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April 19

HS BookFair
KHS Library
3:00-7:30 PM

April 19-21

KHS Musical
South Pacific

April 24

Spring Concert

April 26

Early Dismissal
1 PM
Teacher Inservice

May 5 Prom

May 14

KHS
Academic Banquet

May 23

Last Day for
Students

May 27

Graduation
Class of 2007

Notes from the Superintendent

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 (Charlotte Streets, Pam Schroeder, Mary Gerding, and Adam Huber) for their help on the trip to New York City.

Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00 PM. 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 2007!

The district is preparing for construction of a new elementary building and the completion of the new high school building beginning next spring. This has been a long process but it appears that it is finally coming to fruition. I am anticipating an exciting announcement next month regarding these projects.

As promised in May of 2005, the Kalida Board of Education passed an official resolution on Wednesday, April 11 not to continue the 1.5 mill permanent improvement levy that expires with the 2006 tax duplicate. This is the first of two levies that will be allowed to expire as a result of the passage of the district income tax in May of 2005.

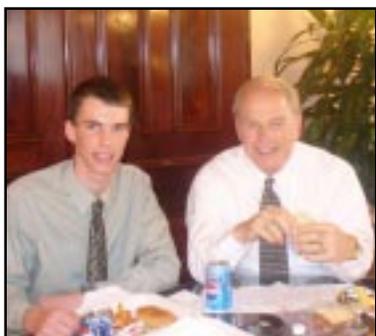
Superintendent Mark K. Neal

CONGRATULATIONS to the KHS Academic Club on winning the Putnam County Academic League and the Putnam County Academic Tournament. They will now advance to the Academic Regional Tournament in Defiance on April 28. Their record entering the tournament is 21 wins and only 3 losses.



2007 KHS Academic Club

South Pacific Musical Tickets are now on sale in the Kalida School's treasurer's office during school hours. Need more information? Call 419-532-3556 for details.



KHS Junior Trent Smith and Gov. Ted Strickland have a business lunch together during job shadow day.

Job Shadowing with the Governor
Junior Shadow Day was a big success. Students from KHS were able to follow job mentors for a day to see if that was the career choice they wished to pursue. Trent Smith, being interested in politics and government, was thrilled to be able to shadow Ohio's Governor Strickland. Trent was permitted to attend various meetings during the day with the governor concerning medical and educational decisions the government is pondering. Thanks to all the businesses and persons involved who allowed our students to share the day with them!

Kalida High School Third Quarter All 'A' Honor Roll

7th grade - Neil Gerding, Amanda Giesige, Deanna Kahle, Nicole Kaufman, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Austin Roebke, Cody Schnipke

8th Grade- Justin Neidert, Kristopher Osterhage

Freshmen- Julia Fuerst , Amy Hamburg, Trisha Horstman, Brant Kahle, Kara Kaufman, Stephanie Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse, Devin Warnecke

Sophomores - Kasie Bellmann, Dana Bruskotter, Lauren Erhart, Leah Gerding, Jenna Kahle, Neal Lammers, Louisa Millott, Erica Schmenk, Gina Verhoff, Matt Warnecke

Juniors - Alyssa Frey, Jill Hoffman, Brittany Schroeder, Trent Smith

Seniors - Michael Recker*, Kari Schroeder, Katie Unverferth, Ashlee Warnecke, Abby Wilson ***Vantage Student**

'AB' Honor Roll

7th Grade- Shaunna Basinger, Levi Blake, Eric Ellerbrock, Matthew Gerding, Brian Good, Nick Guisinger, Brady Hermiller, Miranda Hermiller, Eric Hill, Devon Hundley, Eric Kahle, Ben Kaufman, Nathan Kortokrax, Brandi Merschman, Megan Meyer, Grant Neal, Connor Schmenk, Ben Schroeder, Marissa Smith, Drew Stechschulte, Ben von der Embse, Karly Westbeld, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller, Halie Zenz

8th Grade- Alexandra Cattell, Tyler Ellerbrock, Megan Erhart, Alison Fitzgerald, Bryan Fortman, Chad Goergens, Jeff Good, Tyler Hoffman, Michelle Jorrey, Chelsea Kahle, Derek Korte, Evan Krouse, Kelsey Miller, Austin Neidert, Brianna Recker, Rachel Rose, Alex Schroeder, Curtis Schroeder, Amanda Schulte, Brian Schulte, Zach Selhorst, Rachael Stechschulte, Emily Turnwald, Alyssa Verhoff, Jillian Wehri

Freshmen - Michael Bockrath, Jeff Gerding, Stacie Heitmeyer, Kyle Hoffman, Stephanie Kortokrax, Katherine Kromer, Renee Langhals, Michael Niemeyer, Michael Turnwald

Sophomores - Brandon Closson, Megan Jorrey, Jess Knueve, Darcy Langhals, Doug McIntyre, Scott Schnipke, Matt Schulte, Amy VonderEmbse, Kyle Westbeld

Juniors - Adam Berheide, Andrew Burwell*, Karri Clementz, Emily Erhart*, Sean Fischnich*, Aaron Geckle*, Robert Gerding, Ross Hamilton*, Ashley Heitmeyer, Megan Heitmeyer, Kayla Kromer, Sara Mack, Craig Miller, Megan Miller, Dean Schnipke, Abigail Schroeder, Jennifer Schroeder, Brandon Vorst*, Bryant Warnecke, Chelsea Warnecke, Nicole Warnecke, Ashley Wehri

Seniors- Tim Buckland, Megan Hamburg, Angela Hanneman, Brent Heitmeyer, Chris Kahle, Emily Kahle, Justin Kahle, Rachel Knueve, Andy Miller*, Dana Phillips, Ryan Rampe, Alison Schnipke*, Kelly Schnipke, Sam Schroeder*, Shawn Smith, Shawn Spicer*, Andrea Van Oss*, Alan Verhoff

Students Welcome Military into the Classroom

In early February, students in Mrs. Cheryl Koch's first grade class at Kalida Elementary learned that both of the military members that they were writing to in Iraq would be coming home... and they both wanted to visit their classroom! The first grade students have been writing to Sergeant Jason Ricker and Petty Officer Nicholas Ford since the beginning of the school year.



Sgt. Jason Ricker visits with the students in the first grade.

Jason is a Kalida High School graduate and is in the Army National Guard. He is presently on leave and will return to Iraq in September. Nicholas is an Ottawa-Glandorf graduate and is a Corpsman in the Navy. He will return to Arizona until June when he finishes his tour.

During their visit, the students also sang the song *Anchor's Aweigh* to Petty Officer Ford and the song *The Caissons Go Rolling Along* to Sergeant Ricker. The songs were taught to the students by Kalida Elementary music teacher Mrs. Heidi Ridenour.

Submitted by Mrs. Koch



Students enjoyed hearing stories about Nicholas Ford's duties as a Casevac corpsman in Iraq.

Drug Awareness Program - The Helping Hands Program at Kalida St. Michael's along with: Kalida Police Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, State Highway Patrol, Pathways and Lima Allen County Paramedics will be presenting a Drug Awareness Program: **"NOT MY KID"** on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael's Church Basement, Kalida. This presentation is FREE and open to anyone - parents, grandparents, teachers, students - 4th grade and older, etc. Please call Kathy Recker, 419-642-5221, with any questions

District Science Fair Results

Congratulations to Levi Blake, Ben Schroeder, and Jill Wehri, who all did an “Excellent” job at the District Science Fair at ONU on March 17.

Good luck to Kelsey Miller who received a “Superior” at the District Science Fair and who will compete in the State Science Fair in Columbus on May 12. Kelsey’s project is *Sugar vs. Artificial Sweeteners: What are their effects on teeth?*



Honors Band and Choir - Congratulations to these junior high students for being selected to perform in the District III Honors Band and Choir: Megan Erhart- soprano, Shaunna Basinger-soprano, Alex Schroeder- percussion, and Kelsey Miller- french horn.

Spring Cleaning?

If you have any gently used or new books or videos that you no longer want to store, KHS junior Karri Clementz would like to meet with you. She is currently working on her *Girl Scout Gold Award* project. Karri will be using these donated items during her project in May at the Kalida Branch library. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Karri at 419-532-3315 or donate them in her name at the Kalida Branch library.

KHS Guidance Notes KHS

Post-secondary Meeting Scheduled:

On Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m., there will be a meeting in the old high school library for the parents of any high school student who may be interested in taking a college course during next school year. A reminder that the psychology class offered at Kalida High School is a college course taught by instructors from James A. Rhodes State College. Interested students had parents sign a post-secondary intent form during scheduling a few weeks ago. Letters will be mailed by the guidance office in the next couple of weeks to those parents who signed this sheet. The Ohio Department of Education mandates that parents must attend an informational meeting before their students are eligible to participate in the program.



Early last fall 2006, Kalida Local Schools was asked by INFOhio (the Information

Network for Ohio Schools) and SirsiDynix (the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries) to help pilot a new state-of-the-art web site, SchoolRooms. SchoolRooms is an K-12 online learning and discovery web portal that encourages students to explore, discover, and learn anywhere, anytime. SchoolRooms offers 71 virtual rooms of content for elementary, middle, and high school levels all aligned with national and state guidelines. There are also rooms for parents, educators, and librarians.

With SchoolRooms, students can search Kalida Schools’ libraries, the Web, the Best of Web, and INFOhio resources—all at once. The portal is designed to make finding relevant information easy and to encourage students to explore new subjects. Students can use the search feature or drill down through the taxonomy. At each sub-level of the taxonomy, new information, images, and multimedia components are featured, and new links to additional resources are displayed. SchoolRooms integrates thousands of pages of multimedia content, Web links, and powerful search capabilities—all within the context of the K-12 curriculum.

The SchoolRooms Parent Room helps parents keep current and offers helpful information such as:

- Information on study habits, special programs, and testing and achievement
- Featured books on peer pressure, body image, bullying, and other key issues facing kids today
- Links to important web sites for special needs, national and local programs, and homeschooling
- Homework Helper to help parents brush up on school subjects so they can help their kids study

The Educator Guide is organized by grade level and features more than 1,000 useful links to resources on topics ranging from professional development and continuing education to online graphic organizers and other teaching tools.

The Kalida SchoolRooms can be accessed through our library homepage at: kalida.k12.oh.us/library/library.html or infohio1.schoolrooms.net Username and password are available through either the elementary or high school librarians. High School students completing research projects from November 2006 on have been trained in using the SchoolRooms web portal.

For more information about the SchoolRooms project visit: www.schoolrooms.net To view the two Press Releases about Kalida Local Schools and the SchoolRooms project visit: www.schoolrooms.net/News/index.php and click on “Kalida School Piloting . . .” and “SirsiDynix SchoolRooms Goes Live in Two Ohio School Districts”

Summer Coaches Needed - The summer softball program needs coaches for the 7th grade girls’ level. If you are interested, please contact Ken Bellmann at 419-532-2040 or Jeff Clement at 419-532-3504 or 419-532-3529.



The Kalida High School Library is hosting a special book fair from Scholastic, called the *Exchange*, on April 16-20 in the new high school library. The book fair will help raise funds for new hardbound library books for the high school library.

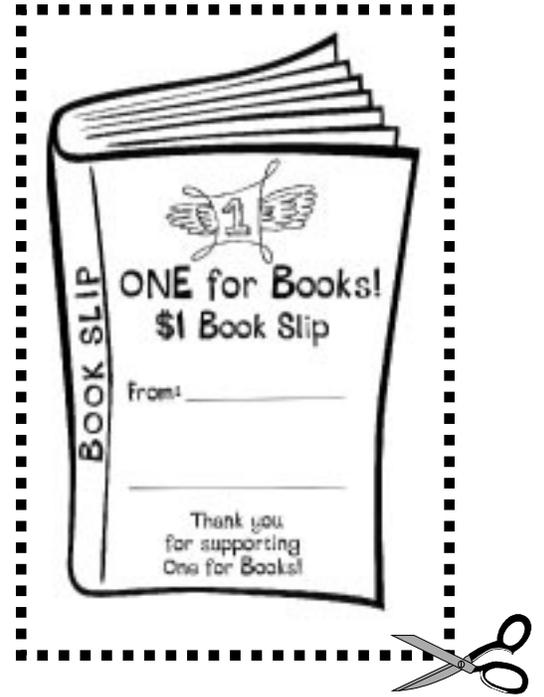
The Exchange will feature a wide range of books for young teens and adults, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, anime, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. The book fair will be open each

day from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited to attend. On Thursday, April 19, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the Exchange book fair will feature a Family Night open house for all to browse. This open house is immediately before the school musical.

Also this year, we have a new opportunity to bring more books to our students called **One for Books**. Donate just \$1 and sign the attached Book Slip with your name or your student’s name so we can display it at our book fair. All of the money you give goes directly to purchase books for our school. The best part is: Scholastic Book Fairs will match the **One for Books** dollars you raise with a donation of up to a million books to three non-profit programs devoted to improving reading skills among children: Kids in Distressed Situations, National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. Please send your dollar and signed paper Book Slip back to school with your student or drop it off at the high school library or high school office.

For more information about the Scholastic Exchange book fair and to see a sample of the featured books available, go to: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kahs>

Love books? Volunteer to help at the book fair. You can decorate and set up, help kids select books, work at the cashier’s table, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please call Denise Scherer at the high school library at 419-532-3529 if you would like to volunteer.



Music Awards - Congratulations to all junior high students who participated in Solo& Ensemble on March 24 at Liberty Benton! The following students received a II (excellent rating) Eric Hill (tenor solo), Paul Geckle (tenor solo), Jill Wehri (soprano solo), Alex Cattell (soprano solo), Rachel Rose (soprano solo), and Erica Snavley (soprano solo), Jill Wehri (trumpet), Austin Roebke (snare), Halie Zenz (alto sax), Levi Blake (alto sax), Brian Good (trumpet), Neil Gerding (alto sax), Jeff Good (snare), Katie Rall (trumpet), Rachael Stechschulte (clarinet), Alison Fitzgerald (trumpet). The following students received a I (Superior) Rating: Ben Schroeder (piano solo), The Kalida girls ensemble (Megan Erhart, Alice Verhoff, Alex Cattell, Rachel Rose, Erica Snavley, Shaunna Basinger, Renee Wortkoetter, and Megan Meyer), Shaunna Basinger (soprano solo), Megan Erhart (soprano solo), Alice Verhoff (soprano solo), Erika Brinkman (bari sax), Alanah Tschuor (tenor sax), Elorah Tschuor (tuba), Ben Schroeder (trombone), Amanda Giesege (trombone), Emily Turnwald (trumpet), Haley McIntyre (trombone), Connor Schmenk (snare), Shaunna Basinger (trumpet), Megan Meyer (trumpet), Miranda Hermiller (flute), and Kelsey Miller (french horn).

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