



The school year is off to a great start!

A lot of planning goes into beginning a new school year and as early as last May, teachers met their next group of students and started the learning cycle in motion. New material to teach, new faces to learn and new responsibilities were on the horizon. Staff and students alike have accepted that challenge and have settled in nicely. Wrinkles have been ironed out of bus routes and schedules and the end of the first quarter is upon us already. I'd like to commend everyone for getting the school year off to a great start. On a personal note, I'm pretty certain I will never have a job more fitted for me than Kalida Elementary Principal, so moving over to the superintendent's office after fifteen years was quite a leap. One soon realizes that you are on call 24/7 and this office is where the buck stops. Thanks to many great people in the system and community, the adjustment has been fairly smooth. We have a great thing going here at Kalida and we are dedicated to continuing our excellent tradition.

District finances are in solid shape. The school board met on August 27 to study our district financial picture. A combination of reliable returns from our local income tax, the fact that state funding is holding steady and a new three year contract was finalized with our employees starting August 1, has allowed the school board to take the initiative to pay off the 2009 elementary building bonds early. As a result of wiping off that debt, we can then refinance the 2003 high school building bonds, saving the district tax payers a considerable amount of money through 2031. Later in this edition, you will see an increase in student lunch prices. Higher prices are mandated to offset ever-rising food costs, particularly those associated with the federal Healthy Hunger Kids Act of 2010 designed to provide healthier options for students.

Karl Lammers, Superintendent

KALIDA HIGH SCHOOL TO USE ACT ASPIRE

Beginning with the Class of 2018 (the current freshman class), the requirements for graduation will be considerably different than they were for the classes ahead of them in school. One thing that has not changed are the course requirements that all students must complete to earn a diploma. Four units each in English and Math, three units each in Science and Social Studies, health and physical education, financial literacy, fine arts and electives to total 21 credits must be earned to be eligible for graduation.

The most significant changes in the pathway to graduation lies in the testing requirements of the Ohio Department of Education. Passing the five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) has been a requirement for our students to graduate from high school beginning with the Class of 2006. The OGT has been replaced with a series of End-of-Course Exams. The class of 2018 will need to take End-of-Course Exams in Algebra I, Physical Science, English I this year, and American History, Geometry, English II, and American Government in the years to come.

Students may also warrant their diploma by earning a "remediation-free" score on a college admission exam such as the American College Test (ACT). The State of Ohio will provide one free administration of the ACT to the Class of 2018 during their junior year of high school. To help these students perform their best on the ACT, we have committed to participating in the ACT Aspire program later this month.

The ACT Explore and ACT Plan tests have been used the last several years by Kalida High School to help prepare student to take the ACT as a junior or senior. The Explore Assessment has been given to all freshmen while the Plan has been administered to all sophomores. KHS is planning on continuing student preparation for the ACT by taking part in the Aspire Program which is replacing the Plan and Explore assessments. ACT Aspire Early High School (grades 9–10) provides a predicted ACT score range for each subject area and a composite score. It also allows 9th and 10th graders to determine if they are on target for college readiness as they prepare to take the ACT test and engage in college planning. The Aspire assessments will be administered online which will also help prepare our students for this method of testing which will be used for the new statewide assessments (End-of-Course Exams). It is also believed that the ACT will be administered online within the next few years.

Chris Pfahler, High School Principal

Need A Passport?

In an effort to get travelers ready for their next trip abroad, a passport processing session will be held on Thursday, November 6, in the KHS Library. The Putnam County Title Department will be on hand to assist applicants. Times are from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Bring one passport sized photo, your original birth certificate, driver's license, and if the student is under the age of 18 one parent **MUST** accompany the student to the meeting as well. Payment by check only. If you cannot make the session, all processing will take place at the Title Department in the courthouse at your convenience. Any questions, contact Robert Gasser at rjgasser@bright.net

Austin Schulte Wins Welding Award

Congratulations to Vantage Senior Welding student Austin Schulte who received top honors in the Crown Corporation Virtual Welding Challenge held in the Spring!! He was presented with a plaque, welding helmet, jacket and gloves. Pictured are Aaron Oyster from Lincoln Electric Welding Company, Mike Shriver from Crown Corporation, Austin Schulte, Rich Berning from Crown Corporation and the Vantage welding instructor Brent Wright. Ninety-nine students participated in the Challenge. Way to go Austin! Austin is the son of Carl and Nora Schulte.



Book Bills are Due

Elementary book bills were given out the first week of school. They are now past due. Please call the elementary office, 419-532-3845, if you need to arrange a payment schedule. The high school book bills were handed out the week after Pioneer. They are now due. Please call the office, 419-532-3529, if you need an additional copy or to arrange a payment schedule.

Bus Drivers Needed

The next training for bus drivers will be evenings November 10—13 at Van Wert High School. Morning classes will be held on December 8—11 at Lima Unity Elementary. Once you are trained and drive for us, we will reimburse you for your training fees. Call Mrs. Grote at 419-532-3543 for more information. We need sub drivers for routes and extra-curricular trips.

Saving Labels for Our Kids

Please keep saving the *Campbell's Labels for Education* with the ENTIRE barcode and logo and the *Box Tops for Education* which are on many different products. Cutting around the dotted line is a big help to our collection coordinator. We can earn new playground equipment and other items for the elementary. Labels can be sent in with a student or brought to either school office. Thanks for Saving!



Boys Basketball Season Ticket Sales

Monday, November 3 and Tuesday, November 4

High School Event Entrance near Auditoria

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Basketball Season Passes

Student \$40

Adult \$60 (preferred seat additional \$20 per)

Sr. Citizen \$40 (preferred seat additional \$10 per)

General Admission Prices

Adult/ College Student \$6

Elementary & HS Students \$4

Senior Citizen age 60+ \$4

Junior High Games

Student \$2

Adult \$3

ALL PCL & HOME GAMES PRE-SALE:

Adults \$6 and Students \$4

ALL TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$6

Please note:

We do not sell girls' season tickets or have pre-sale for the girls' games. Tickets are \$6 and \$4 at the door.

KHS Blood Drive October 29, 2014



**American
Red Cross**

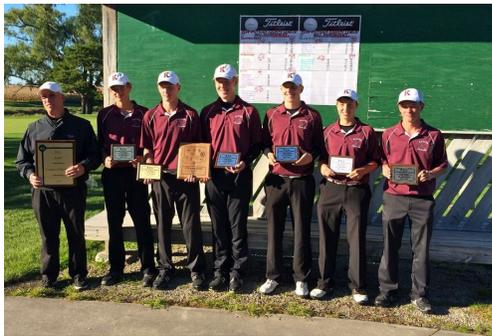
The Kalida High School Red Cross blood drive will be on Wednesday, October 29, from 12:00—6:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. Individuals who are at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission), meet height and weight requirements and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. Red Cross donor card or positive ID required. To set up an appointment, please call Beth Grime at the high school (419-532-3529). Walk-ins are still welcome, but we recommend making an appointment.

Mrs. Scherer Earns Certification

Denise Scherer, Media Specialist at Kalida Local Schools, has earned certification as a District/Building ICoach from INFOhio, Ohio's PreK-12 Digital Library. The certification requires more than ten hours of group training and individual study, which was completed on her own time this past summer.

ICoaches—short for “integration coach”—work with teachers to incorporate digital technology and research tools in their classrooms. Scherer joins 170 other educators around Ohio who have received District/Building ICoach certification.

“Denise is definitely a building leader,” says Kalida High School Principal Chris Pfahler. “Taking personal time to learn more about these digital tools will directly and positively affect the quality of instruction our students receive.”



Congratulations to the Kalida High School Golf Team! Coach Ken Schnipke was named PCL Coach of the Year. Team players are Collin Nartker, Zach Erhart, Jeffrey Knueve, Noah Lambert, Trent Siebeneck and Evan Recker. The team won the PCL title, were Sectional Champs, and qualified for District but missed qualifying for State by four strokes.

Fruit Sale Now Until November 5

Call the high school office to place a fruit order at 419-532-3529 or contact any HS junior. Profits collected from this sale help sponsor the junior-senior prom in May, 2015.

Kalida PTO 1st Meeting of the Year

When: Monday, October 20, at 7:00 PM

Where: Meet at the Elementary Office

What: This meeting is to brainstorm and establish the kinds of events and activities the PTO would like to offer this year.

Our new principal, Mrs. Kathy Verhoff, is excited to work together in supporting the 2014 hopes and vision for the KES PTO. Please come and bring your ideas!

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Kingdom of Books is Coming!

The Kalida Elementary Library will host their annual Book Fair November 24 – December 5. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event. The Book Fair will feature a special Family Event for parents and grandparents during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Book Fair hours during P-T Conferences are Monday, November 24, 5 – 9 p.m. and Tuesday, November 25, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m.



The **Classroom Wish List program** is available this year. You will have the opportunity to purchase a book or two for your child's classroom (to give now or at Christmas time) to thank your child's teacher, while building a classroom library. To preview our featured books online, watch videos and make a wish list to help you shop the fair by visiting our personal book fair web site: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kalidaelemsch>

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 Mary Lou Hoffman at the elementary school office at 419-532-3845 if you would like to volunteer or email ka_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us

The Perfect Snack

The KHS Choir will be selling *Shirley's Popcorn* as a fundraiser from November 3 until November 14. Contact any choir member or call the high school office at 419-532-3529 to place your order. YUM!

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Chris Pfahler

Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

School Board Members

Sue M. Gerdeman-President

Gerry Vorst-Vice President

Nicole Niemeyer

Emily Peck

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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September

Music Booster Winners

\$200 John & Deb McIntyre

\$150 Ann Schroeder

\$100 Kevin & Dee Hanneman

\$100 Bob & Cindy Miller

\$75 Ryan & Erin Kerner

\$75 Scott & Kathy Lammers

\$50 Andrea Knueve

\$50 Meggan Gerding

\$50 Tony & Sandy Vorst

\$50 John & Ruth Smith

\$50 Mark & Tina Siebeneck

\$50 Jen Edelbrock

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Kalida, OH 45853

Shop the Easy Way– Gift Cards

Do you buy gift cards or use them for weekly purchases? Please try the SCRIP program at Kalida Elementary. You purchase a gift card and the school earns back cash. It is that simple. The Kalida Elementary PTO will be place a SCRIP gift card order on November 14 and again on December 1 and December 12. Delivery is approximately one week from the order date. SCRIP is a great way to buy all of your gift cards in one place and at the same time support the Kalida Elementary PTO. Check out what participating companies and stores are available through the SCRIP program on our website. Order forms are available in the school office or on the school’s website at <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/File/PTO/FamilyOrderForm.pdf>.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

November 3 through November 7 the sheets will be in the lobby near the Elementary office for you to schedule a conference with your child’s teachers. You may call in to schedule anytime that following week at the Elementary. High school sign-up sheets will be available November 3 through November 14 in the high school lobby.

Kalida Elementary Conferences:

Monday, November 24 5:00—9:00 PM

Tuesday, November 25 11:00—4:00 PM

5:00—7:00 PM

High School Conferences:

Monday, November 24 5:00—9:00 PM

Tuesday, November 25 12:00 —4:00 PM

5:00—7:00 PM

Students do not attend school on Tuesday through Friday that week due to conferences and Thanksgiving break.

Cafeteria Prices Increased

Due to mandated government regulations the school lunch prices will increase on November 1.

Elementary Student	\$2.35
High School Student	\$2.60
Adult	\$3.40
Student Milk	.50
Adult Milk	.60
Ala Carte	\$1.50