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Calendar Notes
<i>April 14-17</i> Easter Break
<i>April 20-22</i> Sound of Music KHS Auditoria
<i>May 6</i> Junior Senior Prom
<i>May 11</i> Second Grade Field Trip
<i>May 12</i> 7th & 8th Grade Field Trips
<i>May 17</i> Third Grade Field Trip
<i>May 18</i> 5th Grade & Kindergarten Field Trips
<i>May 19</i> 4th Grade Field Trip
<i>May 23</i> 6th Grade Field Trip
<i>May 24</i> Last Day of School
<i>May 28</i> Graduation Class of 2006
<i>August 22</i> School Begins 2006-07

Notes from the Superintendent

The Last Quarter - Spring has arrived, and along with it a lot of new developments within the district. The spring sports season is well underway and the senior class trip has already taken place. I would like to thank the senior class advisor Mr. Dale Liebrecht and all of the adult chaperones (Ken and Doris Stechschulte, Jan Gasser, Stacy Knueve, Angie Westbeld, and Diane Kerner) for their help on the trip to New York City.

Interviews Continue - Mr. Horstman, Mrs. Myers, and many of the 7-12 teaching staff have been busy interviewing candidates for our open teaching and guidance positions. Hopefully, all of these positions will be filled at the conclusion of this month's board meeting. We are very excited about the number of quality applicants that want to work for the Kalida School System.

Graduation 2006 - Our first Commencement in the new gymnasium will be held on Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 P.M. The new facility will provide plenty of comfortable seating in a climate controlled environment. Rain or shine, it promises to be a very nice ceremony. Congratulations to the Class of 2006!

School Funding - The district was notified in the latter part of last month by the Ohio School Facilities Commission that we are not scheduled to receive funding for next year. There is still a chance that we could be contacted in May, but it is more likely that we will be eligible in the fall of 2008. If the district makes it on the "Next Ten" lists in May, we will be guaranteed funding in 2008. In my opinion, this is an ideal scenario that would provide a definite timeline for logistical planning. I will continue to update all residents of the district of our status as we progress forward.

The Class of 2019 - Kindergarten enrollment for next year has bounced back a bit and we currently have 50 students registered. This is great news for the district, as our enrollment plays a significant role in funding and in facilities planning. Mr. Lammers will be making some slight adjustments in the elementary teaching staff to accommodate the fluctuation in numbers at each specific grade level.

Enrollment - Enrollment is directly related to district finances, and the board has committed to making the appropriate personnel changes to address fluctuations in enrollment as they occur. I assure you that we will be looking at staffing levels of both certified and non-certified personnel on an annual basis in order to maintain long term fiscal responsibility.

Weight Room Update - The weight room committee is in the final stages of completing the project to transform the former cafeteria into a very nice weight room/fitness facility. Thank you to all of the athletic boosters and the volunteers who assisted in getting the room ready. The walls have been painted and the rubber floor is on site awaiting installation. The fitness equipment is scheduled for delivery at the end of this month.

~ Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Boys Basketball Meeting

There will be a meeting of **interested basketball players and their parents** from grades 8-11 on Wednesday, April 26, in the KHS small gym at 8:30 PM. Coach Kortokrax will answer questions or concerns about the Boys' Varsity, Junior Varsity and possible Freshmen teams. Off-season and summer activities with these future teams will also be addressed.

Also to be discussed is the **commitment** expected from players who would like to be a part of these programs. All parents and players are encouraged to attend. Other interested players and adults are welcome as well.

Dick Kortokrax

Fitness in the Elementary

This year students in kindergarten, first and second grades decided to "run" to Mississippi. A total of 144 students made the trip. These students began their journey the week of October 31, 2005. However, they never took a step outside. The trip was calculated on a map located on the wall in the gym. These students could easily observe their progress. It took 14 weeks to reach their destination. With much effort, these students ran a total of 11,485 laps or 574 miles in the gym. Due to their accomplishments, a fun day including water games is scheduled in May.

Meanwhile, students in grades three through six are "running" to Georgia. This trip will help them prepare for the end-of-the-year fitness tests.

Farm Safety Round-Up

The third grade classes from Kalida Elementary will travel to the Dale Gerding Farm near Glandorf on April 12 to attend the annual Farm Safety Round-Up program. Demonstrations on farm safety will be given to the students. Goals for the day include: tractor safety, pond and water safety, chemical/look-alike safety, lawnmower safety, PTO's/grain bin safety, electrical safety, and ATV driving safety. At the close of the program students will be given a Farm Safety T-shirt. Volunteers from Putnam County helping with the program are Paulding/Putnam Electric, St. Rita's Ambulatory Care, and the Sheriff Office.

Jump Rope for Your Heart



On Friday, April 21, the Kalida Elementary students in grades three through six will be participating in the national event **Jump Rope For Heart**. This is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and



Dance. The event offers many benefits. Money raised during this event will help fund research and the development of educational materials for the public. Based on local collec-

tions, our school will earn gift certificates for physical education equipment. The event will take place 7:00 until 10:00 PM. If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht at 419-532-3845. Thanks for your support.

The Sound of Music

Kalida High School will present **The Sound of Music** in the high school auditoria on April 20-22. Tickets will go on sale to the general public April 10 in the Superintendent's office.

General admission prices for students and senior citizens \$4; Adults \$5. All reserved seats on upholstered chairs for students/senior citizens \$5 and \$6 for adults. All tickets at the door will sell for \$6. Thursday's showtime is at 7:30 PM, Friday or Saturday showtime is at 8:00 PM.

Dinner theater tickets for Saturday's show are available through Darlene Hanneman (532-3871) until April 18. Cost is \$15 for dinner and the show.

KHS Staff "Reductions" Underway

What started as a Lenten fasting contest among the teachers, student teachers and administration personnel has now become a very noticeable change in the "size(s)" of our staff. The staff in the high school building has taken on a weight-loss program during these early months of 2006. As of this printing, over **174 pounds have been lost** by the participants. With the success of this program, many are discussing continuing the weight-loss sessions until summer break. Congrats, Losers!

Third Quarter Honor Roll

All A's

SENIORS

Steve Becker*
Ross Ellerbrock
Ryan Hoffman
Eric Schnipke
Julie Schroeder

JUNIORS

Rachel Knueve
Kari Schroeder
Andrea Van Oss*
Ashlee Warnecke
Abby Wilson

SOPHOMORES

Abigail Schroeder
Brittany Schroeder
Trent Smith

FRESHMEN

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

EIGHTH GRADE

Michael Bockrath
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse
Devin Warnecke

SEVENTH GRADE

Tyler Ellerbrock
Chad Goergens
Justin Neidert
Kristopher Osterhage
Brianna Recker
Emily Turnwald
Alyssa Verhoff
Jillian Wehri

A-B Honor Roll

SENIORS

Ryan Buss
Andrea Ellerbrock*
Kurt Fuerst*
Kerri Geckle*
David Gerdeman
Shane Hill
Kelly Knueve
Adam Kottenbrock*
Austin Kruse
Benjamin McIntyre
Evan Peck*
Renee Schroeder*
Adam Schumaker*
Amanda Schumaker
Jared Siebeneck
Autumn Snyder
Jared Stechschulte
Cory Unverferth
Melissa Verhoff
Brad VonderEmbse
Anthony Wannemacher*
Laurie Westbeld
Lindsay Westbeld
Jessica Winkle

JUNIORS

Rachel Cygan
Renee Cygan
Lisa Duling
Kevin Erhart
Frances Haack*
Megan Hamburg
Angela Hanneman
Brent Heitmeyer
Christopher Kahle
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Andy Miller*
Dana Phillips
Ryan Rampe
Michael Recker*
Allison Schnipke*
Kelly Schnipke
Shawn Smith
Katie Unverferth
Alan Verhoff
Aaron von der Embse

* Vantage Student

SOPHOMORES

Adam Berheide
Alyssa Frey
Robert Gerding
Megan Heitmeyer
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Sara Mack
Craig Miller
Samantha Recker
Stacy Reindel
Dean Schnipke
Adam Unverferth
Bryant Warnecke
Chelsea Warnecke

FRESHMEN

Derek Birkemeier
Dana Bruskotter
Lauren Erhart
Megan Jorrey
Jessica Knueve
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Matthew Schnipke
Scott Schnipke
Bethany Smith
Amy VonderEmbse

EIGHTH GRADE

Kimberly Berheide
Julia Fuerst
Jeffrey Gerding
Stacie Heitmeyer
Kyle Hoffman
Kelly Kehres
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Kylie McIntyre
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Jill Rieman
Abigail Swihart
Anna Tenwalde
Ryan Unverferth

SEVENTH GRADE

Benjamin Bockrath
Samantha Edwards
Christy Ellerbrock
Megan Erhart
Allison Fitzgerald
Bryan Fortman
Jeff Good
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Chelsea Kahle
Derek Korte
Evan Krouse
Kelsey Miller
Austin Neidert
Alex Schroeder
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Miranda Schulte
Zachary Selhorst
Rachael Stechschulte
Alice Verhoff



An amazing 650 stuffed animals were collected during the *Teddy Bear Drive* for the victims of Hurricane Katrina by KHS senior Renee Schroeder. Renee collected them as part of her Vantage Senior Project. Thanks to everyone for donating.

Spring Blood Drive

On March 14, a local bloodmobile was organized for high school students and staff. A goal of 44 units was set. Fifty-one units were collected. This school year the KHS bloodmobile committee was responsible for collecting over 200 units of blood. Special thanks to the committee members: Seniors-Stefanie Schroeder, Austin Kruse, Ryan Hoffman, Alisha Knueve, Ashley Kerner, and Lindsay Westbeld and juniors Ryan Rampe, Dana Phillips, Brooke Schroeder, Katie Unverferth, Jason McCollum and Shawn Smith. Thanks also to all who donated blood and refreshment items for these successful blood drives.

Mr. Bob Gerdeman has headed the blood drives at Kalida High School since 1988. Upon his retirement, a new chief organizer will need to be named. Thanks, Bob, for all your years of dedication to this very needed community service.

April and May will be busy months for the students and staff here in Kalida. Please consult the Calendar Notes on the front page for various activities scheduled in the next several weeks.

Basketball Awards 2005-06

Congratulations to KHS senior Andy Unverferth for being named to the *PCL 1st Team Boys Basketball, 1st Team District 8, and All Northwest District Div. IV Honorable Mention.*

Congratulations to Megan Hamburg, Ashley Heitmeyer, Ryan Hoffman and Casey Roller for being named to the *PCL Honorable Mention* list for the 2005-06 basketball season.

Vantage Competition

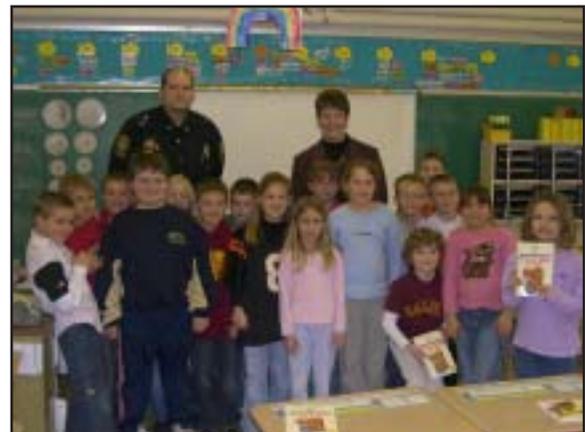
Congratulations to the Vantage Software Engineering Team from the Network Systems program. Kalida seniors Alan Bendele and Kurt Fuerst, and junior Craig Smith, along with junior Anthony Bradtmueller from Antwerp, finished in the top ten in the state Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition that was recently held in Columbus.

Library Donations - Thanks to Jim Laudick for donating the 1960 yearbook and Larry Westbeld for donating the 1950 yearbook to the school library. We are still in need of: 1949, 1954, 1955, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1977, & 1984.

Internet Safety Lessons



Kalida Police Chief Forrest Gordon and teacher Stacy Knueve instruct second grade students at Kalida Elementary on the issues dealing with computer safety. Officer Gordon and Mrs. Knueve have teamed up to warn students of the dangers involved when young students get online. Students were reminded to never post personal information and to never chat with a stranger.



Students in Mrs. Jill Laudick's second grade class were very attentive during the Internet Safety program.

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

School Board

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Rhonda Osterhage
Pres. Gary Stechschulte
Dennis Turnwald
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March Music Boosters
\$50 Winners
Joe/Kay Unverferth
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