

The PawPrint

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Notes from Superintendent Don Horstman

Calendar Notes

Feb. 19

Homecoming
Game

Feb. 20

Homecoming
Dance

Feb. 21

Presidents' Day

March 1

Red Cross Blood
Drive-KHS Gym

March 25

Quarter Break
No School

April 15-17

KHS Musical

April 15

Staff Inservice
2 hour delay

April 22- 25

Easter Break

May 7

Prom

May 12

HS Academic
Awards Banquet
8:00 PM

May 26

Last Day for
Students

SCHOOL FINANCE

Districts across Ohio continue to wait on Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly to introduce and finalize a state budget for the next biennium. The state of Ohio is facing a \$4 billion to \$8 billion dollar budget deficit. Schools have been told to anticipate cuts from 10% to 20% in state funding. As was mentioned in previous editions of the Paw Print, these cuts would be devastating to Kalida Local Schools.

When Governor Strickland proposed the current biennial budget, the district went from an average of 3% increases in funding each year to being flat funded last year, and cut by 2% this current year. This flat funding and decrease in funding has changed our financial outlook from a positive to extremely negative in a very short period of time. Just this change has prompted a number of belt tightening measures in the school district. Those measures and additional reductions in spending are going to be needed even if Governor Kasich were to flat fund schools in the next biennial budget. With that in mind I will be recommending approximately \$270,000 in cuts at the February 9, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. While these decisions are both heartbreaking and difficult, they are absolutely necessary to address the budgetary issues being faced by the district.

I would encourage all of you to view the 5-year forecast for the district, which is available on the school website, and if you have any financial or budgetary questions to please contact Don Horstman or Cindy Webken in the Superintendent's office. The phone number is 419-532-3534, or you can email the superintendent at ka_supt@kalida.k12.oh.us or the treasurer at ka_treas@kalida.k12.oh.us

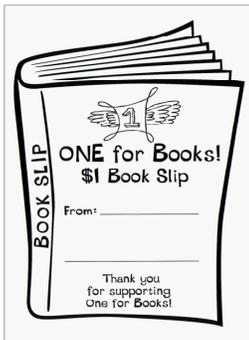
ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE TEACHER REQUESTS GRANTED

We would like to thank the reserved season ticket holders and the enhancement committee for a number of teacher driven projects that were approved in January. When the new building was constructed a group of district residents formed a committee to raise private funds to add things to the building project that the Ohio School Facilities Commission would not provide. The committee added a number of enhancements in the first phase of construction including computer lab/computer equipment, the auditoria sound system, science lab upgrades/science equipment, risers for musical/concert seating, scoreboards/scorer's table, and additional seating in the gymnasium just to name a few. One of the goals was to find a way to have a continuous revenue stream from the enhancement fund, and the reserved season ticket seating was one of the answers to this goal. This year the seats allowed us to fund approximately \$2,400 in projects. The committee was able to help with the purchase of six hotplates to be used in the high school and junior high science class rooms, a water purification system to be used in our Biomedical program, and an additional lapel microphone to be used during concerts and performances. The committee will also be purchasing two desk sized, sets of classroom whiteboards for the second grade, and a weather station for the first grade. These items will further improve the ability of our staff to improve instruction and enrich the academic experience of our students.

Scholastic Book Fair - The Kalida Middle/High School Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on February 8-14, 2011, in the 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 middle/high school students, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, manga, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Many of the books will be priced \$6 or less. The book fair will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited to attend.

ONE FOR BOOKS—This year, one of our goals is to put more books into the hands of students. We call it One for Books. Please donate just \$1 or loose change and sign the attached book slip with your name or child’s name. All signed book slips will be displayed at our Book Fair. All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing more books for the Kalida Middle/High School Library. Scholastic will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids In Need Foundation. 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. On behalf of the students and teachers of our school, thank you!

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.

THANK YOU NOTE - A big “thank you” to everyone who supported the Elementary Book Fair this past November/December. The library will be able to add over 50 books with the proceeds from the book fair!!

Thanks also to the following people for helping at the book fair: Carol Bockrath, Connie Cleemput, Joyce Wurth, Joanne Horstman, Mary Jane Aversch, Jane Kleman, Rita Iliff, Tammy Schroeder, Kelly Wurth, Doris Bockrath, and Kody Heppard.

Two contests for the elementary students were held the week before the book fair started. First place winners received a \$5 gift certificate to spend at the book fair. Students winning the coloring contest were: Livia Recker, Grant Knapke and Dayna Schimmoeller. Students winning the guessing contest were: Danielle Buss, Trevor Vorst, Alexis Meyer and Tori Niese.

Mary Lou Hoffman and Denise Scherer, Book Fair Co-Chairpersons

State Winner

Congratulations to sophomore Carrie Gerding for winning the District, and State Sophomore Americanism and Government Test sponsored by the American Legion of Ohio. She has won an



Carrie Gerding & Mr. Robert Gasser

all expense paid trip to Washington DC and Gettysburg and a United States Savings Bond. Carrie will be traveling to the U.S. Capitol early in March with other students from all over Ohio. Carrie is the daughter of Mary and Mark Gerding of Kalida. Carrie’s U.S. History teacher at KHS is Mr. Robert Gasser

School Delays and Cancellations

Get immediate information on school delays and cancellation notification through your text messaging. Just go to the school web-site (kalida.k12.oh.us) and go to the Resources/Parent link/Text messaging. Click on subscribe for alerts and enter your phone information. It is that easy. You can also choose to be alerted on many other school activities at this same site.



Pretty Woman? - The KHS Cats Who Care Club held a fundraiser in mid-January in honor of the late Andy Merschman. Students were asked to sponsor their favorite



male model who in turn had to dress like a woman. The Best Male Model award went to junior Drew Stechschulte who raised over \$200. Haley McIntyre and Nikki Kaufman selected his fashion designs. The student body had 28

models competing and as a group raised over \$1200. The funds will now be donated in Andy’s name to 4H Camp Palmer. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this a great success.

Freshman Orientation Scheduled - Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of Monday, Feb. 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2015. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. New graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting new programs will all be covered as well as other important issues.

High School Scheduling - Pre-registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on Friday Feb. 11. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by Feb. 18.

Post-secondary/Dual Enrollment/AP Meetings Scheduled - On Monday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of any high school student who may be interested in taking a college course during next school year. We offer two options at Kalida High School for students to take college courses. One option is of the post-secondary option variety through James A. Rhodes St. College and the other is Dual Enrollment through Wright St. University. There are a couple of significant differences between the two programs so representatives from both institutions will be present to clarify them and answer questions. The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit: Psychology, Computer Applications, Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, English 11, and AP English Literature and Composition. Thus, it is important that parents of students planning to take these courses next year attend this informational session. In addition, the Ohio Department of Education mandates that parents must attend an informational meeting before their students are eligible to participate in the program.

AP Course Sessions - There will be meetings on Monday, Feb. 14 at Kalida High School for students and their parents taking any advanced placement (AP) courses next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams which are given at the end of each school year. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis: American History (10, 11, 12), Government (12), Statistics (11 or 12), Biology (11 or 12), and English (12). For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:30 PM and will follow the above mentioned PSEOP/Dual Enrollment session since many parents will need to attend both. The schedule of the meetings is as follows:

AP American History	7:30 PM	Mr. Gasser's room	#106
AP English	7:30 PM	Mrs. Gerding's room	#108
AP Biology	8:00 PM	Mr. Gordon's room	#109
AP Government	8:00 PM	Mr. Gasser's room	#106
AP Statistics	8:00 PM	Mr. Huber's room	#214

Vantage Information for Sophomores

A representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class on January 18 at Kalida High School. On Feb. 2 all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Applications for next year's enrollment will be distributed on this day. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2011-12 school year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Feb. 11.

Plan Results Shared With Sophomores

On Jan. 12 results for the PLAN (pre-ACT) were shared with those sophomores who took the assessment in December. Each student received a personalized score report along with the original question booklet. Also, a chart was given to each student who took the PSAT in October so that they could compare the two assessments.

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School Board Meetings

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

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JH District Choir and Band Honors

Congratulations to Westin Basinger, Brandon Erhart, Taylor Lamb and Michael Schroeder who have been named to the Junior High District Choir. Congratulations also to Mariah Doepker and Mitchell Kerner who were named to the Junior High District Band.

Chicken BBQ - The Kalida Athletic Boosters will be having their annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, March 6. Tickets will be sold **PRESALE** only. Each student athlete is asked to sell 4 tickets minimum. Tickets will be distributed the week of Feb.6. Money must be turned in by Feb. 21. For other tickets, you can contact John Guisinger (419-642-2424); Craig Schmenk (419-532-2166); Traci Miller (419-532-2437); or Kim Nordhaus (419-532-2785.)



HOBY Selection - Congratulations to Carrie Gerding who was selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference at Ohio Northern University. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Mr. Chris Pfahler (Kalida H.S. Principal) for funding the fee to attend the conference.

Break a Leg - This year's spring musical is Tony Award winning *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. The story follows six young spellers struggling through their spelling bee experience guided by three (mostly) well meaning adults and a few family members along the way. But watch out - this hilarious show also has room for some audience participation!
Come see us in the high school Auditoria. We hope to see you there!

Friday, April 15 at 7:30 PM,
Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 PM / No dinner theater this year.
Sunday, Matinee April 17 at 2:00 PM

Honor Society Candidates Announced

Candidates for possible induction into the National Honor Society for the 2011-12 school year have been posted on the high school bulletin board. Students in grades 10-12 with a 3.3 or higher grade point average are eligible to apply for admission into the organization. Applications will be distributed to these candidates on Wednesday, February 2. Interested students will have until February 18 to complete them.

Cast Members:

Shaunna Basinger as Rona Lisa Peretti
Ben Schroeder - Douglas Panch
Austin Roebke - Mitch Mahoney
Eric Hill - Chip Tolentino
Alice Verhoff - Marcy Park
Elora Tschuor - Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere
Megan Erhart - Leaf Coneybear
Alexis Decker - Olive Ostrovsky
Ryan Erhart - William Barfee

Chorus/Crew: Neil Gerding, Rachael Stechsulte, Kelsey Miller, Alex Cattell, Casey Unverferth, Dana Cattell, Jarrod Stober, Karly Westbeld

Honor Roll 2010-11

All A's

Second Quarter

5th grade

Anna Berheide
Nick Cleemput
Kevin Hamburg
Noah Hermiller
Jacob Kahle
Taylor Lucke
Kierstan Siebeneck

6th grade

Derek Buss
Kelly Doepker
Bailey Eickholt
Kristen Fortman
Brianna Good
Hannah Kahle
Layne Keefer
Brooke Kimball
Jeffrey Knueve
Noah Lambert
Abby Langhals
Trent Siebeneck
Jade Zeller

7th Grade

Brandon Erhart
Sarah Hovest
Brady Laudick
Brooke Lucke
Paige Roller
Allison Siebeneck
Alex vonderEmbse
Renee Vorst

8th grade

Mariah Doepker
Kennedy Hoffman
Brent Hovest
Luke Langhals
Nicole Recker
Logan Roebke

Freshmen

Alexis Decker
Meredith Kromer
Pat Millott
Kiersten Recker
Kylie Siebeneck
Whitney Smith
Justine Verhoff
Randy Zeller

Sophomores

Andrea Bellmann
Carrie Gerding
Adam Knueve
Rich Langhals
Emily Schnipke
Amy Smith
Kaylyn Verhoff
Eric Warnecke

Juniors

Nicole Kaufman
Haley McIntyre
Austin Roebke
Connor Schmenk
Ben Schroeder

Seniors

Amanda Schulte
Emily Turnwald

Vantage Senior

Curtis Schroeder

AB Honor Roll

Second Quarter

<u>5th grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th grade</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Brady Decker	Catherine Basinger	Ben Burkhardt	Tadd Backus	Erika Brinkman	Samantha Edwards
Alecia Dunn	Kylie Buss	Katey Buss	Dana Cattell	Paige Burgei	Megan Erhart
Dillon Elkins	Sarah Cleemput	Jacob Dunn	Joe Gerdeman	Neil Gerding	Allison Fitzgerald
Kyona Gray	Maddison Edelbrock	Molly Ellerbrock	Trevor Guisinger	Amanda Giesige	Chad Goergens
Trent Guisinger	Alexa Ellerbrock	Zach Erhart	Dylan Hoffman	Brian Good	Jeff Good
Chandler Hopkins	Trent Gerding	Jacquelyn Gardner	Ryan Kahle	Tyler Heitmeyer	Tyler Hoffman
Rachel Kahle	Devin Giesige	Trevor Holtkamp	Bethany Kimmel	Brady Hermiller	Michelle Jorrey
Josh Klausing	Adam Goergens	Melissa Jorrey	Katelyn Kortokrax	Eric Hill	Chelsea Kahle
Sarah Klausing	Brittany Kahle	Ericka Kimball	Andrew Krouse	Deanna Kahle	Kelsey Miller
Tori Niese	Joni Kaufman	Erin Knueve	Brooke Loveland	Ben Kaufman	Austin Neidert
Kara Siefker	Laine Laudick	Devin Kortokrax	Nicole Reindel	Nathan Kortokrax	Justin Neidert
Jakob Stober	Danni Maag	Taylor Lamb	Michael Schroeder	Jordan Laudick	Kristopher Osterhage
Jaylen Vandemark	Trevor Maag	Cole Miller	Jarrold Stober	Brandi Merschman	Brianna Recker
Hannah Warn	Nathan Meyers	Morgan Niese	Elizabeth Turnwald	Brooke Schnipke	Alex Schroeder
Kamryn Webken	Nathan Nordhaus	Olivia Schmenk	Sarah Verhoff	Cody Schnipke	Brian Schulte
Trevor Wurth	Kylie Osterhage	Derek Schroeder		Aaron Siebeneck	Miranda Schulte
Taylor Zeller	Andrea Rall	Michael Schroeder	<u>Sophomores</u>	Marissa Smith	Alyssa Verhoff
	Allison Recker	Brad Siebeneck	Damon Birkemeier	Drew Stechschulte	<u>Vantage Juniors</u>
<u>6th grade</u>	Samantha Recker	Aaron Tenwalde	Anthony Dunn	Kevan Unverferth	Jared Fortman
Ryan Ellerbrock	Kaleb Selhorst	Noah Verhoff	Ryan Erhart	Paul Utendorf	Bryce Gerding
Reed Fuller	Katelyn Siebeneck	Megan Vine	Kayla Siefker	Jeremy Verhoff	Breanna Murphy
Lucas Gerding	Taylor Siefker	Austin Vorst	Ben Stechschulte	Ben von der Embse	Derek Siefker
Keara Hopkins	Austin Swift	Makenna Vorst	Casey Unverferth	Karly Westbeld	Austin Sybert
Sierra Hunter	Grant Unverferth	Casey Wehri	Julia Vandemark	Alexis Wurth	
Morgan Knapke	Nathan Vorst	Grant Zeller	Shelly Verhoff	Jared Zeller	<u>Vantage Seniors</u>
Samantha Langhals	Sidney White		Jordan Wurth	Halie Zenz	Austin Selhorst
Tyler Lehman	Allison Wurth				Ryan Wehri
Carlee Miller					
Collin Nartker					