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Notes from the Superintendent

What better topic to discuss during the dog days of winter than school finance? This month's article will attempt to update Kalida residents on where the district is financially. Too often, the only time that school district finances are discussed is when the district is in need of new revenue. I assure you, that this is not the purpose of this article.

Most residents should have noticed a slight decrease in their property taxes that are due this month. This is partly due to the continued reduction of millage for the bond issue for the new high school. This reduction should not be confused with the planned elimination of the Permanent Improvement Levy (1.5 mils) which will show up on residents taxes next year at this time. The Emergency Levy that will be allowed to expire (currently 3.5 mils) will show up the following year (2009) on the February tax duplicate.

Included below is the bond retirement history since 2002 and a brief explanation of many of the factors that contribute to reductions in millage. Taxes are paid the year following the duplicate year. For example, taxes for the 2006 Duplicate are paid in calendar year 2007. The assessed valuation is the total taxable valuation of the entire school district. The assessed valuation is 35% of the actual valuation. Each year the school district tells the county auditor the amount of money needed to make the annual bond payments. The county auditor then figures the millage needed, using the new annual assessed valuation, to collect that amount of money. As the assessed value of the entire district increases, either through reappraisals or new construction, the bond millage is reduced to collect an amount close to the annual bond payments.

ELPP Bond Retirement History				
Property tax Bill	Assessed Valuation of Kalida School District	Mills	Estimated Tax Collection	Approximate Cost for a \$150,000 House Assessed at \$52,500
2002 Duplicate	57,436,240	7.84	\$450,300.12	\$411.60
2003 Duplicate	58,925,916	7.84	\$461,945.17	\$411.57
2004 Duplicate	59,796,550	7.40	\$442,494.47	\$388.50
2005 Duplicate	63,074,415	7.00	\$441,520.89	\$367.50
2006 Duplicate	63,775,730	6.50	\$414,547.84	\$341.25



The district's current five year forecast shows that the district is in much better shape than two years ago when we were categorized as a "Fiscal Watch" district by the Ohio Department of Education. The Board of Education has attempted to respond to the decreased enrollment by not replacing those teachers who retire or resign, decreasing the number of bus routes, and effectively managing our health care costs. This past year was the first since 1994 that our health care costs did not increase. An updated five year financial forecast can be viewed on the district website under the heading of *Administration*, then *Financial Information* at: <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/schoolmain.htm>

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

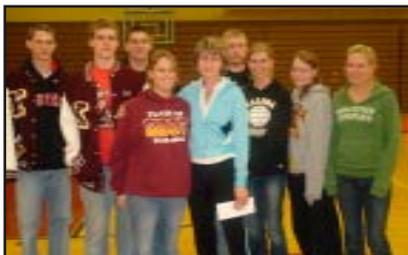
Feb. 19 President's Day No School	March 11 Chicken BBQ Kalida Athletic Boosters	March 23 Quarter Break No School	March 28 - April 1 Senior Class Trip NYC	April 6-April 9 Easter Break No School	April 19-21 KHS Musical
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Guidance Notes

***Financial Aid Night A Success-** The college financial aid night that was held at Kalida High School on Monday, January 18, was a success. Over 90 parents and students - one third of which were from Kalida - attended from Ottoville, Ft. Jennings, Continental, and Kalida to hear information on scholarships and the proper procedure for filling out the FAFSA. We would like to thank Lawrence Mathews - Director of Financial Aid at Bluffton University - for being the keynote speaker. The "How to Choose a College" seminar that was held the same night for sophomore and junior parents was well attended by approximately 20 individuals. Several parents gave positive feedback on the information that was provided by Van Wright from Bowling Green State University's Office of Admission. We are hoping to continue this seminar on a yearly basis.

***Upcoming Testing Dates-** During the week of March 12 - 16, all sophomores will take the five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test. The order of the test section is as follows: Monday - Reading, Tuesday - Math, Wednesday - Writing, Thursday - Science, and Friday - Citizenship. Students can practice for these tests online at <http://ohio.measinc.com/Content.htm>. Any junior or senior who has any of the sections remaining will be testing during the same time. All other achievement tests for grades 3-8 will be April 30 - May 3. This is the first year that tests in those grades will be given at a later time. The Ohio Department of Education has moved these tests from March to the end of April.

***Scheduling for Next Year-** It is hard to believe, but it is that time of year again. Scheduling for next year's courses for all student in grades 8-11 will take place in the next couple of weeks. As usual, students will be required to have their course request sheets signed by parents to verify their completion.



Giving Unto Others- Students and staff in the elementary donated their loose change for the elementary physical education teacher, Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht, whose house caught on fire on December 29, 2006. Over \$2900 was collected in the elementary in her behalf. In the high school, a money stall was held on the same day collecting over \$2250 with proceeds going to Mrs. Luebrecht and to a student from Ottoville that has undergone brain cancer surgery. We are very proud of the generosity of our staff and students!

2007-08 School Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 22	First Day for Students
Monday, Sept. 3	Labor Day - <i>No School</i>
Thursday, Oct. 4	Staff Development - <i>1:00 Dismissal</i>
Monday, Oct. 29	Quarter Break - <i>No School</i>
Tues. Nov. 20-Wed. Nov. 21	Parent-Teacher Conf. - <i>No School</i>
Thurs. Nov. 22- Fri. Nov.23	Thanksgiving Break - <i>No School</i>
Mon. Dec. 24-Wed. Jan 2	Christmas Break
Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008	Classes Resume
Monday, Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day- <i>No School</i>
Monday, Feb. 18	Presidents' Day - <i>No School</i>
Fri. Mar. 21-Mon. Mar. 24	Spring Break - <i>No School</i>
Thursday, April 17	Staff Development - <i>1:00 Dismissal</i>
Wednesday, May 21	Last Day for Students
Thursday, May 22	Teacher Work Day
Sunday, May 25	Graduation - Class of 2008
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day



**Vantage Open House
& Scholarship Dinner**
February 12, 5:00-7:30 PM
"All You Can Eat" Fish and Tenderloin Dinner
 Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
 Adults \$6.50 Kids age 5-10 \$3.50
 All 18 labs will be open from 5:00 -7:30 PM.



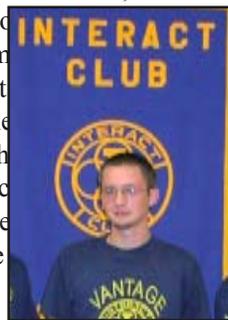
Twice as Nice- Congratulations to Melanie and Jon Thorbahn on the births of their twin daughters, Erica Marie and Carly Elizabeth, on December 31, 2006. Mrs. Thorbahn is a teacher in the high school building.

Milk Vending- Milk vending is making a splash in schools! KHS has recently installed its own milk vending machine in the new auditoria. By offering access to milk in attractive packaging and exciting flavors, schools are finding that students are drinking more milk, more often. To help schools own and operate their own milk vending machines, ADADC Mid East offers schools serving grades six or higher in Ohio and West Virginia a \$1,000 grant. KHS has received this grant and has used the grant to offset the purchase of the new vending machine. The dairy farmer-funded grant and award reinforce the importance of students having access to a healthy, nutrient-packed beverage.



Principal Don Horstman presents a check to Treasurer Cindy Webken from the Dairy Association.

Haitian Mission - Mike Recker, a senior at Vantage Career Center and president of the Vantage Haiti Interact Club, will be traveling to Haiti in March. He and a group of Vantage staff members will help with building/modernizing in Haiti. Through the contributions and support of the students, the students will go to Haiti and use the skills they have learned while at Vantage. Anyone wishing to join the Interact Club and help fund this trip can purchase a Vantage T-shirt for \$10. Call Mike if you are interested. Mike is thankful to all those who have made this possible.



Homecoming Court 2007- Congratulations to Queen Dana Phillips and King A.J. Maag who were crowned on Friday, Feb. 2 during the homecoming ceremonies. Senior attendants were Emily Berheide, and Molly Verhoff, Ryan Rampe, and Aaron von der Embse. Junior attendants were Chelsea Warnecke and Trent Smith. Sophomore attendants were Bethany Smith and Doug McIntyre. Freshmen attendants were Kelly Kehres and Michael Bockrath.

KHS Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to KHS students Jason McCollum, Westbeld and Kyle Miller who were presented with their Eagle Scout Awards at a special banquet on Saturday, Feb. 3. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Jason, Kyle and Jeff each had to complete an Eagle Scout project to earn this honor.



Band/Choir Notes- Congratulations to Junior High District III Honors Choir and Band students. The following students were selected to perform: Megan Erhart (Choir), Shaunna Basinger (Choir), Alex Schroeder (Percussion) and Kelsey Miller (French Horn.) The District III Honors Choir and Band concert will be on Saturday, February 24 at 3:00 PM at Wapakoneta Middle School.

Congratulations to the following students for participation in high school solo and ensemble contest at Lima Senior on Saturday, February 3.
 Austin Basinger- Class A Trumpet- I, Louisa Millott- Class A Trombone- I, Michael Turnwald- Class B Tuba- I, Josh Verhoff- Class C Baritone Sax- I, Lauren Erhart- Class B Soprano- I, Louisa Millott- Class B Soprano- I, Makenna Basinger- Class B Soprano- I, Kayla Kromer- Class B Soprano- II, Julia Fuerst- Class B Soprano- II, Angela Hanneman- Class B Mezzo- II, Lauren Erhart- Class B Piano- II.

Lost and Found - An Elementary student has reported an *ipod shuffle* missing. If you have any information concerning this item, please call the Elementary office.

Honor Roll Second Quarter 2006-07

All A's

7th Grade

Neil Gerding
Nicole Kaufman
Jordan Laudick
Austin Roebke
Connor Schmenk
Cody Schnipke

8th Grade

Bryan Fortman
Chad Goergens
Kelsey Miller
Justin Neidert
Kristopher Osterhage
Brianna Recker
Emily Turnwald
Jillian Wehri

Freshmen

Julia Fuerst
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Kara Kaufman
Stephanie Kortokrax
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

Sophomores

Kasie Bellmann
Leah Gerding
Jenna Kahle
Louisa Millott
Erica Schmenk
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Juniors

Alyssa Frey
Trent Smith

Seniors

Michael Recker*
Kari Schroeder
Katie Unverferth
Ashlee Warnecke
Abby Wilson

AB Honor Roll

7th Grade

Shaunna Basinger
Levi Blake
Paige Burgei
Eric Ellerbrock
Jordan Ellerbrock
Aaron Gerding
Matt Gerding
Amanda Giesige
Nick Guisinger
Miranda Hermiller
Eric Hill
Devon Hundley
Deanna Kahle
Eric Kahle
Ben Kaufman
Nathan Kortokrax
Tyler Kortokrax
Haley McIntyre
Ben Schroeder
Marissa Smith
Drew Stechschulte

Lora Tschuur
Kevan Unverferth
Paul Utendorf
Ben von der Embse
Karly Westbeld
Alexis Wurth
Jared Zeller
Halie Zenz

8th Grade

Ben Bockrath
Alexandrea Cattell
Tyler Ellerbrock
Megan Erhart
Allison Fitzgerald
Jeff Good
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Chelsea Kahle
Derek Korte
Evan Krouse
Austin Neidert
Alex Schroeder
Curtis Schroeder
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Zachary Selhorst
Nick Siefer
Rachael Stechschulte
Alyssa Verhoff
Andrew Warnecke

Freshmen

Kim Berheide
Amanda Brinkman
Jeff Gerding
Stacie Heitmeyer
Kyle Hoffman
Brant Kahle
Kelly Kehres
Katherine Kromer
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Anna Tenwalde
Devin Warnecke

Sophomores

Dana Bruskotter
Lauren Erhart
Tatevik Grigoryan
Megan Jorrey
Kyle Kahle
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Scott Schnipke
Matt Schulte
Bethany Smith
Amy Vonderembse

Juniors

Austin Basinger
Adam Berheide
Andrew Burwell*
Karri Clementz
Emily Erhart*
Aaron Geckle*
Ross Hamilton*
Ashley Heitmeyer
Megan Heitmeyer
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Megan Miller
Aaron Patterson*
Samantha Recker
Stacy Reindel
Abigail Schroeder
Brittany Schroeder
Jennifer Schroeder
Brandon Vorst*
Chelsea Warnecke
Nicole Warnecke
Ashley Wehri

Seniors

Timothy Beach*
Lisa Duling
Megan Hamburg
Angela Hanneman
Brent Heitmeyer
Chris Kahle
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Rachel Knueve
Andy Miller*
Dana Phillips
Ryan Rampe
Alison Schnipke*
Kelly Schnipke
Andrea VanOss*
Alan Verhoff
Sarah Wurth
* Denotes
Vantage Students



Spring Musical

The KHS spring musical will be *SOUTH PACIFIC*. Auditions will be held Feb. 19 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. We will be looking for a cast of 40+ and are in need of a good number of male actors. Show dates and times are April 19 (7:30 PM) and April 20-21 (8:00 PM.)

“The musical program is in need of volunteers to learn the ropes for the dinner theatre,” said musical director Joe Warnement. “This will be Darlene Hanneman’s last year of organizing the dinner theatre. She has done a fabulous job for well over 15 years. We appreciate all of her efforts and thank her for her years of service. These are the shoes that need to be filled to continue this tradition here at Kalida High School.” Please call Darlene Hanneman or Joe Warnement if you have any questions.

Chicken BBQ

Kalida Athletic Boosters

March 11

KHS Voag Building

Dinners: \$6.50

11:00 AM until gone



The 2007 Kalida School Board members are Brian Laudick, Gary Stechschulte, President Barry von der Embse, Vice President Dennis Turnwald and Rhonda Osterhage.



Music Booster Drawing

JANUARY \$50 WINNERS

Kevin Haunhorst
David and Joe Gerdeman
Dale and Jan Schroeder
Jim Klausing

FEBRUARY \$50 WINNERS

Jack Schindler
Nancy Selhorst
Joe and Grace Turnwald
Deana Nienberg

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