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Superintendent Notes

Mark K. Neal

Calendar Notes

August 22

First Day
2007-08
School Year

Sept 3.

Labor Day
No School

October 4

Early Dismissal
1:00 PM
Teacher Inservice

October 29

Quarter Break
No School

Nov.20-21

Parent Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 22-23

Thanksgiving
Break

■ Kalida Elementary cook Jan Schroeder has taken a planned absence from her cafeteria position for the 2007-08 school year. Mrs. Schroeder will become the kindergarten route bus driver as well as continuing her regular AM and PM bus routes.



Mrs. Jan Schroeder

■ Congratulations to the KHS baseball team who finished their season at the Regional semi-finals. Congratulations to KHS baseball Coach Jim McBride for being awarded the PCL Baseball Coach of the year. Graduating senior Ross Guisinger earned top PCL Player of the Year. Ross was also named one of the top 80 Ohio baseball players (regardless of school size). Ross will play in the *Mizuno All Star Game* at The Ohio State University on June 8-9. Ross will continue his baseball career at Findlay college in the fall.



Mrs. Michelle Fry

■ Mrs. Michelle Fry has resigned her position as KHS art teacher. Mrs. Fry and her husband hope to start a family soon. Mrs. Fry taught at Kalida for six years. Best wishes to Michelle as she leaves Kalida. The search has begun for her replacement with interviews for prospective art teachers to follow soon.



Andy Wehri and the new Veterans' Memorial

■ Congratulations to Andy Wehri on the completion of his Boy Scout Eagle Project. Andy designed and generated funds to establish a Veterans' Memorial. Located in the Kalida Cemetery, it is an amazing monument that honors generations of local veterans.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

FYI: The PawPrint newsletter will run again in August.



Farewell to Tatev!

Exchange student Tatevik (Tatev) Grigoryan has spent the 2006-07 school year with the Don and Marcia Barnhart family. Tatev is from Armenia where she lives with two brothers and her parents. Prior to coming to the United States, Tatev had

only three years of English. During her stay here she attended classes with students at Kalida High School and was on the girls' basketball team. She experienced the lifestyle of Americans and learned of the American way. Goodbye and Good Luck Tatev.

Mrs. Heringhaus Retires

Speech and language therapist Mrs. Kay Heringhaus recently presented the *Putnam County Speech and Language Therapy Award* to Kalida Elementary principal Karl Lammers. This plaque and a monetary award were presented to Kalida Local Schools in recognition and appreciation of outstanding and valued continual support of the speech and language therapy programs in Putnam County. Mrs. Heringhaus was a speech and language therapist for 45 years. She retired this May after serving Putnam County students her entire career.



Mrs. Heringhaus presents Mr. Lammers with a plaque recognizing the Kalida School system's support of speech and language therapy.

Running for the Fun of It - Students in the elementary once again this spring chose a "state" to run to during physical education classes. Kindergarten students through grade two chose to run to Oklahoma. They ran a total of 14,641 laps around the gymnasium for a total of 732.05 miles. Students in grades three through six ran to Mississippi. Their laps around the gym totaled 14,209 for a total of 710.45 miles. They enjoyed their jogs and logged miles in each day on a full size map.

Honoring Our Academia - National Honor Society induction was held on May 14. Congratulations to the following students on achieving this honor.

Graduating seniors- Lisa Duling, Kevin Erhart, Brent Heitmeyer, Jason McCollum, Ryan Rampe, Shawn Smith, and Alan Verhoff; **Juniors**-Craig Miller, Stacy Reindel, and Kayla Kromer; and **Sophomores**- Brandon Closson, Matt Warnecke, Gina Verhoff, Kasie Bellmann, Jenna Kahle, Erica Schmenk, Leah Gerding, Neal Lammers, and Dana Bruskotter.

Eighty-one students in grades 9-12 were honored with a special Academic program during that same meeting. These students maintained a 3.25 or greater grade point average for the 2006-07 school year. Congratulations!

Aluminum Tabs for a Good Cause

Kalida Elementary recently collected and donated the proceeds of **160 pounds of aluminum can tabs** to the Ronald McDonald House of Toledo. Miss Ann Vorst and her nephew, Jake Vorst, hauled over \$115 worth of tabs to the recyclers as part of this effort. The collection of Pop tabs over the last several years has also generated funds donated to the Kortokrax-Vandemark Benefit and Maag Benefits.

In addition, Miss Vorst turned in over 3700 Boxtops to General Mills. A check for \$1107.80 was issued to the Elementary from the Boxtop program. This money goes into the Library Fund for materials and books needed in that area. Over 8400 points from the Campbell's Soup Labels was collected this year too. Points were then redeemed for a CD player for Kalida Elementary.

Many labels and lids from Swanson brands, Campbell's, Prego and Pepperidge Farm qualify for a school refund. Some require the whole label and some just the UPC code. When in doubt send the whole label to school.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who collects and submits these items to the school. A special thanks to this year's elementary student helpers' Alexis Decker, Dana Cattell, Paige Wurth, Leah Berheide, Andrea Bellmann, and Amy Smith. We especially appreciate these workers and Miss Vorst for coordinating these projects. Finally, we encourage everyone to continue saving tabs, boxtops and labels over the summer. If you need someone to pick up any of these items for donation, just call the elementary and arrangements will be made for pick up.

Senior Plans - This year's senior class – the Class of 2007 – represents a wide array of career interests. Over \$506,000 was earned in scholarships and grants by the graduates. They will now major in areas ranging from cosmetology to chemical engineering, from business to building maintenance, from art advertising to archaeology. Some will graduate already with specific certifications from the Vantage Career Center and will be entering the workforce. They will cross the state and eastern part of the United States to seek their goals and aspirations. Here is a quick summary.

Four will be headed to our state's capital to attend three different schools – one at The Ohio State University, two at Columbus State Community College, and one at the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology. Four will blast off to become Rockets (the school's mascot) at the University of Toledo while three others will fly a little farther south to the Dayton area – two at the University of Dayton and one at the Kettering School of Advertising Art. Two more grads will keep their cat lineage alive by becoming Bearcats at the University of Cincinnati. Eight will be attending schools in Lima - three at The University of Ohio State at Lima and five at James A. Rhodes State College. Four will be headed to the University of Findlay, two to Defiance College, three to Ohio Northern University, two more to Northwest State in Archbold, and one will be crossing the state line to attend St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Two others will be heading way out of the state – one to North Carolina and the other to Louisiana to attend a cosmetology school. The two institutions attracting the most Kalida grads this year – Bowling Green State University and Owens Community College. Seven will soar as BGSU Falcons while eleven will drive farther north on I-75 to Owens. Four will be serving our country as part of the armed forces – two in the U.S. Air Force, one in the Army, and the fourth has already completed basic training for the National Guard. Finally, five are aiming to enter the workforce.

We wish our graduates all the best in their future endeavors!! Thank you for a great year!!

OGT Results - Results have arrived for the five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test which were given to all sophomores in March. Again, it appears that Kalida students will rank in the top in comparison to other schools in the state.

Parents of sophomores should have received results in the mail with each student's report card. The following results indicate the percent passing each respective part along with the number for the class: Reading – 98%(54/55), Math – 100%(55/55), Writing – 98%(54/55), Science – 96%(53/55), Social Studies – 98%(54/55). The next testing session for students not passing respective parts will be the week of October 22.

Student Schedules 2007-08 year

Students who will be entering grades 8-12 next year can pick-up schedules on August 15, 16, and 17 in the high school office from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. This will, hopefully, allow them to make scheduling changes if needed before the school year begins. Parents of students entering the seventh grade will be notified in early August of an orientation meeting that will take place before the school year begins.

Kalida High School All A Honor Roll 4th Quarter

7th grade Neil Gerding, Amanda Giesige, Miranda Hermler, Deanna Kahle, Ben Kaufman, Nicole Kaufman, Nathan Kortokrax, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Austin Roebke, Connor Schmenk, Cody Schnipke, Ben Schroeder, Andrew Stechschulte, Ben von der Embse, Halie Zenz.

8th Grade- Chelsea Kahle, Kelsey Miller, Kristopher Osterhage

Freshmen - Julia Fuerst, Amy Hamburg, Trisha Horstman, Brant Kahle, Michael Turnwald, Stephanie Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse

Sophomores- Kasie Bellmann, Jenna Kahle, Louisa Millott, Erica Schmenk, Gina Verhoff, Matt Warnecke

Juniors- Emily Erhart*, Alyssa Frey, Jill Hoffman, Abigail Schroeder, Brittany Schroeder, Trent Smith, Nicole Warnecke

Seniors- Angela Hanneman, Rachel Kneuve, Kari Schroeder, Katie Unverferth, Abby Wilson

AB Honor Roll

7th Grade- Shaunna Basinger, Levi Blake, Eric Ellerbrock, Brian Good, Nick Guisinger, Tyler Heitmeyer, Brady Hermiller, Eric Hill, Kendra Hoffman, Devon Hundley, Eric Kahle, Tyler Kortokrax, Brandi Merschman, Megan Meyer, Grant Neal, Andrew Remlinger, Brooke Schnipke, Aaron Siebeneck, Marissa Smith, Lora Tschuor, Kevan Unverferth, Paul Utendorf, Karly Westbeld, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller

8th Grade - Ben Bockrath, Alexandra Cattell, Tyler Ellerbrock, Megan Erhart, Allison Fitzgerald, Bryan Fortman, Chad Goergens, Jeff Good, Tyler Hoffman, Michelle Jorrey, Derek Korte, Evan Krouse, Austin Neidert, Justin Neidert, Brianna Recker, Rachel Rose, Robert Sarka, Alex Schroeder, Curtis Schroeder, Amanda Schulte, Miranda Schulte, Rachael Stechschulte, Emily Turnwlad, Alice Verhoff, Alyssa Verhoff, Andrew Warnecke, Jillian Wehri

Freshmen - Emily Bendele, Mike Bockrath, Jeff Gerding, Stacie Heitmeyer, Kyle Hoffman, Kara Kaufman, Kelly Kehres, Stephanie Kortokrax, Katherine Kromer, Michael Niemeyer, Abby Rampe, Anna Tenwalde, Devin Warnecke

Sophomores- Dana Bruskotter, Brandon Closson, Lauren Erhart, Leah Gerding, Megan Jorrey, Neal Lammers, Darcy Langhals, Doug McIntyre, Scott Schnipke, Matt Schulte, Amy VonderEmbse

Juniors - Adam Berheide, Karri Clementz, Sean Fischnich*, Robert Gerding, Ashley Heitmeyer, Kayla Kromer, Aaron Patterson*, Dean Schnipke, Adam Unverferth, Brandon Vorst*, Chelsea Warnecke, Ashley Wehri

Seniors- Rachel Cygan, Renee Cygan, Megan Hamburg, Brent Heitmeyer, Christopher Kahle, Emily Kahle, Justin Kahle, Brandon Kortokrax, Andy Miller*, Dana Phillips, Mike Recker*, Alison Schnipke*, Kelly Schnipke, Brooke Schroeder, Shawn Smith, Shawn Spicer*, Andrea Van Oss*, Alan Verhoff, Ashlee Warnecke

* Designates our Vantage Students

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Pres. Barry von der Embse

School Board Meetings
Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center
PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote



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Mailing Changes - Due to new postal regulations and reformatting of mailings, beginning with in August the newsletters for Kalida residents will be generally addressed to **Post Office Boxholder**. Mr. Tom Siebeneck of the Kalida Post Office has informed us that not only will this insure that all Kalida patrons will receive a newsletter but that it will be less costly. This is an effort to be able to reach all residents of Kalida with details of the Kalida School system in a timely manner.

Note of Thanks- Thanks to the students, faculty, staff and the community for all of your support after our family house fire. Your caring thoughts, generous acts of kindness, donations of cleaning and household supplies and monetary donations were appreciated. You helped us get back on our feet again. We will be forever grateful.

Sherry and Duane Luebrecht and Family

Need a Band Calendar?- Please contact Mrs. Ellen Millott (419-532-2544) or Mrs. Mary Hoffman (419-532-3978) to purchase the 2007-08 community calendar.



Music Boosters
April Winners
\$150 John & Diana Recker
\$100 Kathy Sager
\$100 Luke & Janice Stechschulte
\$75 Jim & Joni Unverferth
\$75 David & Joe Gerdeman
\$75 Ruth Ann Foppe
\$50 Jeff Blanford
\$50 Brian & Bev Berheide
\$50 Bob & Gina Fischnich
\$50 Rhonda & Gary Siefker
May \$50 Winners
Jill Hoffman, Chris & Kathy Kehres, Ken & Nancy Ellerbrock, Barry & Ann Woodyard

Happy Reading!- A big "thank you" to everyone who supported the first annual Kalida Junior/ Senior High School Library's Scholastic Book Fair this past April. The library will be able to add over 80 books with the proceeds from the book fair!! A special thank you to those OneForBooks! contributors. A total of \$18 was raised for a hardbound book for the library. Scholastic matched the \$18 with a book donation to a needy organization. Next year's HS book fair will be held February 8-15, 2008. Thank you.

Denise Scherer, Book Fair Chairperson

Golf Professional Visits Kalida Elementary

The students in grades 4-6 were introduced to the game of golf on May 14-15. Country Acres golf pro Greg Klausing provided his expertise on how to play and enjoy the game. Students were instructed with excellent step-by-step instructions on how to develop a consistent and accurate swing. Students also worked on their putting skills. Thanks Greg for your time and knowledge in introducing golf to the students at Kalida.

Elementary Fitness Testing - All students in grades 3-6 were busy performing the National Youth Physical Fitness (Y.P.F.) Program early in May. The Y.P.F. program is totally funded by the United States Marines Youth Foundation. Students were tested on five basic exercises which included sit-up, push-up, pull-up, standing long jump and shuttle run. Each student was awarded scores indicating their fitness level. Certificates were awarded to all students. A composite score of 250 points is considered acceptable for a student to earn a certificate of Athletic Accomplishment. Hopefully the program will provide students with the incentive necessary to encourage good physical fitness and healthy life-style choices for a lifetime of wellness.

Special thanks to the adult volunteers and Mr. McBride's physical education classes in administrating the fitness test. The volunteers were a great help in providing test consistency and saving time in conducting the tests. Volunteers were Heather Kohls, Brian & Sue Jorrey, Jill Zeller, Sue Dunn, Gary Kleman, Sharon Smith, Deb Verhoff, Kerry Fuller, Rhonda Siefker, Jackie Schimmoller and Marie Langhals. Remember to enjoy an Active Summer!

Safety Patrol Celebration - The Safety Patrol members at Kalida Elementary were invited to the Safety Patrol Lock-in held at St. Michael's Gym on May 11. This event was the reward for their giving of their time in providing daily pedestrian safety after school. The night began with pizza and pop and continued with many activities until 7:00 AM Saturday. It was loads of fun for everyone! Thanks so much for those who volunteered supervision - Jo Ann Reindel, Mary Siefker, Cindy Kortokrax, Angie Odenweller, Kathy Verhoff and Blyth Turnwald - who volunteered to help during the late hours. Their help was very important in providing this event.