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Calendar Notes

March 27-31
Senior Class Trip
to NYC

April 2-5
Easter Break
No School

April 15-17
KHS Musical
*Little Shop
of Horrors*

April 18
Winter Sports
Dessert Banquet
2 PM Auditeria

April 22
Spring Band
Concert
8 PM Auditeria

April 23
1 PM
Early Dismissal
Teacher Inservice

May 1
Prom

May 6
Spring Choir
Concert
8 PM Auditeria

May 27
Last Day
for Students

May 30
Graduation
Class of 2010

August 30
First Day
2010-2011

Notes from the Superintendent

Don Horstman

New Board Members - Mr. Greg von der Embse has replaced Rhonda Osterhage on the Kalida Board of Education. Greg is married to Kelly (Cairns) and they have five children Alex, Adam, Paul, Gabe and Emma. Greg's occupation is through SSA, Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

Mrs. Sue M. (Ricker) Gerdeman has been named to fill the seat vacated by Gary Stechsulte. Sue is married to John and they have two sons David and Joe. Sue is the office manager of the Kalida Telephone Company and is a graduate of Northwestern Business College.



Construction Update - The construction at the elementary is going very well now that the weather has finally started to cooperate. The masons are making a lot of progress on the exterior brick, and they are almost finished with the interior block work. The painters have started putting on block filler/primer in many of the classrooms, and as work progresses they will begin putting on the first coat of finished color. The metal stud walls in the office area are almost complete, and they are hanging drywall in the office area. The roofers have almost completed the shingles, and everything appears to be on schedule for the district to be able to move into the new building in time for school in the fall. I would like to thank all of our elementary staff, students, and parents for their patience and flexibility this year. While the modular classrooms are far from ideal, everyone has made the best of the situation. This positive attitude will be rewarded when they move into a great new building next fall.

Cheerleaders Place 6th at State Competition

Congratulations to the competition cheerleading squad on their sixth place finish at the state cheerleading competition. The competition was held at Pickerington Central High School on March 7, and our cheerleaders did an excellent job. This is the second year in a row the competition squad has qualified for the state competition. Congratulations to all of our cheerleaders and their advisors Sarah Fortman and Katie Dendinger on a fine season.

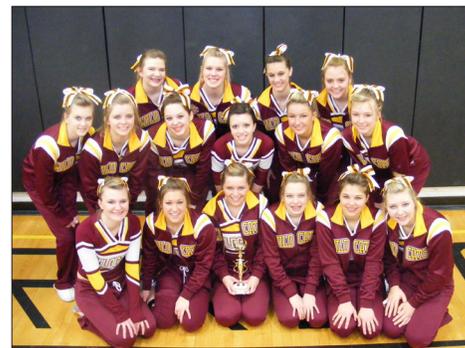


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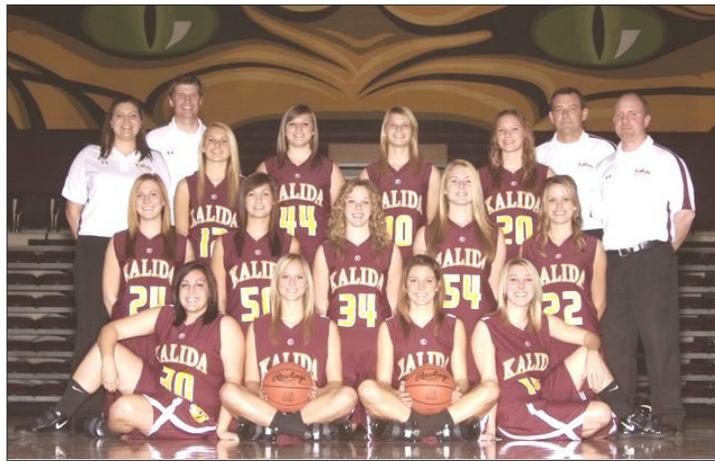
Solo/Ensemble Competitions - Congratulations to our junior high students who participated at solo/ensemble contest this past weekend. The following students earned Superior ratings: Graham Stanley, Meredith Kromer, Patrick Millott, Mariah Doepker, and Morgan Niese. The following students received Excellent ratings: Kimberly Verhoff, Taylor Lamb, Ryan Siefker, Brad Siebeneck, Ericka Kimball, Katelyn Kortokrax, Cody Ortega, Erin Knueve, and Elizabeth Turnwald.

A Team With Smarts - Congratulations to the members of the Kalida High School Girls Basketball team who earned all-league honors for their performance this season. First team all league honors go to Emily Turnwald; Second team honors were awarded to Amy Hamburg and Stacie Heitmeyer; Honorable Mention honors go out to Julia Fuerst and Tricia Horstman.

Seven members of our girls basketball team earned recognition for making the Putnam County All Scholastic Team. In 2009, sixteen players were recipients of the All Ohio Academic Team. On April 1, it will be announced if we will once again be awarded this honor. These scholar/athletes include: Amy Hamburg, Stacie Heitmeyer, Julia Fuerst, Tricia Horstman, Margaret von der Embse, Kara Kaufman, and Stephanie Kortokrax. The team is coached by Karl Lammers. Assistant coaches are Jamie Huber, Adam Huber and Scott Miller.

Voice of Democracy Winner

KHS senior Jill Rieman has been named as the VFW District 2 Voice of Democracy Contest winner. Jill's entry placed second out of 323 entries received in Ohio District 2. At the awards ceremony on March 7, Jill received a check for \$400 and a plaque for her achievement. Jill will also be receiving an award from the local VFW post in Ottawa at a later date.



Kalida Ladycats finish the 2009-2010 season with 19 wins and 4 losses as District Champs.

Celebrating 50 years in Kalida - KHS National Honor Society is in its 50th year. National Honor Society Advisor, Mr. Robert Gasser, has announced the new inductees to the Kalida High School chapter of the National Honor Society. The new inductees for the 2009-2010 school year are:



Amanda Giesige, Nikki Kaufman, Haylee McIntyre, Alexis Wurth, Alyssa Verhoff, Sam Edwards, Abby Rampe, Brianna Recker, Connor Schmenk, Drew Stechschulte, Chad Goergens, Ben Schroeder, Neil Gerding, Jared Zeller, Austin Roebke, Jordan Laudick, Michael Bockrath, and Nick Guisinger.



Congratulations to KHS Senior Jordan Basinger on being named to the First team all Putnam County League, PCL-Player of the Year and was named to Second Team All Ohio Division IV.

Cast for KHS Musical Announced

The Little Shop of Horrors will be presented on April 15-17 in the KHS Auditoria. The cast for the musical is as follows:

- Megan Erhart-Audrey
- Eric Hill - Seymour
- Alex Vorst - Dentist
- Ryan Erhart - Mushnik
- Shaunna Basinger - Ronnette
- Steph Wilson - Crystal
- Kim Berhiede - Chiffon/(understudy Alice Verhoff)
- Lora Tschuor - Audrey II
- Kim Verhoff - Audrey II small puppets
- Kyle Hoffman - Audrey II large operation
- Chorus** - Jill Wehri, Rachael Rose, Chelsea Kahle, Alice Verhoff, Ben Schroeder, Christy Miller, Miranda Schulte, Danica Basinger, Jacob Kahle, Skylar Basinger, Shelby Schroeder, Elizabeth Turnwald, Leah Berheide. **Backstage Crew:** Emily Turnwald, Rachael Stechschulte, Allison Fitzgerald, Amanda Schulte

Music Boosters'

September Pioneer Sunday Winners

Dan Fanger	\$200
Greg & Amy Recker	\$150
Mark & Tina Siebeneck	\$100
Ken & Jackie Basinger	\$75
Dwayne & Annie Ketcham	\$50
Luke & Becky Hermiller	\$50
John & Brenda Basinger	\$50
Jamie & Sandy Roller	\$50
Ralph & Dolores Verhoff	\$50
Jenny & Gary Kahle	\$50



October Fall Concert Winners

Don Horstman	\$150
Ralph & Dolores Verhoff	\$125
Clarine Hermiller	\$100
Tom & Janet Janka	\$75
Ron Hovest	\$75
Larry Unverferth	\$50
Joni Unverferth	\$50
Barry & Beth von der Embse	\$50
Steve Unverferth	\$50
Erin Kerner	\$50

November \$50 Winners

Beth Myers, Larry & Grace Hasleman,
Vicki & Brian Buss, Norm & Sandy Schnipke

December Christmas Concert Winners

Kerri Romes	\$150
Jim Kottenbrock	\$125
Mike Schnipke	\$100
Deana Nienberg	\$75
Gary/Nancy Erhart	\$75
Rob Schnippel	\$50
Steve Unverferth	\$50
Paul Miller	\$50
Marilyn Leopold	\$50
Erin Kerner	\$50

January \$50 Winners

Karl Lammers, Bill/Beth Rieman,
Clayton Maag, Greg Unverferth

February \$50 Winners

Tony Schulte, Tom/Pat Jerwers,
Andrea Knueve, David/Joe Gerdeman

March \$50 Winners

Marilyn Leopold, Rose Recker
Susan Kapcar, Teresa Knueve

Scripts Gift Cards- From iTunes and Shell gas cards, to restaurants and clothing stores, there are literally hundreds of options! Ordering is easy...just go to the school website, download an order form, and return it to the elementary school. There are even many area businesses on the list for you to shop local. Orders for the rest of the school year will be placed on April 26, May 10 and May 24. Cards are available 4-5 days after ordering. Please call Trisha Klause at 419.532.3053 or Kelly von der Embse at 419.532.2105 with any questions. The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 PM in the elementary library. Items to be discussed will be end of year plans, a *Christies on the Square* candy fundraiser, and scripts cards. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Academic PCL Tournament - Kalida High School students Jeff Gerding, Michael Turnwald, Jordan Laudick, Alex Schroeder, Ben Bockrath, Alyssa Verhoff, Kelly Kehres, Alex Vorst, Stephanaie Verhoff, and Katie Kromer all participated in the *PCL Academic Tournament*. Kalida placed third in the competition. They are coached by Mr. Sonny Gasser and Mrs. Jan Gasser.

Junior High Quiz Bowl - The following junior high students competed in the *All County JH Quiz Bowl Tournament* on March 18: Rebecca Brinkman, Katey Buss, Molly Ellerbrock, Auston Hosler, Ericka Kimball, Erin Kohls, Taylor Lamb, Christen MaKara, Morgan Niese, Rachel Rall, Lilly Reindel, Zach Schindler, Olivia Schmenk, Graham Stanley, Taran Truesdale, Austin Vorst, Spencer Vorst, and Casey Wehri. Mr. Dale Liebrecht is the coach for the JH academic team.

Plastic Bag Recycling - Kalida JH students are hosting a plastic bag recycling collection during April. In cooperation with the Ottawa WalMart the bags will be recycled. Boxes for collection will be located near the HS office entrance and by the Event entrance during the month of April.

March Scholarship Listing for Seniors - The March scholarship listing for seniors contains 15 scholarships that are sponsored by area families or businesses. A few of these scholarships will be awarded to Kalida seniors only! Most of the deadlines for these scholarships are at the end of March or in April. This listing is also available on the school's webpage by clicking the guidance department link under the resources tab at the top of the screen.

Junior Job Shadow Day - March 30 has been designated as "Junior Job-Shadow Day." All juniors attending classes in the high school building will be expected to participate in this activity which could be a valuable source of information for a career. An informational packet was distributed to students on March 4. A informational parent letter was included with this packet.

Superintendent Don Horstman

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

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Congrats also to Coach Kortokrax for being named co-coach of the year for our Division. Upon season's end, his coaching record tallied 805 wins.

Celebrating 800 Wins! - Coach Dick Kortokrax is congratulated by Mr. Geoff Palmer of the OHSAA Northwest District Athletic Board upon the conclusion of the Wildcat victory over Van Buren on Feb. 20. Also present for the award ceremony that evening was Mr. Jerry Snodgrass of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. This win became Coach Kortokrax's 800th coaching victory and earns him a place in Ohio's Athletic record history books. *The Wildcats finished their season as Div. IV Regional Runner Up. Their record was 21 wins/3 losses.*

Athletic Physicals for 2010-2011 - The medical physicians providing their services to KHS have requested a change of policy regarding free physicals for our student athletes. **As of this spring, free physicals at KHS will be offered only to students entering grade nine through twelve for the next school year.** Dates for KHS free physicals will be announced at a later date. JH student athletes needing physicals should contact their local family doctor for a physical.

Parents of both JH and HS student athletes can also arrange a free physical in Lima at the **Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio** on Monday, May 10 and Monday, May 17 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Forms are available in the HS and must be signed and completed prior to attending any physical examination. If contacting OIO, direct all questions to Ms. Noralu Kahle 419-222-6622 ext. 330.

Winter Sports Banquet - On Sunday, April 18 at 2 PM the annual Winter Sports Banquet will be held in the KHS auditoria. A dessert bar will be offered for those in attendance.