



January 22, 2016



## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 23—** KJH Theatre Presents *Little Mermaid, Jr.*, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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

**Jan. 27—** 2Knight 2Knight Concert, 7:00 p.m. KHS Auditorium.

**Feb. 1—** Kings Celebration, 7:00 p.m., KHS Auditorium.

**Feb. 15—** President's Day, **NO SCHOOL.**

**Feb. 16—** Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Kings Education Center-Conf. Rm. 2.

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

## State Report Card Released

The Ohio Department of Education released a part of the 2015 report card last week. The results show dis-

trict Graduation Rate, K-3 literacy and "prepared for success" data. This year the results do not use a letter grade for the the "prepared for success" metric, which includes data such as ACT and SAT scores. Early reports had indicated that district scores would be lower than in the past due to the controversial PARCC assessments and the number of students who opted out of participating.

Overall as a district, we earned an A in 4 and 5-year Graduation Rate, and a B in K-3 Literacy. At the Kings Local School District, we know that the state report card only tells one side of the story. We know it does not evaluate a school district beyond standardized testing measures, nor does it capture the additional accountability measures that we hold our teachers, staff, and administrators to each year.

According to Senator Peggy Lehner, R-Kettering, Chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, parents should not take this year's test results too seriously. She states, "The scores will drop. They will drop precipitously. It is not to be taken as a sign that anything bad is happening in your school." She also states, "Parents should be leery about putting too much emphasis on those categories that are based on PARCC test results."

Since state assessments only provide a snapshot of a district's success, the [Quality Profile](#), released last fall, tells a better story of the Kings Local School District. It is a comprehensive, community-oriented companion to the state's local report card that profiles additional accountability measures that define a high quality education and are not included in the report card.

The second half of the state report card will be released on February 25 and will include more test-based data. The results are coming in later than usual this year because of the switch to new state exams.

To view our district report card [click here](#).

All Men's basketball games this weekend are canceled.

No KBA on Friday or Saturday.

Little Mermaid, Jr production is canceled for Friday. Advanced tickets purchased may be used on Saturday.



## South Lebanon Elementary



## SLE Salad Bar APPROVED!

Last year, you may remember that South Lebanon Elementary was asking for donations to fund a Salad Bar. Mrs. Elder, and Mrs. Scruby, via the SLE E-Club worked with Kings Food Services Director, Jennifer Arlinghaus to submit an application to the "Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools" Campaign. Once their application was approved, it was entered into a lottery with other school's around the nation to receive a salad bar. Funding for the new salad bar is based on donations made through the "Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools" campaign.

Mrs. Elder said, "We needed to raise \$2,900 in funding which was donated over the weekend from an anonymous donor." She noted that the delivery of the materials will arrive in 4-6 weeks and then they will start planning for the salad bar to be a part of SLE's lunch program for the 2016-2017 school year.

## KHS Students Competing this Weekend at BPA

The Business, Computer Information Technology, and Digital Media Arts students at Kings High School are competing at the Business Professionals of America competition this Saturday, January 23 at the Warren County Career Center. This regional event is the first round of competition for these students. The students may advance to the State Level in Columbus and then ending at the National Conference in Boston.



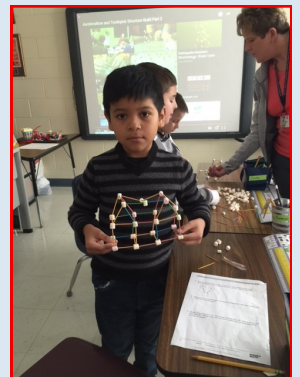
BPA is a national student organization that aims to develop leadership, academic, and technological skills in the workplace among students and leaders within the community.

The students will be competing in various events in Business, Computer Information Technology, and Digital Communication and Design. Fifty students will be competing this Saturday with the support of teachers Brittany Selhorst, Cassandra Barnes, Kelly Shields, Reggie Holtrey, and Steve Abrell. Good luck to all of these students!

## Marshmallow Bridges at SLE

Students in Mrs. Null's Language Arts class at South Lebanon Elementary were reading articles and answering comprehension questions about the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937. After searching for relevant facts, the students used toothpicks and marshmallows to create their own bridges. They had to work in small groups, plan their designs, problem solve, and write about what worked and what didn't work for themselves and their fellow engineers. Mrs. Null reports, "There was quite a bit of snacking on the job!"

Pictured is Aldo Hernandez.



## Kings Mills Elementary School Staff is ready for tomorrow's sock hop!

## Teachers of the Year

South Lebanon Elementary Teachers Juli Elder and Janet Scruby have been selected as Teachers of the Year by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. They were nominated by the Warren County Soil and Conservation District after winning the county award last fall.

The award recognizes them for their outstanding efforts in conservation education. Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Scruby are advisers to the SLE E-Club and have been instrumental in their efforts of energy conservation, a recycling program, a school garden, planning and executing an annual environmental showcase, and fostering a responsibility of taking care of our environment for the SLE students.

Elder and Scruby have been invited to the Conservation Awards Luncheon that will be held during the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 23 in Columbus, Ohio.



Juli Elder



Janet Scruby



Pictured from left-to-right: 5th grader Reagan Milthaler, 4th graders Katie Gibson, Halle Heagen, Mia Ramos, Madeline Hartke, 5th grader Emily Lynch, and 4th graders Aric Schauer, Cece Viox, and Sophia Ili. Not pictured is 5th grader Emily Mason who was selected for the chorus but was not able to participate.

## OMEA All-State Children's Chorus

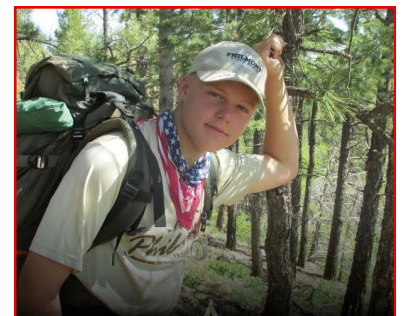
This past spring ten Kings students auditioned for the first ever Ohio Music Education Association All-State Children's Chorus. All ten students were invited to perform as members of this ensemble and will be singing at the State Music Teacher's Conference on Thursday, January 28. The conference will be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center and Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. At six regional sites across the state, 4th and 5th graders have been participating in three hour Saturday morning rehearsals for the past few weeks to prepare to perform in front of hundreds of music educators from across the state. The All-State Children's Chorus members will participate in a full day of rehearsal on Thursday, January 28 with nationally known music educator, composer and conductor Rollo Dilworth. The day will conclude with a concert beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom ABC. The concert is free and open to family, friends and the community.

## Kings Student Earns Eagle Scout Award

Congratulations to Kings High School Junior Kaleb Stutzman who earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank, the highest achievement rank in boy scouting. As a requirement of the rank, a scout must plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project for any religious organization, school, or community.

Kaleb's Eagle Scout Project was designing and implementing an Outdoor Classroom at J.F. Burns Elementary. Because of his vision, students will be able to explore and learn about the outdoors for years to come. The Stutzman Family stated, "His hard work and dedication during the journey to eagle, is evidence of a great education provided by Kings Staff and a supportive community."

Kaleb was honored last Saturday at a ceremony at the Lakeview United Church of Christ. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!





## 2016-2017 Kings Preschool Registration Has Begun

Preschool registration for next year started this week. 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](#).



## Alumni Update

Sam Huber, a 2014 Kings High School Graduate and Miami University sophomore was recently featured in a Miami University publication. The article focuses on how Miami University's programs are collaborating with Cincinnati's startup business community.

Sam is an interactive media studies major and an interned last fall at Cerkl, a technology startup in Cincinnati. The co-founder of Cerkl said Sam's design work was an integral part of their marketing strategies. Sam's work was so good, the company has continued to contract with him on design projects.

Sam was the recipient of the prestigious Stamps Leadership Scholarship, which provided an all-expense paid college experience. Congratulations Sam!

## KJH Math Counts Team Place 3rd

The King Junior High Math Counts team attended a competition at Wyoming Middle School this week. Students competed on an individual and team level. The KJH team of Amrithraj Akula, Srijan Kalva, and William Ritchie placed 3rd. Congratulations to all the KJH Math counts students that attended!



## SLE Castle Raffle Winners

Castle Raffle winners Emma Traylor, Bella Musolino, Isabelle Noble, and Alexis Fein pose with the Kings Spirit scarves they made as part of the South Lebanon Elementary Positive Behavior System. Students earn tickets for positive behaviors that they then cash in several times per year for fun prizes. The 4th graders entered to win time with Mrs. Westley and Mrs. Clements to make the scarves. Prizes vary from actual physical items to special time with teachers, special privileges like reading the morning announcements, being a class guest reader, or even using the teacher's chair. Lookin' good, girls!

## 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.

## Save the Date for SLE's March Madness

SLE's March Madness is Friday, March 4 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come for dinner, stay for the fun! Students, their families, and our community will join together for a night of DJ-spun tunes, large group games, a bakery bar, class basket raffles, a huge Silent Auction, and a lot of fun you have to experience for yourself!

If your local business, company, or home-based sales team would like to be a part of our Silent Auction with a donation (items, gift cards, and monetary donations are welcome), please reach out to [SLE.PTOauction@gmail.com](mailto:SLE.PTOauction@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support!



Dear Parents,  
Marco's Pizza and Kings Junior High are working together on a fun and exciting program. With your help, we can raise funds for your school. All you have to do is order pizza on Monday, February 1st!!

Marco's Pizza will also be sponsoring a competition to win a **Free Pizza Party**  
For the classroom with the most orders!

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- On Monday, February 1st, place your carryout, delivery or dine-in order anytime during normal business hours of operation 11:00am - 10:00pm.
- When placing your order, be sure to mention that your order is to benefit Kings Junior High and give your Monday Homebase teacher name. Marco's will then give back a percentage of your order amount to the school! And the Monday Homebase with the most orders will win a FREE PIZZA PARTY catered by Marco's Pizza!
- Don't hesitate to tell your friends, family & neighbors. As long as they mention that they are ordering to benefit Kings Jr. High, their orders will be included as well!

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**Marco's Pizza and Kings Junior High!**

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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

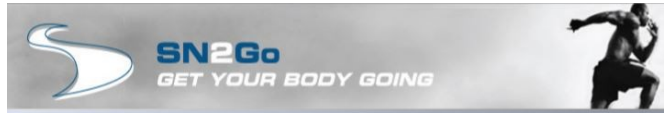
KME-12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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 6](#) 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 Northeast 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!

### WLWT Athletes of the Week

Two Kings High School student-athletes have been nominated for the WLWT Athlete of the Week. Congratulations to senior Jake Bedinghaus and senior Ellie Jelinek.

Jake participates in Football and Baseball. He carries a 3.88 GPA and his special accomplishments include First Team All-ECC Football (Offensive Line), First Team All-District Football (Offensive Line), All-State Honorable Mention. Jake participates in community activities such as the Marvin Lewis foundation, New life furniture, Mathew 25 ministries, Epilepsy foundation, and Reading Buddies.



Ellie participates in Fall/Winter Cheerleading, Academic Quiz Team and Lacrosse. She carries a 4.18 GPA and her special accomplishments include AP Scholar Award, All Conference Academic Award, Quadruple Threat Athlete, & PTO Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Ellie also participates on Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Young Life, FCA, Spanish Club President, Reading Buddies, Captain of Cheer and Quiz Team, and National Honor Society.

Set your DVR to see them on Channel 5 during the Blitz segment on the evening news and 11:15 and 11:25 p.m. news on Friday, February 5, as well as 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, February 6.

## Did You Know?

The Kings Athletic Booster Club donated \$110,000 to the Kings Athletic Department to help offset play to participation fees, facility improvements, and athletes uniforms.

*Thank you KABC!*

### 10U Girls Fastpitch Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2016 10U Vipers Select Girls Fastpitch Softball team will be held Saturday, January 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).



### Junior High Girls Lacrosse Registration Open

ATTENTION Junior High Girls Lacrosse players, registration is now open online. In order to be registered this year you must do so online at [oh.8to18.com/kings](http://oh.8to18.com/kings). After you are on the page, click register at the top and begin the process. Thank you for your interest!

### 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).



### 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](#).

### Pajama Jam 2016



It's a Pajama Jam with the KHS Dance Team! Girls in grades K-6 are invited to wear their pajama's 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.

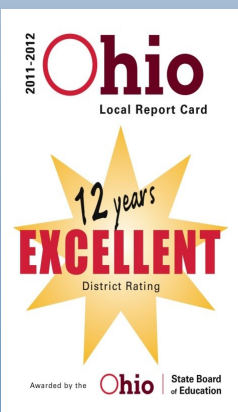


We will use social media, our [website](#) and our all-call School Messenger system in the event of an emergency.

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!

