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Calendar Notes

May 15

HS Academic
Banquet
8:00 PM
KHS Auditoria

May 24

Last Day
of School

May 28

Graduation
Class of 2006

May 30

Spring Athletic
Banquet

August 22

School Begins
2006-07

Notes from the Superintendent

New Hires - As we enter the last month of the current school year, we have filled our guidance and math positions for the 2006-07 school year. I am pleased to announce that **Mr. Jeff Clement** will be assuming the 7-12 guidance position being vacated by Mrs. Myers. Mr. Clement is a resident of Putnam County who has eight years experience as a guidance counselor at Lima Perry. He is a graduate of Spencerville High School and a former social studies teacher at Spencerville. **Mr. Adam Huber** will be teaching 7-12 mathematics. Mr. Huber will be graduating from Defiance College this Spring and will begin his teaching career here at Kalida.

Musical Notes - Congratulations to Joe Warnement and the cast of this year's musical *The Sound of Music*. The musical was very well attended all three nights and was much appreciated by those in attendance. Thank you to the cast members and their parents for the extra hard work and dedication to make the production such a "Golden drop of sun."

Early Dismissal - Classes will be dismissed for summer vacation on May 24 at 2 PM. School will begin again late summer on August 22, 2006.

~ *Superintendent Mark K. Neal*

Band Calendars - Music Boosters are taking orders now for the 2006-07 calendar. Call Mary Hoffman (419-532-3978) or Sue Fuerst (419-532-3268) to order. You can list your family's birthdays, special anniversaries, public meetings etc.

Hawaiian Art Mural Created

For over twenty-five years, Kalida Elementary third grade teacher Miss Mary Grote has had her students research and present speeches on Hawaiian Culture, Flora and Fauna. This year to help stress the colorful life-style of the Hawaiian experience, Mrs. Michelle Fry's high school art students have painted a new canvas mural for the Hawaii program. (The new mural replaces the vinyl one the class of '80 donated to Miss Grote after their junior prom.) The high school art students (Art I, II and IV) completed the 5' x 22' mural in 2 1/2 weeks. Student painters include: Chelsea Warnecke, Ben Schumaker, Ryan Kimmel, Billie Jean Gerding, Cory Birkemeier, Jenna Schroeder, Abby Schroeder, Emily Erhart, Kyle Kahle, Gina Verhoff, Jenna Kahle, Kasie Bellmann, Doug McIntyre, Matt Warnecke, Matt Schnipke, Erica Schmenk, Leah Gerding, Amy VonderEmbse, Jess Knueve, Kevin Roehrig, Ashley Remlinger, Nicole Nordhaus, Brittany Bockrath, Cassie Schulte, Makenna Basinger, Dana Bruskotter, Lauren Verhoff, Molly Verhoff, Karrie Miller, Brooke Schroeder, Emily Berheide, Abby West, Stacey Reindel, Liz Foppe, Allyson Fortman, Brittany Schroeder, Ashley Wehri, Sam Schnipke, Amber Erhart and Jess Winkle. The mural will be on display until the end of the school year in Miss Grote's classroom.



High School Art teacher Mrs. Fry (center) and two art students, Stacey Reindel and Liz Foppe, hold up one-half of the 22 ft. long mural that was created for the elementary Hawaiian program.

Upon Retiring

“Many thanks to the residents of the Kalida School District for giving me the opportunity to spend 31 years in this excellent school system as an educator. A special “Thank You” to Mr. John Phillips for having enough faith in me to hire me in the first place. To all my former students, I hope you



Mrs. Tamara Schroeder

have learned a little something in my classes. I have learned a great deal from all of you. I can assure you that each of you in your own way has helped me to be a better teacher. As I leave my teaching career, I can assure you that my family and I will continue to support Kalida Schools. Teaching at Kalida has been more rewarding than anyone could ask.”

“I have been a part of many changes in education, but the one constant has been the support of education and its related activities by the people of this school district. I am thankful to have been a part of many accomplishments by the students of KHS. Thanks to the many faculty and staff members that have been a part of these 35 years. A special thanks to my wife and family for the giving of their time to allow me to be involved in education and its related activities all these years. Thank you!”



Mr. Bob Gerdeman



Mrs. Beth Myers

“Thanks to all the current and former students and staff members of Kalida High School, as well as members of the community, for many treasured experiences. First as an IOE and typing teacher, then special education and computers, and finally as a counselor, I’ve witnessed a wonderful parade of students and parents alike—including many parents who had been my students! In spite of a few sad times, my fondest memories will be of the laughter that was shared with both students and staff. Also, I had the very unusual situation of being a “faculty spouse”—something that is very rare in most work settings today. I am very grateful to our past and present administrators for taking the chance to hire both my husband and myself. We both believe that we were very blessed to have had this opportunity. In closing, I’d like to say that my greatest joy, however, is watching students of all ages grow and become community and professional leaders in their adult lives. That is an incredibly gratifying feeling. Thank you and best wishes to all of you in the future!”



“Killed” by Drunk Drivers

Mock Accident-Every one-half hour an alcohol related crash occurs in the United States. On April 24, the *Cats Who Care* sponsored “Grim Reaper Day.” This activity’s purpose is to make an impression about alcohol and prom/graduation. So during that school day, every half hour a student’s name was announced over the PA system. The mock accident report was read and the Grim Reaper (Officer Forest Gordon) came into the class and took the student away to his or her fate. Miniature tombstones were then placed in the school’s front yard to give impact to these deadly statistics.

Oration Contest

The 2006 *Modern Woodmen Oration Contest* was held in the Kalida Elementary and in the Kalida High School. This year’s theme was “Our State.” Esther Goebel, District Representative of Modern Woodmen of America presented the awards to the winners. First Place winner in the elementary was Andrea Bellmann and first in the junior high went to Kara Kaufman. Congratulations to all the participants.



Elementary oration winners were: Amy Smith-3rd place, Andrea Bellmann-1st, and Ryan Erhart-2nd. Presenting the plaques from Modern Woodmen was District Representative Esther Goebel.



Junior high oration winners were 1st- Kara Kaufman, 2nd-Trisha Horstman and 3rd Stephanie Verhoff.

Enhancement Committee Update

Many of you have seen the chairs and risers used on the stage during the recent basketball season. The Enhancement Committee spent a considerable amount of time evaluating different risers, chairs and seating systems before deciding on this purchase. Our intent, from day one, was to have a versatile system that could be used in many different applications. At the recent musical, these same risers and chairs were placed at the back of the auditoria, offering some great elevated reserved seating (see photo.)

These risers and chairs will also be used at the upcoming graduation ceremony. By utilizing the risers and chairs at the graduation ceremonies, all the graduates will be visible when seated on the stage.



The additional \$20 per reserved bucket seat collected during this past year's basketball season has been put to good use. There was approximately \$4,700 collected with the following items requested by our teaching staff being purchased as classroom enhancements:

Rock and Mineral Sets for Junior High Science (B. Grime)
Human Skeleton-Anatomy (C. Streets)
Digital Camcorder-High School Yearbook Staff (S. Knueve)
Partial Smartboard/Projector for H.S. English (M. Gerding)
Shelving Unit-First Grade (C. Koch)
Mats for Elementary Phys Ed program (S. Liebrecht)
Shelving Unit-First Grade (J. Cupp)

The teachers have expressed their appreciation for these items. Our plan is to continue each year allocating these monies towards enhancements to help our teachers and students in the classroom.

Very soon, there will be a total of three Sympodiums and five SmartBoards in use in Kalida Schools classrooms. Perhaps you saw the article in *The Lima News* on the use of a SmartBoard in Brenda Burgei's classroom. The article did a nice job of explaining how SmartBoards can assist in teaching and learning in the classroom. If you did not see this article, a link to it is now on the school web site (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>). The Enhancement Committee hopes to continue funding additional SmartBoards and Sympodiums as our teachers and students become comfortable with the use of this technology.

To improve sanitation and ease of cleaning, the concrete floors and baseboard areas in the locker rooms will have a poured topcoat finish installed the week of June 5. This will help eliminate moisture and dirt collecting in cracks, seams and behind baseboards.

In the Arts area, we have completed a part of the enhancements to be done in the auditoria. The side, mid and rear curtains on the stage have recently been installed and were in place for the musical. Unfortunately, due to a lot of red tape, we were not able to have the permanent lighting package in place for the musical. (The Enhancement Fund paid for the temporary lighting for the musical.) To be certain the Ohio School Facilities Commission considers the permanent lighting a co-fundable item and gives credit for it when Phase II construction rolls around, we are in the process of going through all the proper steps to make that happen. The new time frame to have the Performance Lighting Package installed in the auditoria is sometime this summer prior to the new school year.

Twenty donor panel signs are now in place on the outfield fencing surrounding the softball diamond (behind the high school.) These donor panel signs will be moved to the soccer field in the fall. These donors are the reason the Kalida Schools Enhancement Committee has been able to fund



so many worthwhile enhancements. Please support these vendors, as they have generously supported the Kalida Schools.

If you, your business, or your organization are considering donating to the Kalida School Enhancement Fund, please give one of the members of our committee a call. We would be happy to explain the different options available for donating to the fund.

Enhancement Committee:

Bill Rieman, Bob Unverferth, Karl Kahle, Barry von der Embse,, Cindy Webken, Dave Unverferth, Don Horstman, Greg Knueve, Mark Neal, Rhonda Osterhage, and Steve Krouse.

Presenting the Class of 2006

Valedictoria:
Brad VonderEmbse
Julie Schroeder

Graduation: Sunday, May 28
2:00 PM in the new KHS Gymnasium

Salutatorian:
Ryan Hoffman

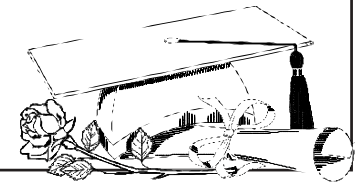
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 Anthony A. Wannemacher
 Randall W. Webken
 Jeremy L. Wehri
 Laurie M. Westbeld
 Lindsay K. Westbeld
 Jessica E. Winkle

Class Motto: "No day is over, if it leaves a memory."
Class Colors: Maroon, Metallic Gold & Silver
Flower: Rose
Song: "Time of Your Life" by Green Day



Yearbook Donations- Thanks to the anonymous donor who gave the KHS library the 1954 and the 1955 yearbook and to Sandy Roller who donated the 1977 yearbook to KHS. We are still looking for 1963, 1964, 1967, 1984, 1987 and 1989.

Student Sports Physicals Monday, May 22

6:00-8:00PM- New Gym

Any student in grades 6-11 who are planning to play interscholastic sports during the 2006-07 school year will need to have a sports physical on file with the high school office. On May 22, several doctors will be on hand to do physicals for our students. Please plan to attend. Questions? Call Jim McBride 419-532-3529.

Superintendent:
Mark Neal
 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
 Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
 8:00 PM - High School
 Media Center

School Board

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Spring Concert Band Booster Drawing

- \$150 John Remlinger
- \$100 Carolyn Unverferth
- \$100 Tom/Janet Janka
- \$75 Gary Langhals
- \$75 Barry Woodyard
- \$50 Pat Broecker
- \$50 John/Erma Schnipke
- \$50 Ruth Ann Foppe
- \$50 Jane/Mike Merschman
- \$50 Lisa Siefker

A Very Successful Jump Heart for Heart

The Jump Rope for Heart was held on Friday, April 21. We had 122 jumpers that collected **\$6,512.44** for the American Heart Association. Donations raised will help fund research, fight heart disease and stroke and support the American Heart Association's public and professional education programs. "This year we had fewer participants than previous years, however, we did exceptionally! I'm very proud of all the jumpers plus we all had a lot of fun jumping!" said Mrs. Luebrecht. "Our top five fund-raisers were Erin Knueve, Adam Geckle, Makenna Vorst, Julia Vandemark and Cody Niese. Thanks to all of the students who participated, the parents that supervised the event, and the many sponsors throughout the school and community! A great team effort!"

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