINGS ATHLETICS NEWS

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 access the Kings Athletics Webpage.

Check out [Winter Edition 2](#) of the Kings Athletic Department's "Knights Weekly."

Breakfast with Santa

Last Saturday, December 5, the Kings Baseball Program hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa. This yearly fundraiser helps to provide the team with new equipment in preparation for the upcoming season. A large crowd enjoyed a pancake breakfast while Santa and Mrs. Claus met with children for photos and Christmas wishes.



After breakfast, many ventured into the KHS Commons Area where they found delicious baked goods being sold by the Kings After Prom Committee and plenty of Kings merchandise was on sale at the annual KABC Holiday Spiritwear Sale.

It's Not Too Late!

Registrations are still being accepted for Kings Youth Wrestling. Youth Wrestling is an opportunity for 7-12 year olds in the district to participate in a full season of wrestling instruction and competition during the winter. Practices will take place two days a week from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kings Education Center.

Save the date for February 11 for the RUMBLE in the MILL!

For more information [click here](#).



Women's Lacrosse Information

Attention all Kings Women's Lacrosse players. If you are interested in playing lacrosse this Spring, you need to be registered. KHS players should register on FinalForms and KJH players must register on the Kings Athletics website ASAP. If you have already registered thank you. In addition, please forward your parents email addresses to the staff so that we can forward our calendar to everyone. Please send email addresses to [ss060209@gmail.com](mailto:sso60209@gmail.com). See you at our workouts!

Nominate for Athletic HOF

The Kings Athletic Hall of Fame will induct another deserving class for the year of 2015-2016. Deadline to submit a nomination for the Hall of Fame is Monday, December 2nd. More information to come at a later date!



Please [click here](#) for the nomination form.

BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Boys, Grades 2nd-6th.

Equipment provided
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All experience levels
are welcome!

Practice starts Mid-February.

Games from March - May.

Questions? Contact Erin Deutsch
at erin@springdot.com



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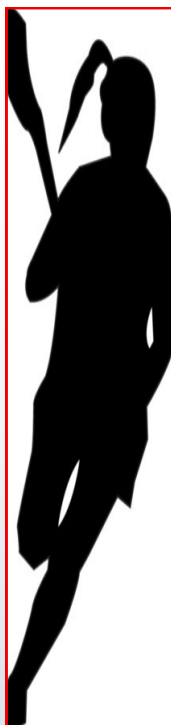
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REGISTER BY DECEMBER 31, 2015



Kings Athletics is hosting a Toys for Tots Drive on Wednesday, December 16 during the Girls Basketball games vs. Milford. Please bring a new, unopened toy for a child ages newborn to 17. They try not to give anything out that promotes violence such as knives, guns etc. They encourage books, arts and crafts, games and anything that encourage family togetherness. Toys for Tots does give stuffed animals as long as they are new with tags. We appreciate your support and will see you at next week's game!

STAY SAFE. SPEAK UP!

- Bullying/Threats
- Drugs/Alcohol Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Suicide/Self Abuse
- Problem Relationships
- Sexual Assault
- Fights/Violence/Abuse
- Weapons
- Thefts/Vandalism
- Health Concerns/HIV/Aids

Your Voice Matters!

Call: 1.866.listen2me

or go to our school website to report bullying or safety issues.

The Holidays are Right Around the Corner!

KingsUKnights is a foundation that is coordinating with the Kings Local School District Counselors and local organizations to bring Christmas to families in need. They have already matched up 100 children with sponsors so far! They still have 50 children waiting for sponsors. If you, your organization, or business is interested in sponsoring a student or family in the Kings School District for the holidays this year, please contact **KingsUKnights** at KingsUKnights.com for more information.

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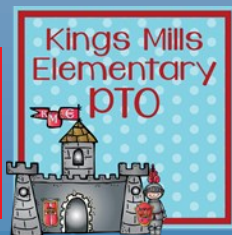
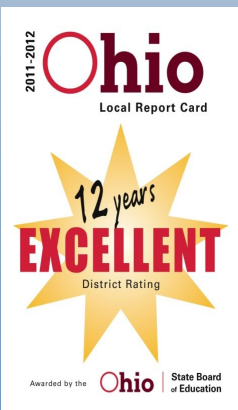
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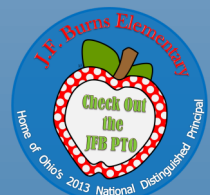
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Looking for a Host Family



CIEE is looking for a host family for a German female exchange student in the Kings School

District. She is a 15 year old, likes art, drama, photography, music, history, reading, soccer, swimming, volleyball, etc. She is a very good student, excellent grades and English skills. Families who welcome a student will not only gain a new member, but will also learn about the world, its many values, traditions, languages, food, and more. Our students bring their own spending money, health insurance as well as their love and sense of humor to our lives.

The host family is responsible for meals and a bed. We have excellent support for the student and host family throughout the year. For more information about the students, please contact: Bete Braun at (513) 398-9819 or e-mail: esbraun@cinci.rr.com.

To start the application process for your family today [click here](#).

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You can keep up-to-date on what's going on around the Kings School District by "liking" us on our [Facebook](#) page and following us on [Twitter](#). We will also use our [website](#) and our all-call School Messenger system in the event of an emergency.

Don't forget to download our Mobile App to get information on-the-go! You can find it on Google Play and the Apple Store.

Remember, if you are tweeting positive news about the district, don't forget to add #KINGSSTRONG!



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!

