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KALIDA ELEMENTARY MOVING TO ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Beginning in the 2012/2013 school year, Kalida Elementary will be implementing all day, every day kindergarten. While there is debate over half time versus full-day instruction for this age group, the time has come to develop into a full day program. The reason for full-day kindergarten should not be based on quantity alone, but rather to provide teachers and students the luxury of time – time for hands-on discovery, time for experimenting, time for reading the whole story, time for deeper, richer, more developmentally appropriate learning.

The length of the school day is only one dimension of the kindergarten experience. Our goal at Kalida Elementary is to enrich the nature of the kindergarten curriculum to better meet the demands of Ohio's new standards and to provide additional intellectually stimulating experiences, both academically and socially.

With this in mind, screening for next year's kindergarten candidates will take place on April 4. Currently, there are 46 youngsters signed up for screening. If you know of anyone else who is considering sending their child to kindergarten in 2012/2013, please have them notify Kalida Elementary as soon as possible.

KALIDA STUDENTS PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Thursday, March 15, Kalida High School was recognized at the Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region Spring Conference. Kalida Local Schools was presented the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award at during the conference in Milan, Ohio. The Kalida Cats Who Care organization held two events to generate funds for the Kalida Park Fund and also the Ottawa Food Pantry. On October 31, 2011 students wore their Halloween costumes to school and donated \$1 or brought in a canned food item for donation to the Ottawa Food Pantry. The Ottawa Food Pantry is operated through Trinity United Methodist Church on East Main Street in Ottawa. Thank you to Mr. Pfahler, and all of the members of the Kalida Cats Who Care who were able to raise money to give back to the community and the county. It was an honor for Kalida High School to be recognized for the charitable work and outstanding community service work displayed through these fundraising efforts.

Speaking of community service, the fifth graders at Kalida Elementary will also be giving back to the community. The theme of the annual oration contest this year is "A Time when Volunteers Make a Difference". In keeping with that theme, the fifth graders will be cleaning up Kalida on Saturday, April 14. Last year over 25 students and other community members filled a large number of trash bags while cleaning around town. This is a great civics lesson, which provides an opportunity to put the student's speeches into action, and gives the students an opportunity to make their community sparkle. If you feel like joining the students and staff please feel free to meet everyone at 10:00 a.m. in front of the elementary school.

Calendar Notes

March 30	April 4	April 6-9	May 3	May 23
2 hour delay Staff Development	Kindergarten Screening	Easter Break No School	8:00 p.m. Spring Choir Show	Last Day of School

Testing Dates for Grades 6 - 8

The following is a listing of respective dates for this year's testing schedule for the administration of the Ohio Achievement Assessments(OAA) for grades 6 - 8. Please contact the high school to make the school aware of any planned family trips that coincide with these dates.

Tuesday, April 24	8 – 11:00 a.m. 8th Grade Reading
Wednesday, April 25	8 – 11:00 a.m. 8th Grade Math
Thursday, April 26	8 – 11:00 a.m. 8th Grade Science
Friday, April 27	8 - 11:00 a.m. 6th Grade Reading
Tuesday, May 1	8 – 11:00 a.m. 7th Grade Reading
Wednesday, May 2	8 – 11:00 a.m. 6th Grade Math
Thursday, May 3	8 – 11:00 a.m. 7th Grade Math

2012-2013 School Calendar

Aug. 20, 2012	Teacher Workday
Aug. 22	First Day for Students
Sept. 3	Labor Day - No School
Sept. 10	Staff Development - 2 Hr. Delay
Oct. 26	End of First Nine Weeks
Oct. 29	Quarter Break / No School
Nov. 20	Parent-Teacher Conf. - No School
Nov. 21	Parent-Teacher Conf.- No School
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving - No School
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving - No School
Dec. 24	Christmas Break Begins - No School
Jan. 2, 2013	Classes Resume
Jan. 11	End of Second Nine Weeks
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day - No School
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day - No School
March 4	Staff Development - 2 Hr. Delay
March 15	End of Third Nine Weeks
March 27	Spring Break Begins - No School
April 2	Classes Resume
May 26	Graduation - Class of 2013
May 27	Memorial Day
May 23	Last Day for Students
May 24	Teacher Workday
May 26	Graduation - Class of 2013

2012-13 Cheer Squads

The teams for next year have been selected. The **Varsity** squad members are Andrea Bellmann, Danae Webken, Emily Schnipke, Casey Unverferth, Leah Berheide, Alexis Decker, Justine Verhoff, and Megan Vine. **Junior Varsity** squad members are Whitney Smith, Sarah Verhoff, Erin Kohls, Lindsey Erhart, Olivia Schmenk, Allison Siebeneck, Sidney White, Samantha Recker, Taylor Siefker, and Sarah Hovest.

The **Junior High** squad is Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Keara Hopkins, Kelsi Hipsher, Jenna Siefker, Anna Berheide, Kyona Gray, and Kamryn Webken. Congratulations Girls!

Updating the Technology - Kalida Local Schools now has its own Quick Response Code or abbreviated QR Code. This is the trademark for a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional code) first designed for the automotive industry. More recently, the system has become popular outside of the industry due to its fast readability and large storage capacity compared to standard UPC barcodes. Recent years consumers have grown used to seeing the QR Codes in consumer advertising and packaging, because the dissemination of smartphones "has put a barcode reader in everyone's pocket" for the first time.



**Winter Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 1, 2012, 3:00 PM
Kalida High School Auditoria**

Winter Sports Wrap Up

Congratulations to the 8th grade girls' basketball team who won the 8th Grade Girls' PCL tournament. The 8th grade boys' finished in second place in their tournament. Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball teams both were runners-up in the District Finals.



Cheer Competition in Columbus - For the fourth year in a row our Competition Cheerleading team qualified for state competition. They finished in 6th place overall. Seniors members are Brooke Schnipke, Megan Meyer, Deanna Kahle, and Kendra Hoffman. Juniors are Andrea Bellmann, Danae Webken, Emily Schnipke, Casey Unverferth, and Leah Berheide. Sophomores are Alexis Decker, Justine Verhoff, Whitney Smith, and Sarah Verhoff. Freshmen members are Megan Vine, Erin Kohls, Lindsey Erhart, and Olivia Schmenk. Congratulations girls!

Programs Available

There are still several copies remaining of the Basketball Program from this year's Boys and Girls Basketball Season. The price is \$1 each. They would make great keepsakes for scrapbooks, etc. If you are interested, contact the high school office or Mrs. Knueve to get your copies.

Scrip Orders

The last PTO Scrip Order for the year will be sent in on March 26 for delivery approximately one week later. Forms can be printed off the school's website or are available at the Elementary School office. Thanks for your support of the PTO!



Congratulations to the 2012 KHS Academic Team who just completed a very successful season. The team also captured the PCL tournament championship. Members include Jared Zeller, Eric Hill, Marissa Smith, Halie Zenz, Miranda Hermiller, Carrie Gerding, Neil Gerding, Cody Schnipke, Levi Blake, Jordan Laudick, Jordan Ellerbrock, Ben von der Embse, Eric Kahle and Connor Schmenk. The team advisors are Mr. Sonny Gasser and Mrs. Denise Scherer.

Juniors Job Shadowing Day

Juniors at KHS will be venturing out to the public on Friday, March 30 and experience the real workplace. They will be mentoring in hospitals, factories and other interesting work sites. This practice enables the students to see firsthand if their interests will lead them to the college education and career of their choice.

Each year it is interesting to see where the students end up. Last year a few students job-shadowed at the Reds Stadium in sports management and event planning. This year we have a student going to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base looking into Aerospace Engineering. This is a great way for our students to explore what is available to them in a quick nutshell. Thanks to all the businesses and health centers who allow our students to partake in this activity.

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
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Congratulations to the Kalida High School 2012 Homecoming Court. King Neil Gerding and Queen Erika Brinkman were crowned during homecoming activities on February 17. The court includes: Freshmen Cole Miller and Megan Vine, Seniors Cody Schnipke and Deanna Kahle, Juniors Ryan Erhart and Amy Smith, Sophomores Michael Schroeder and Elizabeth Turnwald, Seniors Eric Hill and Marissa Smith.

New Members of the NHS

The KHS National Honor Society will be inducting 16 new members on March 27. Congratulations to Tadd Backus, Alexis Decker, Joe Gerdeman, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Meredith Kromer, Kiersten Recker, Nicole Reindel, Kylie Siebeneck, Kayla Siefker, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Turnwald, Justine Verhoff, Joel Zeller, Randy Zeller and Halie Zenz! Following the ceremony the students and their parents will be treated to a small luncheon. Mr. Jeff Clement is the advisor to the NHS group at Kalida.

Music Booster Drawings

February \$50 Winners

Scott & Lori Recker
Ken & Jackie Basinger
Rita Siebeneck
Deb Bockrath

March \$50 Winners

Vickie Goedde
Angela Hanneman
Jeff Nordhaus
Dave & Becky Unverferth