

# The PawPrint

*ODE Excellent Rating 2001-2008  
2003 National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence*



## Notes from the Superintendent ~ Don Horstman

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE** - The high school construction project is moving along and everyone is working hard to be ready for the first day of school on August 31. The parking lots have been started and the school bus pick-up and drop-off area should be completed by the first week in August. The main lot has had the curb installed and is being readied for concrete. Work on the sidewalks and landscaping should also begin next week so there is going to be a lot of activity around the exterior of the building. The district is down to a few items that need completed in the interior of the building, and the first shipments of classroom furniture should be arriving on Monday, August 3. The building will really start to look like a finished product when the chairs, tables and desks begin to be set up. It is a very exciting summer to say the least.



The elementary project was started this week and should be moving forward as quickly as possible. The district is constructing a boiler room to maintain utilities to the church owned portion of the building during the demolition of the old academic wing. This boiler room will serve the entire project when the new building is finished next fall. Additional asbestos will need to be removed from the elementary project, and we are waiting for this work to be completed so we can move forward with the boiler room. The construction portion of project will be going out to bid soon, and we are eager to get started on the new building.

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### Calendar Notes

**August 17**  
High School and  
Elementary  
Offices Open

**August 20-21**  
Student Schedule  
Pick-up

**August 25**  
6th Grade  
Orientation  
6 PM  
HS Auditeria

**August 30**  
New Building  
Dedication -  
Open House  
& Cross Country  
BBQ

**DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE** - The district is planning a building dedication and open house for Sunday, August 30. The program will start at 11:45 a.m. We will have a dedication ceremony at the new high school and the building will be open for district residents to tour after the ceremony. There will also be a dinner sponsored by the Kalida Cross Country team after the dedication ceremony. More information regarding tickets and the menu for the meal will be coming in the next week. Check out the school website for additional information or contact a member of the cross country team.

**EMERSON BURKHART** - Kalida native Emerson Burkhart was featured in the July/August edition of the *Ohio State Alumni Magazine*. Mr. Burkhart's art work is prominently displayed in Stillman Hall on The Ohio State University's main campus in Columbus. His work in Stillman Hall consists of a series of murals that are frescoes, created by mixing oil paints into wet plaster on the walls. Mr. Burkhart completed this work in 1939, and was paid \$93 a month through a Works Progress Administration program. It took him over a year to complete all of the murals. You can see the murals at [www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/social\\_work.php](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/clubsandsocieties/social_work.php)

**DISTRICT SEARCHING FOR A BUS MECHANIC** - The district is looking for an individual or business that is interested in contracting with the district to provide all of our bus repair and maintenance services. This would include routine maintenance, major repairs, and preparing the bus fleet for our yearly inspections. If you or your business would be interested please contact the superintendent's office for further details.

## Bus Drivers Needed

We are currently adding to our roster of substitute bus drivers for the district. If you are a certified school bus driver, or wish to obtain your bus driving license, please contact the school for additional information. With the fall sports rapidly approaching, we will need qualified



drivers to transport the teams to and from various activities. On occasion, we also will need drivers to fill in for our regular route drivers during the school day. There are evening classes scheduled for the last week in August at Van Wert. Training includes this class and driving with our on board instructor. Drivers must pass a yearly physical and drug test. We can keep you busy!

## High School Report

### Chris Pfahler, Principal

Kalida High School and Middle School are busy preparing for another very exciting and successful year. Congratulations to all of the staff, students and their families on achieving the designation of Excellent for the ninth year in a row.

The most significant change to our school this year is the completion of the new high school building. After spending the last grading period in the modular classrooms, our students and staff are excited to be moving in to the new high school building this year. We welcome the sixth graders back as they had ended their school year back at the elementary building.

As we look to the future we have continued to expand our rigorous curriculum by adding an additional Advanced Placement course. Mr. Gasser will be teaching AP United States History. We have also added courses in our Project Lead The Way programs to include the third year of the Pre-Engineering program, Digital Electronics and the second year of our Biomedical program, Human Body Systems. These programs continue to help prepare our students for careers and additional education beyond Kalida High School. Our Dual Enrollment courses offerings have also expanded to include English 101 through Wright State University and Personal Finance through Rhodes State College.

These additions will provide our students with the best chance to compete for college admissions, scholarships, and employment opportunities.

This year, our sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Test. Our 6th graders will be taking Achievement tests in Reading and Math; 7th graders will be tested in Reading, Math and Writing and our 8th graders will be taking Achievement tests in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Over the summer our teachers have been working to make sure that our students are prepared for these tests and continue the excellent tradition of academic success here.

**New Building Dedication  
& Open House  
Sunday, August 30, 2009  
11::45**

**BBQ sponsored by the  
Cross Country Team  
Carry Out only**

## Jr & Sr. High School Student Schedules

Students may pick up their 2009-2010 schedules in the high school office August 20-21 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Payments can also be made at that time on the student lunch accounts.

## Cafeteria Prices Increase 2009-2010

Elementary Students  
(K-5) \$2.00  
JH/HS Students  
(6-12) \$2.25  
Student Milk: .40  
Adults \$3.15  
Adult Milk: .50  
Ala carte: \$1.35



## Save your Magazine Orders

The Senior Class of Kalida High School will be starting their annual magazine sale on Thursday, September 3. This is their major fund raiser and provides the seniors with the funds they need for their class trip, graduation, and other activities. The class of 2010 appreciates your support of this activity. Beginning Sept. 3 you may contact any senior class member or the high school office at 419-532-3529 and a senior will be by to take your order.

## Staff Listing

### District Office (419-532-3534)

Mr. Don Horstman Superintendent  
 Mrs. Cindy Webken Treasurer  
 Ms. Julie Recker Assistant Treasurer  
 Mr. Jeremy Stober Technology Coordinator  
 Mr. Jeff Clement Guidance Counselor  
 Mrs. Denise Scherer Librarian

### High School Office (419-532-3529) – Attendance (419-532-3543)

Mr. Chris Pfahler Principal  
 Mrs. Carol Kahle Secretary  
 Mrs. Nancy Grote Attendance Secretary  
 Mr. Jim McBride Athletic Director  
 Mrs. Carol Bockrath Athletic Secretary

### Junior High School/High School Faculty

Mrs. Brenda Burgei HS Mathematics  
 Mrs. Lori Erhart JH Science/6th Grade  
 Mrs. Janice Gasser HS English  
 Mr. Robert Gasser HS Social Studies  
 Mrs. Mary Gerding HS English  
 Mrs. Mary Glick Elementary/HS Vocal Music  
 Mr. David Gordon HS Science/Biomedical  
 Mrs. Beth Grime JH/HS Science  
 Mr. Adam Huber JH/HS Mathematics  
 Mrs. Deb Kahle JH Reading/Language Arts  
 Mrs. Lori Klausning JH/HS Instrumental Music  
 Mrs. Stacy Knueve JH/HS Business/Computers  
 Mrs. Ann Ketcham JH Intervention Specialist  
 Mr. Dale Liebrecht JH/HS Technology/Engineering  
 Mr. Jim McBride JH/HS Health & Phys Ed  
 Mr. Scott Miller JH/HS Social Studies  
 Mrs. Jenna Missler Spanish  
 Mr. Steve Myers Art  
 Mr. Ken Pothast HS Science  
 Mr. Rob Schnippel Vocational Agriculture  
 Mrs. Pam Schroeder JH Reading/Language Arts  
 Mrs. Roxanne Schumacher HS Mathematics  
 Mrs. Charlotte Streets JH Science/Social Studies  
 Mrs. Sue Clementz American Sign Language Coord  
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 Mrs. Melanie Thorbahn Learning Disabilities  
 Mrs. Mary Smith 6th Grade  
 Mrs. Blyth Turnwald 6th Grade

### Elementary Office (419-532-3845)

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 Mrs. Marcia Vennekotter Secretary  
 Mrs. Beth Birkemeier Grade 5  
 Ms. Pat Broecker Grade 1  
 Mrs. Joyce Brokamp Grade 4  
 Ms. Marsha Courtright Grade 3  
 Ms. Jeanne Cupp Grade 1  
 Ms. Kelly Dube Intervention Specialist  
 Mrs. Deb Eickholt Grade 5  
 Mrs. Lori Fischer Developmentally Handicapped  
 Mrs. Mary Glick Music  
 Ms. Mary Grote Grade 3  
 Mrs. Mary Lou Hoffman Library Aide  
 Mrs. Darlene Imm Grade 2  
 Mrs. Nancy Kaufman Kindergarten  
 Mrs. Cheryl Koch Grade 1  
 Mrs. Jill Laudick Grade 2  
 Mrs. Laurie Lindeman Speech  
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**School Board Meetings**

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

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**Bonjour Paris!**

A group of 51 students and adults headed by Mr. Robert (Sonny) Gasser toured France and Italy from June 22 through July 1, 2009. It was a jam packed educational and cultural tour which highlights included:

- Paris and Nice, France*
- Monaco - Monte Carlo*
- The French Riviera*
- Florence and Rome, Italy*
- The Vatican City.*

Many miles were logged walking and sightseeing along with the French guide Cecile. Planning for the next trip scheduled, summer of 2011, will begin soon.

**Staff (Continued from page 3)**

**Bus Drivers:**

Jan Schroeder, Chris Schroeder,  
Marilyn Hall, Ellen Niemeyer,  
Dick Hoffman, Barb Verhoff

**Cafeteria Staff:**

Joyce Klausing, Doris Stechschulte,  
Mary Ann Hoersten, Maggie Warnecke,  
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**Maintenance/Janitorial Staff:**

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Goodbye Old School!

Going..... Going.....



Gone!