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PENDING SCHOOL FUNDING LEGISLATION COULD IMPACT KALIDA SCHOOLS

On January 31, Governor Kasich is set to unveil his new school funding formula. Like so many other governors before him, Mr. Kasich has found the challenge to be much more involved than it first appeared. Some of the early discussions have outlined components that could have a negative impact on Kalida Local Schools. Many of the people Governor Kasich is consulting with on the funding formula are not friendly to public education (see the January 27, 2013 edition of the Lima News). One positive announcement was the appointment of Dr. Richard Ross as Governor Kasich's lead education advisor. Dr. Ross has Putnam County connections dating back to his time as the superintendent of Ottawa-Glandorf Local Schools. Dr. Ross has been and continues to be an advocate for the small rural school districts in Putnam County and Northwest Ohio.

Some of the components which have been discussed include an elimination of the current funding guarantee, money following the student, and increases in school voucher programs. The proposal to have money follow the child, and to expand school voucher programs are mechanisms which will allow local tax dollars to flow to private and parochial schools. In my mind this is not what the residents of Kalida Local Schools intended to have happen when they passed our local levies and bond issues.

The negative effect of these proposals are particularly troubling after the concessions made by the staff, the increases in some student fees, and the budget cuts put in place two years ago. All of the stakeholders involved with the district have made sacrifices to ensure we did not have to cut programs which directly benefit the students. It would be disappointing to say the least, if the Governor's budget forced reductions we were previously able to avoid. The district has gone from a very bleak financial outlook, to having a positive five-year forecast as a result of these sacrifices, and we have still been able to maintain an "Excellent" rating on the school report card for twelve consecutive years.

As more information is released with the budget, I will continue to let the community know how it will affect Kalida Local Schools.

If you have any questions about the five-year forecast, district funding, or the district budget please contact Don Horstman, Cindy Webken or a member of the Kalida Board of Education.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Kalida Local Schools will lose a combined 109 years of teaching experience when three long time staff members retire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Joan Vennekotter, Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht, and Mr. Jim McBride will be retiring at the end of the school year. We would like to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to Kalida Local Schools, and we wish them well in retirement.

LEADING COUNTY SCHOOLS IN UNITED WAY DONATIONS

I would like to thank and congratulate our staff on being recognized as a leader in raising money for the United Way of Putnam County. Our district staff raised more money per employee than any other school district in the county, and we had one hundred percent participation. The employees of the district donated a total of \$1,821 to United Way. I want to thank our staff members for giving back to the county and district residents by supporting the valuable services provided by United Way of Putnam County. Executive Director, Jeanne Beutler, presented the district with a plaque recognizing the efforts of our staff.

Welcome Rafaela "Rafa" Marone!

Rafa is a current graduate of a high school in Brazil. She is living with Jeff and Diane Roehrig the rest of this school year. She is attending classes as a senior at KHS. Rafa speaks fluent English and enjoys learning new things about America.

AAA Auto Club Announcement

The AAA Auto Club has recognized Kalida Elementary with the following news release: Thank you for your involvement in the AAA School Safety Patrol Program. Due to your support, thousands of students in Ohio and through out the world will learn the value of teamwork, become capable leaders in society, and create a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians alike. The AAA Ohio Auto Club is proud to award Kalida Elementary a \$100 Grant to put toward a myriad of admirable program initiatives.

Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht, elementary physical education instructor, was responsible for obtaining the grant for Kalida Elementary.

Musical Cast

The cast of *Annie Get Your Gun* has been announced. Play dates are April 19 through April 21. More details will follow for ticket sales.

Cast:

Frank Butler - Ryan Erhart
Annie Oakley - Alexis Decker
Buffalo Bill - Cody Niese
Charlie Davenport - Brandon Erhart
Dolly Tate - Andrea Bellmann
Tommy Keeler - Westin Basinger
Winnie Tate - Laine Laudick
Foster Wilson - Michael Schroeder
Chief Sitting Bull - Logan Roebke
Mac the Prop Man - Alex Snavley
Running Deer - Dustin Rosselit
Eagle Feather - Omar Martin
Dinig Car Waiter - Skylar Basinger
Sleeping Car Porter - Leah Berheide
Pawnee Bill - Spencer Vorst
Messenger - Casey Unverferth
Mrs. Sylvia Potter - Carrie Gerding
Mrs. Schuyler Adams - Elizabeth Turnwald

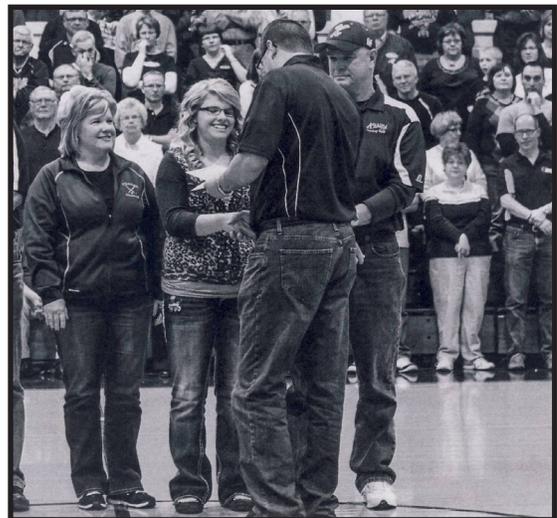
Chorus - Skylar Basinger, Leah Berheide, Becca Brinkman, Courtney Buss, Dana Cattell, Jessica Doepker, Carrie Gerding, Maddison Edelbrock, Kyla Hoyt, Kseniya Ivanova, Erin Kneuve, Erin Kohls, Katelyn Kortokrax, Taylor Lamb, Danielle Maag, Omar Martin, Morgan Niese, Sam Nagy, Lily Reindel, Nicole Reindel, Dustin Rosselit, Olivia Schmenk, Whitney Smith, Cortney Swift, Elizabeth Turnwald, Casey Unverferth, Megan Vine, Shelly Verhoff, Makenna Vorst, Renee Vorst, Megan Warnecke, Sarah Wortkoetter

Note of Thanks - When Luke Kaufman, a junior at KHS, recently was hospitalized in Columbus the students and staff of KHS held a fund raiser on his behalf. The following is a note from the Kaufman family.

*Mr. Pfahler, Mr. Clement,
and all of the faculty and students,*

Darren and I wanted to thank you all again for the amazing outpouring of love and financial support you have shown our family! We can never express our gratitude properly. Please know all of the prayers that have been lifted for Luke and our family are now being lifted for each of you. We are thanking God, and asking Him to bless each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity. What a wonderful, caring community we live in! God bless you.

Kathy and Darren, Ben and Luke Kaufman



Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Kaylyn Verhoff who was awarded the Northwest Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Scholarship Award. This award is given to soccer players with high academic achievements and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Booster Fund Raiser - The Kalida Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a detergent/fabric softener sale. You can purchase 5 gallon containers for \$45 between now and mid-February. Contact Brenda Vorst (419-532-2718) for more information.

Freshman Orientation Scheduled

Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of Wednesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2017. It is important that incoming freshmen and one parent attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. Graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting new programs like the iPad Initiative will all be covered as well as other important issues.

High School Scheduling

Registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on Thursday, February 7 during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by Friday, February 15.

Post-Secondary/Dual Enrollment/AP Meetings

On Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of any high school student who may be interested in taking a college level course during next school year. There are three options at Kalida High School for students to take college courses. One option is of the post-secondary option (PSE-OP) method through James A. Rhodes State College. The second option is Dual Enrollment through Wright State University. Finally, college credit can be earned by scoring a high enough score on AP exams which are administered at the conclusion of our AP courses. Representatives from James A. Rhodes State College and Wright State will be present to explain their programs and answer questions. The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit: Psychology, Computer Applications, Honors English 11, AP Biology, AP American History, AP Government, and AP English Literature and Composition. Thus, it is important that parents of students planning to take these courses next year attend this informational session. In addition, the Ohio Department of Education mandates that parents have the opportunity to attend an informational meeting before their students are eligible to participate in the program.

PLAN Results Shared With Sophomores

On Wednesday, January 16, results for the PLAN (pre-ACT) were shared with all sophomores who took the assessment in December. Each student received a personalized score report along with the original question booklet. Also, a chart was given to each student who took the PSAT in October so that they could compare the two assessments.

HOBY Selection

Congratulations to Erin Knueve and Mariah Doepker who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's *Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership* conference at Ohio Northern University. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Mr. Chris Pfahler (Kalida H.S. Principal) for funding the fee to attend the conference.

AP Course Sessions

There will be meetings on Monday, February 11 at Kalida High School for students and their parents taking any advanced placement (AP) courses next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams which are given at the end of each school year. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis: American History (10, 11, 12), Government (12), Biology (11 or 12), and English (12). For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. and will follow the above mentioned PSEOP/Dual Enrollment session since many parents will need to attend both.

The schedule of the meetings is as follows:

AP American History (7:00 p.m.) - Mr. Gasser's room

AP English Literature and Composition (7:00 p.m.) - Mrs. Gerding's room

AP Biology (7:30 p.m.) - Mr. Gordon's room

AP Government (7:30 p.m.) - Mr. Gasser's room

Vantage Information for Sophomores

On Thursday, January 10, representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class at Kalida High School. Then, on Wednesday, February 6, all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Applications for next year's enrollment will be distributed on this day. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2013-14 school-year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Friday, February 15.

Honor Society Candidates Announced

Candidates for possible induction into the National Honor Society for the 2013-14 school year will be posted on the high school bulletin board during the school week of January 28. Students in grades 10-12 with a 3.3 or higher grade point average are eligible to apply for admission into the organization. Applications will be distributed to these candidates on Wednesday, February 13. Interested students will have until February 27 to complete them.

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
7:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

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\$50 January Winners

**Ryan & Amy Brinkman
Dennis & Carol Bockrath
Rich & Millie McElwain
Barb Neidert**

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**Second Quarter
All A Honor Roll**

6th Grade - Samantha Backus, Nicole Fortman, Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Grant Laudick, Makenna Niese, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller

7th Grade - Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Sarah Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Tori Niese, Kierstan Siebeneck, Taylor Zeller

8th Grade - Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Jeffrey Knueve, Caleb Siebeneck, Trent Siebeneck

Freshmen - Brandon Erhart, Trent Gerding, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex von der Embse

Sophomores - Mariah Doepker, Erin Knueve, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Casey Wehri

Juniors - Dana Cattell, Alexis Decker, Trevor Guisinger, Meredith Kromer, Patrick Millott, Kylie Siebeneck, Whitney Smith

Seniors - Andrea Bellmann, Damon Birkemeier, Ryan Erhart, Carrie Gerding, Rich Langhals, Emily Schnipke, Amy Smith, Casey Unverferth, Kaylyn Verhoff, Eric Warnecke, Joel Zeller



AB Honor Roll

6th Grade

Rachel Basinger, Faith Burgei, Keith Doepker, Collin Fortman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Lauren Langhals, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Owen Recker, Ethan Schmenk, Megan Schulte, Hannah Smith, Joshua Verhoff, Paul von der Embse

7th Grade

Trent Guisinger, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Carter Moore, Connor Niese, Kara Siefker, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Kamryn Webken, Trevor Wurth

8th Grade

Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Reed Fuller, Hannah Kahle, Layne Keefer, Brooke Kimball, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Carlee Miller, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Jenna Siefker, Erik Verhoff, Adam von der Embse, Collin Wurth, Jade Zeller

Freshmen

Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Devin Giesige, Adam Goergens, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Samantha Nagy, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Kaleb Selhorst, Nathan Vorst, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke, Trey Webken, Sidney White, Allison Wurth

Sophomores

Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Katey Buss, Jacob Dunn, Molly Ellerbrock, Jackie Gardner, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Ericka Kimball, Devin Kortokrax, Taylor Lamb, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Derek Schroeder, Megan Vine, Austin Vorst, Grant Zeller

Juniors

Joseph Gerdeman, Dylan Hoffman, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, Brooke Loveland, Cody Niese, Kiersten Recker, Nicole Reindel, Elizabeth Turnwald, Derek Verhoff, Justine Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Sarah Wortkoetter, Randy Zeller

Seniors

Leah Berheide, Jessica Doepker, Anthony Dunn, Kristi Honigfort, Austin Horstman, Rob Kleman, Adam Knueve, Phillip Loveland, Kendra Schroeder, Kayla Siefker, Julia Vandemark, Jordan Wurth