



September 16, 2016



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## FYI

Due to the  
November 8  
election, the  
Kings Board of  
Education will  
hold their  
November Work  
Session on  
November 9 and  
Regular Meeting  
on November 16.



## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 20**— Kings Board of Education Regular Meeting  
6:30 p.m., KEC Conference Room 2.

**Sept. 29**— Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive, 10:15 a.m.-  
4:15 p.m., KJH MP Room.

**Oct. 7**— Kings Homecoming Parade, 5:30 p.m., KME.

**Oct. 7**— Kings Football Homecoming Game vs. Mil-  
ford, 7:00 p.m., Kings Stadium.

**Oct. 11**— Board of Education Work Session, 5:30  
p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2.

**Oct. 18**— Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30  
p.m., KEC Conf. Rm. 2.

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

## Congratulations to KHS National Merit Semifinalists

The Kings Local School District is proud to announce that 2 students from Kings High School have been chosen as Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Kings Seniors **Hannah Rasmussen and Anders Wikum**.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next Spring. Less than one percent of high school seniors nationally will go on to compete for the prestigious National Merit Scholarships.

Hannah is the daughter of Kent and Bonnie Rasmussen. She has a current GPA of 4.59 and aspires to study science in college. She is currently taking an AP Physics C class via Northwestern University and just last weekend, broke a school record in Cross Country!

Anders parents are Erick and Elizabeth Wikum. He has a current GPA of 4.558 and taking a full load of AP courses his senior year. Anders is looking at MIT and Stanford for college and was just named KHS Math Team Co-Captain.

KHS Principal Doug Leist said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for our students. It is yet another reminder to our community that Kings students, teachers, and programs are prepared to excel and can compete among the nation's elite. We look forward to following the academic careers of Hannah and Anders. Their futures are incredibly bright."

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 PSAT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2017 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

Congratulations of this achievement Hannah and Anders!



## ODE State Report Card and Kings Quality Profile Released

On Thursday, September 15, the Ohio Department of Education released Kings [2015-2016 Report Card](#). This year's report card includes letter grades in six categories such as achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation rate, K-3 literacy, and prepared for success.

"Overall, the Kings district is continuing to improve with this year's results. As a district, we still have areas to improve, but are always looking for ways to enhance our instructional practices to meet the needs of all students," said Tim Ackermann, Kings Superintendent.

The State Report Card contains demographic details and results of state tests. While test results are important, those results do not fully depict what distinguishes this district as one of the highest performing districts in the State of Ohio. This year's report card has been met with some complaints from local and state leaders. "You can't compare the achievement measure to last year (and) people shouldn't jump to conclusions," State Schools Superintendent, Paolo DeMaria said. "A child's learning is more than what is tested. We shouldn't let report cards define us but at the same time these report cards should inform us. A take away from this is, we still have more work to do."

The Kings Local School District is joining other area districts in voicing concern over the state testing requirements. Superintendent Tim Ackermann said, "Federal mandated testing has reduced classroom instruction time. Our hope is to gain more local control by asking our state legislators to reduce testing requirements."

Kings Local Schools joined approximately 70 school districts throughout Ohio in releasing a Quality Profile, a comprehensive, community-oriented companion to the state's Local Report Card. The profile includes additional accountability measures that better define a high quality education and are not included in the state's report card.

[View Kings Local School District 2015-2016 Quality Profile.](#)

The Quality Profile helps characterize the overall educational value of public education beyond standardized testing. The content is based on six categories: academics, arts, fiscal stewardship, parent and community involvement, student leadership and activities, and student services.

Participating districts initially surveyed residents to determine factors they value in their child's education that are not being measured by the state, resulting in a more comprehensive profile that measures those education components that the community considers most important.

Now in its fourth year of development, the Quality Profile is sponsored by the Alliance for High Quality Education, a statewide education consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students and to represent member districts on matters of educational policy and funding.

We hope that our community finds this report helpful as they measure the quality of education that our school district brings to the community.



## Kings Local Schools Among Top for Return on Investment for Homebuyers

The [Cincinnati Business Courier released a report](#) this week that ranks Greater Cincinnati school district's for their property values and return on investment.

In a new ranking by RE/Max of Southern Ohio, Kings was ranked #2. The ranking was created based on home sale prices in communities served by the top public high schools in the area according to U.S. News & World Report. The report states that Kings has an average home sale price of \$248,949. Sale prices have increased by 8% from a year ago.



"Choosing a home near a well-rated school is almost always a good investment," said Jeanette Schneider, senior vice president, RE/MAX of Southern Ohio. "Given the limited housing inventory throughout Cincinnati, finding the perfect home near a high-ranked school may be a challenge. These homes will sell fast, especially if they are well priced. Buyers need to be prepared to act quickly when the right home hits the market."

Kings High School was recently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a Best High School for 2016. KHS ranked #460 out of more than 28,000 high schools in the nation, earning them a spot in the top 3% in the country. Additionally, KHS is ranked #15 in the state of Ohio and the #1 high school in Warren County.



### Did You Know?

The Kings Board of Education voted to place a 6.2 mill Operating Levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Each week until the election we will be giving you a new fact about the levy.

#### LEVY FACT #4

**Kings' student enrollment has grown almost 6% this school year? That growth requires additional resources such as staff members, technology, furniture, and curriculum materials. This year's enrollment growth cost the district an additional \$270,000. Projections show that enrollment will grow 23% by 2020.**

Please visit the Levy Information page on our website by [clicking here](#). You will find frequently asked questions and more information. If you have questions regarding the upcoming levy, please contact Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann at [tackermann@kingslocal.net](mailto:tackermann@kingslocal.net).

### Talks with Tim

There is one more opportunity to join Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann as he hosts "Talks with Tim," an informal community speaking tour to ensure the Kings Community understands the importance of the upcoming November 8 levy.



**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22**

*A lunchtime Talk with Tim*

**Buck's Tavern**

**3299 U.S. 22  
Loveland, OH**



A lunchtime Talk with Tim will take place at Bucks Tavern on Thursday, September 22 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

If you are unable to make it to any of the talks, feel free to contact Mr. Ackermann at [tackermann@kingslocal.net](mailto:tackermann@kingslocal.net)



## Kings BOE Goal Setting and Communication Work Session

The Kings Board of Education met on Tuesday, September 13 with Steve Horton, Board Services Consultant from the Ohio School Boards Association, in a Work Session to discuss Goal Setting and Communication.

Mr. Horton talked about the roles and responsibilities of a board member, the chain of command, triangle of leadership, and creating trust among the board members. He also discussed the importance of establishing goals and objectives.



The Board learned the process of developing goals and creating a board mission. Mr. Horton instructed the board to create a vision that keeps an eye on the future.

The Board met with Mr. Horton for three hours during the morning. They will be working together, along with Kings Superintendent Tim Ackermann and Treasurer, Shaun Bevan in the near future, to create their goals and mission.

To view Mr. Horton's presentation [click here](#).

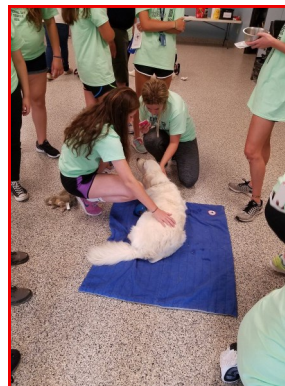


## KHS Day of Service

The Kings High School Community Service Club, managed entirely by student leaders, organized almost 300 seniors to serve at 13 different locations across the area on Friday, September 9 as they participated in the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.



Members from the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club and other community members volunteered their time as they joined the students in sprucing up J.F. Burns Outdoor Classroom, cooking lunch and cleaning at the Ronald McDonald House, folding clothes at Matthew 25 Ministries, cleaning up Landen Lake Caesar's Creek and Carter Park, delivering furniture to those in need with New Life Furniture, among many others. Congratulations to all of the students for their service to those in need.



This is the 9th year that the senior class has participated in the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

To view a gallery of pictures from the day [click here](#).



## Health Heroes Flu Vaccination Clinic for Students – October 20, 2016

For the health of all of our students, staff, and your family we encourage you to obtain a flu vaccination for your child and your family through your healthcare provider or pediatrician.



As a convenience for families and to also reach students who may not otherwise receive immunization against the flu, we will be offering flu vaccination clinics on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at each school during school hours.

Health Heroes, Inc. will be offering flu shots for our students with no deductibles or out of pocket expenses. Private insurance companies and Medicaid will be billed. Students with no insurance will be provided their flu vaccine at no cost. Nasal FluMist is not available this year based on CDC recommendations.

The Health Heroes Clinic is strictly voluntary. No student will receive a vaccine unless a written completed [consent form](#) is returned to school by October 14.



### #Believe in Your Selfie

Fourth grade students at South Lebanon Elementary are setting goals and identifying positive and unique characteristics about themselves in a project called #Believe in your Selfie.



As you walk along the fourth grade hallway at SLE, you will see a wall decorated with pictures of students and their unique traits in their own "selfie." They really are #KingsStrong!



### KHS Chamber Choir Performs at UC

The Kings High School Chamber Choir made its debut at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music on Tuesday, September 13. The choir was invited to sing with 9 area choirs and the CCM Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Angela Holt on their concert titled "With Liberty and Justice for All." The concert included pieces by American composers celebrating and commemorating various historical events in our country. The choir was especially honored to share the stage with 2016 KHS grad Declan Hayden, CCM percussion performance major, on his first concert at the University.

Please enjoy [this video](#) of the combined finale, Battle Hymn of the Republic.



## KHS Receives Donation for Credit Recovery Program



Thank you to Dan McDonald and Sperry Van Ness Commercial Realty for your generous donation to our Knights Watch Program. The credit recovery program is new to Kings High School this year.

The donation will be used to purchase incentives to motivate students in the program.

Pictured L-R: Emily Reimer, Dustin Goldie and Dan McDonald.

## Artwork at CIS

Each year, Columbia Intermediate School Art Teacher Drew Thomas selects student's artwork to be framed and hung in the building. Fifteen pieces of art from the 5th and 6th grade each were chosen. Pictured are the lucky artists whose artwork will be displayed. Congratulations!

Pictured upper right: Lexi Stierwalt, Caraline Bode, Matthew Hruska, Jack Crawford, Kristina Kolodeznova, and Peyton Dickerson. Not pictured is Natalie Nuttle and Abby Smith.

Pictured right: Katie Gabert, Brett Ninnemann, Lily Kirby, Brooke Sunderhaus, Ryan Flecker, Morgan Skerly, Ethan Townsend, and Autumn Woltmann.



## SLE Potato Harvesters

There are beautiful gardens at South Lebanon Elementary. Mrs. Julianne Elder, 3rd grade teacher, met up with some of her students from last year to harvest all of their hard work in growing potatoes in the SLE garden beds. They planted the potatoes last winter in science lab. They cared for them indoors and finally planted them when the weather warmed up in the Spring. Last Friday, the students were able to reap the rewards and see how their hard work paid off. Mrs. Elder said, "For rookie farmers, we had a pretty good harvest from our 6 potato plants and everyone was able to take a few potatoes home."



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### Check Out Our Virtual Backpack

If you are looking for activities for your student, check out the [VIRTUAL BACKPACK](#) on our website. All flyer requests from our district organizations and non-profit organizations are now in one location! You can always find it on the homepage of our website or under the Resources tab.



### SLE DAY at The NOOK CAFE

The Nook Café in Landen is hosting SLE Day on September 16! Visit the Nook Café and 20% of your check will be donated to SLE PTO. Grab some friends and visit the Nook Café for breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, or even a quick coffee and warm pastry! You must bring in a flyer or show it on your smartphone. Find the flyer [here](#).

**THE NOOK CAFE**

### Spanish Classes Offered at SLE



Enroll your child in Spanish Classes with the World of Spanish. Classes will begin at South Lebanon Elementary for students in K-4 on September 21 from 2:20-3:20 p.m.

Cost for the program is \$74 for 7 weeks and they offer a sibling discount.

For more information [click here](#).

### Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive

The Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive is less than a month away! Reserve your spot online by [clicking here](#) to donate.



All blood types are needed. Platelets will also be collected at this drive. This type of donation can take 2-3 times longer than whole blood donation, but if you can spare the time, the platelets are really needed!

The Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, September 29 from 10:15-4:15 p.m. in the KJH Multipurpose Room.

### Kings Military Appreciation Night

Join the Knights tonight at the Castle as they take on Anderson. Additionally, Kings Athletics is hosting their second annual Kings Military Appreciation Night. There will be a pre-game recognition for Kings Military Members and their families., and Keith Maupin is Honorary Captain.

The Athletic Department will be accepting donations for [troop care packages](#) at the gate to benefit the Yellow Ribbon Support Center. Kick-off is 7:00 p.m.

We hope you'll join us as we honor those who serve.

### Senior Picture Yearbook Guidelines

Seniors have until November 22, 2016 to submit a picture for the yearbook. Photos must be in color and in jpg form. If you don't have a school portrait taken, you will be listed as Not Pictured.

For more information and directions on submitting photos for the yearbook [click here](#).



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  September 17 10am - 4pm **KINGS HIGH SCHOOL** 

The KHS Dance Team is performing at the Pearl Harbor Memorial site in Oahu, Hawaii. We need your help to get there!

**WHAT:** Take a 5 MINUTE test-drive and Ford will donate \$20 per drive to KHS Dance.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 17, 10am - 4pm

**WHERE:** Kings High School  
5500 Columbia Rd, Mason, OH 45040

Driver must be 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license. One entry per household.

KHS Dance Team will also be collecting donations for the troops serving overseas. Please see the Yellow Ribbon Support Center website for the complete list of needs.

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## Turkey Day Run

Deerfield Township and Life Time Fitness are sponsoring the 7th Annual Turkey Day 10K and 5K Run and Walk on Thursday, November 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Register online or at Life Time Fitness in Mason. Early Bird registration is \$25 until October 31.

All proceeds will benefit the South Lebanon Food Pantry.

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

Volunteers are needed to help pass out race packets on Wednesday, November 23. Please contact Lauren Leimberger at [lleimberger@lifetimefitness.com](mailto:lleimberger@lifetimefitness.com).







## 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.

# Check out this week's [Knights Weekly!](#)

Don't miss this week's Knights Roundtable—[Click here](#)

## Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run

The Kings Cross Country team would like to invite the entire Kings Community to the 21st annual Kings Homecoming 5K and Mile Fun Run on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 beginning at Kings Stadium.

This has grown to be a fun community event! Grab your friends and family for an evening of walking/running the streets of Kings Mills.

The \$15 pre-registration entry fee includes a t-shirt. The race is a flat 3.1 course through Kings Mills and returns to the Kings Stadium. Be sure to submit your entry form to Jim Brant at Kings High School by the September 29 deadline. [Click here](#) for the entry form and more information.



## Homecoming Parade

The annual Kings Homecoming Parade will take place on Friday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m. starting at KME and ending in the KJH Parking lot. All groups are welcome to walk in the parade. Anyone interested in participating will need to submit a permission slip and liability release. For more information and to download forms [click here](#).

## Parking Changes for Athletic and Fine Arts Events

Galbraith Field (across from Kings High School) is no longer available for parking for Kings High School or Junior High School Athletic and Fine Arts events. Due to this closure, the Kings Local School District has reached an agreement with Kings Island for the use of the field behind Great Wolf Lodge. There will be signs and an officer assisting with traffic and parking.

The additional parking for Kings Athletic Events and Fine Arts Events is outlined in red in the picture to the right.



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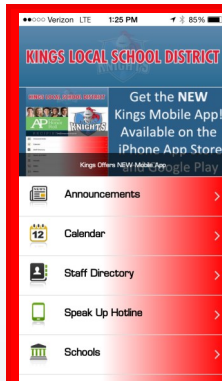
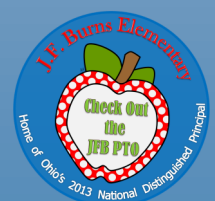
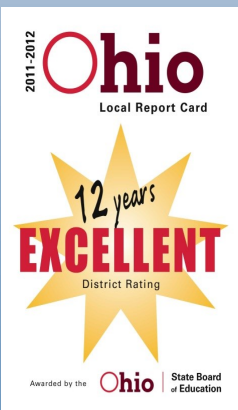
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