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## Notes from the Superintendent

**Calendar Notes**

 **October 17**  
 KHS Bloodmobile  
 12 Noon-6 PM

**October 27**  
 Fall Concert  
 7:30 PM

**November 11-12**  
 High School Play  
 In the KHS Auditoria  
 7:30 PM

**November 16-21**  
 KHS Band goes to Disney World and will perform there

**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

**Building News**-As we begin the month of October, the construction project is beginning to wind down. The target date to fully occupy the new building is right around the corner. The Library, Cafeteria, Gymnasium, Science Classrooms, as well as the Distance Learning Room and the Computer Lab will be fully open for business when students return from the quarter break on October 31. The majority of the building is complete other than a few punch list type items which will be addressed between now and the end of October. The only substantial items left to finish include: main entrance ceiling, wooden stage floor, media center casework, and flooring in the auditoria and media center. It will be an exciting time for our students and the entire community as we begin to fully utilize the new facilities.

**Initiating the New Stage**-The KHS drama group will perform a play in the new auditoria on Nov.11-12. Show time will be at 7:30 PM each evening and all tickets will be \$5. The students are anxious to try their acting skills on the new stage. We will be announcing the play title soon as we are in the process of finalizing the paperwork to obtain show rights. Come on out and enjoy the show.

**Heart Defibrillators**-Kalida High School and Kalida Elementary were both awarded grants to purchase portable heart defibrillators last spring. These units will be mounted on the walls in the existing junior high/high school, St. Michael's Elementary, and the new junior high/high school, in order to provide an extra measure of safety both during the school day and during extracurricular activities. The Kalida Fire Department has been instrumental in providing the necessary training to staff members and coaches so that they will be prepared in the event of an emergency.

**Cafeteria Update**-The process of implementing an automated payment system for both cafeterias is well underway. The Kalida administration and cafeteria personnel are anticipating a much more convenient method for parents and students to purchase school lunches that will hopefully be fully operational by mid-November. This automated system will eventually eliminate the need for parents to purchase lunch tickets and offer the convenience of allowing parents to prepay for school lunches to individual student accounts. We will be sending home a separate mailing detailing this system in the near future.

**Parents and students**—Looking for **ACT test review information** (and other information) as well? Please check out the Learning Express Library article in this newsletter (page 2) to learn about practice opportunities for our students on the internet.

**State Funding for Phase Two**-The district has moved up on the Ohio School Facilities Eligibility List from number 232 to 218. This list can be viewed online at: <http://www.osfc.state.oh.us/>. This simply means that full state funding for phase two of the building project is considerably closer than was originally anticipated. The district will be working with the OSFC in the near future to try and determine a more specific time frame for phase II of the building project. Phase II includes the completion of the new high school/junior high as well as construction of a new elementary. Hopefully, I will have more information pertaining to this project in next month's newsletter.

*Mark K. Neal, Superintendent*

## **Basketball Season Ticket Information**

All tickets for Boys' games sold at the door will be \$5.

Boys' PreSale: \$5 Adult/\$4 Senior Citizen (65+) or Students.

**Family Pass** holders (Adults) wanting *Preferred Seating* pay an additional \$20 each. Senior citizens with the **All Sports Passes** pay an additional \$10 for *Preferred Seating*.

### **Boys' Season Tickets**

*Preferred Seating-320 Cushioned Seats with Backs*

Adults	\$70
Senior Citizens (65+)	\$40

*Bleacher Seating*

General Reserved Seats Adults	\$50
General Reserved Senior Citizen (65+)	\$30
Student Season Ticket Boys	\$30

### **Girls' Season Tickets**

Student Season Ticket Girls	\$30
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There will be no adult season tickets sold for Girls' games.

Ticket prices at the door for Girls: \$5 Adult/\$4 Senior Citizen (65+) or Students.

Tickets will be sold beginning November 3 for those who had reserved seats last year. More information will soon follow.

***Bob Gerdeman-Athletic Director***

## **Learning Express Library**

A new online resource available to students this year through INFOhio is the Learning Express Library.

Featured resources for school students include:

- ACT and SAT test preparation with built-in time clock.
- Advanced Placement practice tests
- Elementary skills improvement
- Middle school and high school skill-building interactive courses in Math, Reading, and Writing
- Career guidance materials including job and career test preparation

All practice tests provide students with instant diagnostic score reports, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of their results.

The Learning Express Library can be accessed at <http://www.learningexpresslibrary.com>. There is also a link on the Kalida Local School's Library or Guidance home pages at: <http://kalida.k12.oh.us>.

Each student must set up an account so practice and test results can be saved. A Learning Express Library *Getting Started* handout is available in the guidance office and high school library. Check it out today!!

**Technology Update** - In the September 2005, High School Principal's Newsletter I briefly mentioned a computer program that Kalida High School is piloting for the D-A Site and we are getting ready to roll out the parent access version of that software.

The program is called Progress Book and it is a like a grade book program with many more components. It will allow us to do some wonderful things that will help increase the communication and flow of information between home and school. Students and parents will be able to access the program over the web and check on grades, homework, absences and get messages from the staff.

We have already had a few parents helping us test the program and work the bugs out of the Parent-Access part of the program, and are getting ready to make this available to all of our parents and students very soon. We are looking to roll this out to the entire high school in mid to late October, and we will have a demonstration of it during parent-teacher conferences in November.

Please remember that the software for this program is still being tested and the teachers are still learning to use this program. We are pleased with everyone's work as they begin posting this information to the web. However, some of it may not always be completely up-to-date or accurate as we continue to tweak the system and add options. It is a very powerful tool, and one that I know the parents of the district will appreciate. We hope to have it completely open and running shortly after Parent/Teacher conferences.

This program is the reason for the ten dollar technology fee on your student's book bill. We eliminated a number of class paper fees and combined those printer/printing costs with the internet access to the Progress Book program into one single fee which we called a technology fee.

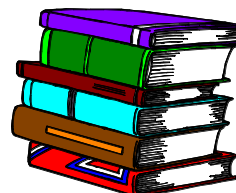
Please watch for a mailing from the high school with your parent and student access codes. You will need these codes to log on to the system. When you receive this letter please do not share the parent access code with your student, and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

***Don Horstman, HS Principal***

# 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) How-To Resources
- (9) For parents (web sites for parents and their children)
- (10) 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 are printed on a bookmark and available in the elementary and high school libraries. 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.

**Attention Book Lovers**—The Kalida Elementary and High School Libraries are in need of the following books.

They are used for the Accelerated Reader program and are currently **out-of-print and can no longer be purchased**.

Sometimes books like these are found at garage sales where the children have outgrown their use of them. If you see any of the titles or own any of them, please consider donating the books to our library. We would like new or gently used copies (preferably hardback when possible.) Books may be dropped off at either office or sent to school with your child. Thank you so much for helping our students become the best readers.

## Title

Milo and the Magical Stone  
Takedown  
Pike River Phantom  
Lily and the Runaway  
See no Evil—Hardy Boys #8 Case Files  
Out of the Storm  
Whispers in the Fog

## Author

Marcus Pfister  
Matt Christopher  
Betty Ren Wright  
Susan Shreve  
Franklin Dixon  
Patricia Willis  
Carolyn Keene

## Title

Mysterious Maya (National Geographic)  
Dinah in Love  
Dinah for President  
Henry Reed's Journey  
World War Won  
Skateboard Tough  
I See Something You Don't See  
Blackberry Ramble  
13<sup>th</sup> Clue  
Arctic Song  
Tackle Without a Team  
Bear Scouts  
Berenstain Bears at Camp Crush  
Berenstain Bears' Christmas Tree  
Spring Sprouts  
Riding Freedom  
Tournament Upstart  
Cowboys, Indians, & Gunfighters  
Squared Circle  
Soccer Duel  
Sister of the Quints  
Baseball's Greatest Games  
Home Before Dark  
Yesterday's Daughter  
Night Terrors  
Outside Shooter (basketball story)

## Author

George Stuart  
Claudia Mills  
Claudia Mills  
Keith Robertson  
Dav Pilkey  
Matt Christopher  
Robin Koontz  
Thacker Hurd  
Ann Jonas  
Marian Moss  
Matt Christopher  
Stan Berenstain  
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Judy Delton  
Pam Munoz Ryan  
Thomas Dygard  
Albert Marrin  
James Bennett  
Thomas Dygard  
Stella Pevsner  
Dan Gutman  
Sue Ellen Bridgers  
Patricia Calvert  
Robert Westall  
Thomas Dygard

## KHS Students Travel to Europe

Sixteen students and nine adults from Kalida toured London, Paris, and Rome this past June. Some of the exciting sites that were visited were:

Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, tennis at Wimbledon, The Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysses, Palace at Versailles, The Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica. "We thoroughly enjoyed the trip," said Mr. Robert Gasser the groups' leader. "The next trip to Europe is scheduled for June, 2007, and is open to this year's qualifying



sophomores and juniors as well as members of the general public. More information will be made available in November."

## From the Band Parents

"The Kalida Marching Band members would like to thank the community for their support of their chicken BBQ fund raiser. It was a great success! We also thank our head chicken chef Harry Horstman and his wife Barb. Thanks to our baked potato chef, Dick's Steak House, Carol and Steve Miller. Thanks to all our parents who helped out that day."

"As chair persons we, too, would like to thank all who were involved in this successful fund raiser. Thanks to Mrs. Klausung and all the students who worked their shift. The money that was raised will go towards their trip to Florida in November. They will march at Disney World on Nov. 19 in the 3 PM afternoon parade. These students work very hard to make the band a huge success. Come see them perform at a show and you'll be very impressed."

*Co-chairs Scott & Alice Cygan*

**Pioneer Queen 2005** - Congratulations to the Kalida 2005 Pioneer Queen Alisha Knueve. First Runner-up was Lindsay Westbeld, and Second Runner-Up was Megan Unverferth. Members of the court included Michele Remlinger, Julie Schroeder, Kim Unverferth, Kerri Geckle, and Melissa Verhoff.



### Music Boosters'

#### Sept. Special Drawing

\$200-Jill/Greg Zeller  
150-Jack Schindler  
100-Bob Blankemeyer  
75-Tyler Verhoff  
50-Denny/Pat Schnipke

### Monthly Drawing \$50 Winners

Mark/Sue Wehri  
Roger Giesige  
Rich/Millie McElwain  
Phil/Sue Fuerst

### Superintendent: Mark Neal

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

### School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday  
8:00 PM - High School Library

### School Board Members:

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Brian Laudick  
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VP. Barry von der Embse

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## Student Government Elections

The high school students have held their annual election of class officers and student council members. **Seniors:** President - David Gerdeman, V.P.- Ben McIntyre, Secretary - Brad VonderEmbse, Treas.- Amanda Schumaker **Juniors:** President - Katie Unverferth, V.P.- Lisa Duling, Secretary - Brooke Schroeder, Treas. - Megan Hamburg **Sophomores:** President -Adam Unverferth, V.P- Bryant Warnecke, Secretary - Trent Smith, Treas.- Nicole Warnecke **Freshmen:** President - Jessica Knueve, V.P. - Amy VonderEmbse, Secretary - Kasie Bellmann, Treas. - Kendra Kerner **Student Council Members:** Austin Kruse, Ryan Hoffman, Kevin Erhart, Chelsea Verhoff, Alyssa Frey, Chelsea Warnecke, Jenna Kahle, Danny Rose **Student Council At-Large Members:** Megan Unverferth, Brad VonderEmbse, Alisha Knueve, Lindsay Westbeld, Boomer Roller, Laurie Westbeld, Ashley Kerner, Brandon Stechschulte, Rachel Knueve, Nicole Warnecke.

**Love those Buns-** Thanks to the Kalida Holy Name Society for their generous donation to the KHS Athletic Boosters and KHS cafeteria. After Pioneer, several dozen buns were delivered to the school and disbursed throughout the school system for use in school lunches and the athletic events at the KHS soccer field.

**A Master Teacher-** Congratulations to KHS math teacher and Tech. Coordinator Jeremy Stober who has graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Master's Degree in Education. Mr. Stober has been a teacher at KHS since 1993.

**Flying the Flag Proud-** The Ottawa American Legion Post #63 has donated an United States flag to the Kalida High School. Dennis Hanne- man presented the flag to Mr. Horstman in September.