



January 15, 2016



**Reminder–**  
There is **NO SCHOOL** on  
Monday, January  
18 for Martin  
Luther King Day.  
Enjoy your long  
weekend!



## Upcoming Events

Jan. 15— Report Cards Sent Home.

Jan. 18— **NO SCHOOL**, Martin Luther King Day.

Jan. 19— Kings Preschool Registration begins.

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

Jan. 20— Kings Celebration, 7:00 p.m. KHS Auditorium.

Jan. 21-23— KJH Theatre Presents *Little Mermaid, Jr.*, 7:00 p.m and Matinee at 2:00 p.m. on 1/23.

Jan. 26— Fueling the Competitive Edge Nutrition Speaker, 5:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

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

## Implementing District Goals

The Kings Local School District is committed to ensuring that all students learn and grow academically. Our district goal is to implement a response to intervention system that will result in increasing our composite ACT score and receiving an "A" on the performance index measure on the local report card.



To help reach this goal, a task force was created to develop a district-wide literacy framework. This task force, which is comprised of teachers, school psychologists and building- and district-level administrators, began the task of creating a literacy framework by carefully researching the core components of literacy and their effect upon student growth in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. This framework will guide and inform literacy instruction in every classroom within the district.

Pictured is our task force working together this week to complete the literacy framework.

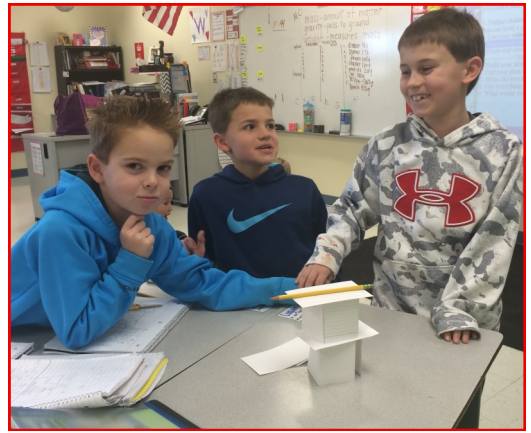


Last week, we told you about the Kings High School students who were competing at the regional level of the Cincinnati Arts Association Overture Awards Scholarship Program. Out of the eleven KHS students who participated last week, three students will advance to the Semi-final competition that will be held January 29-30. Congratulations to Madison Kilgore who will participate in Theatre, and Grace Ficke and Mackenzie Mettey who will compete in the Visual Art Competition.

Students who are named one of four finalists in their category will be invited to perform at the Aronoff Center on February 27 and will each take home a scholarship. To learn more about the competition [click here](#).

## Thinking Thursdays at SLE

Every Thursday in Mrs. Amanda Wey's class at South Lebanon Elementary, the students are enjoying "Thinking Thursday." Each week the 3rd grade Science students will complete a STEAM project. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. On their first Thinking Thursday, the students had to come up with a plan, problem solve, and reflect on how to design a 5 inch structure that held a pencil. They then moved on to heavier things like a cell phone, a notebook, and a binder! Mrs. Wey said, "At first, they were upset and frustrated that they couldn't use glue or tape but after some serious thinking, problem solving, and failures they came up with some creative ways!"



## KHS AP Physics Classes Construct Paper Roller Coasters

Mrs. Contratto's two AP Physics 1 classes at Kings High School turned in their paper roller coaster projects last week. Students worked in teams to design and construct a working roller coaster that would transport a marble along a track course. The goal was to have the marble travel the course for at least 30 seconds. Each roller coaster also had to have at least seven different design elements (ex: loop, figure eight, switchback, etc.). Mrs. Contratto noted that her students were very creative with their themes. The roller coasters had to be stable and were only made of cardstock paper and transparent tape.



## Pinwheels for Healing at JFB

Third grade Art students at J.F. Burns Elementary are making pinwheels as a service project this winter. Mrs. Acierno's Art Classes have joined Students Rebuild, the International Rescue Committee and Global Nomads Group to help Syrian youth from conflict areas recover from crisis and grow into happy, healthy adults. For each pinwheel sent in, the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$2, up to \$400,000, to IRC's Healing Classrooms program. JFB's goal is to build 2,500 pinwheels. Wondering what they'll do with the pinwheels? The International Rescue Committee will distribute a selection of them to Healing Classrooms students in Lebanon and Iraq. You can checkout J.F. Burns on the interactive map. Anyone interested in packing pinwheels or donating postage please contact Mrs. Acierno at [lacierno@kingslocal.net](mailto:lacierno@kingslocal.net).

To learn more about the Healing Classrooms and Student Rebuild [click here](#).

Pictured is third grader Nathan Edwards who has been working at home and has made 533 pinwheels!





## 2016 Scholastic Regional Award Winners

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., as well as the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. Several Kings High School and Kings Junior High School students received regional awards recently.

These talented students have been instructed by teachers Kelly Shields, Angie Guilfoyle, Cassandra Barnes, Carrie Cooke, and Jan Thomann.

**Gold Key Winners-** (The highest level of achievement on a regional level. Approximately 7-10% of all regional submissions are recognized with Gold Key Awards. The Gold Key winners work will continue on to the national competition).

Roxanne Annese, Bailey Burnette, Joey Cornell, Ryan Dilts, Avi DiPasquale (2 winning pieces), Grace Ficke, Morgan FitzGerald, Emily Hoyle, Katrina Kessler (2 winning pieces), Madison Mettey, Joshua Song (2 winning pieces), and Rachel Stober.

**Silver Key Winners-**(Approximately 10-15% of all regional submissions are recognized with Silver Key Awards).

Sara Cockerham, Loren Cook, Alex Egan, Grace Ficke, Lauren Goslee, Noah Herd, Elisabeth Jolicoeur, Katrina Kessler (3 winning pieces), Jillian Krynock, Mackenzie Mettey (2 winning pieces), Trista Myers, and Emily Poole.

**Honorable Mention-**(This award recognizes students with artistic potential. Approximately 15-20% of all regional submissions receive Honorable Mention Awards).

Gianna Annese, Natalie Corradini, Grace Ficke, Morgan FitzGerald (5 winning pieces), Ruthie Galberg, Noah Herd, Emily Hoyle, Ben Kessler, Abbey Ketterer, Jillian Krynock, Emily Lavagna, Mackenzie Mettey, Madison Reckman, Joshua Song, Mikayla Werner, and Clynn Yeoh.

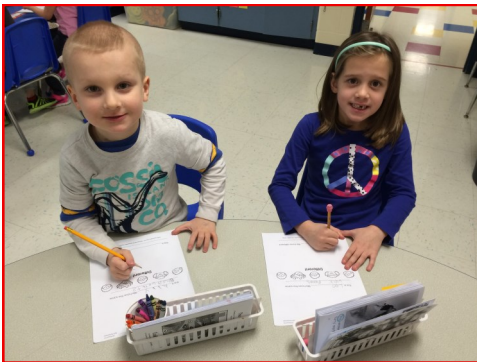
To view many of these students submissions, check out the Kings High School [Digital Media Arts Blog](#) and the [Studio Art Gallery](#).



### 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards



## KME Kindergarten Recognize MLK



The Kindergarten students in Heidi Furterer's class at Kings Mills Elementary have spent the week talking about fairness and being the same/different. They read many books and talked about Martin Luther King. Additionally, they met with a partner and had conversations to figure out what characteristics they have that are the same and what they have different. The students then wrote their findings and shared with the class. Miss. Furterer said, "We found that we have similarities AND differences that make friendships and life more fun!" Pictured are Leo Pearson and Abby Daniel.



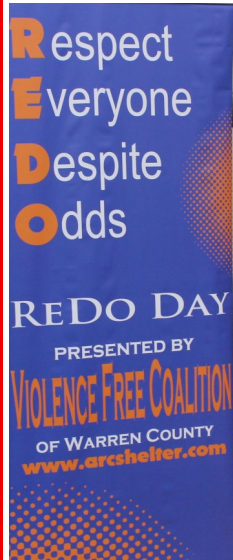
## Kings Preschool Registration for 2016-2017

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. For more information [click here](#).

## Tenacious Speaker for Team Tenacity at CIS

The 5th graders on Team Tenacity at Columbia Intermediate School enjoyed a visit from the most tenacious person Mrs. Manis knows. His name is Bob Ernst, and he lives an extraordinary life in spite of his disability. Bob was born with Cerebral Palsy, and was told he would never walk or talk. Mrs. Manis said, "Well he sure proved those doctors wrong, and was more than happy to tell us about it. We all learned a lot about perseverance, strong will, and the power of BELIEVING WE CAN!"



## ReDo Day at KHS

Over 150 members of the Kings High School Freshman Class participated in ReDo Day today. The Violence Free Coalition of Warren County brought ReDo (Respect Everyone Despite



Odds) Day, an all day program that addresses the issues of bullying, stereotyping, and diversity through respect. The one day program incorporates students, as well as the high school staff and 30 student leaders from the junior class, to work in small and large groups to center on creative learning experiences to help the students learn to break down stereotypical barriers and teach them how to embrace diversity. Deona Bethart from the Violence Free Coalition Program said, "This is a day for students to see everyone as a unique individual with a unique story." She also noted that schools that participate in Redo Day see a decrease in bullying. Alex Garvin, KHS Guidance Counselor said, "This is a great way to build unity within the Freshman Class."

Historically, Kings has had the largest number of students participate in ReDo day, as well as the largest participation of high school staff in all of the districts who have hosted a ReDo day.





## 2Knight2Knight Featured on A Cappella *BEST* CD

You can still get your copy of the 2016 edition of the Best of High School A Cappella compilation CD which features our own, 2Knight 2Knight! This CD is produced by Varsity Vocals and features the top high school a cappella groups from around the United States. This marks the second time Kings has been selected for this recognition. The BOHSA collection CDs are now available for purchase. If you would like a copy of the CD, please email Scott Hayward at [shayward@kingslocal.net](mailto:shayward@kingslocal.net) for ordering information.



The group has also been chosen to be a featured performing ensemble at the 2016 Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati on Thursday, January 28, 2016 which will be held at the Cincinnati Convention Center room CC206/07/08 at 5:00 p.m. 2Knight 2Knight will be performing at OMEA preview concert in the KHS Auditorium on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the preview concert are \$2.00, available at the doors prior to the concert. Proceeds collected from the preview concert will help to offset costs associated with the OMEA performance.

## CIS Students Skype with Authors

To start off the new year in literary style, Mrs. Mueller's students at Columbia Intermediate School Skyped with the authors of their recent read aloud books. Fifth graders Skyped with Newbery Honor Winner Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, author of the historical novel, *The War That Saved My Life*, which they read as part of their Fear and Courage unit. They learned that Bradley revised her entire novel six times! She answered students' questions about her inspirations for characters and ideas and got advice about writing. Everyone was excited to hear she's writing a sequel to *The War That Saved My Life*!



Sixth graders Skyped with Shelley Pearsall, author of the unique novel, *The Seventh Most Important Thing*, which they read as part of their Social Responsibility and Leaving a Legacy unit. Mrs. Mueller's students were excited that Ms. Pearsall had them vote on their favorite of her three ideas for her next novel. They all look forward to visiting Washington, D.C. someday to see the real-life art masterpiece that inspired her book.



Pictured above is the 5th graders with Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Pictured right is the 6th grade class with Shelley Pearsall.



## KME Guest Grillers

Some of the Kings Mills Elementary Staff were "Guest Grillers" this week at BD Mongolian Barbeque in Mason. The grillers raised \$300 in tips for KME projects!



The Mercy Health/Jewish Hospital mobile mammography van will be in the Kings Local School District to offer screening mammograms to our female associates and community members.

Mammography screening takes approximately 10-15 minutes. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

KJH- 6:30 am - 11:00 am

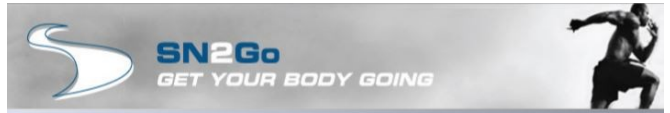
KME-12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 3, 2016

CIS- 7:00 am - 11:00 am

JFB - 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Screening mammography is usually a covered benefit with most insurance carriers. Your insurance will be billed directly for the service. Please call 686-3300 to schedule an appointment.



## Nutritionist Speaker RESCHEDULED

Last week's scheduled Nutritionist Speaker has been rescheduled because of the snow day. The Kings Running Program invites the Kings Community to start 2016 off on the right step nutritionally. They are hosting "Fueling for the Competitive Edge," a presentation by sports nutritionist, Dawn Weatherwax. The FREE presentation will take place in the Kings High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the presenter [click here](#).

Don't miss this FREE Presentation on Sports and Nutrition. Hope to see you there!

**Kings Junior High Presents**

*Disney's*  
**The Little Mermaid Jr**

Adults: \$8 Children under 12: \$6  
January 21-23 at 7 pm  
January 23 at 2 pm

Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater  
Music by Alan Menken  
Book by Doug Wright

Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.

The Kings Theatre department would like to invite you to their upcoming production of "Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr." This production is family friendly and appropriate for all ages, and we hope to see you at the show!! Tickets are just \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting [www.ticketracker.com](http://www.ticketracker.com) and searching for Kings High School Performing Arts, or by following one of the ticketing links on [www.kingstheatre.net](http://www.kingstheatre.net).

## 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](http://www.kingslocal.net), our [Facebook Page](#), and [Twitter](#).





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

### *Save the Date for Knight to Remember!*

The Kings Athletic Booster Club is presenting "The Good Ole Days" on April 16, 2016 at the Cincinnati Marriott North-east in Mason. Look for the invitations to be emailed in February and be sure to take advantage of the early bird special. This event supports our Kings Athletic programs so be sure to Save the Date, April 16, for KABC's Knight To Remember!

### KINGS ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB MEETING

Students interested in joining the KHS Ultimate Frisbee Club should attend a meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at 1:30 p.m. in Room C116. Anyone who wants to find out what the club is about AND anyone who wants to join is welcome. Guys AND Girls needed! Any questions call or text 833-6966.



### Kings Youth Baseball and Softball Registration



Registration for Kings Youth Baseball and Softball is open through January 31. In person registrations will be held at Columbia Intermediate School on Wednesday, January 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information or to register online [click here](#).

### KHS Dance Team News

The competitive members of the Kings High School Dance Team brought home some amazing scores this past weekend from the Seton High School Dance Team Invitational! Competing against teams from the region, including Mason, Beavercreek, Milford, Mount Notre Dame, McCauley, McNicholas, Fishers and more, the team brought home a 2nd place finish in the small varsity pom division and 1st place in the small varsity hip hop division!

Mark your calendars for their Spring Shows on Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday February 28 at 2:00pm in the KHS Gymnasium. Make sure you attend one of the shows to these fantastic routines. You can also see the team perform at home basketball games.

Congratulations on your win, Ladies!







Kings Men's Lacrosse has teamed up with Buffalo Wings & Rings for a fundraiser!

On Thursday, January 21st grab your friends & family and head to Buffalo Wings and Rings between 5PM-8PM.....  
10% of your check will be donated to the Kings Men's Lacrosse Program.

Buffalo Wings and Rings  
5517 Kings Center Dr. Mason, Ohio 45040  
No coupon or flyer needed.

*We hope to see you there!*

## BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Boys, Grades 2nd-6th.

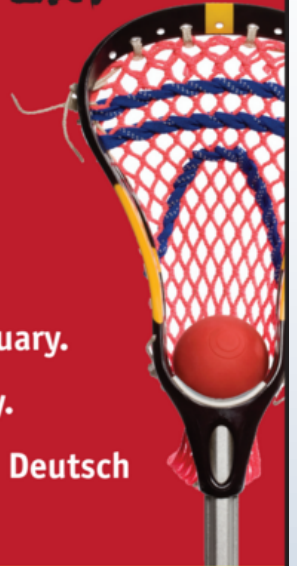
Equipment provided  
by Cory's Closet!

All experience levels  
are welcome!

Practice starts Mid-February.

Games from March - May.

Questions? Contact Erin Deutsch  
at [erin@springdot.com](mailto:erin@springdot.com)



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### 14U Girls Fastpitch Softball Tryouts



Tryouts for the 2016 14U Vipers Select Girls Fastpitch Softball team will be held Sunday, January 24 from 6:30-

8:00 p.m. at Evolution Fitness, 2091 US-22, Maineville. For more information [click here](#) or contact Pat Keith at 513-240-4609 or [pkvipers8585@gmail.com](mailto:pkvipers8585@gmail.com).

### 10U Girls Fastpitch Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2016 10U Vipers Select Girls

Fastpitch Softball team

will be held Saturday, Jan-

uary 23 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Evolution Fitness, 2091 US-22, Maineville. For more information [click here](#) or contact Pat Keith at 513-240-4609 or [pkvipers8585@gmail.com](mailto:pkvipers8585@gmail.com).



### Pajama Jam 2016



It's a Pajama Jam with the KHS Dance Team! Girls in grades K-6 are invited to wear their pajamas and have a night of fun with the high school Dance Team. The fun takes place on Saturday, January 30 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Kings Junior High School Gym. The evening includes a pizza dinner, dessert, fun dance routines, and games. Wear your pajamas and the dance team will provide the fun! The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt if pre-registered by January 22. [Click here](#) for the registration form and more information.



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## Follow Us on Social Media

You can keep up-to-date on what's going on around the Kings School District by following us on social media! All of our schools now have a Facebook page and a Twitter account. You can "like" us on our [Facebook](#) page and follow us on [Twitter](#), and you can download our Mobile App to get information on-the-go! You can find it on Google Play and the Apple Store.

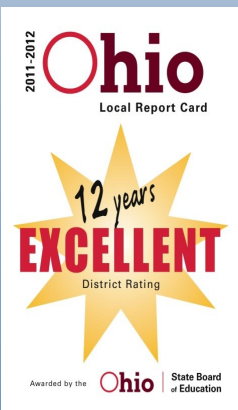


We will use social media, our [website](#) and our all-call School Messenger system in the event of an emergency.

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

## Keeping Our District Healthy

We would like to keep our district healthy according to the CDC, the flu is increasing in intensity and spreading throughout much of the country. In fact, they say the country is likely to continue experience several more weeks of the flu. With that in mind, the Kings Local School District would like to share our [Guidelines for Illness](#). Please remember that students should be free of fever for 24 hours, as well as vomiting, before returning to school. Please refer to our guidelines if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. THANK YOU!



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!

