

The PawPrint

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Calendar Notes

Oct. 3

Early Dismissal
1:00 PM
Teacher Inservice

Monday, Oct 6

Blood Mobile
"Old" HS Gym
12:00-6:00 PM

Oct. 27

Quarter Break
No School

Nov. 24

Evening
Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 25-26

Teacher
Conferences
No School

Nov. 27-28

Thanksgiving
Break
No School

Dec. 24-Jan. 4

Christmas
New Year's
Break
No School

Notes from the Superintendent ~ Mr. Don Horstman

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Finally!!! It seems like we have been waiting a long time and the second phase of our high school construction project started at last.

Crews from Charles Construction began putting in footers and foundations on Monday, September 8 and the masons are scheduled to arrive on September 15 so things should start changing quickly. The second phase of the high school will contain the high school offices, academic classrooms, Vocational Agriculture and Industrial/Career Technology areas, an art room, junior high science lab, biomedical science lab, and computer labs.



When construction of the new building is completed the old high school building will be demolished. This will allow the district to address another problem, and that is the lack of parking for students and staff during the school day and our residents attending after school functions. The project is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of the 2009 -2010 school year. We are eagerly awaiting to move into our new high school building.



ELEMENTARY/LEVY UPDATE – Please take a minute to read the insert inside the September edition of the Paw Print. We have attempted to address a number of questions and concerns district residents have brought to our attention. If you have any questions about the elementary building process or the proposed levy, please feel free to contact Mr. Horstman, Mrs. Webken or any of our board members. Mr. Horstman's email address is ka_supt@kalida.k12.oh.us. You can also call 532-3534 to talk to us at the superintendent's office. We are willing to speak to your group, business, or organization.

NEW TEACHER AT KALIDA SCHOOLS - We welcome Mrs. Mary Glick to the Kalida School District. Mrs. Glick replaces Mrs. Ridenhour as the vocal and choir director. Mrs. Glick is a graduate of Bluffton College.

Kalida Elementary P.T.O

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

6:30 PM

Elementary School Library

Come see what this newly-formed group is all about! Bring your ideas and enthusiasm, and help us get this group off the ground!

Can't make it but still interested? No problem!

Contact any of these individuals for more information:

Trisha Klausing 419.532.3053 gklausing@bright.net
Kelly von der Embse 419.532.2105 kvonderembse@bright.net
Tammy Wurth 419.532.2461 wurth@q1.net

IF THE WEATHER PLAYS HAVOC? -Tune to the following stations for weather related school delays or cancellation announcements.

92-ZOO WNW/TV 24 Toledo
FOX 106 Ottawa WTVG /TV 13 Toledo
WDOH 107.1 Delphos WLIO/TV 35

BLOOD MOBILE OCT. 6

Due to construction and parking issues the KHS Bloodmobile will now take place in the KHS old gym from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM.

KALIDA ALUMNI FUNDRAISER HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

The Kalida Alumni Committee is holding a Halloween costume dance on October 25 at the Kalida Fish and Game Club. The price of admission includes the following: drinks, appetizers, music, entertainment, and of course a big screen TV to watch the Buckeye/Penn. State game. Cost: \$25/person; \$45/couple; all proceeds go to the Alumni Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduating senior.

SPEAKING CONFIDENTLY - Congratulations to KHS freshman Halie Zenz whose Modern Woodmen of America Oration Speech continued to earn her honors this past summer. Halie competed at the National level and placed 23rd over thousands of entrants. Halie won a trophy and a monetary award for her excellent speech on *Ellis Island*.

FALL BAND PERFORMANCES FOR 2008

The drought is over. Plan to attend one of the performances of the KHS band as they perform *RAIN*. They really do make you feel as if you are experiencing a rainfall!

Saturday, Sept. 13 OG Parade of Bands
Saturday, Sept. 20 Columbus Grove Eyes w/Pride
Saturday, Sept. 27 Swanton Bulldog Bowl
Saturday, Oct. 4 OSU Buckeye Invitational
Columbus
Saturday, Oct. 11 Shawnee Showcase
Saturday, Oct. 18 Versailles Invitational

Free and Reduced Lunches

Your children may qualify for Free or Reduced price lunches. If your household income falls within the limits on the chart as listed below, please contact either school office for an application. Reduced priced lunches are 40¢.

Household size	Yearly Income	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$370
2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$499
3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$627
4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$755
5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$883
6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$1,011
7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$1,139
8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$1,267
Each additional person :	\$6,660	\$555	\$129

SEARCHING FOR COACHES - The Athletic Department is looking for coaches for the 2008-09 school year. There are several requirements from the OHSAA that need to be taken care of prior to the start of the season.

Girls 7th grade basketball
Boys 8th grade basketball
Boys 7th grade basketball

If interested please contact the Athletic office (419-532-3545) or the high school (419-532-3529.)

WILDCAT CARDS - The Junior Class members are currently selling Wildcat Cards for \$10. These cards will offer discounts to over 30 area businesses. If you would like a card and haven't been contacted, please call the high school office.

DRAMA AWARDS - KHS Drama Club awarded students late in May for their drama productions. Each cast member of the *Steel Magnolias* play received a drama pin. Each member of the *Cinderella* musical cast received a ribbon drape with a drama medallion. The following awards were also presented:

Steel Magnolias

Lead Actress- Makenna Basinger
Supporting Actress- Nicole Warnecke

Cinderella

Lead Actor-Eric Hill
Supporting Actor- Kyle Kahle
Lead Chorus-Alexis Hill
Lead Actress- Lauren Erhart
Supporting Actress- Makenna Basinger

2008-09 DRAMA CLUB SEASON - Mark your calendar to attend the KHS Fall Drama production of *Little Women*. This is the beloved story of the *March* family. Dates for this production will be November 13-14 at 7:30 PM.

The Spring musical this year will be Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*. It is the story of Anna, a English widow, and her son who travel to Siam to teach the children of the King. This is an audience favorite that will be staged April 16 at 7:30 PM and again on April 17-18 at 8:00 PM. Dinner theater will be served on Saturday, April 18 starting at 6:30 PM. More details to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT ~ *Chris Pfahler, Principal*

VANTAGE NEWS - Kalida High School has twenty-nine students attending school at Vantage Career Center. Twelve seniors and seventeen juniors are currently enrolled in programs that include Precision Machining, Industrial Mechanics, Ag Diesel, Welding, Health Careers, Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Network Systems, Early Childhood, and Building Maintenance. Students who complete their programs at Vantage Career Center are trained to enter the job market or post-secondary education with entry level skills that make them more marketable in our economy. Two Vantage students were elected by their classmates to represent their interests in the Kalida High School Student Council. Junior Katie Schumaker and Senior Ben Schroeder have accepted this responsibility for this school year.

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 on October 13 in grades 6, 7, and 8 in our school 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 will be conducting the scoliosis screening. 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.

STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS - Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates to represent them in our student government:

Seniors

Class President	Erica Schmenk
Vice President	Leah Gerding
Secretary	Kasie Bellmann
Treasurer	Brittany Bockrath
Student Council	Ryan Kleman, Matt Warnecke, Ben Schroeder

Juniors

Class President	Cody Spicer
Vice President	Stephanie Verhoff
Secretary	Trisha Horstman
Treasurer	Julia Fuerst
Student Council	Kelly Kehres, Stephanie Kortokrax, Katie Schumaker

Sophomores

Class President	Jeff Good
Vice President	Amanda Schulte
Secretary	Ryan Wehri
Treasurer	Emily Turnwald
Student Council	Brianna Recker, Rachael Stechschulte

Freshmen

Class President	Nathan Kortokrax
Vice President	Ben von der Embse
Secretary	Halie Zenz
Treasurer	Tyler Kortokrax
Student Council	Marissa Smith, Haley McIntyre

National Honor Society

President	Matt Warnecke
Vice President	Leah Gerding
Secretary	Jenna Kahle
Treasurer	Dana Bruskotter

Superintendent:

Don Horstman 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Members:

Brian Laudick-VP
Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte

Dennis Turnwald-President
Don Wehri

School Board Meetings

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

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

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Music Booster Drawing

August \$50 Winners

Bill and Sue Clementz
Tracy Meyer
Dick Gerdeman
Lori Fischer

September Special Drawing

\$200 Albert/Maria Verhoff
\$100 Rita Illif
\$75 Angela Meyer
\$75 Tony/Sandy Vorst
\$75 Joe/Gina Erhart
\$50 Tony Schulte
\$50 Gary/Nancy Erhart
\$50 Martha Berheide
\$50 Elizabeth Turnwald



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Kalida, OH 45853

GUIDANCE NOTES ~ MR. CLEMENT

By mid-September, I will have visited classrooms in grades 6-12 to introduce myself and make the students aware of services provided by the counseling office. Information has been shared first with seniors since this is their last year in the halls of Kalida High School as they prepare to transition into more advanced education or employment opportunities. Two days were spent with seniors and information relative to college and scholarship preparation was presented to them.

Seniors will be participating in a Financial Awareness Day sponsored by Superior Credit Union at OSU-Lima on Monday, September 22. Various topics related to the financial aid process and day-to-day spending will be covered at the day-long seminar.

Juniors will be attending a college fair in Defiance on Tuesday, September 23 in an effort to spark their interest in the college process.

Also, several college representatives will be visiting Kalida High School in the fall and holding informational sessions of which both juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to attend. An updated list of representative and activities scheduled, thus far, will be posted under the guidance link on the school's webpage.

Two assessments have been scheduled this fall that will help to prepare students for college. The PSAT has been slated for October 15 for juniors and sophomores who register while the PLAN (pre-ACT) has been set for December 2 for sophomores. Important information about the PSAT will follow this article. Both students and parents are reminded to access the Kalida Local School's website (Kalida.k12.oh.us) and the guidance office link for additional information and updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the guidance office at 419-532-3504 or email me a ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us.

PSAT TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

On October 15, sophomores and juniors can participate in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, commonly referred to as the PSAT. Participating in the test is required if students wish to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Also, many employment locations use the test as a criteria for employees' children. Juniors were given a booklet at school about the test and a listing of companies that use the test was included in it.

According to guidelines set forth by the governing body for the competition, only juniors who take the test are eligible for scholarship consideration. Sophomores would be taking it for practice and the experience. Any sophomore who takes the test would, therefore, have to take it again as a junior. Also, the PSAT is a good experience for students who will later take the SAT and/or ACT, the assessments required for college entrance. The cost of the test is \$13 and students can register through September 19 in the high school office.

VOLLEY FOR THE CURE - The Kalida LadyCats Volleyball team will be participating in the 2nd Annual Volley for the Cure **"Let's Ace Breast Cancer Together"** on Tuesday, October 7 at Pandora-Gilboa high school. Fan T-shirt orders will be taken until Monday September 22 to make sure t-shirts arrive before the game. One dollar from every t-shirt order will be donated to the American Cancer Society of Putnam County and labeled for Breast Cancer research. Order forms will be on the school's website or in the high school office. Order forms will also be sent home with the elementary students. For questions contact Jeremy Stober at 419-532-2009, or Linda Remlinger at 419-532-2041.

Kalida Local Schools Elementary Building Update

September 12, 2008

After the recent news articles the administration and Kalida Board of Education felt it was necessary to clarify the district's situation while pursuing a solution to the Ohio Attorney General's ruling. This ruling, unfortunately, presented us with another hoop to jump through in order to construct a new elementary building.



In 2002, the district's residents passed a 7.84 mil levy with the intention of having a high school and a separate elementary building. That bond is in effect for a total of 28 years and has an average interest rate of 2 percent. The 2002 levy raised approximately \$6.1 million which was the district's local share of the entire two building project. This money was to be used to build the local share of the OSFC master plan. The approved plan included a new high school on the current high school site and a new elementary on the property owned by St. Michael's parish.

This project was based on an approved master plan put together by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) and the district. This plan was based on enrollment projections completed by the OSFC prior to the original ballot initiative in 2002. The district was able to begin construction on the new high school because we chose to be a part of the OSFC's Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) by locking in our local percentage early. The ELPP portion of our high school was completed in November of 2005. Once we moved into the new building preparations began to complete the high school project and start the

elementary building. At that time the OSFC requested a new enrollment projection.

The new projection was dramatically different than the first projections and according to OSFC rules forced the district into a one building option. The new projection the OSFC is using in our project has the district constructing a building for an enrollment which is 100 students lower than our current enrollment. The problem is the building being constructed will not house all of the students currently in the district, and does not address curriculum and instructional changes which are beneficial to the students. As a result of this change the Kalida Local Schools will receive approximately \$2.1 million in a credit from the OSFC. This money is the subject of the attorney general's ruling.

The board of education wanted to use this \$2.1 million to construct the elementary building and in pursuing this asked for a legal opinion from the district's attorney. The attorney and her firm are highly respected in the state of Ohio and used by a large number of districts for legal advice on these types of issues. In her opinion we were on solid ground to use this money to build an

elementary building because it was part of an OSFC master approved plan. The Board and administration wanted to be sure we had a strong legal standing and asked our attorney how we could be sure we were able to pursue this option. On her advice we asked the Ohio Attorney General's office for a ruling on the matter.

In July of this year we received word from the attorney general's office stating we were unable to use the \$2.1 million credit from the OSFC to construct an elementary building. While they were sympathetic to the district attempting to honor the wishes of the voters from the 2002 levy, they stated the money must be used for bond retirement on the original ELPP portion of the project. This ruling is what leads the district to jumping through the next hoop in order to complete the final phase of our original master plan and that is constructing the elementary.

By proceeding with a two building approach, the district is simply trying to do what residents approved in 2002. A two building plan was overwhelmingly supported again at our community meeting in May, and the district plans on proceeding in this direction. Nothing has

changed in regards to the Kalida Board of Education's plans to construct an elementary.

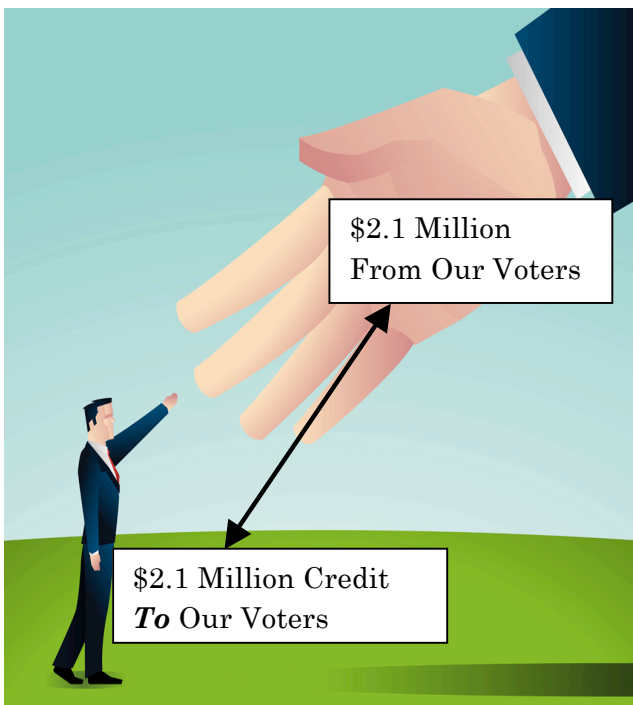
One of the questions addressed at the public meeting in May was why we would not consider a one building plan. There are number of reasons for sticking with a two building plan and the first is that there would be no significant savings in going with one building because the district will be constructing the same square footage at either site.

In fact it would be not be in the best interest of the district

to combine the elementary and high schools, because the library, band/music room and cafeteria were not designed to be a part of K-12 building. These areas are simply not large enough to accommodate the student population in a K-12 building. Additionally one building would create a need to purchase additional property, we would lose desperately needed parking and we would not have room for a playground. The additional property purchases alone could eat up almost 1/3 of the \$2.1 million credit.

As a result of the ruling a levy asking for \$2.1 million will

likely be on the ballot as early as February. If the issue passes in February the \$2.1 million credit from the OSFC will be used to pay on the 2002 issue while the February 2009 bond issue is collected. This would amount to essentially a dollar for dollar trade and the district residents would not see a tax increase as a result of this issue. Basically we are returning the money to the left hand of our voters and asking them to give that same money back with their right hand by voting for a levy in February.



This district is also pursuing a legislative fix at the same time, but because of the filing deadlines to put an issue on the February ballot we must pursue both solutions at the same time. We have contacted Senator Steve Buehrer and State Representative Lynn Wachtmann's office to ask for their assistance in pursuing a legislative solution. Senator Buehrer has personally been in contact with Mr. Horstman, and we are waiting to hear back from Representative Wachtmann's office. We will not be able to fully follow this option until the Ohio Legislature returns from recess after the November election. The earliest we would receive notice of a legislative solution is January of 2009.

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If anything changes in the status of our plans we will be in contact with district residents via newsletters and through the district website. We would also be more than happy to discuss this with your group, organization, or business.