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1:00 PM
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7:30 PM

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Quarter Break
No School

November 22-23

Parent -Teacher
Conferences
No School

November 24-25

Thanksgiving
Break

December 12

High School Christmas
Concert 7:30 PM

December 15

Elementary
Christmas Program
7:00 PM

December 22

Christmas Break

January 3, 2006

Classes Resume

Notes from the Superintendent

Excellent Rating -For the fifth consecutive year, the Kalida Local School District has received an "Excellent" school designation. This is the highest possible ranking for a public school district in Ohio. This designation is the direct result of the high expectations from the families of Kalida and the hard work and effort of both students and teachers in the classroom. There are very few "excellent" schools across the state and it is important that all Kalida students realize that their educational opportunities are among the best in the State of Ohio.

School Funding - The school funding situation in Ohio has continued to worsen, but overall the district is in solid financial shape for the near future. The Board of Education has continued to cut costs where possible while still providing the quality education our students deserve. As promised to the voters last spring, two property tax levies will be allowed to expire in 2007 and 2008. The new 1% income tax will take effect in January.

Building Project - The Construction project is finally beginning to come to completion. The new facility is very impressive and is fully equipped with the latest in technology and furnishings. The contractors are currently installing the remainder of the flooring, library furnishings, casework for the science classrooms, and lighting and sound systems for the auditorium/cafeteria. The target date for moving in to the new classrooms and the library is mid October.

School Board Election - The August 25th deadline to file for school board candidacy has passed. The Kalida school board has three members who have reached the end of their four year terms. Current board members Gary Stechs-chulte and Rhonda Osterhage will be on the ballot as well as Kalida residents Denny Turnwald and Diana Roehrig. Dave Erhart has chosen not to run and will not be on the ballot to serve another term. As superintendent, I am very happy to see a high level of interest in serving on the school board and I wish to publicly thank Mr. Erhart for his years of service to the Kalida Local Schools. The election date is November 8.

School Enrollment Numbers - The Kalida Elementary enrollment is now at 371. This year's kindergarten, the class of 2018, has 39 students. The current senior class has 59 students. Enrollment in the junior high and high school stands at 331. This includes the 28 students attending Vantage Career Center.

Superintendent Mark K. Neal

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.

Transportation Rules

Due to the liability issues with insurance and bussing, we find it necessary to remind the public of a few O.D.E. safety rules.

For sporting events: Only team members, statisticians, coaches and **board approved** coach assistants are permitted to ride the bus. No lawn chairs or the like are to be on the interior of the bus. On buses where the undercarriage storage units are available transporting such items would be permissible.

Chaperones on non-routine trips (field trips) must be pre-approved by the principal.

At all times all onboard equipment must be secured between the seats and not in the isles.

No food is to be eaten on the bus. This rule is for the passenger's safety. This also means **no gum**. During summer maintenance we found an alarming amount of gum residue on the buses.

Collecting Labels?

Please continue to collect labels, boxtops, baby food labels, and pop tabs. We will continue to save the **General Mills Boxtops for Education**. Please clip these and send just the Boxtop labels to school. For each Boxtop submitted we receive 10 cents and that adds up quickly. We will also save all **Heinz Baby Food Labels**. These are donated to the Ronald McDonald House and they use the money to buy needed items. **Campbell's** products have many qualifying labels. **Campbell's Bonus Labels** counting for five labels this year include: Batman Spaghettios, Condensed Meatball Goldfish Soup and all Campbell's Condensed Soups featuring Batman, Dora the Explorer and Jimmy Neutron. We will again collect aluminum pop tabs. Last year, we donated the tabs to the Earth Day project held here in Kalida to help two local families. If you become aware of any other beneficial collections, please contact Miss Vorst at the Elementary. Thanks and keep saving.

Welcome New Students

This year we have had several families move into the area, open enroll or change enrollment status in our district. We welcome them to Kalida Local Schools and hope they find their new surroundings pleasant.

In the junior high/high school building we welcome J.D. Shiver, Nikki Ford, Frances Haack, Priscilla Mares and Justin Mares.

In the elementary we welcome Layne Keefer, Collin Nartker, Erin Taylor-Donaldson, Cody Ortega, Meghan Radabaugh, Alexis Vorst, Nathan Vorst, Katia Roehrig, Lydia Leal, Autumn Leal, Carolina Leal, Darcy Edinger, Devin Edinger, Reed Neal and Abigail Neal.



A New Face in the Crowd

Mrs. Beth Grime is the new junior high science teacher. "It's nice to be back in Kalida!" said Mrs. Grime.

Vantage News

This year there are fifteen KHS seniors attending the Vantage Career Center. There are thirteen juniors from Kalida also attending Vantage.

Our students are studying Ag-Diesel Mechanics, Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Computer Networking Technology, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education, Electricity, Health Careers, Industrial Mechanics, Interactive Media, Machine Tool Technology, Medical/Legal Specialist, Network Systems and Welding. Some students use the training from Vantage as a stepping stone into their career and continue on to college while other students enter the job market immediately after graduation.



Artfully Inspired - They are all smiles in the new high school art room. Students started school on the first day in the e-x-p-a-n-d-e-d classroom. The former home economics room was converted this summer. Art instructor Mrs. Michelle Fry loves the gained elbow room and storage cupboards and closets. "Wow, I have so much more storage for supplies," said Mrs. Fry. "Now the advanced high school art classes can even create and work on large sculptural pieces. The students now can walk into the art room without papier-mache' fishes dripping on them while they are drying suspended from the ceiling. Students will no longer have to climb over each other to get to their work area. It feels like Christmas came early for me!" Mrs. Fry teaches sessions to students in both the junior high and high school.

Health Screenings

Scoliosis - On October 3, the annual Scoliosis Screening will be held in grades 6, 7 and 8. 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. In areas where screening is already being done, spinal variations have been detected in ten out of every one hundred children. Two of these 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 screenings. If a problem is suspected, the child will be rechecked by two nurses. If further consultation is recommended, you will be notified by letter.

Vision Screenings- First, third, and fifth grade students will have their vision tested in the elementary on October 3. Seventh graders and freshmen students will also be given vision tests on October 3.

Volunteers Needed

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

Financial Report: Kalida Local Schools 2004-05 school year ended June 30, 2005.

The following table summarizes the last two fiscal year's **general fund** revenue and expenses.

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>
Local Real Estate	1,038,961	1,030,128
Personal Property	325,933	332,156
Interest Earned	24,317	17,106
Other Local Funds	317,017	316,455
State Foundation Aid	2,678,696	2,582,498
Homestead & Rollback	145,130	140,870
Other State Funds	<u>26,370</u>	<u>27,463</u>
Total Revenue	4,556,424	4,446,676
Salaries	2,936,975	2,731,032
Fringe Benefits	1,146,863	1,050,014
Purchased Services	405,832	381,041
Supplies & Textbooks	132,949	183,359
Equipment	47,703	35,659
Misc. Expenses	77,367	84,531
Transfers to other funds	<u>56,854</u>	<u>42,631</u>
Total Expenses	4,804,543	4,508,267
Revenues Under Expenses	(248,119)	(61,591)

Looking ahead into fiscal year 2005-06, on the local side of funding, the 1% school district income tax that the voters approved in May will take effect January 1, 2006. The local support that Kalida Schools receive is greatly appreciated.

On the state side, the general assembly passed HB66, the budget bill. Preliminary reports show Kalida receiving a 3.1% increase in FY06 and only a 0.4% increase in FY07. This is due partly to the fact that the state is phasing out the "cost of doing business factor" which amounted to \$73,486 for Kalida in FY05. The budget bill also includes language that phases out the personal tangible tax over the next four years.

Regardless of changes in state support, the board of education and administration are committed to sensible fiscal management that will keep the Kalida School system in sound financial position.

Band Show 2005

The Kalida High School Wildcat Marching Band is performing *The Music of Styx* for their fall show. The field commander this year is Kelly Knueve with senior commanders Stefanie Schroeder and Alisha Knueve. The show opens with "Renegade" which features a brass trio of Rachel Cygan, Michele Remlinger, and Kimberly Unverferth and solo flag, Stefanie Schroeder. The second number "Come Sail Away" highlights woodwinds and a trumpet solo by Austin Basinger, accompanied by flag duet Kasie Bellmann and Leah Gerding. The percussion feature, "Mr. Roboto" brings back the Kalida tradition of hornline on flags, but certainly features the percussion and mallet instruments, as well as an introductory saxophone solo by Ashlee Warnecke and guard soloist Laura Burgei. The final number in the show "The Best of Times" will hopefully be our motto for the season. It is a powerful piece which features Louisa Millott on trombone and closes with "Rockin' the Paradise."

Come to support the band at one of their many fall performances. Special thanks to the Athletic Boosters and Music Boosters for their support with the Back to School Blast! Go KHS Wildcat Marching Band!

Dates for shows include:

- 9/17/05 OG Band Contest and Bellefontaine Band Spectacular
- 9/24/05 Columbus Grove OMEA Contest
- 10/01/05 St. Henry
- 10/08/05 Worthington
- 10/15/05 Lima Shawnee Band Show

Band Calendars

The 2005-06 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 Fuerst (532-3268). Did you forget to order? There are a few extras available for purchase as well. Calendars are \$7 each.

Congratulations to Jen Wehri

The Ohio State Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles has announced that Jennifer Wehri has been selected as one of the 2005 Ohio State Eagles Scholarship winners. A scholarship for \$1500 has been awarded to Jennifer who is now attending her freshman year at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Donation Received



The Ottawa Eagles have sent the Kalida Local School District a check for \$1000. This revenue was generated from their Instant Bingo income. "Thanks to this generous donation," said Mr. Neal, "many worn and damaged library books in both the high school and elementary libraries will be replaced." The Eagle group will rotate monthly donations to several of the area schools.

JH & 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 NEWSLETTER in the subject heading. His address is: ka_horstman@kalida.k12.oh.us.



**Music Booster
September
Drawing
to be held
During
Pioneer
Days**

**Posted
Next Month**

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School Library

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