

# The Paw Print

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 ODE Excellent Rating; 2003 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

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### Building Update

Walls are beginning to appear at the new building site at KHS. The contractor hopes to have the majority of the building under roof by winter. Thus far, this project is on schedule and going very well. Please check the school website for additional photos of the construction area as we progress toward completion.

### Building the Memorial Walls

Over one hundred memorial bricks have been ordered for the new building project. Due to the success of this project, we will extend the ordering for a while longer. Have you placed your order? More forms are available in the treasurer's office.

### Investment Policy

The Board of Education authorizes the treasurer to make investments in securities approved by state law. Currently, the school districts' money is invested in certificates of deposit and money market accounts in Putnam County banks that have depository agreements with the school, and in the Ohio Subdivision Fund known as STAR Ohio, a money market account managed by the Treasurer of State that only Ohio governmental subdivisions can participate in. (For more information on STAR Ohio, go to <http://www.treasurer.state.oh.us/starhome.htm>)

The purpose of all investments is to maximize the returns on the district's money with safety being the top priority. With this in mind, Kalida Schools only deposits money with local banks that individually pledge collateral against deposits. This security, along with FDIC insurance, maximizes protection of the school districts' money.

### Bookbills Due

Students in the elementary were given their bookbills on the first day of school. They are due now. Since students in the high school have varying schedules and perhaps last minute changes, the bookbills will be finalized soon and be sent home with the students by mid-September.

### Excellent Rating

For the **fourth** consecutive year, the Kalida Local School District and both school buildings have received the Ohio Department of Education's highest academic rating. This Excellent rating is once again the combined effort of district resident support, high parental expectations, board of education support and the daily hard work and effort of all students and school personnel.

The overall ratings of schools in northwest Ohio are an indication of the commitment to quality education by local communities and school districts.

While Kalida and other area districts continue to do their part in providing a quality education for students, state leaders continue to struggle with a resolution to the school funding crisis. (See the related article on school funding below.)

### School Funding

A Community Forum, "**Public Education Matters**" will be held in each of the thirty-three Ohio Senate Districts on Wednesday, September 29. The meeting for Senate District 1 will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Defiance Junior High School located at 629 Arabella Drive, in Defiance.

The current school funding system in Ohio has been ruled unconstitutional by the Ohio Supreme Court. Please consider attending and learning more about public education and school funding.

## Band Show 2004

"On Tour With Simon and Garfunkel" is the program title this year for the KHS band. Featured selections include *Sounds of Silence*, *Cecilia*, *Feelin' Groovy*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, and *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover*. There are two duets in the show performed by Kelly Knueve and Rachel Cygan as well as Michelle Remlinger and Austin Basinger. Senior member Kenzie Hanneman performs a snare drum solo during the performance of *50 Ways*...

### Dates for shows include:

Ottoville Park Carnival Parade	9/05/04
OG Parade of Bands	9/18/04
Columbus Grove Show	9/25/04
Findlay Band Festival	10/02/04
Lima Shawnee Showcase	10/16/04

## Introducing the 2004 KHS Color Guard

The KHS Color Guard attended training at a *Fred J. Miller Camp* in July.

The guard members include Laura Burgei, Sara Heitmeyer, Lauren Verhoff, Jen Wehri and Stefanie Schroeder. The guard looked great at the camp's final show. The girls brought home the *Most Improved Guard Trophy*. They returned home with many new ideas for their fall show. Come on out to the band shows this fall to see our talented students perform.



## Band Calendars are Here

The 2004-05 school band calendars have been delivered. If you have ordered one but have not yet received yours, please call Mary Hoffman (532-3978) or Sue Gerdeman (532-3441). Forgot to order yours? There are extras available for purchase as well.

## Say Cheese

Students in grades 7 through 11 are scheduled to be photographed in the high school on September 2. The students in the elementary will be photographed for school pictures on October 6. These photos will be used for school records as well as the school yearbook in the high school.

## Enrollment at Kalida Local

The first day of school in Kalida was held on Wednesday, August 25. We had 390 students in attendance in the elementary and 340 students in the junior high and high school. The current senior class has 54 students. This year's kindergarten has 55 students and will graduate in the year 2017.

## Vantage News

There are twelve KHS seniors attending the Vantage Career Center. There are fifteen juniors from Kalida also attending Vantage. Our students are studying Auto Tech Prep, Food Careers, Early Childhood Education, Cosmetology, Welding, Machine Tool Tech., Industrial Mechanics, Carpentry, Computer Networking, Medical/Legal, Desktop Publishing, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Health Careers, and Ag-Diesel Mechanics. Many of these students will enter the job market directly from graduating with skills that make them very marketable. Some students use the training they receive at Vantage to be a stepping stone into their career and continue on to college.

## Directory Information

Upon request, the Kalida Local Schools will release certain information known as *directory information*. The Board designates what the student directory information will include such as student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, height and weight, if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received and pictures. Directory information **shall not** be provided to any organization for profit-making purposes.

Parents and adult students may refuse to allow the Board to disclose any or all of such directory information upon written notification to the Board.

In accordance with Federal and State law, the Board shall release the names, addresses, and telephone listings of secondary (high school) students to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States Armed Forces or an institution of higher education who requests such information. A secondary school student or parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior parental consent.

## **Collections Continue at Kalida Elementary**

During the 2003-04 school year, Campbell's sponsored a contest called *Anything Goes Spaghettios Labels for Education Contest*. Students were asked to draw their future career choices. Winners have been announced with Kalida Elementary having several winners: Stephanie Recker, Alex Cattell, Abby Rampe, Kim Berheide, and Kyle McIntyre. As a result the school received a 500 label certificate for Stephanie's entry and 100 label certificates for the other four students. Congratulations to each and every winner. Their winning makes the entire school winners!

We will continue to collect labels, boxtops, baby food labels and pop tabs. Qualifying Campbell's labels include the following: Campbell's, Healthy Request, Soup to Go, Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, Prego, Supper Bakes, Chunky Soups, Simply Home, Soup at Hand, Swanson, V8, Pace, Market Day, and Carb Request.

**Double Labels**-Until Oct. 31, 2004, we will receive double labels for each Spaghettios Pasta products, Pepperidge Farms Goldfish and Campbell's Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup.

**Boxtops for Education**-Please clip these and send just the boxtop label to school. For each *Boxtop* submitted we receive 10 cents.

**Heinz Baby Food Labels**-These are donated to the Ronald McDonald House and they use the money to buy needed items.

**Pop Tabs**-Last year we donated \$96.50 to the Ronald McDonald House from these collections. The tabs weighed **194** pounds.

If you become aware of any other beneficial collections, please contact Miss Vorst at the Elementary. Thanks and keep saving!!

## **High School Messages**

Mr. Horstman will continue the practice of offering email "subscriptions" to the daily announcements and the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in receiving these announcements, please send him an email with NEWS-LETTER in the subject heading. His address is:

**ka\_horstman@kalida.k12.oh.us.**

## **Cats Who Care**

The Kalida service organization for high school students called *Cats Who Care* is now being formed for the 2004-2005 school year. High school students will be meeting the third Wednesday of the month during the high school's activity period. Advisor Connie Cleemput has announced that new this year will be the junior high extension of the club called *Jr. High Cats Who CARE*-Create a Respectable Environment. Both groups of students will be choosing service products that will lend a helping hand to community activities, charities or general volunteerism. Past projects students have been involved with include: Red Ribbon Week, junior high dances, Christmas collections, food and clothes drives, Samaritan House and the Lima Rescue Mission. Please encourage your child to participate!

## **Scoliosis Screening**

Scoliosis is the medical term for a sideways or lateral curvature of the spine. It usually begins in the growing years of life, most commonly in adolescence. A scoliosis screening will be conducted **September 16** in grades 6, 7 and 8 in our schools to detect possible spinal problems in children. In areas where screening is already being done, spinal variations have been detected in ten out of every one hundred children, and two of this ten will need active treatment.

The procedure for screening is a simple one in which a child's posture is checked as the child stands and bends forward. The Putnam County Health Department nurses will be conducting the scoliosis screenings. If a postural problem is suspected, the child will be re-checked by two nurses. If further consultation is recommended, you will be notified by letter.

## **Calling All Volunteers**

We encourage all parents to become involved in their child's education by communicating with their child's teacher. Become a volunteer in the school activities! Contact either building principal to learn how you can become more involved.

## **Congratulations, Stephanie!**

Stephanie Schroeder (2004 KHS graduate) and Kacey Willitzer of Paulding took the top ranking at the National FCCLA competition in Chicago this summer. The girls competed as a team in an event titled *Focus on Children*. This is a contest that requires participants to use Family and Consumer Sciences skills to plan and conduct a child development project that has a positive impact on children and the community. Stephanie completed the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Vantage this spring.

# Kalida Local Schools' Library

The Kalida Local Schools Library has its own library web site available on the Kalida Local Schools web page at: [kalida.k12.oh.us](http://kalida.k12.oh.us) From this library homepage site, you may access:

- (1) either the elementary or high school online catalogs and locate library books or resources; searches may also be made for books on Accelerated Reader
- (2) library favorites—bookmarks for research
- (3) online resources Kalida Local Schools has purchased for student research (GaleNet, SIRS Researcher, and World Book Online) as well as links to INFOhio and OPLIN's (Ohio Public Library Information Network) online resources.
- (4) Other library sites
- (5) Safe sites for kids (research and homework sites)
- (6) Citing sources (MLA and APA styles)
- (7) Award book lists
- (8) For parents (web sites for parents and their children)
- (9) About our libraries (library information)

Students may conduct their research either from home or school. To reach the online research databases, go to the Kalida Local Schools homepage and click on *Library Resources*, click on *Online Research Resources*, then click on *Kalida Local Schools*. **The password is: research.** From this page you can access any of our online databases by clicking on the link in the column to the left and then typing in the correct User ID and Password (passwords are case sensitive) from the column on the right.

The other online databases available to students listed on the *Online Research Resources* page are from INFOhio and OPLIN/Putnam County District Library (all these databases are made available through federal and state monies.) **The user ID and password to access the INFOhio databases have changed this year.** They will be printed on a bookmark and given to each student in grades K-12. To access the resources through OPLIN/Putnam County District Library, you must have a library card and type in the 14-digit number listed on that card.

If you have any questions about any of the library resources, please contact Mrs. Scherer at the high school at 419-532-3529.



*Music Boosters' Sept. Winners Will be announced during the Pioneer Days Celebration.*

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**School Board Meetings**  
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