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WRAPPING UP THE FIRST QUARTER OF SCHOOL

Kalida Local Schools started the new school year on August 21, 2013, and we are through with the first grading period. The fall has flown by, and as the saying goes, that happens when you are having fun. The early part of the school year has been exciting, eventful, and stressful all at the same time.

Our fall extra-curricular programs have enjoyed a large amount of success with a number of regular season accomplishments, league titles, and early tournament wins. Our band has once again qualified for the state competition in Dayton on November 3, and our VEX Robotics team competed in Marion on Thursday, October 24.

Our elementary students have been busy preparing for the fall administration of the Third Grade Ohio Achievement Assessment, which they took on October 9. They have also been learning about conservation with a trip to the Ellerbrock farm and park in Ottawa as part of a program put on by the *Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District*. Thanks also to the Kalida Fire Department members who presented Kitchen Fire Safety to our K-3 students.

RACE TO THE TOP

The district continues to work on new state initiatives as a part of the *Race to the Top* grant program. Our teachers and administrators have spent quite a bit of time this summer and fall preparing for the new teacher and principal evaluations required by the state of Ohio. The building principals, teachers, and staff members from the Putnam County Educational Service Center (PCESC) have been working very hard to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible.

Our staff members have also worked diligently with the PCESC staff to implement the new Common Core Curriculum, and to prepare students for the new assessments which will be a part of this process. The Common Core Curriculum, and the new assessments, will all weigh heavily on how Kalida Local Schools is evaluated under the new Ohio Department of Education District Report Cards. We would like to thank Gary Herman and Beth Hench of the Putnam County Educational Service Center for their help in preparing our staff to hit the ground running this year.

This work is a part of an ongoing four year grant through the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. The money from the grant has allowed the district to provide high quality professional development to prepare the staff and students for the curricular and assessment changes which are beginning to be implemented. The grant funding has also allowed the district to start our 1:1 iPad Initiative at the high school, with the goal of improving our student's access and familiarity with technology. This is especially important as the new assessments are implemented, because the Ohio Department of Education is planning to have these new assessments administered online. The hope is that these trainings and initiatives will give our students a leg up on many other students across Ohio as the new assessments are implemented.

Don Horstman, Superintendent

Time to sign up for the Teacher Conferences

November 4 through November 8 the sheets will be in the lobby near the Elementary office for you to schedule a conference with your child's teachers. High School sign up sheets will be available November 4 through November 18 in the High School lobby.

Conference times this year for **Kalida Elementary:**

Monday, November 25, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, November 26, 11:00 - 4:00 PM
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Conference times this year for **Kalida High School:**

Monday, November 25, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, November 26, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Students do not attend school on Tuesday through Friday that week due to conferences and Thanksgiving Break.

Basketball Program Advertising

It's time for Wildcat Basketball! The yearbook staff is once again in charge of producing this year's basketball program for all home games. If you would be interested in purchasing an ad in the 2013-14 Kalida High School Basketball Program, contact Mrs. Stacy Knueve at the high school (419.532.3529 or ka_knueve@kalida.k12.oh.us) for more information.

Saving Labels For Our Kids

Please keep saving the Campbells "Labels for Education" with the entire barcode and logo and the **Box Tops for Education** which are on many different products. Cutting around the dotted line is a big help. Playground equipment and other items are earned for the elementary school. Labels can be sent in with a student or brought to either school office. Thanks for saving!

Bus Driving Crew - Congratulations to Don Rall on becoming a school bus driver. Don is



currently driving to extra-curricular and sporting events. Also added to the sub-driver list is Michelle Weyrauch of Fort Jennings.

Are you interested in becoming a bus driver for Kalida Local? Call Nancy at 419-532-3543

for more information. Evening classes begin November 18 in Van Wert. Morning classes will be held in Elida beginning on December 2.

Boys Basketball Season Ticket Sales

Monday, November 4

Main Lobby near auditoria 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 5

Main Lobby during Election Night Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

General Admission

Adult/College Student \$6
Elementary & HS Students \$4
Senior Citizens age 60+ \$4

Junior High Games

Student \$2
Adult \$3

Basketball Season Passes

Student \$40
Adult \$60 (preferred seat additional \$20 per)
Sr. Citizen \$40 (preferred seat additional \$10 per)

ALL PCL & HOME GAMES PRE SALE - Adults \$6 and Students \$4
ALL TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$6

Please note: We do not sell girls' season tickets or have pre sale for the girls' games. Tickets are \$6 and \$4 at the door.

Music Boosters' Election Night Dinner

November 5 ~ \$7

Eat in or Carry Out

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Kalida High School Auditoria

BBQ Pork, Baked Potato,
Green Beans, Applesauce and
Dinner Roll

Book Bills are Due

High school book bills were passed out to the students the week after Pioneer. Please pay the fees promptly. All students in grades 6 through 12 have book bill fees and class dues.

Reading Oasis Book Fair Coming!

The Kalida Elementary Library will host their annual Book Fair November 25 – December 6. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event.

Our Book Fair theme—Reading Oasis: *A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books!*—takes students on a journey back to ancient Egypt to an oasis overflowing with fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read.

The Book Fair will feature a special Family Event for parents and grandparents during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Book Fair hours during P-T Conferences are:



Monday, November 25	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday, November 26	11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Book Fair will be open to students December 2 - 6 the following hours: Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and from 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The *Classroom Wish List program* is available this year. You will have the opportunity to purchase a book or two for your child's classroom (to give now or at Christmas time) to thank your child's teacher, while building a classroom library.

Preview our featured books online, watch videos and make a wish list to help you shop the fair by visiting our personal book fair web site:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kalidaelemsch>

Love Books?

Volunteer to help at the book fair. You can decorate and set up, help kids select books, work at the cashier's table, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please call Mrs. Mary Lou Hoffman at the elementary school office at 419-532-3845 if you would like to volunteer or email ka_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us

Third Grade Reading Guarantee Information by Karl Lammers, Elementary Principal

The ability to read is the foundation of learning. Research shows that children who are not reading at a third grade level by the end of grade three will likely have trouble learning in all classroom subjects in higher grades. The Ohio General Assembly made changes in Senate Bill 21 this past summer and these changes are put in place to ensure that every struggling reader gets the support he or she needs to be able to learn and achieve.

In kindergarten through grade three, Kalida Elementary evaluates all children by September 30 to determine if they are reading as well as they should be. If a child appears to be falling behind in reading, the school will immediately start a plan for intervention. We will try different measures to increase reading skills, but if difficulties continue, we will develop an individual improvement plan unique to that student's reading difficulties. This identification will be noted with the state of Ohio and we will work closely with parents to support an intensive plan to get that student back on track. We will consistently monitor the plan to make sure the student's reading is improving.

Except for students with special circumstances, students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test to move on to the fourth grade. In 2013-2014, the minimum score for advancement is 392. This score must be attained either in the Fall or Spring administration of the state achievement test. The score of 400 is actually considered proficient. Kalida third graders took the first of those assessments on October 8 and results should be back around Thanksgiving. Hopefully, we will have them in time for parent-teacher conferences on November 25/26.

If a student remains in the third grade, they must be assigned to a high-performing teacher and get 90 minutes of reading instruction each day. We are currently working with all our third grade teachers to be credentialed as high-performing reading teachers by next school year.

If you have any additional questions regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, please contact Principal Karl Lammers at Kalida Elementary.

Superintendent Don Horstman

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



School Board Members:

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
7:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

September Music Boosters'

- \$200 Mary Grote
- \$150 Dan Honigfort
- \$100 Jeff Blanford
- \$100 Heidi Verhoff
- \$ 75 Amy Cleemput
- \$ 75 Trevor Vorst
- \$ 50 Jerry & Connie Miller
- \$ 50 Mark & Lori Klausung
- \$ 50 Scott & Rose Langhals
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Shave and A Haircut

Congratulations to the KHS Marching Band on their Superior performance October 12 at OSU in Columbus. They will now compete at the state level at the *Dayton Welcome Stadium* on Sunday, November 3. The music selections this year all follow the theme of *Shave and a Haircut* including: *I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair, The Barber of Seville* and *Hair*.

Fruit Sale Underway

The Junior Class is currently taking orders for the annual fruit sale. Proceeds from the fruit sale go toward prom expenses. Orders will be accepted through November 6. Delivery of the fruit will be the first week in December. If you are interested in purchasing fruit, call the school office at 419-532-3529 and we will assist you. Thanks!

Get your Wildcat Cards!

The Junior Class is once again selling Wildcat Cards for \$10 each. The cards are good for a full year from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014. There are some new businesses and offers this year. This fund raiser supports post prom activities, offering a safe and enjoyable time for students. Please contact any Junior class member, Kalida High School or the Post Prom Committee to get your card before November 1. Checks payable to "Kalida Post Prom" please. Thanks for your support.

Erin Hoffman, Kalida Post Prom Committee
419-532-2424 / 419-796-9074



It's A Girl

Belated congratulations to Dale and Jill Liebrecht on the birth of their daughter Maria Josephine. She was born this summer on July 11. Mr. Liebrecht is the Engineering and Electronics teacher at KHS.

Welcome Foreign Exchange Students

Matthijs (Matt) Faber is residing with Gery, Diane and Trevor Wurth. Matt, age 18, is from Amsterdam the Netherlands. Matt is a soccer player for the Kalida Wildcats. "I like the food and the people here in Kalida!" says Matt.



Yelizaveta (Liza) Medvedeva is residing with Diane, Jeff and Katia Roehrig. Liza, age 17, is from Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Liza is running cross country and is a member of the Kalida High School band and choir. "I like the people in Kalida," says Liza. "They are really nice. The town is clean and pretty despite it's small."