

# The PawPrint

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## *Calendar Notes*

### **Oct. 28**

KHS -New Gym  
Bloodmobile  
12-6 PM

### **Nov. 1**

KHS Band  
State  
Competiton  
Dayton, Ohio

### **Nov. 3**

Election Night  
Supper  
Music Boosters  
HS Auditoria

### **Nov. 2-3**

Basketball  
Season Ticket  
Sales -KHS

## **Notes from the Superintendent - Don Horstman**

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The elementary school bids were opened on September 24 and awarded contracts at a special board meeting on September 28. Charles Construction Services, Sarka Electric, Knueve & Sons Plumbing and Heating, Fitzenrider Plumbing and Heating, and Vulcan Fire Protection were all awarded contracts for the construction of the new elementary building. Some of the contractors have begun to move in equipment and are waiting for a break from the rain so they can get started.

The first phase of the elementary project, which included building a new boiler room and the demolition of the old academic wing, is coming to a close. The demolition has been completed and the district is working with the contractors to complete the HVAC and electrical work in this area. The goal is to have this portion of the project completed within the next couple of weeks.

### DEDICATION CEREMONY

The dedication of the new high school building went very well. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success. The veterans, music boosters, cross country team, and district staff worked very hard to make this a special event. The staff, students, and administration would like to thank the community for their support for Kalida Local Schools. The sign the art students put in the display case outside Mr. Myers room puts this sentiment very well: This Building is Our building. We have Pride in the People in it; The work that comes out of it and the community that surrounds it. Thank You.



### KALIDA 5TH GRADE STUDENT IN LEAD ROLE AT DAYTON PLAYHOUSE

Congratulations to Claire Warnecke on being chosen to play Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker. The production runs from October 9-18. This is the 13th production Claire has been involved in and she has prepared for the role by participating in 9 years of dance classes and 3 years of vocal lessons. You can go to [www.daytonplayhouse.org](http://www.daytonplayhouse.org) for more details. ~

## **Basketball Season Ticket Sales**

Dates to purchase the season tickets or reserved seats for the upcoming basketball season are **Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 3** in the high school event lobby. All tickets sold at the gate for boys' games will be \$6. Presale of boys' tickets for Students and Senior Citizens (60+) will be \$4.

There is no pre-sale for girls' games.

**Boys/Girls Gen. Admission ticket \$6**

**Boys Season:** Adult \$60/Preferred Seating \$80

Senior Citizen \$40/ Preferred Seating \$50/Student Ticket \$40

**Girls Season Tickets:** Adult \$40, Senior Citizen \$40, Student \$30

# Guidance Notes from Mr. Jeff Clement

The school year is off to a great start. Several activities have already been scheduled for high school students in the upcoming weeks. Information was 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. Seniors participated in a Financial Awareness Day sponsored by Superior Credit Union at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus on Sept. 21. Juniors also attended a college fair in Defiance on Sept. 22 in an effort to spark their interest in the college process. Also, several college representatives will be visiting Kalida High School and holding informational sessions of which both juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to attend.

**PSAT**-The PSAT was given Oct. 14 for juniors and sophomores who registered while the PLAN (pre-ACT) has been set for Dec. 1 for sophomores. The cost for the PLAN is \$10. Important information about the PSAT will follow this article. These are just a couple of the many activities that will take place with students over the next several months. 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.

**College Career Day** – On Dec. 11 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to choose to attend 3 informational sessions from over 60 career areas that have been listed for the day.

**8th Grade To Visit Vantage** - The annual field trip to the Vantage Career Center for all 8th graders has been scheduled for Nov. 10. Students will leave school at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the trip is to give the students a tour of the facility and to be exposed to the educational opportunities and programs that the career center has to offer. Parents and students seeking additional information about the Vantage Career Center and a listing of career opportunities can call the high school guidance office or visit their website at [www.vantagecareercenter.com](http://www.vantagecareercenter.com)

**Free ACT At KHS** - In cooperation with the *Sylvan Learning Center*, Kalida High School will be offering a free ACT test to any junior who is interested. The test will be administered at the high school by a specialist from Sylvan on Nov. 17. This is a great opportunity to get real testing experience with no fee being charged. Even though scores from this administration cannot be used for college admission, students will be able to gain valuable experience that will hopefully help them to be more relaxed and perform better when they officially test later in the year. The dates and deadlines for official ACT administrations are listed below. Students can register for the tests online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or by picking up a hard copy in the Career Center next to the guidance office.

Please contact Mr. Clement at [ka\\_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us](mailto:ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us) or by phone at 419-532-3504 if you have any questions.

## Test Dates

October 24  
December 12  
February 6, 2010  
April 10  
June 12

## Registration Deadlines

September 18  
November 6  
January 5, 2010  
March 5  
May 7

Students can register for two additional weeks after the deadline listed but a late fee is assessed.

**Applying to College** – Seniors and senior parents are reminded that the fall season is the best time to begin the college application process before the onset of the holiday season. Many colleges have scholarship deadlines in early December. Therefore, in order for students to be eligible for them, applications should be finished and mailed by Thanksgiving. Parents and students are highly encouraged to call a college's financial aid office or check their websites for these dates.

**Senior Scholarship Opportunities** – Many local, state, and national organizations send applications or information regarding scholarships to Kalida High School. Unless specified, these scholarship opportunities are for seniors. Access the high school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and move the cursor to the yellow "resources" tab. Once the choices are displayed, click on the guidance link to access a current listing of these scholarship opportunities. Once you have clicked on the guidance link, scroll down until you see a box labeled "scholarship opportunities." Click on that box to view the scholarships – paying particular attention to the criteria which a student must possess in order to be eligible to apply. This listing will be updated at least once a month and "new release scholarships" that were not present on the previous listing will be marked in red.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, Nov. 23 / 5 – 9 PM  
Tuesday, Nov. 24 / 11 AM - 4 PM  
and then resuming 5 – 7 PM

Sign-up sheets for the Elementary will be from Nov. 2 - Nov. 6 in the Elementary office.  
For parents of students in grades 6 - 12, sign-up sheets will be available in the reception area of the high school office from Nov. 9 – Nov. 20.

**And the Winner is...** The Kalida Golf Team and Coach Ken Schnipke would like to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket for the golf bag. Mark Warnecke of Kalida was the winner. Thanks for your support! Congratulations also to senior Kyle Hoffman who participated in the District Golf match at BGSU. He finished one stroke from qualifying for a state trip.

## **Volley for the Cure**

A special “Thank you” to all the supporters and individuals and businesses who donated either monetary contributions or items that helped make the “Volley for the Cure” night between Kalida and Pandora-Gilboa on October 13th possible. Your efforts helped raise over \$1,500 in donated prizes and items and another \$1,400 in donations for breast cancer research. The Kalida Ladycat and Pandora-Gilboa Rocket Volleyball teams would like to personally thank all individuals who donated raffle items, baked goods, or their time to help make this night a success.

Every little bit continues to help find a cure for a disease that affects all of us in our families, friends or neighbors.

Without your generosity - none of this would have been possible. ~

Kalida LadyCat and Pandora-Gilboa Volleyball Teams and Coaching Staffs.

## **Kalida Local Schools Weather Station**

Thanks to the Enhancement Committee, we now have our own *Vantage Pro2 Davis Weather Station*. This wireless weather station, which is installed on the tower above the superintendent’s office, records various barometric pressure, indoor and outdoor humidity, wind chill, temperature, and other weather conditions. The station is already being used daily by our teachers and students to study weather conditions, and will continue to be a valuable resource in the education of our students. All of the data collected by this station can be accessed by going to the school website and selecting “KLS Weather Station” under the “Resources” tab.

**Brick Memorial Project** -If you were unable or missed the chance to put your name or message into history in Phase I of the construction of the new Kalida High School - You can now be a part of the future! The Brick Memorial brochure for Phase II and Elementary can be downloaded off of the Kalida School website: <http://kalida.k12.oh.us> Orders must be placed by Oct.30 – for more info call the Supt. office at 419-532-3534.

## **Destination Book Fair Read Around the World!**

The Kalida Elementary Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 23 – Dec. 4. We invite you to our school to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase library books, it encourages reading among our students.

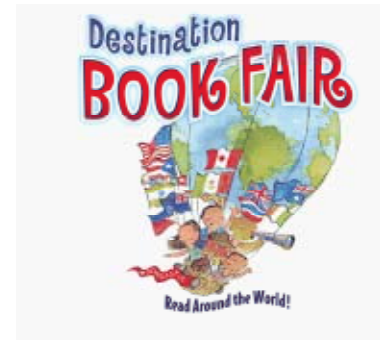
A special Family Event for parents and grandparents is being held during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Book fair hours during P-T Conferences are Monday, Nov. 23, 5 – 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m.

The book fair will be open to students Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 the following hours: Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The Classroom Wish List program is available again this year. You will have the opportunity to purchase a book or two for your child’s classroom (to give now or at Christmas time) to thank your child’s teacher, while building a classroom library.

For more information about the book fair and to see a sample of the featured books available go to: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kael>

**Love books?** Volunteer to help at the book fair. You can decorate and set up, help kids select books, work at the cashier’s table, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please call Mary Lou Hoffman at the elementary school office at 419-532-3845 if you would like to volunteer or email [ka\\_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us](mailto:ka_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us)



# H1N1 Helpful News from Mr. Chris Pfahler

At Kalida Local Schools we are monitoring the latest releases from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health to advise us on how best to handle potential cases of the H1N1 virus. Below are two documents that may be helpful to families as they determine what to do in the event of a case of H1N1 with a family member. The second documents describes information that has been shared with teachers and staff members to help control the spread of communicable diseases within the school. At the high school we are equipping each classroom with alcohol based hand sanitizers and encouraging their use. More information can be found at the following websites:

**<http://pandemicflu.gov> or <http://ohiopandemicful.gov>**

**H1N1 SYMPTOMS: WHEN TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE**  
With the pandemic H1N1 virus circulating throughout Ohio, it's important to recognize the symptoms of flu and stay home when sick. What are the differences between seasonal flu, pandemic H1N1 flu and the common cold? When is the time to seek medical care outside the home?

The symptoms of the pandemic H1N1 virus are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1, these symptoms have been more common in children. Severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with H1N1 and seasonal flu infection. The common cold does not normally have fever or severe illness associated with it. When exhibiting flu symptoms, either seasonal or pandemic H1N1, stay home from work or keep children home from school. If symptoms become more severe, the individual is pregnant or you have an underlying chronic medical condition, seek medical attention immediately. Like seasonal flu, H1N1 flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

In children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

If you have had the flu, either seasonal or pandemic H1N1, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends staying home for 24 hours after fever is gone without using fever-reducing medication. The CDC is discouraging the practice of requiring a permission slip from a doctor to return to school or work during this flu season to ease the burden on the health care system.

**INFECTION CONTROL IN THE SCHOOL:**

**PROTECTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

## **Prevention**

1. Encourage staff and students to wash their hands using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60 percent alcohol) frequently.

Hands should be washed:

### **Before:**

- Preparing food or eating
- Inserting or removing contact lenses
- Rendering first aid or treating a person who is ill
- Administering medication or completing a medical procedure

### **After:**

- Any contact with blood, body fluids or soiled objects
- Using the toilet
- Assisting with personal hygiene, such as changing diapers
- Touching animals or animal waste
- Food preparation, especially after handling raw meat, poultry or fish
- Blowing your nose, using a tissue or coughing or sneezing into your hands
- Treating or touching open wounds or a person who is sick or injured
- After handling trash

2. Teach students to wash their hands for 15 to 20 seconds, long enough to sing "Happy Birthday" twice if they are using soap and water. **(Continued next page.)**

## H1N1 Continued:

3. Ensure sink locations and restrooms are stocked with soap and paper towels or working hand dryers. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers should be located in areas where students are supervised.
4. Encourage students and staff to use a paper towel to open restroom doors after washing their hands. Place a garbage can near the restroom exit to facilitate ease of paper towel disposal.
5. Clean frequently touched surfaces and shared items daily using an approved tuberculocidal agent that kills hepatitis B virus or a chlorine bleach-and-water solution made of one-quarter cup of bleach and one gallon of water. Discard bleach and water solutions after 24 hours. Keep cleaning supplies out of reach of children.
6. Encourage parents to keep their ill children home.
7. Encourage ill staff to stay home. Establish lenient sick policies during a flu outbreak.
8. Encourage staff and students to cover their coughs and sneezes using tissues or shirt sleeves, not their hands. Have waste cans for immediate disposal of tissues and encourage hand washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
9. Educate parents about the importance of respiratory etiquette and hand washing in disease prevention. Encourage parents to model the desired behavior for their children.

## Celebrating the New Building



The KHS Chorale performed during the Dedication Ceremony.



The KHS Band played the Star Spangled Banner.



Former Superintendents Bob Williams, Mark Neal and Ron Heitmeyer join present Superintendent Don Horstman at the Dedication plaque after the ceremony.



An Honor Salute!

**Superintendent:**  
**Don Horstman** 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



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**School Board Meetings**

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

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**Athletic Boosters**

Please come out and support the Kalida Athletic Boosters Reverse Drawing. We have moved the date to New Year's Eve. Cost of ticket for the "New Year's Eve Bash" will be \$45 per ticket which includes Steak Dinner, Party Favors, DJ/Dance, Big Screen TV, and Refreshments All Night. Over \$6,000 in cash prizes to be given out with top prize being \$2,500. Door opens at 5:00 PM and meal will start at 6:00 PM. For more information you can contact the Athletic Boosters Officers:

**Kyle "Pudge" Unverferth 419-532-3127**

**Derek Schroeder - 419-532-3153**

**Brenda Warnecke 419-532-2063**

**Lori K. Recker 419-532-2218.**

Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at *Wibbys*, 7:30 PM, in the back room. The Athletic Boosters are also searching for a new Vice-President and Treasurer for next year. If interested please contact one of the current officers.

**A Masters Completion**

Congratulations to KHS Art teacher Steve Myers who has completed his studies and has obtained a Masters of Education degree.

**New Driver** - Congratulations to Gary Vorst upon completion of his bus drivers license. Gary will be on the sub list and will be doing field trips and extra curriculums for our school.

**Bloodmobile-** The Kalida High School Blood Drive will be Wed., Oct. 28 from 12:00-6:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. Individuals who are at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission), meet height and weight requirements (at least 110 lbs based on height) and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. Red Cross donor card or positive ID required. To set up an appointment, please call Mrs. Grime at the high school (419-532-3529). Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Yankee Candle Sales** - Yearbook and Cats Who Care will be doing a joint fundraiser toward the end of the month. They will be selling Yankee Candles. Sales will be from Oct. 23-Nov. 3. Anyone interested in purchasing can contact any member of the Yearbook Staff, Cats Who Care, Mrs. Knueve or Mrs. Missler. Yankee Candles make the PERFECT Christmas Gift!!!

**Gold Award** - Congratulations to Brittney Trentman for earning her Gold Award in Girl Scouts. Brittney organized a very successful Relay for Life team as her project while she educated the public about breast cancer. Brittney is the daughter of Greg and Elaine Trentman. Great work, Brittney.

**Card of Thanks-** Thanks to Unverferth Manufacturing who sponsored our FFA students with free admission at the London, Ohio, Farm Science Review. The day was a beautiful, late summer day filled with many presentations and farming ideas at the annual event.