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KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 9, 2016



# **Upcoming Events.**

**Dec. 13**— Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kings Education Center, Conf, Rm. 2.

Dec. 19-Jan 3— NO SCHOOL, Winter Break.

Jan 17— Kings Preschool Registration Begins.

See page 3 of today's EBBN for Holiday Concert information.

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

# Kings Preschool Receives Five-Star Rating

Congratulations to the staff of Kings Preschool who were recently notified that they received a five-star rating from the Ohio Department of Education's Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) program.



Step Up To Quality is a five–star quality rating system administered by the Ohio Department of Education

that recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality benchmarks over and above minimum health and safety licensing standards. The steps are based on national research identifying the program standards that lead to improved outcomes for children. These program standards include: low child to staff ratios, smaller group size, higher staff education, on—going specialized training, improved workplace characteristics, and learning standards.

An enormous amount of work goes into preparing for the STUQ review and site visit. Preschool Director, Susan Guckert and her staff have been going through this process since February, submitting documentation based on daily instruction and curriculum and an unannounced visit from the ODE. The five-star rating is the highest achievable rating.

This year, there are 215 three to five year old children enrolled in the preschool program. They offer 15 preschool classrooms and employ 8 teachers. "Our teachers care for children and their families, differentiate instruction, and plan for the needs of each individual child," said Guckert.

Within days of the site visit, the preschool received the official rating. Mrs. Guckert said, "We are very excited and pleased to receive this five-star rating!"

The Kings Preschool Staff works hard to incorporate families into their preschool community through family experiences such as Literacy Night, Gingerbread Night, holiday parties, and individual class activities.

Congratulations to our incredible preschool teachers, assistants, and director for their hard work and dedication to Kings' youngest learners!



The Kings Board of
Education will
meet only once in
December. A regular meeting will be
held on Tuesday,
December 13 at
6:30 p.m. in the
Kings Education
Center. There will
be NO work session this month.

# Making Holidays Brighter for Veterans at KME

This holiday season, Mrs. Heagen's art classes at Kings Mills Elementary have been busy creating holiday cards that will help make our Veterans' holidays a little merrier. The students drew a picture and wrote personal well wishes in a card.

Mrs. Heagan said, "The Veterans at the V.A. hospital and their families at the Fisher House love reading the notes from our students. It helps cheer them up while they are away from their homes this holiday."

A special thanks to our former custodian Peggy Hinton, her husband

Bill, and the Mason V.F.W. Post 9622 who take the holiday cards to the V.A. Hospital and the Fisher House in Cincinnati.

Pictured is Mrs. Weed's 4th grade class.



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## KHS Senior Receives Full Ride

Kings High School Senior, Erin Ryan was surprised this week by a visit from Jennifer Waning of Marian University in Indianapolis. Waning presented Erin with a gift basket of spiritwear and a certificate for a full tuition package.

Erin was joined by her parents and several KHS staff members as she received the good news. She was chosen as one of eight students university-wide to receive this full ride.

Erin plans to pursue nursing. Coincidentally, Marian University's mascot is a Knight! Way to go, Erin!

# Kings Dance Team Needs Your Help!

The Kings High School Dance Team will be traveling to Oahu, Hawaii in March of 2017 to perform at the Pearl Harbor Memorial site

These athletes have been 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. The team has been fundraising throughout the year to help offset some of the expense of this tremendous trip. However, they are humbly asking for support from our community to help cover some of the costs.

The team has set up a GoFundMe account to make it easy for those wishing to contribute. Click <u>gofundme.com/kings</u> <u>-dance-team-tour-pearl-harbor</u> if you can help.

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

## Music of the Season at Kings

Let our music programs get you into the holiday spirit! Here are some opportunities to hear our talented students.



12/13— KJH Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

12/15— KJH Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

12/15 —JFB 3rd Grade Musical "Show Me the Money," 6:00 p.m. classes of Waugh/Bersani/Bersani/Gray; 7:00 p.m. classes of Caudell/Brown/Stutzman, JFB Cafeteria.

12/16—JFB 4th Grade Chorus Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge Retirement Home.

# Kings Preschool Registration for 2017-2018



Preschool registration for next year is just around the corner for the Kings District! The Kings Preschool & Childcare will be accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year beginning January 17. The preschool/childcare program meets in the King Local School Dis-

trict's Kings Education Center (KEC) located in Kings Mills. 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 our website or by <u>clicking here</u>. 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.

# **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 school closing information, check our website at <a href="https://www.kingslocal.net">www.kingslocal.net</a>, our <a href="mailto:Facebook Page">Facebook Page</a>, and <a href="mailto:Twitter">Twitter</a>.



\*If you did not receive the district TEST all-call last Wednesday, and would like to be notified in case of emergencies, please contact Dawn Gould at <a href="mailto:dgould@kingslocal.net">dgould@kingslocal.net</a>. \*



Kings Central Registration Office will be closed from December 16-January 2 for Winter Break. It will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016. For more information contact Amy Andrews at <a href="mailto:aandrews@kingslocal.net">aandrews@kingslocal.net</a>.



There will be NO EARLY RELEASE on the first day back from Winter Break, Wednesday, January 4, 2017.



On Thursday, December 8, South Lebanon Elementary's 4th Grade Chorus and 2nd Grade Class presented "The Magic Season." They held an afternoon rehearsal for the entire school and treated their parents and friends to an evening performance. The 4th Grade Chorus will be performing on Tuesday, December 13 at a Ladies Luncheon at the TPC Riversbend Clubhouse. Pictured are SLE's 2nd grade classes.

# JF Burns Warming Hearts and Hands

This year J.F. Burns Elementary PTO will be collecting gloves/mittens and hats to be donated to the Kings Kloset. The gloves/mittens and hats will be placed on their "Giving Tree." The tree will be located in the

front foyer. PTO will collect through Thursday, December 15, 2016.

We hope you all have a joyful holiday season.

If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Platter at cplatter@fuse.net.





Please join us...

South Lebanon Elementary Snow Shop, Craft & Vendor Night

Thursday, December 15 from 4-7pm

South Lebanon Elementary School 50 Ridgeview Lane Maineville, Ohio 45039

Over 20 unique vendors with items ready to go home with you!

Primitives: Handmade Crafts: Candles: Scarves & Hats Rodan & Fields: Vintage Window Gal: Younique Stella & Dot : Advocare : LuLaRoe : Kings Spirit Store Photographer offering mini-sessions before Christmas Hair Bows & Headbands: Pampered Chef Homemade Cookie Platters & Dessert Bar

### The Snow Shop will be OPEN!

Thousands of items to stuff stockings from Target, Michaels, Meijer, Kroger, and other major retailers from 25 cents to \$5! All proceeds from the Snow Shop go to SLE PTO!

Please join us for last minute shopping & support your Community!



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Kings Bands Tuesday, December 13, 2016 Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm 9341 Mason-Montgomery Road

Mason, OH

Fundraiser A

Guest MUST present this fiver to the cashier before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



FAST-FIRE'D.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in, take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant. Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.





# Toys for Tots Drive

WHO: The Kings Student-Athlete Advisory Committee invites you to participate in our Toys for Tots Drive. Our athletic committee (STAAC) is a group of student-athletes who are actively looking for community service projects and ways to give back to our community. We meet consistently each month and focus on these projects as well as discussing current issues in athletics, career opportunities and having a "voice" in our athletic department.

Thank you for your participation!

WHAT: We will be collecting new, unwrapped, toys for kids in need. We encourage books, arts and crafts, games, and things that encourage family togetherness. We will accept stuffed animals as long as they are new with tags attached. We will NOT accept toys that promote violence

WHERE: Bins will be located at admissions table at the basketball games

WHEN: December 16th - Men's Basketball vs. Loveland at 4:30/6/7:30\* December 17th - Women's Basketball vs. Turpin at 12:30/2:00\*

Donations can be brought to the Athletic Office the week of December 12th

## 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.

Get this week's Knight's Weekly—Click here

# Don't miss this week's Knights Roundtable—Click here

# Kings Baseball Teams Up with Honeybaked Ham







Please help the Kings High School Baseball Program by purchasing HoneyBaked Ham gift cards. The Kings High School Baseball team will be traveling to Vero Beach, Florida for Spring Break. By purchasing gift cards from Honey Baked Ham, you can make this incredible and memorable experience more affordable for the players.

Twenty percent of each gift card will go directly into making the experience more affordable for the players. The gift cards are great for the upcoming Holiday season. Please visit <a href="https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/">https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/</a> kings\_baseball to help support the baseball program. The Kings Baseball Program is grateful for your support!



January 9 is the deadline to register for Spring SAY Soccer. The club accepts players from kindergarten through 12th grade. Visit www.kingssoccer.org for more information.

# KINGS GIRLS

COST

5th and 6th Graders \$1 40

3rd and 4th Graders \$1 20

Plus

All players must register with **US** Lacrosse (additional \$25)

Grades 3rd - 6th (2nd graders considered if space available)

for more information visit

www.kingslax.info

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport for girls in Ohio Come be a part of it.

# **Baseball Opportunity**

The Mason Challenger Division of Little League is a program



for boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges. Players are also matched up with a Baseball Buddy if needed. Mason Challenger Division will accept players between the ages of 5 to 18 (or completion of High School up to age 22). The cost is \$30 per player.

The league offers boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges the opportunity to participate in an organized game of baseball. The most fundamental goal of the Challenger Division is to give everyone a chance to play.

Click here for more information.

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## Follow Us on Social Media







Three years ago, deadly twisters hit Oklahoma. For many, there was no power but people still had cell service. Social media helped victims and responders alike to share information and offer assistance. In the event that something like that would happen in our area, or any type of emergency, we will use social media to pass along information.

You can keep up-to-date on what's going on around the Kings School District by "liking" us on our <u>Facebook</u> page and following us on <u>Twitter</u>. We will also use our <u>website</u> and our all-call School Messenger system in the event of an emergency. Did you know that Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann and Assistant Superintendent Tim Spinner have a Twitter Account? Follow Mr. Ackermann @timack10 and Mr. Spinner @EducationSpin. All of our school

\_ buildings have Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well!

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!





Díd 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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