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Calendar Notes

Jan. 19

Community Meeting 7 PM
Elem. Gym

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No School
M.L. King, Jr. Day

Feb. 3

Special Election
School Issue

Feb. 16

No School
Presidents' Day

Feb. 21

Honoring
Coach Kortokrax
K of C Hall
Following the
Boys' BK game

March 3

KHS Spring
Blood Mobile

March 20

No School
Quarter Break

April 1-5

Senior Class
NYC

April 10-13

Easter Break
No School

April 16-18

Spring Musical
The King & I

Notes from the Superintendent

Limited Emergency Levy Has Expired!

At the August 13, 2008 board meeting the Kalida Board of Education passed a resolution to allow the Limited Emergency Levy, originally passed in 1993 and renewed every five years, to expire at the end of the 2007 tax duplicate. When the district residents passed the income tax issue in 2005 the school board promised to allow this levy to expire. In keeping with that promise this levy will no longer be collected. If you have questions about your tax duplicate please feel free to contact the Putnam County Auditor's office for more information.

Last Community Meeting For the Elementary Construction Levy

We will be holding our last community informational meeting on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 PM in St. Michael's gymnasium. There will be a short power point presentation explaining the construction project, the February 3 bond issue and a brief history of the our school construction project. Members of the administration, school board, levy committee and Putnam County Auditor Bob Benroth will be on hand to answer questions. A copy of the presentation materials is available on the school website under the community meeting link. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

January 19
Community Meeting
7 PM
Kalida St. Michael's
Gym

High School Construction

The high school project is moving along and things are going really well. Almost all of the interior floors will be poured by the end of the month and painting has started in the band room, weight room and some areas in the main academic wing of the high school. Please check out the website for the latest construction photos to keep yourself updated on the progress of the building project.

Elementary Construction Levy

On February 3, the Kalida Local School District will have a bond issue on the ballot for the purpose of constructing a new elementary building. The school district received a \$2.1 million credit from the Ohio School Facilities Commission when they changed our Master Plan from a two building plan to a one building plan. This money has been deposited in a money market account by the school district. The district needs your permission to use this money to help fund our construction project and that is the reason for the bond issue. The February 3, 2009 bond issue will be collected for approximately six years and while that issue is being collected, the 2002 bond issue will not be collected resulting in no increase in taxes for our district residents. This money can only be used for construction of the elementary building project and in no way affects our operating budget. The district is in solid financial shape and for more information please attend the community meeting on January 19, or check out the power point presentation and the five year forecast on the school website at <http://kalida.k12.oh.us> Please help us complete the original master plan approved in 2002 so we can construct the buildings the students in Kalida Local Schools deserve.

Don Horstman, Superintendent

A New Park in Kalida

The Kalida Lions and Kalida Athletic Boosters, in conjunction with the Village of Kalida and others, have recently acquired land to develop a new Kalida Park. This major project will be an investment in our community for many years to come and will include park and recreation facilities for all ages, as well as various athletic fields.



We are very interested in your suggestions, as to what this new park should include. Please visit www.kalidaparks.com to submit your ideas on what you feel a new Kalida park should include. If you do not have internet access, send ideas to:

Kalida Lions

%New Park

P.O. Box 83

Kalida, Ohio 45853

As more information becomes available on development plans for this new park, we will be updating the community. In addition, we will publicizing information on future fund raising efforts you can participate in to help make this new park become a reality in our community. Please visit www.kalidaparks.com for updates.

New Course Offered

Next year KHS will be offering a Digital Electronics class. As part of Project Lead the Way, this class will be incorporated into the Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering classes. The use of digital circuitry is around us every day and is rapidly growing. Students will be studying digital logic while being introduced to digital circuits found in video games, cameras and thousands of other devices. Students will study the application of digital logic and how digital devices are used to control automated equipment. Mr. Dale Liebrecht will be the instructor. If you have any questions, please call the high school and talk to Mr. Liebrecht or Mr. Jeff Clement the Guidance Counselor.

PTO Notes

SCRIPS PROGRAM

Starting in January, Scrips will be ordered twice a month. Orders will be due by 1:00 PM on the first and third Monday of each month, and will be ready for pick-up on the second and fourth Mondays. We hope people take advantage of this extra ordering to use these cards for their everyday purchases and entertainment! More information on Scrips can be found on the school website, or by contacting Kelly von der Embse at kvonderembse@bright.net or Trisha Klausing at gklausing@bright.net. Thank you for helping to support the Kalida Elementary PTO!

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Kalida Elementary PTO will hold the next meeting on Thursday, February 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the elementary library. Items to be discussed include establishing bylaws and committee responsibilities, upcoming spring activities, and more. Everyone is welcome...and feel free to bring a friend! For more information, please contact Trisha Klausing (532-3053) or gklausing@bright.net.

Holiday Games for Giving

The students in the elementary participated in the 8th annual food drive for the Putnam County needy. Students were asked to bring canned food items to their physical education classes in exchange for a P.E. class consisting of fun holiday games. "We collected 425 canned items this year," says Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht coordinator of the event. "In the past eight years, students and members of the Kalida community have donated over 3000 canned food items to the Putnam County Thrift Store. Thanks to all who have participated!"

College Career Day

On Thursday, February 12 we will be having a college/career day for juniors attending classes at the high school. The purpose of the day will be to engage students with activities and guest speakers that will, hopefully, help each student to gain insight about him/her in regards to personality and interests and how these relate to choosing a career. The name in parenthesis represents the institution that is sponsoring the session. The career component will consist of the following three sessions which will take place in the morning:

Session I - Interpretation of ASVAB results

On January 20, juniors will take the Armed Services Vocational Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB is a very good career assessment because it tests students in eight different areas which produce career exploration scores for verbal skills, math skills, and science/technology skills. Then, these scores can be used to link students to possible career choices.

Session II - Personality Assessment (Toledo University)

This session will focus on the personality relevance to careers. Each student will take a personality assessment and, then, have his/her personality type linked to possible career choices. The goal of sessions I and II is to find matches or careers which are revealed from both assessments.

Session III - Multimedia Career Presentation (Brown Mackie) This session will focus on current hot careers. The afternoon sessions will focus on college expectations and the college environment. The goal of these sessions is to focus on college experiences that build awareness needed for college success.

Session IV - College Dangers (Owens Community College)

This session will focus on the potential negative influences of which students could be exposed while on a college campus in the hopes of making our students aware of them in order to keep them safe.

Session V - College Life (James A. Rhodes St. College)

This session will focus on what it may be like arriving on campus as a college freshman. In addition, students will get information on terminology and services that are important in the college search process.

Vantage Applications

On Wednesday, December 3 representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class at Kalida High School. All sophomores have visited the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Applications for next year's enrollment were distributed on this day. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2009-10 school year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Friday, January 23.

COSI Presents

The "Surgical Suite: Total Knee Replacement" Videoconference will be held on January 28. Kalida High School will connect with up to 6 other schools and an audience at COSI in Columbus to experience a LIVE total knee replacement. Grades 7-12 will have the opportunity to view this LIVE surgery with parental permission. This unique learning experience allows students to ask questions and interact via videoconference with surgeons and medical personnel in a real hospital operating room.

Bookbill?

Junior High/High School bookbills are now overdue. If you have not paid, please contact the office to make payment arrangements.

Fans of the Week - Congratulations to the KHS fans who voted with WTLW-TV44 and were awarded the *Golden Megaphone* for a second year. Fans were asked to log onto the WTLW website and vote for their favorite fans of the week. Kalida beat out Ottoville, Delphos St. Johns and New Bremen by earning over 32,000 votes.

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center

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Music Booster Drawing

January
\$50 Winners

Scott Meyer
Mike/Nancy Erhart
Tom/Pam Jerwers
Kelly/Glen Wurth

Boxholder
Kalida, OH 45853

Scholastic Book Fair High School Building

The Kalida Junior/Senior High School Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on February 12-20, 2009, in the new high school library. We invite you to our school to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the book fair help raise funds for new library books, it encourages reading among our students.

The book fair will feature a wide range of books for junior/senior high school students, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, manga, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. In addition, our book fair will have bestsellers for adults and books for preschool-grade 4.

The book fair will be open each day from 7:30 AM – 2:45 PM. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited to attend. On Friday, February 13, the book fair will feature a Family Night open house during the Kalida/Miller City boys' reserve/varsity basketball games. The book fair open house will start at 5:00 PM that night and will continue during the half-times of both games as well as between the reserve and varsity games.

Again this year, you have the opportunity to bring more books to our students called One for Books. Donate just \$1 and sign the attached Book Slip with your name or your student's name so we can display it at our book fair. All of the money you give goes directly to purchase books for our school. The best part is: Scholastic Book Fairs will match the One

for Books dollars you raise with a donation of up to a million books to three non-profit programs devoted to improving reading skills among children: Kids in Distressed Situations, National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. Please send your dollar and signed paper Book Slip back to school with your student or drop it off at the high school library or high school office.

For more information about the Scholastic book fair and to see a sample of the featured books available, go to:<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kahs>



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 you can participate. Please call Denise Scherer at the high school library at 419-532-3528 if you would like to volunteer.