



KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 18, 2015



Upcoming Events

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

Jan. 4— School Resumes

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

Jan. 8— End of 2nd Grading Period

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 Students Win Stock Market Game

Three Kings High School students placed first in the fall Stock Market Game, a program that gives students a chance to actively participate in the fundamental aspects of the stock market. The program is used to help students to build a fundamental understanding of investing, while providing them with real world skills practice in math, English Language Arts, economic, social studies, and other subjects. The team consisting of Javier Septien Garcia, Matt Patterson, and Kyle Oaks finished in 1st place among 553 teams in the state of Ohio under the leadership of teacher Andy Endress.



Pictured L-R: Javier Septien Garcia and Matt Patterson.

The competition took place at the University of Cincinnati. The team started with \$100,000 and earned \$115,000 from October 5 to December 11. The students could buy and sell stocks one day per week. They invested \$25,000 (500 shares) in GMCR (Keurig Green Mountain Company) and turned that into \$42,000.

As the winning team, the students split \$150 in Target gift cards. Teacher Andy Endress also received Target gift card for \$100 as well as an \$80 credit for future teams participating in the Stock Market Game.

They will compete in the Portfolio Challenge on April 26, 2016 on the University of Cincinnati's campus. The top two teams from the Challenge will be taken on an all-expense paid trip to New York City in May, 2016.



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#KINGSSTRONG

From all of us in the Kings Local School District we
wish you a happy and safe holiday with all of your
loved ones!

Have a restful break!

School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2016.



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.

Cultural Day at KME

The 2nd grade students at Kings Mills Elementary each presented a report on a different country. The students took a trip around the globe as they learned about the location, pop-



ulation, industry, government, languages, holidays and traditions, and more. They visited Russia, Italy, Australia, Germany, and Mexico. Mrs. Jill Tepe said, "We are very proud of their hard work!"

SLE Family Mystery Skype Day



On Monday, December 14, Mrs. Murphy's 3rd grade class at South Lebanon Elementary invited parents to come in to learn more about global learning. Par-

ents played either mystery Skype or mystery number in order to see how the standards can be met through making Skype connections. The day was a huge hit with all who participated!

Spirit/Cultural Day at JFB

Instead of the usual Spirit Day, this week the students at J.F. Burns Elementary celebrated Cultural Day. Students were encouraged to dress in clothes typically worn in the country where their ancestors came from.



Pictured Left to Right are Aoi, Neel, and Nina.

KJH Marco's Pizza Fundraiser a Success

The Kings Junior High December Marco's pizza night was a huge success! Marco's has generously named the first Monday of every month KJH night. In doing so, each order placed with the mention of KJH benefits student activities at the junior high. The Student Leadership Team was proud to accept a check for \$118 for December. Our next pizza night will be Monday, February 1. Mark you calendars!



Holidays at Warren County Learning Center

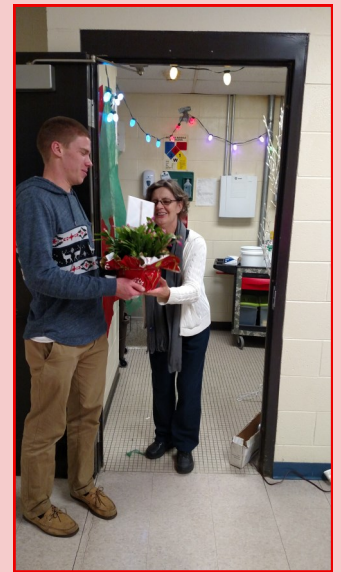


The Warren County Learning Center in Franklin, Ohio hosted a holiday open house. Kings students Morgan Rowley and Tabitha Craycraft are pictured at the event. The students sang and they invited teachers and staff from

their home district to attend.

#ThisisKings

This week, KHS Senior, David Weed surprised beloved 2nd floor custodian, Dorothy Lydon with a decorated supply closet and a Christmas cactus. Dorothy had mentioned off hand that she would like her room to be decorated, and David made that happen. Just because. This is Kings!



Santa Visits CIS

On Wednesday, December 16, Santa visited the students in Mrs. Casseday's class at Columbia Intermediate School. Students wrote and presented letters to Santa. He reported that all 5 students were on the "nice" list this year for their good behavior and hard work at school. Santa led the students in singing "Jingle Bells" and brought everyone presents and a treat. Thank you, Santa!



Holiday STEM Projects at SLE



This week, the 2nd grade team at South Lebanon Elementary were well prepared to give the students an interesting day in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! There were multiple activities that prompted the students to work together in groups to create successful models of the challenges presented. These included Safety in Santa's Sleigh, How to Make a Reindeer, The Ornament Tower, and the Recycled Christmas Tree. Each of these activities required the students to take time to think through, problem solve, and create their masterpieces!

Getting Into the Holiday Spirit at Kings

There were many ways to celebrate the season around the district this week. The second graders at KME presented a holiday concert on Thursday, December 17. They sang and played Orff Instruments.

Our KJH and KHS Orchestras put on a beautiful holiday concert on December 14, the KJH Choir performed their Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 16, and the JFB 3rd graders put on their musical on Thursday, December 17.

What talented students we have!



Kings Staff Donates to United Way



The United Way of Warren County just released that the number one School District Campaign donors in the 2015 United Way Campaign are the staff of Kings Local Schools! With the highest participation rates in the county, the Kings Staff donated \$6,206 to help fund the 55 nonprofit programs provided by the UWWC. Specifically, the campaign supports local efforts such as the Back to School Backpack Drive, Shared Harvest, who provides supplies for our Kings PowerPack Program, and the Summer Slide Book Drive.

Is it a Bowl or a Hat?

Second grade students at South Lebanon Elementary recently studied artist Dale Chihuly. Chihuly was known for his glass installations and bowls. Mrs. Heagen taught Mrs. Caruso's class how to create a coffee filter bowl inspired by Chihuly. The "glass like" bowls were more fun to wear as fancy hats.



Papier-Mâché Birds at KME

Students in Mrs. Schumacher's 4th grade class at Kings Mills Elementary learned about papier-mâché in Mrs. Heagen's art class this week. Students began with a pre-design of their bird. Their bird will be dressed and painted to resemble a career of choice. We look forward to seeing these birds transformed into scientists, artists, and athletes.



SLE Random Acts of Kindness

This week in Miss Pagan's 2nd grade class at South Lebanon Elementary, the students were focused on doing random acts of kindness. One of the projects that the students engaged in was making holiday cards for the residents at Chesterwood Village. Miss Pagan said, "Some of the residents have no one to celebrate the holiday." The students also decorated Christmas Cookies for the food service staff. Miss Pagan said, "We had a fun time using the icing and sprinkles to

show our lunch staff how much we appreciate all that they do to fill our bellies with delicious food at lunchtime!" The students also shared a compliment and pencil with a first grade pal, sang carols and shared a candy cane with the office staff, gave candy canes and erasers to a fourth grade class, and wrote a thank you note to their head custodian. Great job second graders!



Feeding the Birds at KJH

The students in Suzanne Dwyer's class at Kings Junior High made bird seed wreaths for their families and special friends. We wish we could have made more! One of their birdseed wreaths is hanging up in the KJH courtyard for the students' Project FeederWatch. The birds will definitely be having a Christmas feast over the holidays!



Making Snowflakes at SLE

The 2nd grade students in Juli Elder's class at South Lebanon Elementary have been participating in some holiday learning. Even though we haven't had snow this year yet, the students were excited to learn about the diversity of snowflakes and how we can easily make it snow for ourselves in Cincinnati! Mrs. Elder said, "These 3D snowflakes posed a bit of a challenge for our second graders but they took on the task with determination and created some very beautiful snowflakes in the process!"





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.

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.

Hey KHS Parents! Still need a gift idea for your student? The KHS yearbook is a great gift! You can purchase online for as low as \$70. You can also have the yearbook personalized for a small fee. Yearbooks are also a great way to recognize your student and show your support by buying a Senior Ad. [Click here](#) for more information.



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](#).

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](#).



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!



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 3](#) of the Kings Athletic Department's "Knights Weekly."

Kings Winter Cheer Camp

Students in grades K-8 are invited to participate in a Winter Cheer Camp on January 11, 13, and 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the KHS Gymnasium. Participants of the camp will give a special halftime performance at the KHS Men's Varsity Basketball game on Friday, January 15. Cost of the camp is \$50. [Click here](#) for more information and registration forms.



BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Boys, Grades 2nd-6th.

Equipment provided
by Cory's Closet!

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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Nominate for Athletic Hall of Fame

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.

ONLINE Spirit Store

Did you know there is an online spirit store? The store features school sports apparel, spirit wear, and clothing. Every purchase supports Kings Athletics. [Click here](#) to check it out!



KINGS GIRLS YOUTH LACROSSE

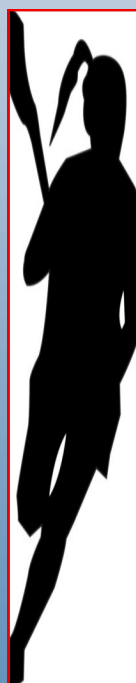
GIRLS, Grades 3rd - 6th

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REGISTER BY DECEMBER 31, 2015



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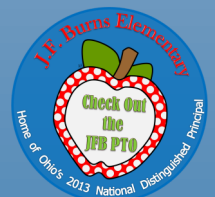
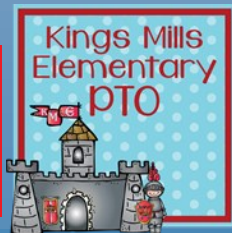
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Kings Central Registration Office will be closed from December 19-January 3 for Winter Break. It will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016. For more information contact Amy Andrews at aandrews@kingslocal.net.



Follow Us on Social Media

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!

