

# The PawPrint

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## Notes from the Superintendent

### Calendar Notes

**Nov. 7**

Senior Job Shadow Day

**Nov. 10-11**

KHS Drama Production  
*I Never Saw Another Butterfly*  
 7:30 PM

**Nov. 13**

Fall Athletic Banquet  
 6:00 PM  
 KHS Auditoria

**Nov. 21-22**

Teacher Conferences  
 No School

**Nov. 23-24**

Thanksgiving Break  
 No School

The first nine weeks of school have ended and it is a very busy time of the school year for both students and staff. Congratulations are definitely in order for Mrs. Klausung and the Kalida Marching Band who performed at the state competition in Dayton on October 29, the girls volleyball team which has once again made it to the regional semifinals, and, the boys and girls soccer teams who have both recently completed their seasons. Parent teacher conferences and the winter sports season are right around the corner. Detailed information on season ticket sales and parent teacher conferences can be found in this month's edition of the Paw Print.

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Schroeder who retired effective November 1. Mr. Schroeder taught for a total of thirty five years and he will be greatly missed.

I have been mentioning the impact of declining enrollment on the school district for quite some time, and believe that it is appropriate to briefly discuss just exactly what the impact of lost enrollment is for the school district. State Funding is almost entirely based on student population. As the student population dwindles, districts are forced to manage their finances and their personnel levels accordingly. I have attached below a chart of our enrollment so that you can examine the specific enrollment data at your leisure. Another detailed chart concerning this year's enrollment will be available on our school website. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these numbers or how they impact the district.



**Happy Retirement, Mr. Frank Schroeder!**

"It has been great to be a part of the Kalida Local Schools. I would like to thank the community and the Kalida Schools for their support through the years. I would especially like to thank the many students whom I have had the pleasure to teach. Like all the students of Kalida, I am, and always will be, a *Kalida Wildcat* ... for such pride is forever in your blood."

*Mark K. Neal, Superintendent*

PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT - 10 YEARS												
SCHOOL DISTRICT	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
COLUMBUS GROVE	909	919	898	921	866	911	857	912	900	914	892	968
CONTINENTAL	871	902	884	890	874	824	758	745	733	645	616	630
JENNINGS	488	477	471	461	469	476	454	467	468	472	444	442
KALIDA	798	820	790	781	775	778	750	751	739	732	711	698
LEIPSIC	839	833	787	774	764	728	687	697	659	671	685	658
MILLER CITY-N. C.	524	527	517	513	514	536	536	507	506	507	508	507
OTTAWA & GLANDORF	1832	1828	1846	1799	1769	1818	1753	1738	1709	1621	1570	1654
OTTOVILLE	652	650	677	660	654	659	664	634	620	582	580	568
PANDOR & GILBOA	707	722	668	653	639	615	631	619	634	530	606	610
TOTALS	7620	7678	7536	7452	7324	7345	7090	7070	6968	6724	6612	6725

## Celebrating Fire Safety Week

Local Firemen presented a *Fire Safety Program* to the Elementary students on Friday, Oct. 13. Ron Brinkman



had his dalmation dog Ember perform tricks while demonstrating Stop, Drop & Roll. Fireman David Kallay donned his protective gear and demonstrated to the students how the firemen crawl through smoky rooms to locate fire victims. Several students received free smoke detectors compliments of the Kalida Fire Department. A coloring contest was sponsored by the Kalida Fire ladies and students were given

cash prizes. Contest winners include: Melissa Jorrey, Taran Truesdale, Kennedy Hoffman, Justine Verhoff, Matthew Closson, Meredith Kromer, Kristi Honigford and Amy Smith. All students in grades K-6 received a free Fire-Safety t-shirt from the Kalida Fire Department.

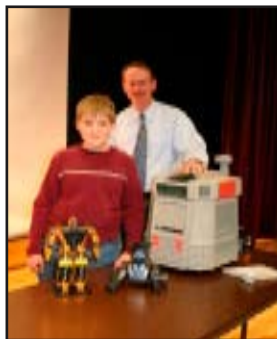
## KHS Bloodmobile Results

The KHS Bloodmobile collected 151 useable units of blood during their drive on Oct.16. This is over half the amount of blood the Red Cross needs to collect each day. We would like to thank everyone from the community and surrounding communities that helped make this blood drive a success.

## Futureview Robotics Assembly

On Monday, Oct. 23, grades 7-12 participated in the *Futureview Robotics Assembly*.

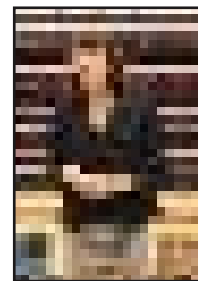
The program was developed and presented by Mr. Jack Burrus of Burrus Research Associates, Inc., a national leader in science and technology education that has served schools, businesses and international corporations for over two decades. The "*Future of Technology*" program brought the future to life with captivating images and descriptions of how computers, artificial intelligence, cybernetics, and robotics will increasingly change our world. An interactive demonstration of computer-programmable, multi-sensor robots highlighted the program.



Kalida seventh grader Matt Gerding looks over several of the robots that Mr. Burrus featured in his Robotics Assembly.

## Guest Author Visits Kalida

Excitement was in the air on Oct. 18 as students anxiously awaited the arrival of author Margaret Peterson Haddix. As part of Right-to-Read program, Mrs. Haddix spoke to area students about her "Shadow Children" book series. Kalida students from grades 7-10 and junior high students from Continental, Ft. Jennings and Ottoville met with Mrs. Haddix. During this time she answered questions from the students and spoke of her ideas in writing, how she got started as a writer, and the details in getting a book published. Mrs. Haddix's first book in the Shadow Children series, "Among the Hidden" is part of the seventh grade reading criteria here at Kalida High School. Mrs. Haddix currently has seven books in the series at the present time. She has proved to be a very popular author with readers of all ages.

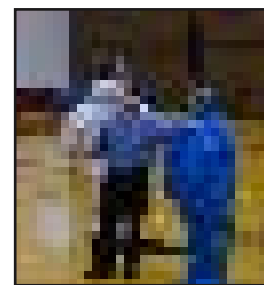


Author Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Candy Sale-** The Right to Read Week Committee is holding a candy sale as a fund-raiser to help with expenses for obtaining an author for the 2007 session. The homemade gourmet boxed chocolates are made locally at Sweet Things by Marilu of Gilboa. A one-pound box sells for \$11. Selection choices are Boxed Caramels/Buckeyes or an assorted box with Light/Dark chocolates. Orders will be taken now through Nov. 10 and will be delivered to school before Christmas. Place an order through Mrs. Denise Scherer in the high school library or call the high school at 419-532-3529.

## Exploring Space Through C.O.S.I.

The Students of Kalida Elementary enjoyed a visit from C.O.S.I on Wheels on Oct. 20. Students were "Launched into Space!" During the program, the C.O.S.I coordinator gave the audience an interesting understanding of what life is like living in space. After the presentation, students from grades one through six were able to participate in ten different hands-on activities involving life in space. It was a fun learning experience for all.



Who is that space teacher?

These programs and experiences are only made possible with the help of many adult volunteers at the hands-on stations. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this program a great success. Helping this year were: Annette Schroeder, Amy Brinkman, Michelle Schmitz, Melinda Cox, Julie Siebeneck, Dan Honigfort, Cindy Kortokrax, Heather Kohls, Pat Kohls, Valita Lammers, David Iliff, Sue Jorrey, Marie Langhals, Susan Dunn, Bev Berheide, JoAnne Horstman, Jen Warnecke, and Carol Erhart.

# Basketball Season Ticket Sales

Adults wanting season tickets or the same reserved seat as last year can purchase their tickets in the Athletic Office/Conference Room in the new gym. (This room is located in the long hallway between the locker rooms.) Students can purchase their season tickets at these same times.

**Wednesday, Nov. 8 3:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**Thursday, Nov. 9 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

*Family Pass ticket holders: Adults wanting Preferred Seating (cushioned seats) pay an additional \$20. Senior Citizens with the All Sports Passes pay \$10 more for the Preferred Seating.*

On **Monday, Nov. 13 through Wednesday, Nov. 15** season tickets can be purchased at the high school office during regular hours.

Ticket Prices: Boys or Girls are Adult - \$5 /Senior Citizen (65+) or student tickets - \$4.

**There is no pre-sale for girls games.**

## Boys Season Tickets

*Preferred Seating*-320 cushioned seats with backs

Adults \$70

Sr. Citizens (65+) \$40

*Bleacher Seating*

General Reserved Adults \$50

General Reserved Senior Citizen (65+) \$30

Student Season Ticket

## Girls Season Tickets

Adult Season Tickets \$40

Student Season Tickets \$30




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## Fall Athletic Banquet

**Monday, November 13**

**6:30 PM**

**Place: New High School Auditoria**

**Cost: \$7**

We will begin serving the meal promptly at 6:30 PM with proceedings getting underway at 7:15 PM. Fall Athletic Teams include: Volleyball, Golf, Boys and Girls Soccer




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## Join NOW and Support OUR Wildcats!

**The Kalida Athletic Boosters Annual Membership Drive**

**We want YOU to be a part of the action.**

**What is it?** This is an organization created to support the Kalida High School Athletic Programs. Donations and support have been made to every high school sport. The Athletic Boosters have sponsored the girl's softball field and the establishing of the soccer field. Just recently the Boosters have helped purchase 2/3 of the weights being used in the weight room. These weights are being used for all sport programs and some gym classes. The future project for the Athletic Boosters is the construction of a weight room. This room will be incorporated in the Phase II high school expansion.

**Why Join?** Show your support for local athletics! Also your name is entered into a monthly drawing. Winners are pulled at each meeting. If you are present at the meeting you will win \$50. If not present, you will win \$10. **NEW** this year will be our **Early Bird Drawing**. This will apply to any 2007 member that is signed up by **January 15**. If your dues are paid, your name could be pulled at half time of the home game against Leipsic on January 27. One lucky member will receive **\$100**.

**Who can be a member?** Anyone! **How much is it?** \$5.00 per person, per calendar year.

**How do I sign up?** Just complete the form below and mail it to Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853. You may also sign up and drop off memberships at home boys' or girls' basketball games.

**Please respond by January 15, 2007**

And include \$5 per person listed

Thank you!

Name of each member \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fall Theater

Nov. 10 -11, 7:30 PM - \$5 Admission

*"I Never Saw Another Butterfly"*

Pre-sale tickets available from any drama student or the high school office.



### Top Ten Reasons To Attend:

- 10.) Each evening the two members in the audience have a chance to win hand-crafted butterfly pins donated by artist Cecelia Nartker.
- 9.) Audience members have a chance to win a butterfly print created by artist John Richard (Dick) Nartker donated by *Kalida's Klip and Kurl Salon* valued at over \$100.
- 8.) Free desserts will be served after the show by the characters.
- 7.) Elementary students have created butterfly artwork in honor of the play and they will be on display for all to enjoy.
- 6.) Listen to the vivid violinists, John and Nancy Schuffle, playing the underscore throughout the play.
- 5.) Share the spirit of theater with your loved ones.
- 4.) Feel the passion as the students become the characters they portray.
- 3.) Celebrate as a community the artistic and theatrical talents of our children.
- 2.) Take pleasure in the new advanced lighting and sights and sounds of the comfortable auditoria.
- 1.) *It will move your soul.*

## Attention Girls' Basketball Alumni

All Kalida alumni are invited back to participate in a season preview/alumni game on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm. Call Coach Karl Lammers at 419-532-3845 or 538-6725 to get your name on the roster.

## Financial Forecast

As of November, 2006, the latest version of the Kalida Local School's 5-year financial forecast will be available on the web.

## Book Fair Nov. 20 - Dec.1

The Kalida Elementary Library will host a *Reading Rain Forest—Wild for Books! Scholastic Book Fair* Nov. 20 – Dec. 1. This event will give you and your children the opportunity to purchase carefully selected quality books and products at affordable prices. There will be books for all ages, including adults.

A Special Family Event for parents and grandparents is being held during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

### Book fair hours:

Monday, November 20, 5 – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21,  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m.

The book fair will be open to students Nov. 27 – Dec.1, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The book fair helps us to promote learning while raising money for hardback books for the elementary library. We look forward to seeing you at the Reading Rain Forest!!



Superintendent:  
**Mark Neal**  
419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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

### School Board

#### Members:

Brian Laudick  
Rhonda Osterhage  
Pres. Gary Stechschulte  
Dennis Turnwald  
VP. Barry von der Embse



### Music Boosters

#### Fall Concert Winners

\$150 Albert/Maria Verhoff  
\$100 Bill/Beth Rieman  
\$100 Rose Recker  
\$75 Mel/Pat Hanneman  
\$75 Dale/Jan Schroeder  
\$50 Barb Mueller  
\$50 Tim/Karen Schroeder  
\$50 Randy/Barb Unverferth  
\$50 Ron/Sharon Heitmeyer  
\$50 Duane/Rose Lammers

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled over the course of the following two days. Monday, Nov. 20 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 21 conferences will be held 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. then following a one hour dinner break conferences will resume from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be posted in school buildings beginning Monday, November 6. There are no classes held on Tuesday through Friday that week due to conferences and the Thanksgiving break.

**Upcoming High School Activities** – Several activities have been scheduled for the ensuing weeks for students in various grades. First, Tuesday, November 7 is job-shadow day for seniors in the high school with November 14 being a make-up day if school is cancelled because of weather. On Friday, December 8 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to attend 3 informational sessions from over 60 career areas that have been listed for the day. Students will leave school at approximately 8:30 a.m. and will return at about 2 p.m. after having lunch at the Eastgate Plaza. On October 18 juniors who registered took the PSAT. Results are due back by mid-December and will be reviewed with students at the school once they arrive. Finally, the PLAN or Pre-ACT will be given at the high school on Tuesday, November 14 for all sophomores who previously registered.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade To Visit Vantage** - The annual field trip to the Vantage Career Center for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders has been scheduled for Thursday, November 9. Students will leave school at 11:45 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Because of the time that we need to depart from the school, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will eat lunch about 10 minutes earlier on that day. 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. Students will hear information on all of the programs and have a chance to do some hands-on activities in about half of them. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me at 419-532-3504 or by email at [Ka\\_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US](mailto:Ka_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US)

**Applying to College** – Students and parents are reminded that the fall season is the best time to finish 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.** The Happy Holiday listing on the back is a good guide to use for seniors and parents as to when things should be done.

**Contact the Guidance Office for additional questions** – If you have any questions regarding the above topics or any additional issues, please contact me at 419-532-3504 or by email at [Ka\\_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US](mailto:Ka_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US)

## Happy Holidays. . .



**Halloween**—ideally, this should be the deadline for your applications. Make it a **treat** (not a trick on yourself) to be finished by this time.



**Thanksgiving**—think of this as the deadline for applications. Continue checking internet and other sources for scholarships.



**Christmas**—enjoy the break! It's too late for many applications, and it's too early to apply for financial aid.

**Martin Luther King Day**—Pick up your FAFSA if you haven't already. Our financial aid night will probably be held on this date.



**Valentine's Day**—file the FAFSA by this time or in the next two weeks. It won't be easy, but the universities are really serious about this deadline for granting financial aid. In fact University of Cincinnati wants you to apply long before this.



**St. Patrick's Day**—you will receive the SAR (the results of your FAFSA) around this time or later depending your college's deadline.



**Tax Day**—(okay, so it's not a holiday...) This date is often a deadline date for you to tell colleges your final decision. May 1 is the absolute last date unless you have submitted a written request for an extension.

**Memorial Day**—Celebrate graduation!

**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. Go to the high school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and 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 twice a month and “new release scholarships” that were not present on the previous listing will be marked in red.