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Calendar Notes

March 21
Easter Break
No School

March 24
School In Session

March 26-27
Kindergarten
Screening

April 2-6
KHS Senior
Class Trip
NYC

April 3
Spring Photos
Elementary

April 17-19
KHS Musical
Cinderella

May 3
Prom

May 23
Weather
Permitting
Last Day
of School ?

Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Changes - The weather continues to wreak havoc on this year's school calendar. Currently, make up days are scheduled for Monday, February 18, Monday, March 24, Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Building Update - The Ohio School Facilities Commission has been meeting with representatives of the school district regularly for the last couple of months. Pending the proposed purchase of the St. Michael's Elementary site, demolition will hopefully begin during the first week of June on the current St. Michael's Elementary building. This demolition will include everything to the east of the current Elementary cafeteria. The new construction and renovation of the structure east of the cafeteria will begin immediately after the demolition is complete.

Classes for students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be temporarily located in modular classroom sites adjacent to the current soccer field during the 2008-09 school year. Sixth grade students will be moved to the current high school building during construction. This temporary classroom space had been funded by the Ohio School Facilities Commission and will allow the district to finish construction at both locations (Elementary and High School) prior to the start of the 2009-10 school year.

There are several logistical issues regarding the temporary classroom space that have not yet been resolved, but the staff and administration are currently planning for a safe, efficient, and productive school year. Students in grades 7-12 will not be impacted to a large degree during the completion of the new high school building. However, parking will be minimal while the project is underway.

Building Demolition - The Board of Education approved a quote from Gerding Ditching to demolish the apartment structure (located behind the soccer field) that was purchased in December. This building is scheduled for demolition the week of February 11. There are no specific plans for the use of this property at this time.

Grant Awarded - Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Ketcham on receiving nearly \$3000 from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation for a grant that she submitted earlier this school year. This award will be used to purchase materials to assist students.

Website News - The school website has recently undergone some minor changes which include new art work and a special section for announcements pertaining to the school district. This is a work in progress. Please bookmark the web site if you have not already done so as it is a useful tool for finding out about up to the minute information. Cancellations, delays, make-up schedules, and event information related to school cancellations can be found there even in the worst of weather.

Cafeteria Balances Available - You can now check your child's cafeteria balances on-line. Go to the Resources tab on the webpage, and then down to Parent. After selecting Parent move to the right and select MealsPlus (which is our cafeteria system). This will take you to a link where you can select either High School or Elementary. You will need to enter your child's student pin # and their last name.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Scholastic Exchange Book Fair

The Kalida High School Library is hosting a special book fair from Scholastic, called the Exchange, on Feb. 11-15 in the new high school library. The book fair will help raise funds for new hardbound library books for the high school library.

The Exchange will feature a wide range of books for junior/senior high school students, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. The book fair will be open each day from

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited to attend.

Again this year, you have the opportunity to bring **more** books to our students called **One for Books**. Donate \$1 and sign the attached Book Slip with your 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 Exchange 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 help kids select books, work at the cashier's table, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please call Denise Scherer at the high school library at 419-532-3528 if you would like to volunteer.

Happy Reading!

A big "thank you" to everyone who supported the Kalida Elementary Library's Scholastic Book Fair this past November/December. The library will be able to purchase over 80 books with the proceeds from the book fair!! Thanks to the

following people for helping at the book fair: Carol Bockrath, Doris Bockrath, Joyce Wurth, Connie Cleemput, Tammy Schroeder, Nancy Erhart, Denise Ellerbrock, Cheryl Kromer, Kelly Wurth, and Jill Zeller. Also, thank you to four students who helped take down the book fair: Neil Lammers, Derek Birkemeier, Michael Niemeyer, and Kyle Hoffman.

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

Games for Giving Results

Kalida Elementary students donated around 620 canned-food items to the Putnam County Thrift Store in Ottawa as part of the annual "Games for Giving" day in Physical Education classes. This act of kindness, organized by Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht, demonstrates the true spirit of the holidays and is appreciated by many throughout the county.

State Testing

This year, students in grades 3-6 will be tested during the week of April 28 – May 2. Please mark your calendar and avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during that time if at all possible. All four grades will be taking Math and Reading tests. In addition, grade 4 will be taking a writing test and grade 5 will be tested in Science and Social Studies.

Thank you for supporting
One for Books!



Photo by Karri Clementz

Congratulations to the KHS student body, staff, families and community members who helped vote the KHS Fan Spirit as #1. Kalida was placed on the ballot with Spencerville High School and Fort Jennings High School the week of January 7. Votes were taken by WTLW Channel 44 via the internet. Kalida earned **69,020** votes to secure the designation as *Fans of the Week* (January 15) and the prestige of possessing the *Golden Megaphone* traveling trophy.

Yearbook Deadline- February 15 is the last possible date to order both elementary and high school yearbooks. Order forms can be obtained from the website, by contacting Mrs. Knueve (ka_knueve@kalida.k12.oh.us), or in the offices.



**Music Boosters
Dec. Winners**

- \$150 Joan Schnipke
- 125 Deb/Tim Verhoff
- 100 Susan Meyer
- 75 Amy/Greg Recker
- 75 Tammy/Scott Royer
- 50 Marilyn Leopold
- 50 Karen/Tim Schroeder
- 50 Lisa/Roger Unverferth
- 50 Mary Lou Merschman

January \$50 Winners

- Tracy Meyer
- Joan/Stan Smith
- Dolores Hoffman
- Betty/Louis Ellerbrock

February \$50 Winners

- Joe/Gina Erhart
- Lori Fischer
- Michele Doepker
- Emily Turnwald



**Second Quarter Honor Roll
2007-08**

All A's

7th grade

- Andrea Bellmann
- Damon Birkemeier
- Ryan Erhart
- Carrie Gerding
- Rich Langhals
- Phillip Loveland
- Amy Smith
- Casey Unverferth
- Kaylyn Verhoff
- Eric Warnecke

8th Grade

- Neil Gerding
- Amanda Giesige
- Nicole Kaufman
- Jordan Laudick

Freshmen-None

Sophomores

- Julia Fuerst
- Amy Hamburg
- Trisha Horstman
- Stephanie Verhoff

Juniors

- Kasie Bellmann
- Leah Gerding
- Megan Jorrey
- Neal Lammers
- Gina Verhoff
- Matt Warnecke

Seniors

- Louisa Millott
- Trent Smith

Vantage 3.0 +

Juniors

- Cody Buss
- Jarvin Decker
- Matthew Erhart
- Nikki Ford
- Jeff Miller
- Leanna Pitts
- Scott Schroeder
- Josh Wehri
- Kyle Westbeld

Vantage 3.0 +

Seniors

- Andrew Burwell
- Emily Erhart
- Aaron Geckle
- Ross Hamilton
- Aaron Patterson
- Derek Rayle
- Brandon Vorst

AB Honor Roll

7th Grade

- Skylar Basinger
- Jessica Doepker
- Anthony Dunn
- Summer Holtkamp
- Kristi Honigfort
- Austin Horstman
- Kendra Hunter
- Adam Knueve
- Cody Mathew
- Neil Recker
- Dustin Rosselit
- Emily Schnipke
- Shelby Schroeder
- Kayla Siefker
- Julia Vandemark
- Shelly Verhoff
- Kyle Vorst
- Danae Webken

8th Grade

- Shaunna Basinger
- Paige Burgei
- Eric Ellerbrock
- Jordan Ellerbrock
- Matthew Gerding
- Brian Good
- Nick Guisinger
- Tyler Heitmeyer
- Miranda Hermiller
- Eric Hill
- Nathan Jorrey
- Deanna Kahle
- Nathan Kortokrax
- Tyler Kortokrax
- Haley McIntyre
- Grant Neal
- Austin Roebker
- Connor Schmenk
- Cody Schnipke
- Ben Schroeder
- Aaron Siebeneck
- Drew Stechschulte
- Paul Utendorf
- Ben von der Embse
- Karly Westbeld
- Alexis Wurth
- Jared Zeller
- Halie Zenz

Freshmen

- Alexandrea Cattell
- Allison Fitzgerald
- Bryan Fortman
- Chad Goergens
- Jeff Good
- Michelle Jorrey
- Derek Korte

Freshmen continued

- Kelsey Miller
- Austin Neidert
- Justin Neidert
- Kristopher Osterhage
- Brianna Recker
- Amanda Schulte
- Brian Schulte
- Rachael Stechschulte
- Emily Turnwald
- Alyssa Verhoff
- Jillian Wehri

Sophomores

- Stacie Heitmeyer
- Brant Kahle
- Kara Kaufman
- Kelly Kehres
- Stephanie Kortokrax
- Katherine Kromer
- Michael Niemeyer
- Abby Rampe
- Michael Turnwald
- Margaret von der Embse
- Devin Warnecke

Juniors

- Derek Birkemeier
- Dana Bruskotter
- Lauren Erhart
- Alexis Hill
- Jenna Kahle
- Jessica Knueve
- Darcy Langhals
- Erica Schmenk
- Scott Schnipke
- Amy VonderEmbse

Seniors

- Karri Clementz
- Brandon Closson
- Alyssa Frey
- Jill Hoffman
- Kayla Kromer
- Craig Miller
- Stacy Reindel
- Dean Schnipke
- Abigail Schroeder
- Brittany Schroeder
- Chelsea Warnecke
- Ashley Wehri

Superintendent:

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



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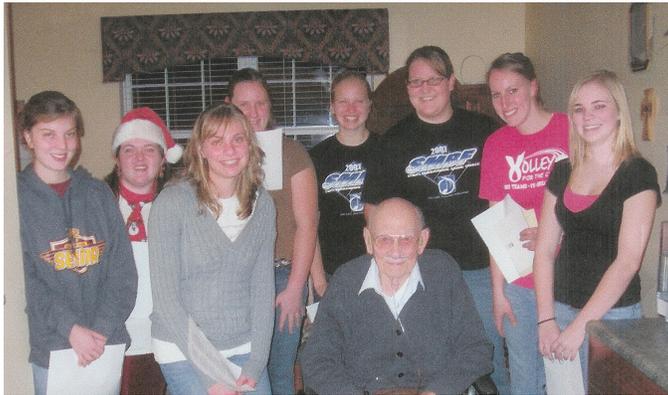
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School Board Meetings

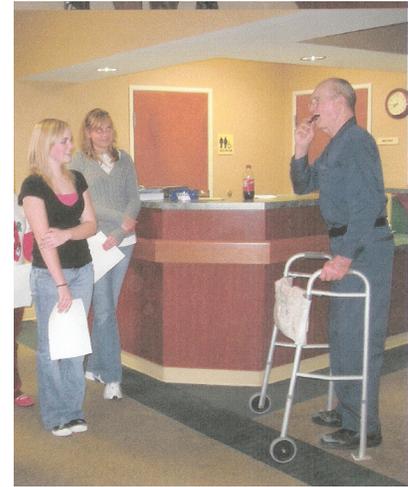
Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center

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Cats Who Care students visited the Kalida Meadows in December to sing to the residents. Mr. Hillary Burgei (above) is surrounded by several of the students visiting with him. Mr. Victor Grote (right photo) joined the songs by playing his harmonica along with the students.



Guidance Notes *By Jeff Clement*

Financial Aid Night A Success- The college financial aid night that was held at Continental High School on Monday, January 21 was a success. Over 90 parents and students from area high schools were present to hear information on scholarships and the proper procedure for filling out the FAFSA. We would like to thank Wendell Schick - Director of Financial Aid at the University for Northwestern Ohio – for being the keynote speaker.

Upcoming Testing Dates- During the week of March 10 - 14 , all sophomores will take the five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test. The order of the test sections is as follows:
Monday – Reading, **Tuesday** – Math, **Wednesday** – Writing, **Thursday** – Science, and **Friday** – Citizenship.

Students can practice for these tests online at <http://ohio.measinc.com/Content.htm> Any junior or senior who has any of the sections remaining will be testing during the same time. All other achievement tests for grades 3-8 will be April 22 – April 25.

Scheduling for Next Year- It is hard to believe, but it is that time of year again. Scheduling for next year’s courses for all student in grades 8-11 will take place in the next couple of weeks. As usual, students will be required to have their course request sheets signed by parents to verify their completion. Freshmen orientation will be held Thursday, February 21 from 7-8 pm in the high school auditoria for parents and students of the class of 2011.

Vantage Applications- On Tuesday, January 22 representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class at Kalida High School. Then at a later date all sophomores took a field trip to 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 2008-09 school year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Friday, February 15.