



March 11, 2016



## Upcoming Events

**Mar. 12**— BANDcakes, 7:30 a.m.-noon, KHS.

**Mar. 12**— KME Extravaganza, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., KME.

**Mar. 15**— Kings Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

**Mar. 15**— JFB 2nd Grade Musical; 6:00 p.m. Blazek, Bogard, & Tuggle, 7:15 p.m. Thomas, McVay & Nickell.

**Mar. 17**— Winter Guard and Drumline Community Show, 8:00 p.m., KHS Gymnasium.

**Mar. 21-28**— NO SCHOOL, Spring Break.

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

## Mark Your Calendar for a Special Visitor at CIS

Columbia Intermediate School is excited and honored to announce that Salva Dut, founder of Water for South Sudan, Inc. and real-life character in the New York Times bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* by Newbery Award winner Linda Sue Park, will be visiting our school and community on Tuesday, March 29th!



CIS was recently notified that it was the winner of the Iron Giraffe Super Challenge, which means it was the first school in the world to raise at least \$25,000 in the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years! The prize of the Iron Giraffe Super Challenge is a personal visit from Salva Dut! CIS and its sixth graders are committed to helping transform lives in South Sudan by bringing clean water to villages there.

Salva Dut resides in South Sudan and only comes to the United States 2-3 times a year. The Kings Community is so fortunate to be able to hear from Salva Dut in person.

While in the district on Tuesday, March 29, Salva will present to the KJH 7th and 8th grade and the CIS 6th grade. There will be a community presentation with a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Intermediate Cafeteria. It is open to the community. To learn more about Salva Dut's story [click here](#).

*Don't forget to "SPRING FORWARD" this weekend! Daylight Savings time 2016 begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13.*



## Kings BOE President Recognized



Congratulations to Kings Board of Education President, Bonnie Baker-Hicks on being recognized by the Southwest Ohio School Boards Association as a 15-year board veteran.

Bonnie was also recognized as Outstanding Board Member from a Neighboring District. She was nominated by Little Miami School board member, Bobbie Grice. In her nomination, Bobbie commended Bonnie for her willingness to help other board members in the area.

Thank you for your passion for Kings, Bonnie!

## Kings Junior Wins Rotary Speech Contest

Congratulations to Kings Senior Mackenzie Mettey who won the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest this week.

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest, sponsored by Rotary International, is held annually for interested high school students at local and district levels. The speech is presented from memory without the aid of a podium, notes, displays or props, and lasts between four and six minutes. Contestants apply the Four-Way Test which asks the following four things: Is it the TRUTH?, Is it Fair to all concerned, Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS, and Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Each year, two students from Kings High School and two from Mason High School participate in the Mason-Deerfield Rotary contest. This year Mackenzie was joined by Alex Egan to represent Kings. Alex placed second.

Mackenzie and Alex presented their speeches in front of Rotary Members and Guests. Mackenzie will compete at the district level at Wright State University on Sunday, April 10, against winners of the individual clubs.

There are 29 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6670 (basically southwestern Ohio). Each of the clubs in Rotary District 6670 holds its local contest in Feb/March, and local winners compete in the District 6670 Competition. Rotary International is a world-wide organization dedicated to serving others. The Four-Way Test has a long tradition of use around the world and is a part of Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

Congratulations to both Mackenzie and Alex for representing Kings in such a great way!



## Kings Employee Named YMCA Volunteer of the Month



Kings Technology Department Employee, Tim Scott was named Countryside YMCA's Volunteer of the Month. Tim developed a basketball program for kids ages 11-14 four years ago when he recognized a need in the community. Tim put a huge amount of time in developing this program.

In a recent Countryside YMCA's Facebook post it states, "For 4 years now, many young men have found a great way to have fun, build skills, and develop friends through basketball."

Way to go, Tim. This achievement exemplifies #KingsStrong!

## Thank you Community!

Thank you to our community members who participated in our recent Community Conversations regarding the financial future of Kings Local Schools. We appreciate the time you took to listen and give us your feedback.

We would like to conduct 15-20 more Community Conversations to receive additional feedback from a larger cross-section of our community.

If you would like to host a Community Conversation or know of someone who would be interested, sometime between now and the middle of May, please contact Dawn Gould at [dgould@kingslocal.net](mailto:dgould@kingslocal.net).



## Fun With Books

Columbia Intermediate School 5th grade students on Team Epic were required to select a book of their choice and create a book presentation from a menu of options. Projects ranged from powerpoint projects to movie posters to game boards related to the book. Each student worked to take notes, organize notes for their project and complete a final product by Friday, March 4th. Mrs. Dickman said, "They really turned out fabulous! We are so proud of their work and effort!"

## KJH 7th Grade Serving Locally and Globally

Team 7 Blue at Kings Junior High completed a Service Day of local and global community service on Thursday, March 10. Students in the team rotated to different locations within the school to help with different projects. They started the day off with the pledge led by military personnel and Taps played by 7th grader William Ritchie.

Mrs. Diane Bigelow, Team 7 ELA teacher organized the on-premise day. She told the students, "Today we hope you will become richer by giving and lightening the burden of others."

Keith Maupin and Ethan Kirby from Yellow Ribbon Support Center spoke to the students about their mission to help military personnel. Students packed supplies to send to soldiers overseas in military services and to help support the [Yellow Ribbon Support Center](#). They made blankets as a part of the [Project Linus](#) to comfort children undergoing treatment in local hospitals, and they turned old jeans into patterns to create shoes for children suffering from jigger infestations in Uganda, supporting [Sole Hope](#). The students also held a Water Drive for Flint as a part of giving back.

Heidi Strong, Team 7 Blue Science Teacher said, "The students applied themselves with energy and empathy as they worked to make a difference in the lives of others."



## Check Out Our New Virtual Backpack



Our school buildings have been inundated with flyer requests to place in the weekly newsletters causing the newsletters to be extremely long. In order to make the newsletters more efficient and building centered, we have added a new feature to our website called the VIRTUAL BACKPACK.

We will now place all of the activity flyers requested from our district organizations and non-profit organizations in our VIRTUAL BACKPACK on our website. You can find our new VIRTUAL BACKPACK on the homepage of our website or under the Resources tab. We hope this will be a great way to find all the events in one place!



## Etiquette Lessons at SLE



The 4th grade students at South Lebanon have begun their etiquette training with Mrs. Anne Overturf. Every year, Mrs. Overturf brings her etiquette program to the school to teach students good manners.

The entire fourth grade will have the opportunity to use their new skills when they go to Riversbend TPC for their annual Etiquette Luncheon in April.

## Learning About Our Bodies in

Mrs. Combs' preschool class learned about body parts this week with the Cincinnati Children's museum's Stuffedie program. We are surprised to see how long the small intestines are!



## American Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to Kings High School Junior Anders Wikum and Freshman Peter Morris who are the winners for KHS in this year's American Mathematics Competition in the AMC-12 and AMC-10 Division, respectively.

This year, members of the KHS Math Team took the AMC 10 (for 9th and 10th graders) and AMC-12 (for 11th and 12th graders). The AMC-10 is a 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examination in secondary school mathematics containing problems which can be understood and solved

with algebra and geometry concepts. The AMC-12 is a 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examination in secondary school mathematics containing problems which can be understood and solved with pre-calculus concepts.

For more than 60 years, students across the country have taken up the challenge of America's longest-running and most prestigious math contests, The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC). Every year, at thousands of schools in every state, more than 350,000 students are presented with a set of questions rich in content, designed to make them think and sure to leave them talking. A special purpose of the AMC-10/12 is to help identify those few students with truly exceptional mathematics talent.

Congratulations Anders and Peter!

## SLE Science Night

South Lebanon Elementary hosted their first Science Matters Night on Wednesday, March 9. Families were able to complete different activities and experiments including floating paperclips, making things move through magnet exploration, mixing together their own slime to take home, and looking at the benefits of animal blubber.

Third grade Science Teacher Amanda Wey said, "It was lots of fun for students and parents!"





## KHS Art Students Work to State

Congratulations to the following Kings High School students whose work was selected at the regional judging of the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. We wish them luck as their works now compete at the State level this weekend in Columbus, Ohio. From the 12,000 regional entries from the 15 regions, approximately 2,500 are selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then select 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence.

Good luck Katie Busemeyer, Joey Cornell, Ryan Dilts, Aviana Dipasquale, Emily Hoyle, Katrina Kessler, Abigail Ketterer, Mackenzie Mettey, Madison Mettey, Madison Reckman, Joshua Song, and Clynn Yeoh!

Pictured is "Sweet" by KHS Senior Madison Mettey; medium-colored pencil.

## Kings Offers Support for Parents with Special Needs

An informational meeting was held at Kings High School for families of students with disabilities on Thursday, March 10. The focus of the event was to allow parents to learn about various options for their child as they move towards adulthood. Representatives from Warren County Developmental Disabilities (WCDD) and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) provided information to parents on the referral process, how eligibility is determined, and what services are available.



Parents also had the opportunity to listen to two individuals currently utilizing services with WCDD. Ohio law requires that school districts address the transition needs of students with disabilities as they move onto more education or into the workplace. This was the first of its kind here at Kings, and the feedback was positive. The district's goal is to provide as much information to the families to support them in making future decisions.



## Future Business Leaders of America

Kings High School Junior Brendan Guerin and Sophomore Spencer Kinkelaar attended the 69th Annual Ohio Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio on March 7 and 8. There were over 50 competitive events to participate in and Brendan and Spencer entered a combined total of twenty-seven events and placed in the top ten finishers in twenty-six of those twenty-seven! In addition, Spencer was elected to serve as the 2016-17 state of Ohio Vice President of the Southern Region.

There were 380 students and 17 high schools from across Ohio in attendance at the Ohio State University.

Brendan and Spencer hope to start a chapter of FBLA at Kings High School and encourage other Kings students to participate in next year's leadership conference. They plan on attending the National FBLA Leadership Conference that will be held this June in Atlanta to compete in the team event of Banking and Financial Systems.

FBLA is the largest business career student organization in the world. Nationally, the high school division has 215,000 members. Ohio FBLA has about 1,000 members.

Congratulations to Brendan and Spencer for representing Kings in such a successful way!



## Kings Kindergarten Registration Date Set

Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-17 school year will be held until March 18, 2016 in the Kings Education Center, located at 1797 King Avenue. This year, registration is by appointment **ONLY** and will take approximately 15 minutes. To enter kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year, your child must turn 5-years old on or before Sept. 30, 2016.

We will continue our Young 5 Program, an optional program for students who turn 5 between July 1 and September 30. Children who enroll in this program will be required to attend full day kindergarten the following year. This program is tailored for children that are chronologically young and typically have not had a preschool experience.

### SAVE THE DATE for Kindergarten Tours:

**South Lebanon Elementary School—May 10 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Kings Mills Elementary School—May 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

**J.F. Burns Elementary School—May 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

Parents may pick up a 2016-2017 kindergarten packet from any of our elementary buildings or at our Central Registration Office. Forms are also available on our website under enrollment. For more information on Kindergarten Registration [click here](#) or call Amy Andrews in the Kings Central Registration Office at 513-459-2932.

## Summer School Registration is now open for KJH & KHS Students

Summer School Registration is now open for original credit in Physical Education, Health, and Personal Finance. These courses are typically taken by students who want to free up their schedule to take other electives and/or AP classes. Credit Recovery is available for a myriad of courses, as well. Registration ends on May 1 for Original Credit courses and May 20 for Credit Recovery classes.



Cost is \$150 for a semester worth of credit. For more information and to register [click here](#). For specific information regarding courses or OGT, please contact your student's counselor.



## Deerfield Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

Deerfield Parks and Recreation have posted their Nature Camps and iDaP Academy technology camps for this summer. You can find information for all of these camps at [www.DeerfieldRec.com](http://www.DeerfieldRec.com). Additionally, Deerfield Parks and Recreation are looking to hire Day Camp Counselors for the 2016 season. [Click here](#) for more information.

We now have a link on the [resources tab](#) of our website named Summer Camp Information. We will update that page with any summer camps when we become aware.

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## New Immunization Requirements for 7 & 12 Grade

Ohio Senator Cliff Hite introduced and sponsored Senate Bill 121 that would require students in 7th and 12th grade to have the meningitis vaccine. The bill was signed into law by Governor Kasich and will go into effect beginning next school year.

Senator Hite has a personal story that brought this issue to light. He is featured in a video that tells his story. To watch [click here](#) to view the video.

The state will require incoming 7th graders to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine in addition to the requirement of one dose of Tdap vaccine. Please [click here](#) for more information.



## MULCH MADNESS 2016



KINGS FOOTBALL MULCH SALE

## Kings Football MULCH MADNESS

Spring is right around the corner, so it's time to start thinking about MULCH! The Kings Football Team is holding their Annual Mulch Sale. This year, you have a choice of Hardwood, Black Gold, and Black Dyed mulch. All mulch comes in 2.0 cubic foot bags and are only \$4.00 a bag.

The Football Team offers FREE DELIVERY to your home or place of business on April 23-24. To be eligible for free delivery, you must be within a 5 mile radius of the Kings School District with a 10 bag minimum.

To order contact a Kings Football player or call the Kings Athletic Department at 513-459-2937. Pre-payment is encouraged by mailing checks to Kings High School Mulch Sale. Make all checks payable to KABC.

## Buy a Senior Yard Sign

Show your graduate how proud you are of them by purchasing a 2016 KHS Senior Yard Sign. For 15 years, the Kings After Prom Party Committee has sold the signs as a fundraiser to help support the Party After the Prom.

The actual sign is 24x18 and your student's name will be printed on the bottom of each side. Signs are \$10 and will be available to pick up on Thursday, May 5 in the KHS Cafeteria from 6:00-7:00 p.m. All orders are due by Friday, April 15.

[Click here](#) for the order form.



## SLE Teacher Earns Digital Innovator Certification

Congratulations to South Lebanon Elementary teacher, Stacey Murphy for earning the Local PBS Digital Innovator Certification. The PBS Learning Media Digital Innovator Program is an unique learning community that allows teachers and ed tech innovators to apply for their program once a year. Earning the Local PBS Digital Innovator Certification allows Mrs. Murphy to work along the State PBS Digital Innovator on designing and utilizing educational technology in the classroom. This honor allows Murphy to not only present during virtual ed camps, but will allow her to share with colleagues, families, and students of the community. Mrs. Murphy said, "I am very honored to have received this unique opportunity to represent on a nationwide scale the Kings School District and the Greater Cincinnati area."

## Annual Kings Bands BANDcakes Saturday

The Kings Band will host the Pat Cope Memorial Bandcakes Breakfast on Saturday, March 12th from 7:30 -noon in the KHS Cafeteria. Admission includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, as well as sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. In addition, you will be able to enjoy the ongoing live musical performances by several of the different Kings Bands and ensembles. Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance our High School Bands, Color Guard, Winter Guard, and Jr. High Band programs. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Children age 3 and under are FREE! For more information contact Michelle Jantzen at [mjantzen@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mjantzen@cinci.rr.com).



*All you can eat Pancakes!*

## KHS Knight Times

Our Kings High School online newspaper, the Knight Times, was one of the first high school newspapers in the region to offer content exclusively online. It's mission is to serve the public with relevant, accurate, and engaging news, conveyed professionally in a variety of mediums.

Students cover stories not only about things going on in the Kings district, but other local and national news of interest.

Take some time to check out [The Knight Times Online](#). You'll be glad you did!



# KME'S EXTRAVAGANZA

## WHEN

**Saturday, March 12  
11am – 3pm**

## FEATURING

**These Amazing Silent Auction  
Items and more!**

- A Zulu Nyala African Safari (minimum bid \$500)
- 2 Week Camp Experiences Through Camp Cody and Camp Twin Creeks (minimum bid \$1500)
- \$1500 worth of orthodontics through Agenter Orthodontics (no minimum bid)

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

## FEATURING

Games  
Inflatables  
Food and Drinks  
Huge Raffle Baskets  
Silent Auction  
Balloon Art & Face Painting  
Cake Walk  
Split the Pot  
Classroom Art Work

## INFORMATION

Go to [www.kme-pto.blogspot.com](http://www.kme-pto.blogspot.com) for more information

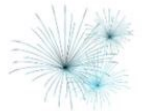
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## WHERE

At KME! Ride the shuttle busses from Kings High School!

## BENEFITING

The students of KME!



## 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!**







## 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.

This week's Kings Athletic Department's Knight Weekly features ECC All-League Athletes and Coaches. Check out [Winter Edition 12](#)



Kings Athletic Booster Club  
presents  
**Knight to Remember**  
*The Good Ole Days*  
Saturday April 16, 2016  
6:30 pm to 11:30 pm  
Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, Mason  
\$65 per person / Early Bird price \$60  
Purchase before March 14 for early bird price.  
Music featuring *Strange Love*  
Dress is Business Casual

For more information  
go to [www.kingsabc.com](http://www.kingsabc.com)  
or call Genevieve Brewster  
312-0758



### Don't Miss Knight to Remember!

The Kings Athletic Booster Club is presenting "The Good Ole Days" on April 16, 2016 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast in Mason. Invitations were emailed this week. Back this year is the ever-popular happy hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. **You have until Monday, March 14 to take advantage of the early bird special at \$60 per person.** This event supports our Kings Athletic programs and is a great night of fun! Hope to see you on April 16 for KABC's Knight To Remember, "The Good Ole Days!" [Click here](#) to get your tickets!

### KJH Wrestler Heads to State This Weekend

Congratulations to Kings Junior High School 8th grader, Xavier Legault, who won first place at Jr. High District Wrestling Meet on February 14. Xavier will represent Kings as the only member of both the KJH and KHS Wrestling Teams at this weekend's Junior High State Championships at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown, Ohio. He will weigh in on Friday evening and wrestle Saturday and Sunday.

Xavier began wrestling with the Kings Youth Organization when he was 5 until he entered the Jr High program.

Good luck this weekend, Xavier!



### KYO 2016 Football Registration

All students grades K-6 are invited to sign up for KYO Football! The last sign up is Wednesday, March 16, in the KME Cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$165. Please bring completed registration form, updated picture and a copy of the players birth certificate (New players only).

[Click here](#) for the registration form and more information.

**KINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL**

### KINGS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL



Join our Kings Varsity Volleyball Coach and Kings Volleyball Players for the Spring Training clinics.

The clinics are for girls and boys in grades 1-6. They will include team practices, scrimmages, and plyometric training once a week for 6 weeks from on Wednesdays, April 6 – through May 11 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at Sports Express (5280 Kings Mills Rd.). The cost for the clinic is \$65.

Players are asked to bring knee pads and a water bottle. It's never too early to start training! For the registration form and more information go to [www.KingsVolleyball.com](http://www.KingsVolleyball.com).

## Indoor Track and Field State Meet Results

Our Kings High School Indoor Track and Field Team traveled to Akron last weekend for the Indoor Track and Field State Meet. Our girls team placed 18th in the STATE! Overall, it was a great meet with many personal and school records recorded! Here are the results below:

Lily Bunse placed 2nd in the STATE in pole vault, the ladies 4x800 relay team of Maschino, Conner, Rasmussen & Cooper placed 5th in the STATE and a new personal record, Sarah Bruns placed 10th in the STATE in the 400 Dash, the girls 4x400 relay of Gorley, Cooper, Bruns & Conner finished 12th in the STATE with a NEW SCHOOL RECORD, Leah Maschino placed 13th in the STATE in the Mile Run, the boys 4x800 relay team of Haverland, Schowalter, Chambers & Onnen placed 13th place in the STATE and a NEW SCHOOL RECORD, and Sarah Bruns broke her own SCHOOL RECORD in the 60m Hurdles!



Way to go, Team! You represented Kings well and made us proud!

## Winter Guard News

Congratulations to our Junior High and High School Winter Guards who placed first and second, respectively, last weekend at their show at Connor High School. This weekend, the team travels to Campbell County High School for another show. GOOD LUCK!



KJH Winter Guard



KHS Winter Guard

## Winter Guard and Drumline Community Night

The Kings Winter Guards and Drumline will be hosting a community night on Thursday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Kings High School Gym. This is an opportunity for friends and family, who have not yet seen them perform as well as those who can't get enough of them, to come out to see their 2016 shows and support the amazing kids who are part of these groups. Please make plans to attend. Admission is free.

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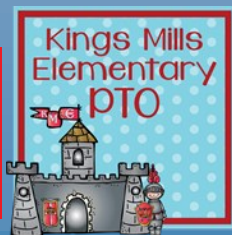
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