

The PawPrint

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Notes from the Superintendent

Don Horstman



*Season's Greetings
From
The Kalida Local
School District*

Calendar Notes

Dec. 9

Fruit Delivery
Junior Class

Dec. 23

Early Dismissal
1 PM

Dec. 24-Jan.3

Christmas
Break

Jan. 4, 2010

Classes Resume

Jan. 5

College
Financial Aid
Night 7 PM
FJ High School

Jan. 18

No School
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Construction Update

The elementary school project is well under way, and most of the exterior walls are complete. The new boiler room is finished, and if the weather cooperates the contractors should begin installing the trusses on the new academic wing in mid to late December. The goal is to have the building envelope enclosed by the first of January 2010. Check out the school website under the district information tab for updated pictures, and an artist's rendering of the exterior of the building as well as a rendering of the interior corridors.

Thank you Rhonda Osterhage!

Kalida Local Schools would like to thank Mrs. Rhonda Osterhage for her eight years of dedicated service to the school district. Mrs. Osterhage started her first term on the board in 2002 and has been an integral part of both our high school and elementary construction projects.

Kalida School Board Position Open Seat

Kalida Local Schools only had two candidates run for three positions in the November election, and as a result we are seeking applications from district residents interested in applying for the open seat. Anyone who is interested should send a letter of interest to Mrs. Cindy Webken, the district treasurer, by December 31, 2009. The board will interview candidates and appoint a replacement after the January 2010 regular school board meeting.

Wishing Joyce Warnecke an Enjoyable Retirement

Kalida Local Schools would like to congratulate Joyce Warnecke on her upcoming retirement. Mrs. Warnecke has been an employee at Kalida Local Schools for twenty years. Her last day at Kalida Local Schools will be December 31.

Second Shift Janitorial Position Opening

Due to the retirement of Joyce Warnecke, the school district will be accepting applications for a second shift janitorial position. More information is available on the district website under the latest news from December 1.

Congratulations to our Fall Sports Athletes, Band Members and Cast & Crew of the Fall Play

Kalida Local Schools has had an incredibly successful fall sports and extra-curricular season. Our band earned a trip to the state competition and brought home another superior rating. It was a great way to prepare the band for their trip to Disney World. The band was able to march at the Magic Kingdom on November 21. Our boys' and girls' soccer teams won PCL titles, our volleyball team made it to the regional tournament for the fifth time since 2002 and seventh time since 1996, and our golf team placed second at the PCL Tournament. Joe Warnement and his cast and crew put on a great production with their performance of *Dorothy Meets Alice*. Our students put a lot of time and effort into these programs, and they are able to enjoy these activities while maintaining their academics, and in many cases working at a job as well. The district would like to thank the parents, students, coaches and advisors for their efforts. Keep up the good work!



SIDNE Vehicle - The Simulated Impaired Driving Experience or SIDNE vehicle was in Kalida. As a student awareness program and Red Ribbon Week, the Putnam County Sheriff's department brought in the modified go-kart that simulates driving under the influence. "Now, rather than just being told what can happen when choosing to drive impaired, you can experience it for yourself. SIDNE also allows for a passenger to ride along -- helping us teach another serious lesson.

Follow the PawPrints - Thanks to many of the local boy scouts who recently repainted the maroon pawprints on the sidewalk circling around the administration building. Earning their Art Merit badge while doing a community service were: Austin Klausung, Nathan Meyers, Ben Burkhart, Derrick Schimmoller, Ryan Siefker, Ben Cleemput, Phillip Loveland, Cody Spicer, Austin Ricker and Adam Kneuve.

Juniors: Don't Forget the ACT!! - Parents of juniors are encouraged to remind their children to register and take the ACT at least 2 – 3 times before their senior year. The ACT is one of the two college entrance exams – the other being the SAT - required by most schools for admission. The ACT is the more dominant of the two for schools in Ohio and the Midwest. Colleges will accept either test. The ACT is offered 6 times a year. Remaining tests for this school year are in February, April, and June. The deadline to register for the test in February is Jan. 5. Students can pick up packets in the guidance office or register online at www.actstudent.org. Fee waivers for the ACT are available in the guidance office for students who may qualify because of financial reason.

PSAT Results - Results have arrived for the PSAT which a few juniors and many sophomores took in October. These results were shared with students on Dec. 2.

College Career Day - On Dec. 11 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to choose to attend 3 informational sessions from over 60 career areas.

Online College Planning Tool Now Available

Kalida High School now offers *Peterson's StudentEdge* - an online college planning tool with free access to the tools you need for college success. *StudentEdge* offers personalized college planning that's based on the student and offers guidance in the following areas: find the best college for your academic goals, social interests, and financial needs, access a scholarship search worth more than \$8 billion, improve SAT, ACT, and AP scores with online courses and practice tests, explore potential career paths based on interests and talents. On Dec. 16 juniors will participate in a webinar with a representative from the company to learn of its uses. Parents and students can use the website. You can log on at www.mystudentedge.com Click on "new user" and, then, enter our school's access code which is **YLBCXFC**.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities - A reminder to seniors and parents to continue to be proactive in completing college admission applications and scholarship forms. Several schools have early application deadlines in December in order to be eligible for their scholarships. Access the high school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and move the cursor to the yellow "resources" tab. Once the choices are displayed, click on the guidance link to access a current listing of these scholarship opportunities. Once, you have clicked on the guidance link, scroll down until you see a box labeled "scholarship opportunities." Click on that box to view the scholarships – paying particular attention to the criteria which a student must possess in order to be eligible to apply. Also, a reminder to parents to check with your places of employment for scholarship opportunities for employees' children.

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents and Students

The FAFSA or Free Application For Student Assistance is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds that the respective schools distribute. Applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at www.pin.ed.gov.

Every year a seminar is held at one of the following area participating schools: Continental, Kalida, Ft. Jennings, and Ottoville. It is, thus, rotated yearly among the four schools. This year it will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. at Ft. Jennings' High School. A representative from a local college's financial aid department will be present to explain the proper procedure for filling out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents of Juniors are also encouraged to attend if they wish to get a head start on the college process.

County Choir and Band Honors

Congratulations to Shaunna Basinger and Eric Hill for being selected to participate in Putnam County Choir. Congratulations to Stephanie Verhoff, Kelly Kehres, Amanda Brinkman, Katie Kromer, Evan Krouse, Kelsey Miller, Levi Blake, Lana Tschuor, and Lora Tschuor for being selected to participate in Putnam County Band.

Traveling Abroad - Adults Only

Mr. Sonny Gasser is arranging yet another European trip for summer 2011. Any adult interested in traveling with his group to London, Ireland and Wales, please contact Mr. Gasser at 419-453-3796. More details to follow.



Americanism Test Winners - Congratulations to Rob Kleman, Austin Roebke, Alexis Wurth, Alyssa Verhoff, Andrew Warnecke, Jeff Gerding, Stephanie Verhoff and Carrie Gerding for receiving top honors in the American Legion Americanism Tests. Stephanie, Carrie and Alyssa also were local post winners and will now advance in further competition. Mr. Dennis Hanneman and Mr. Dave Yoder presented certificates to the students.

2009-2010 Honor Roll First Quarter

All A's

6th Grade: Brandon Erhart, Drew Hovest, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Samantha Nagy, Kaleb Selhorst, Allison Siebeneck, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke

7th Grade: Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Jacob Dunn, Trevor Holtkamp, Brent Hovest, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Derek Schroeder, Casey Wehri

8th Grade: Alexis Decker, Meredith Kromer

9th Grade: Andrea Bellmann, Carrie Gerding, Rich Langhals, Amy Smith, Casey Unverferth, Kaylyn Verhoff, Eric Warnecke, Jordan Wurth

10th Grade: Nathan Kortokrax, Austin Roebke, Connor Schmenk

11th Grade: None

12th Grade: Julia Fuerst, Amy Hamburg, Trisha Horstman, Stephanie Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse

AB Honor Roll

6th Grade: Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Trent Gerding, Devin Giesige, Adam Goergens, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausing, Jordan Kortokrax, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Andrea Rall, Allison Recker, Evan Recker, Samantha Recker, Paige Roller, Katelyn Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex Von Der Embse, Trey Webken, Sidney White, Allison Wurth

7th Grade: Rebecca Brinkman, Molly Ellerbrock, Lindsey Erhart, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Tori Gerding, Kennedy Hoffman, Melissa Jorrey, Mitchell Kerner, Ericka Kimball, Taylor Lamb, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Rachel Rall, Olivia Schmenk, Bradley Siebeneck, Ryan Siefker, Sierra Snyder, Aaron Tenwalde, Abbey Tschuor, Kim Verhoff, Noah Verhoff, Megan Vine, Alexis Vorst, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Grant Zeller

AB Honor Roll Continued

8th Grade: Tadd Backus, Joe Gerdeman, Ryan Kahle, Kyle Kehres, Katelyn Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, Brooke Loveland, Patrick Millott, Kiersten Recker, Nicole Reindel, Kylie Siebeneck, Whitney Smith, Jarrod Stober, Elizabeth Turnwald, Justine Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Sarah Wortkoetter, Randy Zeller.

9th Grade: Damon Birkemeier, Ben Cleemput, Jessica Doepker, Anthony Dunn, Ryan Erhart, Kristi Honigfort, Kendra Hunter, Neil Recker, Emily Schnipke, Kayla Siefker, Julia Vandemank, Shelly Verhoff, Joel Zeller

10th Grade: Eric Ellerbrock, Jordan Ellerbrock, Neil Gerding, Amanda Giesige, Brian Good, Nick Guisinger, Brady Hermiller, Miranda Hermiller, Deanna Kahle, Nicole Kaufman, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Cody Schnipke, Ben Schroeder, Drew Stechschulte, Kevan Unverferth, Paul Utendorf, Ben von der Embse, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller, Halie Zenz

11th Grade: Ben Bockrath, Samantha Edwards, Tyler Ellerbrock, Megan Erhart, Allison Fitzgerald, Chad Goergens, Jeff Good, Michelle Jorrey, Chelsea Kahle, Evan Krouse, Kelsey Miller, Justin Neidert, Kristopher Osterhage, Rachael Rose, Rob Sarka, Alex Schroeder, Amanda Schulte, Brian Schulte, Miranda Schulte, Emily Turnwald, Alyssa Verhoff, Jillian Wehri

12th Grade: Michael Bockrath, Jeff Gerding, Stacie Heitmeyer, Brant Kahle, Kara Kaufman, Kelly Kehres, Stephanie Kortokrax, Katie Kromer, Abby Rampe, Anna Tenwalde, Michael Turnwald, Devin Warnecke, Stephanie Wilson

Vantage Juniors AB Honors: Cory Kottenbrock, Curtis Schroeder, Katrina Schumaker, Austin Selhorst, Erik Selhorst, Zach Selhorst, Ryan Wehri. **Vantage Seniors: All A's:** Kyle Hoffman, Michael Niemeyer, and Katelyn Schumaker, **AB Honors:** Bryan Recker, Abigail Schnipke, Tyler Schroeder, Katelyn Schumaker

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte
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School Board Meetings

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

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*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

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Get Healthy! Fuel Up Now

Fuel Up to Play 60 is a free, student-led school wellness program brought to our school by the National Dairy Council,



local Dairy Councils and the National Football League.

The program includes a menu of Fuel Up to Play 60 Kickoff

ideas and fun healthy eating and physical activity action strategies that encourage students to “get up and play” for 60 minutes a day. With Fuel Up to Play 60, our school has entry to the Fuel Up to Play 60 National Competition where our students and our school can track healthy behaviors, earn points and compete to win individual and school-wide prizes. There are only 15 schools in Ohio who has been selected to be a part of a national campaign. Through Fuel Up to Play 60, our school is eligible for three types of grant opportunities. Each grant is designed to help students feel supported and provide the basic funds necessary to complete our Healthy Eating and Physical Activity programs. Our intention with the Fuel Up to Play 60 Grants is to reward the students and community of Kalida with additional playground equipment at our new school.

Blood Drive Results - Thanks to all who participated in the annual KHS Blood drive. “We collected 212 units,” said Mrs. Beth Grime coordinator of the event. The day was busy and the crowd very patient and helpful in obtaining this goal.

Writing Contest -The 7th & 8th grade students were asked to participate in a county wide writing contest sponsored by the Putnam County library. The students were given a writing prompt and asked to complete the story. Congratulations to Jarrod Stober whose story *The Abducted Wolverine* received an honorable mention in the contest.

Voice of Democracy - Congratulations to Jill Rieman for being the school winner of the *Voice of Democracy* essay contest. Her taped essay now goes on to competition at the VFW post in Ottawa. Good luck to Jill!



A New Beginning

The construction of the new elementary building has begun. Weather permitting and with no foreseen delays, we expect to be opening the 2010-2011 school year in this new building.

