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Calendar Notes

Oct. 27
Blood Mobile
Kalida
Elementary
Noon - 6:00 PM

Oct. 28
Fall Concert
KHS Auditoria
7:30 PM

Nov. 2
Election Day

Nov. 6
School /Consign-
ment
Auction 10 AM

Nov. 15
Fall Sports
Dessert
Banquet
6:30 PM

Nov. 22-23
Parent
Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 23-26
No Classes
Thanksgiving
Break

Dec. 23
Early Dismissal
1 PM Christmas
Break

Notes from Superintendent Don Horstman

ELEMENTARY DEDICATION - The dedication ceremony for the elementary building on September 26 was a huge success. The community had an opportunity to celebrate the opening of the new elementary and tour the facilities. I would like to thank Denny Hanneman and all of the veterans who were able to participate in the Presentation of Colors ceremony. Shaunna Basinger, the daughter of Brenda and John Basinger, did a wonderful job of singing the National Anthem and playing the trumpet. I would also like to thank Mr. Schnippel, Mr. Miller, Harry Horstman, and the Kalida Cross Country Team and parents for providing a great meal for everyone. Evan Stechschulte was able to represent this year's kindergarten class, by participating in the dedication and blessing of the school tower bell. Evan is the son of Kris Stechschulte and the late Gary Stechschulte. Evan is a member of the class of 2023, and thanks to the generous support of the residents of Kalida Local Schools, his class will be the first class to spend their entire career in our wonderful new facilities.

KALIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS IS RATED EXCELLENT FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE YEARS
Kalida Local Schools has earned an *Excellent* rating from the Ohio Department of Education for the tenth straight year. The district achieved this rating by meeting all 26 indicators on the Ohio Department of Education school report card. The district also exceeded the state average in every category on the report card, and we were higher than the average of similar districts in 21 categories. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students, and parents. Their hard work and dedication are what make scores like this possible. The local report card is available at the superintendent's office or by going to the following website and clicking on the links as directed. <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

SCHOOL FINANCE - The state of the economy is a huge topic across the state and the country as we near the November 2 elections. The state of Ohio is currently projecting a deficit of between \$4 billion and \$8 billion dollars for the next biennial budget. The state of Ohio went from an average of approximately a 3% increase per year for a long time, to flat funding last year and a 2% cut in funding for the 2010-2011 school year. We have also been informed that we should begin to plan for a possible 10 % reduction in funding for the next biennial budget. This type of cut would be devastating to the district. Between the budget cuts we have already experienced and the cost of following numerous unfunded mandates such as the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children bill, school finances are being unbelievably strained.

In the last six years we have reduced our teaching staff by eliminating seven positions, and we have reduced our non-certified staff by eliminating three positions. We have added a position to teach our biomedical science courses, and a grant funded special education position in that same time frame. We have also reduced hours for other employees taking some of them from full time to part time status. The district continues to strive to be fiscally responsible, and the district spends over \$1600 less per student than the state average. In spite of spending much less than the state average, our results are among the best of any district in the state.

I would encourage all of you to vote in the upcoming election, and to ask the candidates for office tough questions about their stance on school funding and unfunded mandates. Unfortunately many of our representatives in this area have supported the unfunded mandates such as the Healthy Choices legislation which does nothing to help our local district, but does drive up our costs.

See Auction News on Page 3.



The Kalida Elementary Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 22 – Dec. 3. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library. You are invited to attend this fun reading event, which is themed: *Here's to Our Heroes! Reading Saves the Day!*

Conference Book Fair Hours

Monday, Nov. 22

5 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 23

11 AM. – 4 PM

5 PM – 7 PM.

The book fair will also be open to students Nov. 29 – Dec. 3 during school hours. The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including children's classics, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from more than 100 publishers.

The Classroom Wish List program is available this year. 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

Guidance Notes

Bobby's Books - Due to the generosity of a private entity and the Putnam County Hospice Program, we are able to offer the availability of a small library of books on guidance related topics. This set of 20 books – called *Bobby's Books* – has been provided by the Putnam County Hospice and Ohio Hospice organizations. Bobby's Books is a growing program that has been piloted in early childhood classrooms, elementary, middle and high schools, hospice grief support programs, and other community agencies. The books seek to improve the situations of children coping with loss by expanding the knowledge, skills and tools of those adults working with them. Bobby's books are story books that parents can read to children typically between the ages of 3 – 12. They are available in the elementary library and can be checked out using the student's identification number.

8th Grade To Visit Vantage - The annual field trip to the Vantage Career Center for all 8th graders has been scheduled for Nov. 11. 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

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.

Contact the guidance office with any questions at 419-532-3504 or by email at ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us.

Jeff Clement, Guidance



Vantage News - The senior Carpentry class has begun construction on this year's Vantage home. Kalida student Curtis Schroeder will be using the skills he's learned to help build this house. Curtis also served as Mr. Pfahler's tour guide on Principal Visit Day, September 30. They visited all Kalida students in morning labs.

Vantage Upcoming Dates to remember

- Nov. 2 Election Day
- Nov. 4 Vantage Board of Education Meeting
- Nov. 8 8th Grade Tours Begin
- Nov. 17 Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Buffet Luncheon
- Nov. 19 Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Buffet Luncheon
- Nov. 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences (10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Break

MaryJo Wilhelm

~ Vantage Community Relations Coordinator

We Want Your Blood

The Kalida High School students along with the American Red Cross



American Red Cross

are conducting a blood drive on Wed., Oct. 27. This year due to the volleyball tournament at the new KHS gym the bloodmobile will be using the **Kalida Elementary St.**

Mike's Gym for the collection site. Students from age 16 and up are able to donate with a signed parental permission slip. Please donate. Hours are from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Basketball Gate/Season Ticket Prices Announced

Season Ticket sales will take place on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 from 4 PM until 7 PM both evenings. No girls basketball season tickets are sold.

General Admission

- Adult/College Students \$6
- Elementary & High School Students \$4
- Senior Citizens 60 + \$4

Junior High Admission

Student \$2 - Adult \$3

PRESALE: \$6 & \$4

ALL PCL GAME TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$6.

Season Passes

- Student \$80
- Adult \$110 (preferred seat remains \$20 per)
- Sr. Citizen \$80 (preferred seat remains \$10 per)

THANK YOU, VANTAGE VOTERS! For the past 15 years, you have renewed our permanent improvement levy. These votes for Vantage have allowed us to maintain career technical programming in our area. In order to continue providing career technical opportunities to high school students and adult learners, we are asking for your support of this existing permanent improvement levy, originally passed in 1996 and renewed every five years since. The 7/10 of one mill levy is a RENEWAL which generates funding for equipment, technology and maintenance of our current building and the new building you have made possible for our students, with NO TAX INCREASE!

A vote for the Vantage RENEWAL levy on Nov. 2= NO NEW TAXES.

Auction News - Nov. 6

With the conclusion of the various building projects, the Kalida Schools is planning to have an auction on November 6 at 10:00 AM. The New Kalida Park committee will be running this auction with normal auctioneering fees, etc., benefiting the new Kalida Park.

Excess school items to be auctioned: one share of Kalida Telephone Company stock, a 1992 International Bus –diesel, a 1996 Bluebird Bus –diesel, steps and handicap ramps, 24 –E Mac Computers, 5 –printers, 30 – 36 x 30 computer tables with wheels, 20 –72 x 30 computer tables, student desks and chairs, metal office desks/chairs, metal filing cabinets, microscopes, library shelves & tables/chairs, fluorescent lights, 9 –televisions 25” & larger, DVD & VCR players, 5 modular classroom units, and misc. school equipment.

Consignment Items: Farm machinery, trailers, ATV's, boats, lawn mowers, power tools, refrigerators, etc. will all be welcomed. Because of the large inventory of school items it is asked that consignment goods have a value greater than \$50, and in good operating condition. Please no titled driven vehicles such as cars, pick-ups, & trucks. If you are interested in consigning items, more information is available from the superintendent's office at 419- 532-3534. Items called into school office will be advertised in next week's newspapers. Consignment items can be delivered to the High School on Nov. 3 through Nov. 5 between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Normal auction fees will benefit the new Kalida Park to support development.

Superintendent Don Horstman

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Members:

Brian Laudick - President
Sue M. Gerdeman
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School Board Meetings

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

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Bookbills are Due

High school bookbills were handed out to students on September 17. Elementary bookbills were distributed in August. There are still many bills left outstanding. Please pay the bookbill as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay the full amount, arrangements can be made with the high school or elementary office for payment plans.

Junior Class Fruit Sales

Orders will be taken now through Nov. 3. Contact any junior or the KHS office (419-532-3529) to place your order. Delivery date is expected around Dec. 8.

Travel Abroad Next Summer

ALL ADULT TOUR FROM IRELAND-LONDON
July 18-26, 2011. We have several spots still available. Book your trip now before the price increase on December 1, 2010. Contact Robert 'Sonny' Gasser at rjgasser@bright.net for more information.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 22 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Nov. 23 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5:00 - 7:00 PM

(No classes Tuesday - Friday for Thanksgiving break.)
Parents please sign-up at either school for conferences. Sheets for the elementary visits will be posted Nov. 1 through Nov. 5 in the elementary. In the high school they will be posted Nov. 8-Nov. 19. We encourage all parents to come and meet with their child's teachers for achieving a successful school year.

Other Dates of Interest

Homecoming Game 2/19/2011
Homecoming Dance 2/20/2011
Presidents' Day - No School 2/21/2011
Senior Class Trip 3/30 to 4/3/2011 to NYC
Prom 4/30/2011
Graduation 5/29/2011

Athletic Boosters Membership Drive

Become an Athletic Booster member for the 2011 year! Be a part of this non-profit organization that helps fund Kalida's student athletic programs. The Kalida Athletic Boosters meet on a monthly basis September through May. You can be a part of this growing organization for just \$5 dollars per person with members being over the age of 18. Members are entered into a "Monthly Cash Drawing" at each meeting present or not. Members will also get updates of events and items that Athletic Boosters are doing or purchasing for the Athletic Sports Teams.

Please fill out the information below and mail it to:

Kalida Athletic Boosters, PO Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853

Name or Names: _____ (\$5 per Name)

Email Address or Addresses: _____

Derek Schroeder [schroeder.derek@gmail.com]

And the Winner is...

The Kalida Athletic Boosters would like to Thank all who purchased tickets for the Golf Cart raffle in which the proceeds will go to the park fund. The lucky winner was Brad Rieman!