



March 18, 2016



### Upcoming Events

Mar. 18— End of 3rd Quarter.

Mar. 21-28—NO SCHOOL, Spring Break.

Mar. 29— Salva Dut Community Night, 6:30 p.m., CIS.

Apr. 16— A Knight to Remember, 6:30-11:30 p.m., Cincinnati Marriott Northeast, Mason.

Apr. 19— 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>

There will  
be no EBBN  
next week.  
We'll see  
you back on  
Friday,  
April 1st!



### State Testing Begins Soon

The Kings Local School District will participate in state testing April 18 through May 6, 2016. Federal and state laws require all districts and schools to test all students in specific grades and courses. All

students in grades 3-10 will take both English Language Arts and Math assessments. In addition, students in grades 4 and 6 will take social studies assessments and students in grades 5 and 8 will take science assessments. Students in high school enrolled in American History, Government, and Biology courses will take End of Course tests in these disciplines.

With changes in our state assessments two years in a row, some in our school community are hesitant to have their child participate. While we understand those views, please understand the district is still required to administer all tests and encourage each student to participate fully. Kings Local School District did join The Alliance for High Quality Education made up of districts from all over Ohio whose mission is to advocate for best interest of students and districts in many areas, including state testing. It is important to remember that there is no law in Ohio that allows a parent or student to opt out of state testing, and there is no state test opt-out procedure or form. If a parent withdraws a child from participation in certain state tests, there may be consequences for the child, the child's teacher, and the school and district. Those possible consequences are outlined by the Ohio Department of Education in the [Student Participation Guidance document](#).

For more information on testing and the district's testing schedule [click here](#).

Ohio's  
State  
Tests



*Enjoy your Spring Break!  
School Resumes on Tuesday,  
March 29th.*

## Looking for Hosts for Community Conversations

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).



Thank you Kings Community for participating in the 15th Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive last week. A total of 17 pints of blood was collected from 26 donors. The next Kings/Hoxworth Blood Drive for the 2016-2017 school year will take place on Thursday, September 29, 2016 in the Kings Junior High School Multipurpose Room.

## 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!



There will be a special Community Night and Meet and Greet at Columbia Intermediate School on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to be a part of this special event. 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.

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.

While in the district on Tuesday, March 29, Salva will also present to the KJH 7th and 8th grade and the CIS 6th grade. To learn more about Salva Dut's story [click here](#).

## 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!

## 2016 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition State Winners

Congratulations to KHS Visual arts students Avi DiPasquale, Ryan Dilts, Emily Hoyle, and Katrina Kessler, who each had a work of art selected for the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Only 300 works of art are selected out of 11,500 entries. The work of these students has been judged as the top 2% in the entire state of Ohio. The exhibition opens at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, across from the State Capitol, from April 17 - May 19, 2016.

At the exhibition opening, students receive Awards of Excellence and scholarship awards.

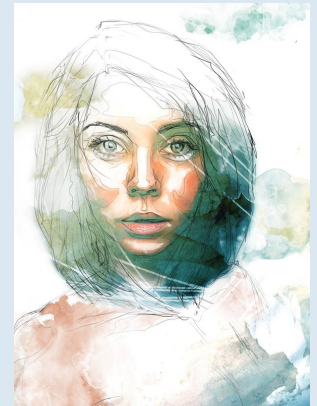
Please visit <http://www.govart.org/> for more information.



Avi DiPasquale "Afternoon Tea"



Emily Hoyle "Elegance of Braiding" (Series of 3)



Katrina Kessler "Contour"

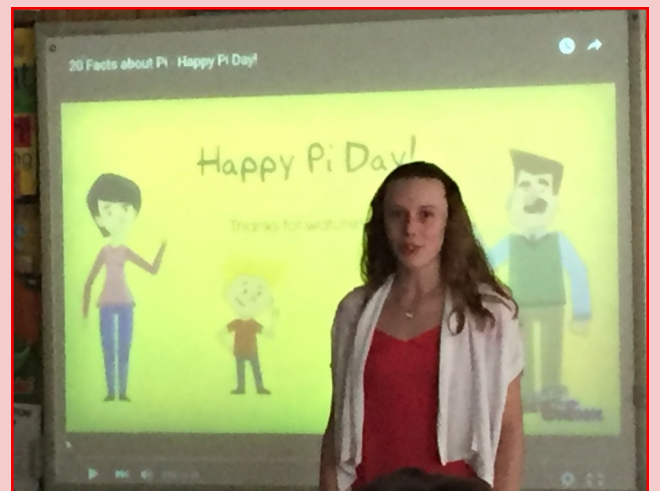


Ryan Dilts "Deconstruction of Beauty" Series of 4

## Pi Day Fun at KJH

The students in Jenna Jackson's 8th grade math class at Kings Junior High tested their memories this week on Pi Day, a day celebrated around the world on March 14th to commemorate the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi), since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of Pi.

Miss Jackson challenged her students to see how many digits of Pi they could remember. 8th Grader Ella Hanlon went above and beyond memorizing 102 digits of Pi! Second place was Tyson Marcum, and third place was Sam Seidl. Congratulations!







## Learning About the Sun at KME

The students in Mrs. Blumer's MD Classroom at Kings Mills Elementary have been learning about the sun. Each student completed a report containing facts about the sun and presented their report to the class.

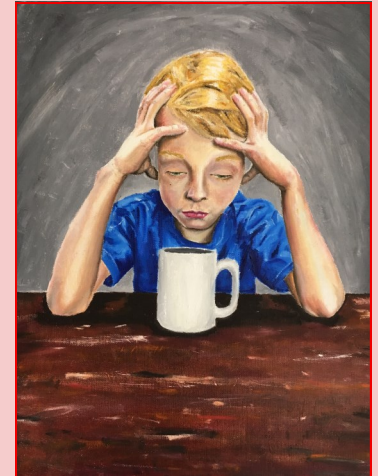
## National Medalist in 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Congratulations to KHS Senior Maddie Mettey who won a Scholastic Art & Writing National Gold Medal for her work entitled "Stressed." Senior Grace Ficke won a Scholastic Art & Writing National Silver Medal for her work entitled "When Broccoli Collides."

Each year, the Alliance partners with more than 100 visual arts and literary arts organizations across the country to bring the Awards to local communities. Teens in grades 7 through 12 apply in 29 categories of art and writing. Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

Madison and Grace have been identified by panels of creative professionals as two of the most talented young artists in the nation! This year, nearly 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1% were recognized at the national level.

Madison has been invited to the awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall that will take place this summer.



"Stressed" by Madison Mettey



"When Broccoli Collides" by Grace Ficke



## Learning Features of Nonfiction Text at SLE

The students in Miss Pagan's 2nd grade class at South Lebanon Elementary have been learning about nonfiction text features. Miss Pagan felt that her students needed a little more concrete example of a diagram and label. So, they used classmate Rilynn Wright as a demonstration of how to label a diagram. Pagan said, "The kids had a ball, and now know what these two text features should be used for!" You're a great sport, Rilynn!

## JFB Students Learn About Early Warren County

Third graders in Mrs. Roewer's class at J.F. Burns Elementary took a trip back in time with visitors from the Warren County Records Center and Archives. Bringing aerial photos, original maps from the early 1900's, and 200 year old estate inventories, archivists led students in conversation about what life was like here in Warren County and how our community has changed over time.

Studying the maps and photos allowed students to observe how our local land changed from fields and farms to amusement parks and neighborhoods. Many students also commented on the changes in map making technology- noticing the differences between the flax paper and ink compared to modern day digital maps. Students even had the opportunity to put on white gloves and explore the estate inventories of original Warren County settlers and historical figures such as Ahimaaz King. Mrs. Roewer said, "The visit inspired many conversations and made learning about local history a truly hands on experience!"



## Looking for Leprechauns in Kings Preschool

Students in Mrs. Combs' preschool class in Kings Preschool worked hard together to create a leprechaun trap. They decided to call it a "house" so the leprechaun wouldn't be afraid to go inside. The preschoolers had high hopes that they would be able to catch the leprechaun, and take them to his gold!

## Superior Rating at OMEA

Congratulations to the Kings High School Chamber Choir who received a Superior Rating at Ohio Music Education Association District Contest at Eaton High School last weekend! They will head back to Eaton for the State Contest in April.

Congratulations also go out to the KHS Women's Chorale who received an Excellent rating!



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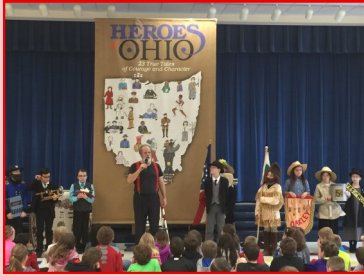
## KME Ohio Heroes Wax Museum

Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon, Toni Morrison was the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, and Jesse Owens won four Olympic gold medals in 1936. And what do all these people have in common? Well, they're all from Ohio.

On Monday, March 14, Rick Sowash, author of "Heroes of Ohio: 23 True Tales of Courage and Character," came to Kings Mills Elementary to teach students about Ohio's rich history and the many heroes that came from this area.

A visit from Mr. Sowash wasn't the end of the Ohio Heroes program at KME. On Thursday, March 17, the fourth graders dressed up as Ohio heroes for a wax museum.

At the wax museum, families and students could make their way around the gym and cafeteria and talk to the dozens KME students dressed as Ohio Heroes ready to tell their history.



## KHS Community Service Club Raises Money for CancerFree Kids

The Kings High School Community Service Club recently participated in Night for the Fight, an annual event hosted by the Xavier Cintas Center to help raise money for the CancerFree Kids Foundation.

Students from all over the Tri-State area attended representing their particular school and trying to raise as much money possible. The lock-in ran from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Throughout the night there were different activities the students could participate in around the Cintas Center. Our Kings High School Students raised \$1,200 for the cause and in total, the Night for the Fight event raised \$146,025 for CancerFree Kids.

Congratulations to our KHS Community Service Club for making a difference! That's #KingsStrong!



## Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day at Kings Preschool

World Down Syndrome Day is March 21. Recognized on the 21st day of the third month, this date is symbolic of the third copy of the 21st chromosome characterizing Down syndrome. Joshua Dineen, a preschooler from Mrs. Frazier's Integrated Classroom at Kings Preschool, and his family were excited to celebrate Down Syndrome Day with his classmates on Thursday, March 17th. They shared cupcakes and invited a local author, Jennifer Ramstetter, to read her book, "Oink A Doodle Moo! " For more information, please visit [www.worlddownsyndromeday.org](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org).

Pictured is Joshua with Author Jennifer Ramstetter.



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



## 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 as we become aware.

The 2016 Kings Athletic Summer Sports Camps brochure is ready. [Click here](#) to sign your student up for one of the many fun camps this summer!





J.F. Burns third grader Becca Kniskern is a childhood cancer survivor. She is one of the featured survivors for the Jersey Mike's Month/Day of Giving. For the month of March, Jersey Mike's gives back to local non-profit organizations. They have chosen CancerFree KIDS as their charity of choice. Jersey Mike's has two different promotions going on throughout the month. The first one is they will give \$1 to CFK for every coupon redeemed from now until March 29th. Then, on March 30th they have the Day of Giving. Where ALL of their sales get donated back to CancerFree KIDS from 16 different Greater Cincinnati locations.



Way to be a great ambassador, Becca!



## ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!



The Kings Preschool classes have decorated their wall for Spring. Each of the 13 classrooms contributed. They definitely are "Buggy About Spring" in Kings Preschool! Happy Spring Break!





## 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.

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association announced this week that our Kings Men's Basketball Team was named one of the top academic teams in the state! The Knights earned a top 5 distinction with a 3.8144 GPA!

This team also boasted a Conference Championship and Coach Mike Stevens named Eastern Cincinnati Conference Basketball Coach of the Year!

Congratulations on this great achievement!



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 to Business Casual

For more information  
go to [www.kingsabc.com](http://www.kingsabc.com)  
or call Genevieve Brevster  
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. 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 at State

Kings Junior High 8th grader Xavier Legault represented Kings Wrestling at the OAC Junior High State Wrestling Championships last weekend. Legault qualified for the tournament by winning his weight class at the Moeller District qualifier. Legault made it to the fifth round of the tournament, propelled by a fourth round nail biter that he won in double overtime. Xavier finished in the top 24 of the tournament.

Way to represent Kings, Xavier!



## 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).

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