

The PawPrint

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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes

Oct. 27

Quarter Break
No School

Oct. 28

Fall Band and
Choir Concert
7:30 PM

Nov. 12

School Board
Meeting
5:30 PM

Nov. 13-14

KHS Fall Play

Little Women

7:30 PM

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

Construction Update – Things are moving along nicely with our high school construction project. It is nice to see walls going up and the roofing beginning to take shape in the weight room and band room areas. The weather has been almost perfect from a construction standpoint and has allowed the contractors to meet and exceed their schedules at this point in the project. Please go to the school website to check out the latest construction photos.

Rural Education Achievement Program Grant (REAP)

The district received notification of being awarded approximately \$40,000 from this program. The grant is to be used for professional development for teachers, classroom size reduction and technology development among other things. This money has been designated to hire a much needed special education teacher, to purchase new computers for use in the high school and for professional development for the staff. We were very happy to receive this money and are excited about some of the things it will allow us to do.

Elementary/Levy Update – At the October 8, 2008, Kalida School Board meeting, the Board of Education voted to place a levy on the ballot on February 3, 2009. This levy was explained in detail in a special insert in the September edition of the Paw Print and is available on the school website under the administration tab. This levy will simply allow the district to use the \$2.1 million dollars being returned to us by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). When the OSFC changed our master plan to a one building plan the district was credited for building space that had previously been designated for local funding. This \$2.1 million was approved by the voters as part of the original building levy, and we need your permission to use this money to construct the elementary approved at that same time. This levy will not result in an increase in taxes for our District residents.

Mr. Horstman and the board are beginning to meet with local groups and are scheduled to be at the Holy Name meeting on October 20 and the Kalida Fish and Game Club meeting in November. Mr. Horstman is also speaking to a local mother's club and is in the process of setting up additional meetings with other groups. If you have any questions about the elementary building project or the levy, or would like to set a meeting with your group, 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 or you can call 532-3534 to talk to him at the superintendent's office.

Union Bank Donates Scoreboard – Thank you to the Union Bank for their generous donation to the Kalida High School athletic department. Union Bank provided all of the necessary funds to purchase a new scoreboard for the high school soccer field. The current score board has served the district well, but is starting to show its age and needed to be replaced after numerous problems this fall. Mr. McBride is working with the contractor to have the new board installed as soon as possible. We truly appreciate the support given to our student-athletes by the Union Bank.

November School Board Meeting – The November meeting of the Kalida Board of Education will take place at 5:30 PM on November 12, in the high school library.

Don Horstman, Superintendent



Thanks to Leslie Stechschulte for sending this church tower view of the KHS construction site.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER - All absences should be phoned in to the school office first thing in the morning. This includes appointments as well as illnesses. Call **419-532-3543** for the high school and **419-532-3845** for the elementary. Students in the junior high and high school buildings need to be in the classroom by 7:55 AM or a tardy slip will be issued.



AUTOPSY EXPERIENCE - On September 26, juniors and seniors attended a videoconference of a REAL 90-minute autopsy that was presented by COSI and a retired forensic pathologist Dr. Larry Tate. Throughout the presentation, students were able to ask Dr. Tate questions that he then addressed.

CONCESSION RENOVATIONS COMPLETE -The Athletic Boosters express sincere thanks to the following for their part in the renovation of our concession stand:**Verhoff Carpet (Ottawa)** - Donation of linoleum, **Verhoff Machine and Welding (Kalida)** -Donation to the stainless steel counter tops, **Buckeye Custom Fab.(Kalida)** - Donation fabrication of diamond plate, **Tim Schnipke (Kalida)** - Donation of diamond plate.

Thanks to all members who donated their time to help with the renovation. The concession stand is now more functional for several workers to conveniently and efficiently serve the patrons.

GUIDANCE NOTES FROM MR. CLEMENT- All seniors with plans of attending college after graduation are highly encouraged to contact their colleges of choice in October to pinpoint scholarships deadlines. Most colleges have specific deadlines – usually ranging from Dec. 1 through February– by which students must apply for admission in order to be eligible for university relevant scholarships. Accessing a college’s website or calling its financial aid office will help to verify these dates. **Beginning in October**, scholarships sent to KHS from local, state, and national organizations will begin to be made available to seniors. Most have specific criteria which a student must possess in order to apply. These scholarships will also be posted on the guidance link of the Kalida Schools’ website ([www. Kalida.k12.oh.us](http://www.Kalida.k12.oh.us)) on a monthly basis.

Various college representatives will continue to visit KHS. All juniors and seniors have opportunities to talk to these individuals.

A College fair is scheduled at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College Campus in Cook Hall on Oct. 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Over 100 schools will be on hand at these fairs to present material and answer questions. These college fairs are open to all students and parents with no charge for admission.



Students in the Elementary took part in the **Jumpstart’s Read for the Record** day on Oct. 2. Local volunteer readers were Cheryl Fortman and Judy Rahrig and Assistant Librarian Mary Lou Hoffman. The story of Corduroy was read by celebrities to many children nationwide. Visit www.read-fortherecord.org to learn more about the program.

FALL PLAY- LITTLE WOMEN NOV. 13-14 7:30 PM

Cast includes: **Marmee-Shaunna** Basinger, **Meg-Lauren** Erhart, **Jo-Makenna** Basinger, **Beth-Megan** Erhart, **Amy-Leanna** Pitts, **Hanna-Alexis** Hill, **Mrs. Willoughby-Hee** Jin Her, **Aunt March-** Michelle Webken, **Young Mr. Lawrence-Eric** Hill, **Mr. Brooke-Ryan** Richey, **Mr. Lawrence-Josh** Verhoff, **Housekeeper-Abby** Schnipke
 Tickets will be available from any cast member or in the treasurer’s office in early November.



KEEPING THEM DRY AND HAPPY - Thanks to the Kalida Youth Soccer Boosters for their generous donation in purchasing and installing the new soccer dugouts at the high school soccer field. The Kalida Youth Soccer Boosters have hosted a 3 vs.3 soccer tournament for the last three years. The funds raised through these events were used to purchase and construct the dugouts. Thanks also to John Schimmoeller and his crew from Schimmoeller Construction for doing the site work, K & L for providing the concrete and John Selhorst for delivering the units to Kalida. We thank all of the members of the Kalida Youth Soccer Boosters for their help and support in this construction project.

READ WITH US - To keep up-to-date with library happenings and research opportunities, connect to the Kalida Local Schools Library web page. The library web page may be accessed under the Resources tab on the Kalida Local Schools home page. Info available:

1. Current information/happenings in the libraries
 2. Online catalogs
 3. Online research resources Kalida Local Schools has purchased for student research (Student Resource Center – Gold, SIRS Knowledge Source, and Britannica Online School Edition) as well as links to INFOhio and SchoolRooms (Kalida’s 18-month pilot of SchoolRooms ended this last month--SchoolRooms has now been launched state-wide. Thank you to the Kalida Local teachers and students for participating in this pilot project.)
 4. Library favorites—bookmarks for student research
 5. Students, elementary, and teacher resources
- Students may conduct their research either from home or school. Passwords are available to the students through the library.

RENAISSANCE PLACE—Kalida Local Schools subscribes to Renaissance Place’s Accelerated Reader Enterprise. AR Enterprise gives students access to all of the Reading Practice quizzes that are available--100,000+. Students may take quizzes over books from the school library, books from the county library, or books they might have on their own personal bookshelves at home.

New this year to AR Enterprise is Home Connect. Students may now connect from home to their AR account and view their daily progress in reading. Students can also find new books to read or view My Bookshelf which shows the books on which quizzes have been taken. Students may also specify up to six email addresses of parents, guardians, or relatives to receive updates of student progress via email. The recipient must accept the invitation for the notifications to begin. Emails will be sent automatically by the program and will contain results of any Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Letters were sent home the second week of school giving students this login information and how to access Home Connect. If you did not receive the letter and wish to be able to access Home Connect and to receive email notifications when your student takes an AR quiz, please email Mrs. Scherer at: ka_scherer@kalida.k12.oh.us or call the high school library at 419-532-3528.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS LORI KLAUSING, MRS. MARY GLICK, MS. STEF SCHROEDER (AUXILIARY) AND THE ENTIRE WILDCAT MARCHING BAND!!

The Wildcat Marching Band has had a wonderful competition season competing in contests at Columbus Grove, Swanton, Shawnee and at the Ohio State University. The band concludes the season with contests at Versailles on October 18 with a final adjudicated performance at the OMEA State Competition on Sunday, October 26 at *Dayton Welcome Stadium*.



BIGGER THAN A 6TH GRADER KHS Marching Band received the Grand Champion Award at the Shawnee Showcase Band Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 11. The trophy stands just shy of 5 feet tall. (It earned its own seat on the bus back home.) Congrats to the Band on a job well done.

Grant Zeller measures up to the new KHS Marching Band’s Shawnee Showcase 2008 Grand Champion Trophy.

VIDEO SQUARE REWARDS HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

The Video Square will be rewarding all Kalida students on the ‘A’ Honor Roll with a free movie rental and mini-melt. Certificates will be sent home with the report cards of students earning this reward. We would like to thank Video Square for encouraging students to work toward this goal.

NEW STAFF MEMBER – We would like to welcome Mrs. Kelly Dube` to the elementary staff. Mrs. Dube` has been hired as a half time intervention specialist. Her background in working with special needs children and children with autism will benefit many of our students.

KHS BLOODMOBILE RESULTS - On October 6, 2008, the KHS Bloodmobile collected 145 useable units of blood! We would like to thank all the donors from the community and surrounding communities that helped to make our blood drive a success.

Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Nov.24 5:00 - 9:00 PM
 Nov. 25 11:00 - 4:00 PM
 5:00- 7:00 PM

Please sign-up at either school for conferences. Sheets for elementary visits will be posted Nov.3 through Nov. 7 in the elementary. We encourage all parents to come and meet with their child’s teachers.

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Don Horstman 419-532-3534

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

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High School Report ~ *Chris Pfahler, Principal*

Fall Sports Athletic Success -Congratulations to our Fall athletic teams as they performed at a high level during the regular seasons. The Boys Soccer team claimed the league championship with a 1-0 win over Ottoville on October 3. The Volleyball team secured the PCL championship this week with impressive wins over Columbus Grove and Pandora-Gilboa. The Golf team finished second in the PCL and then had their entire team advance to the District Tournament by finishing second at the Sectional Tournament. The Girls Soccer team finished second on the PCL with a record of 1-0-3. The Boys and Girls Cross Country teams will be competing in the District Tournament on Saturday, October 18. Be sure to check out the Kalida Local Schools website for updates on tournament play involving our soccer and volleyball teams.

The Fall Band and Choir Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 beginning at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditoria. Come on out for an evening of entertainment and celebration.

Senior Magazine Sale- Thank you to the Kalida community for their support of our senior class magazine sale. Our students raised nearly \$8,000 by selling over \$19,000 worth of magazines and music selections. This fund-raiser will help offset the cost of the class trip to New York City. The Seniors are very appreciative of the support that they received.

High School Book Bills - Book bills were sent home with students on September 16. The book bills are now due. Students may bring their payments to the high school office or the payment may be mailed. If you find yourself needing more time, please contact the high school office to set up an alternate plan.

Money Stall- The students in grades 6-12 recently held a money stall in order to collect donations for the Ken Pothast Family. Over \$3000 was collected in one day by the students and staff. The coin cash had to be counted before classes could begin. Thanks to all who participated and to the Union Bank ladies who helped in this great endeavor.

With Heartfelt Thanks - I would like to thank the Kalida Schools and community for all of their many cards, thoughts and prayers and donations during this very difficult time. A tragedy such as this makes me realize how fortunate I am to be living in Putnam County and teaching at Kalida High School. Once again, thanks for the support.~ *Ken Pothast*

Junior Class Fruit Sale

Orders taken now through Oct. 20. Contact any junior or the KHS office 419-532-3529 to order. Delivery date is Dec. 4.

NHS/Academic Club

BBQ Pork Loin Dinner
Sunday, Nov. 9
11:00 AM until 12:30 PM
Ticket Sales Oct.22 - Nov.22.

PTO News - The Kalida Elementary School PTO will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM in the Elementary library. Items to be discussed include the Scrips fundraising program, committee goals, and future events being planned. Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome to attend! The PTO will also have information available about the group and the Scrips program at the Parent-Teacher conferences on November 25 and 26. For more information, please contact Trisha Klausing at 419.532.3053 or gklausing@Bright.net.