

The PawPrint

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Notes from Superintendent Don Horstman

Calendar Notes

Dec. 10

Juniors attending OSU-Lima/Rhodes Campus

Dec. 23

Early Dismissal
1 PM Christmas Break

2011

January 3

Classes Resume

January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr.
No School

January 29

Vantage JH Girls Day Out

Feb. 21

Presidents' Day
No School

March 25

Quarter Break
No School

April 15

Staff Inservice
2 hour delay

April 22- 25

Easter Break

May 26

Last Day for Students

SCHOOL AUCTION

The Kalida Local Schools Auction held on November 6 was a huge success for the district, the Lions Club, and the Athletic Boosters. The school district sold the old furniture and equipment that was no longer needed after we moved into the new buildings, as well as the district's single share of Kalida Telephone Stock, two school buses, and the modular classroom units. The auction was a great opportunity for the school district, the Lions Club and the Athletic boosters to work together to raise money for the school district and the new Kalida Park. The Lions Club and the Boosters club provided the concessions and auctioneers services, and the district coordinated the sale of school and consignment items for the auction. The auction brought in approximately \$38,000 in total sales, and the Lions Club and the Athletic Boosters will receive approximately \$8,000 to help fund the on-going construction projects in the park. The district's portion of the proceeds will be placed in the Permanent Improvement fund to offset the cost of renovations to the St. Michaels portion of the elementary building. I would like to thank all of the Lions Club and Athletic Boosters members, and school personnel who worked together to make this a great event.

SCHOOL FINANCE

As I did in the October Paw Print, I am going to continue to discuss the state budget and the impact it will have on school finances for the next few months. Governor-elect Kasich will probably unveil his plans for the next biennial budget sometime in March. The state of Ohio is currently projecting a deficit of between \$4 billion and \$8 billion dollars for the next biennial budget. The district and the state are dealing with the same issues that many of you are dealing with in your personal finances; falling incomes and increasing expenses. The state of Ohio went from an average of approximately a 3% increase in school funding 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 5% reduction in our current fiscal year budget and a 10-15% cut for the next biennial budget. The cuts we have been told to expect for the next biennial budget has increased from approximately 10% to a 10-15% range in only a little more than a month.

The proposed cuts will have a devastating effect on the finances of Kalida Local Schools. The most damaging cut may actually be a potential 5% cut in January to our current budget. The reason this type of cut is so damaging is because of the fact that the cut comes after budgets have been set, money has been encumbered, and contracts have been entered into for the current school year. If the 5% cut occurs it would be retroactive to July of 2010. The amount of money the district would stand to lose through these cuts is significant. A 5% cut in our current budget would amount to a loss of almost \$129,000. The proposed 10% cut next year would mean an additional \$258,000 loss in funding, while a 15% cut would force the district to cut \$386,000 from the budget.

As was stated in the October Paw Print over the last six years the district has reduced the teaching staff by eliminating seven positions and non-certified staff by eliminating three positions. The district has added a position to teach our biomedical science courses, and a grant funded special education position in that same time frame. The district has also reduced hours for other employees taking some of them from full time to part time status. With a tentative agreement waiting to be signed by the teachers union, another step the district has taken to control costs is to limit all personnel (teachers, administrators, and non-certified staff) to a 0% base pay raise for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The Kalida Board of Education also worked out contracts with the superintendent and treasurer for a 0% base pay raise during the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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, and we are one of a handful of districts who have earned an Excellent rating from the Ohio Department of Education for ten consecutive years.

I would encourage all of you to view the 5-year forecast for the district, which is available on the school website, and if you have any financial or budgetary questions to please contact Don Horstman or Cindy Webken in the Superintendent's office. The phone number is 419-532-3534, or you can email the superintendent at ka_supt@kalida.k12.oh.us or the treasurer at ka_treas@kalida.k12.oh.us



Congratulations to the Cross Country Girls high school team who had a very successful record breaking season. Sophomore Jessica Doepker also competed at the state level and placed 16th just missing earning a medal by one place. Team members include Summer Holtkamp, Sam Edwards, Jessica Doepker, Katie Schmitz, Katelyn Kortokrax, Amanda Giesige, Deanna Kahle, Lora Tschuur, Ashley Miller, and Paige Wurth.



Congressman Bob Latta presents the United States flag to Kalida Elementary Principal Karl Lammers during a short ceremony in the elementary. The flag has been flown over the US capitol building in Washington D.C. and will now take to the air on the school's flagpole.



Teresa Rampe, an *Uppercase Living* consultant, applies the finishing touches to the Kalida Wildcat. The Kalida Parent-Teacher Organization donated the large wall decoration to the entrance foyer at the Kalida Elementary building. Thanks to all who support the Kalida PTO making projects like this possible.

Putnam County Honors Choir and Band - Congratulations to Carrie Gerding, Alex Cattell, Evan Krouse, Levi Blake, Lana Tschuur, Kelsey Miller, Elizabeth Turnwald, Patrick Millot and Lora Tschour for being accepted into the **Putnam County Honors Band**. Congratulations also to Megan Erhart, Shaunna Basinger, Skylar Basinger, Alexis Decker, Eric Hill and Ryan Erhart for being accepted into the **Putnam County Honors Choir**.

Note of Thanks - Bud and Judy Wieging's family have donated a tree in honor of Miss Mary Grote's recent retirement from teaching at Kalida Elementary. The tree was planted on the front lawn of the new elementary building. Miss Grote retired this past spring after 39+ years of teaching.

Memories are made to be REMEMBERED! Here's your chance to remember them all by purchasing the

2011 Kalidascope Yearbook, "Time Will Tell"!

The yearbook will be going on sale December 1. Students will also be able to purchase books in the Auditoria during lunch from December 6-11. The price of this year's book will again be \$45. This year's price includes a FREE line of personalization (a \$5 value). A second line of personalization may be purchased for an additional \$5. To order your copy, complete the order form below and return it along with your check made payable to Kalidascope. Orders will be accepted during all lunch periods the Week of December 6-11, 2010. Before and after that time, orders may be turned in to the High School Office or Mrs. Stacy Kneuve.

2010 Kalidascope Order Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Home Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

YEARBOOK PRICING

[] Early Bird Price (includes FREE first-line personalization).....\$45.00

PERSONALIZATION OPTIONS (Be sure to check one of the following options)

[] First-Line Personalization (29 characters including spaces).....FREE

[] Second=Line Personalization (29 characters including spaces)\$5.00

[] I do NOT wish to have my book personalized.

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

FOR STAFF USE ONLY: Staff Initials _____ Date Rec'd _____ Method of Payment ___ Cash ___ Check (# _____) Amount \$ _____

Save those Bags! - The Kalida Middle School students are once again conducting a plastic bag recycling collection the first two weeks in January. Save all those holiday and grocery plastic bags to bring to school. We will then turn them in for a major recycling project.

October Music Booster Winners

\$150 Linda Miller
 \$125 Tricia Loveland
 \$100 Charles & Kris Thomas
 \$75 Mary Hoffman
 \$75 Tiffani & Travis Hundley
 \$50 Tony & Sandy Vorst
 \$50 Jamie & Sandy Roller
 \$50 Dan & Bev Maag
 \$50 Mary Jane & Gene Stechschulte
 \$50 Albert & Maria Verhoff
 \$50 Kevin Meyer
 \$50 Bob & Helen Unverferth
 \$50 Tony Schulte



The KHS 2010 Americanism and Government Test Winners are Elizabeth Turnwald, Carrie Gerding, Devon Hundley, Michelle Jorrey, Derek Verhoff, Neil Recker, Jared Zeller and Chad Goergens. Presenting the awards were Mr. Dennis Hanneman and Mr. Dave Yoder from the American Legion Post 63.



A Guinness Record! - All students in Grades K-6 participated in the Guinness World Records Day for the **“Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day!”** There were 70 Ohio schools, universities and organizations that participated in this event. The University of Findlay also were participants. Our students were among more than 307,000 people worldwide to become the largest group to stack cups for at least 30 minutes in a single day.

Girls Workshop - Vantage is hosting a hands-on workshop for 7th & 8th grade girls on Saturday January 29. “Step Into Your Future” is a morning workshop for girls to learn a little about exciting new skills – Welding, Carpentry, Electricity and Computer Networking. The day is FREE! A light breakfast, lunch and a T-shirt are provided AND you get to take home everything you create! Watch your mailbox for more information and registration forms.

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 send your name and address with your payment to:
Kalida Athletic Boosters PO Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents and Students - The FAFSA or Free Application For Student Assistance is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parents in order to determine the student’s eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds (scholarships) that the respective schools distribute. Applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate. Beginning January 1 for this year’s seniors, parents and students can access the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at www.pin.ed.gov. Every year a financial seminar is held at one of the area participating schools. This year it will be held at Kalida on January 10 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in high school auditoria. A representative from a local college’s financial aid department will be present to explain the proper procedure for filling out the Free Application for Student Aid. Parents of juniors are also encouraged to attend if they wish to get a head start on the college process. There are a couple of other financial aid nights coming up in our area. Here is a listing in case their locations and times are more convenient: December 6 (6:30 p.m.) @ Van Wert High School, December 7 (7 p.m.) @ Delphos Jefferson High School.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities – A reminder to seniors and parents to continue to be proactive in completing college admission applications and scholarship forms. Several schools have early application deadlines in December in order to be eligible for their scholarships. 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 boldface print. Also, a reminder to parents to check with your places of employment for scholarship opportunities for employees’ children.

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School Board Meetings

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

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First Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

All A's



6th Grade: Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Ryan Ellerbrock, Brianna Good, Hannah Kahle, Layne Keefer, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Griffin Recker, Trent Siebeneck, Erik Verhoff, Jade Zeller

7th Grade: Brandon Erhart, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Samantha Nagy, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Alex Von der Embse, Renee Vorst

8th Grade: Mariah Doepker, Brent Hovest, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Casey Wehri

Freshmen: Tadd Backus, Alexis Decker, Meredith Kromer, Pat Mil-lott, Kiersten Recker, Kylie Siebeneck, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Turnwald, Justine Verhoff, Randy Zeller

Sophomores: Carrie Gerding, Rich Langhals, Amy Smith, Casey Unverferth, Kaylyn Verhoff, Eric Warnecke

Juniors: Neil Gerding, Deanna Kahle, Nicole Kaufman, Nathan Kortokrax, Austin Roebke, Connor Schmenk, Ben Schroeder, Paul Utendorf

Seniors: Samantha Edwards, Justin Neidert, Kristopher Osterhage, Amanda Schulte

Vantage Honor Roll

Seniors

Curtis Schroeder
Austin Selhorst
Erik Selhorst
Ryan Wehri
Ashley Hohenbrink

Juniors

Alan Dunbar
Jared Fortman
Bryce Gerding
Breanna Murphy
Derek Siefker
Austin Sybert

AB Honor Roll

6th Grade: Danica Basinger, Bryce Brinkman, Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Kristen Fortman, Reed Fuller, Sierra Hunter, Keara Hopkins, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Carlee Miller, Corey Miller, Alexis Schroeder, Caleb Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Adam Von Der Embse

7th Grade: Catherine Basinger, Westin Basinger, Kylie Buss, Sarah Cleemput, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Alec Fortman, Trent Gerding, Adam Goergens, Drew Hovest, Brit-tany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausing, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Nathan Meyers, Kylie Osterhage, Andrea Rall, Samantha Recker, Adam Reindel, Katia Roehrig, Kaleb Selhorst, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Taylor Siefker, Austin Swift, Grant Unverferth, Nathan Vorst, Sidney White, Allison Wurth

8th Grade: Becca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Katey Buss, Jacob Dunn, Molly Ellerbrock, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Ken-nedy Hoffman, Melissa Jorrey, Mitchell Kerner, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Taylor Lamb, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Derek Schroeder, Ryan Siefker, Richard Snavley, Caitlin Stechschulte, Aaron Tenwalde, Noah Verhoff, Megan Vine, Alexis Vorst, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Grant Zeller

Freshmen: Dana Cattell, Joe Gerdeman, Trevor Guisinger, Dylan Hoffman, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, Ni-cole Reindel, Michael Schroeder, Jarrod Stober

Sophomores: Andrea Bellmann, Damon Birkemeier, Ryan Erhart, Kendra Hunter, Adam Knueve, Phillip Loveland, Neil Recker, Emily Schnipke, Kayla Siefker, Ben Stechschulte, Julia Vandem-mark, Shelly Verhoff, Jordan Wurth

Juniors: Shaunna Basinger, Levi Blake, Erika Brinkman, Paige Burgei, Eric Ellerbrock, Jordan Ellerbrock, Amanda Giesige, Brian Good, Nick Guisinger, Brady Hermillier, Eric Hill, Ben Kaufman, Tyler Kortokrax, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Brandi Merschman, Megan Meyer, Brooke Schnipke, Cody Schnipke, Aaron Siebeneck, Marissa Smith, Drew Stechschulte, Kevan Unverferth, Jeremy Verhoff, Ben Von der Embse, Karly Westbeld, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller, Halie Zenz

Seniors: Alex Cattell, Tyler Ellerbrock, Megan Erhart, Chad Go-ergens, Jeff Good, Tyler Hoffman, Michelle Jorrey, Derek Korte, Kelsey Miller, Austin Neidert, Brianna Recker, Miranda Schulte, Emily Turnwald, Alyssa Verhoff