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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes
Dec. 17 Elementary Christmas Program St. Michael's gym 7:00 PM
Dec. 21 Early Dismissal 1:00 PM
Dec. 24 - Jan. 2 Christmas Break
Jan. 21 M.L.King, Jr. No School
Feb. 18 School In Session Calamity Makeup Day

Schedule Changes - It has been a very interesting year in terms of weather and we have not even made it to Christmas vacation. Currently, the district has cancelled school a total of 6 days due to severe weather including high water, ice, snow, and fog. Our first scheduled makeup day is **Monday, February 18**. School will be dismissed at **1:00 PM** prior to the beginning of Christmas vacation on **Friday, December 21**. Due to the number of delays and cancellations, there will be **no** two hour delay (Staff Development) on Wednesday, February 6. The complete updated school calendar is available on the school web site at: <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/index.php>.

A New Look - The website has recently undergone some minor changes which include new art work and a special section for current news pertaining to the school district. Please bookmark the school website if you have not already done so as it is a useful tool for finding out about up to the minute information. Cancellations, delays, make-up schedules, and event information related to school cancellations can be found there (even in the worst of weather).

New Board Member - The Kalida Board of Education will welcome Mr. Don Wehri at the January 3 organizational meeting. Mr. Wehri replaces outgoing Board President, Barry von der Embse. At this time I would also like to thank Barry for his eight years of dedicated service to the school district.

Construction Update - The District is in the process of finalizing construction timelines on both the Kalida Elementary and Kalida High School building projects. Monthly meetings have begun with the Ohio School Facilities Commission and groundbreaking may occur as early as June on one of the buildings. At the December Board of Education Meeting, the Board members authorized the purchase of the apartment unit located directly behind the soccer field and three vacant building lots in the Lammers' Subdivision. No specific plans have been made concerning exactly how these properties will be utilized. However, they are directly adjacent to existing school property and will add a significant amount of green space and flexibility to our current situation of being landlocked on all four sides. More specific updates on these purchases and the construction project will be in next month's newsletter.

Merry Christmas!

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent



GO BUCKS! GO MICHIGAN?

The OSU fans out numbered the Michigan fans during the annual **Big Game Day** at KHS. Congratulations to these best dressed OSU prize winners: Ben Stechschulte, Matt Schnipke, Aissa McVicker, Stacy Reindel, Mike Bockrath and Kevin Roehrig and the Michigan fans Doug McIntyre and Dereck Birkemeier.

Donations 2006-2007

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this past 2006-07 school year. The high school donations will follow in an upcoming PawPrint issue.

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Title

Dwight D. Eisenhower
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Remember Pearl Harbor
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Magic SchoolBus Inside a Hurricane
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Power Tractors
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Kalida Elementary Library Donations

Tammy Schroeder

Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff
in honor of Tammy Schroeder's retirement

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in honor of Kay Heringhaus' retirement

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Click Clack Quackity-Quack, Click Clak Splish, Splash
Dooby Dooby Moo, John, Paul, George and Ben
Duck for President, Wiggle, Diary of a Spider, Great Easter Egg Hunt
If you were there when they signed the Constitution

Things Not Seen, The Capture, The Journey, The Rescue, The Siege

School Bus Explores the Senses
Andrew Jackson, Dexter the Tough, Jingle the Brass
Stanly and the Magic Lamp

Pope John Paul II
Say What?

Kalida High School Library Donations

Beth Myers

A Friend at Midnight,
Miracle on 49th Street
Soul Surfer





First Quarter Honor Roll

2007-08

AB Honor Roll

All A's

7th grade

Andrea Bellmann
Damon Birkemeier
Ryan Erhart
Carrie Gerding
Rich Langhals
Amy Smith
Casey Unverferth
Kaylyn Verhoff
Eric Warnecke

8th Grade

Neil Gerding
Amanda Giesige
Deanna Kahle
Nicole Kaufman
Austin Roebke

Freshmen-None

Sophomores

Julia Fuerst
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

Juniors

Kasie Bellmann
Dana Bruskotter
Jenna Kahle
Neal Lammers
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke
Jarvin Decker-Vantage

Seniors

Alyssa Frey
Louisa Millott
Trent Smith

Vantage 3.00 +

Juniors

Cody Buss
Matthew Erhart
Nikki Ford
Jeff Miller
Ben Schroeder
Scott Schroeder
Kyle Westbeld
Leanne Pitts
Josh Wehri

Seniors

Emily Erhart
Aaron Geckle
Aaron Patterson
Brandon Vorst
Sean Fischnich

7th Grade

Skylar Basinger
Summer Holtkamp
Kristi Honigfort
Austin Horstman
Kendra Hunter
Adam Knueve
Phillip Loveland
Neil Recker
Emily Schnipke
Shelby Schroeder
Josh Smith
Julia Vandemark
Shelly Verhoff
Kyle Vorst
Joel Zeller

8th Grade

Shaunna Basinger
Eric Ellerbrock
Jordan Ellerbrock
Matthew Gerding

Juniors

Brian Good
Nick Guisinger
Miranda Hermiller
Devon Hundley
Nathan Jorrey
Ben Kaufman
Nathan Kortokrax
Tyler Kortokrax
Jordan Laudick
Haley McIntyre
Megan Meyer
Grant Neal
Connor Schmenk
Brooke Schnipke
Cody Schnipke
Ben Schroeder
Aaron Siebeneck
Marissa Smith
Drew Stechschulte
Lana Tschuur
Kevan Unverferth
Karly Westbeld
Alexis Wurth
Jared Zeller
Halie Zenz

Freshmen

Alexandrea Cattell
Allison Fitzgerald
Bryan Fortman
Chad Goergens
Jeff Good
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Derek Korte
Kelsey Miller
Austin Neidert
Justin Neidert
Kristopher Osterhage

Freshmen continued

Brianna Recker
Alex Schroeder
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Emily Turnwald
Alyssa Verhoff
Jillian Wehri

Sophomores

Stacie Heitmeyer
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Kelly Kehres
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Anna Tenwalde
Michael Turnwald
Devin Warnecke

Juniors

Lauren Erhart
Nelly Farrukhsho
Leah Gerding
Alexis Hill
Megan Jorrey
Kendra Kerner
Jessica Knueve
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Erica Schmenk
Scott Schnipke
Cassy Schulte
Amy VonderEmbse
Michelle Webken

Seniors

Jeff Beach
Adam Berheide
Karri Clementz
Brandon Closson
Megan Heitmeyer
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Craig Miller
Megan Miller
Stacy Reindel
Dean Schnipke
Abigail Schroeder
Brittany Schroeder
Bryant Warnecke
Ashley Wehri

December Guidance News *by Jeff Clement*

“Choosing a College” Seminar scheduled for interested parents: Are you wondering how to help your son or daughter choose a college? A seminar for sophomore and junior parents has been scheduled for Thursday, January 17 from 7 – 8 PM in the auditoria for parents of sophomores and juniors who might want assistance in answering this question. The *“How to Help Your Son or Daughter Choose a College”* program is sponsored by Bowling Green State University. Last year it was offered and we had numerous positive comments on the presentation. If you are interested, please ask your student to sign-up on a sheet that will be posted outside the guidance office.

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. Paper applications will be available in December, but applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors,



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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 Monday, January 21 from 7 – 9 PM at Continental High School. A representative from a local college's financial aid department will be present to explain various types of financial aid that students may have the potential to obtain. In addition, he will 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.

Sophomores Career/College Exploration

In January, Mrs. Jan Gasser and I will be doing a college research unit with all sophomores during their English classes. The purpose of this unit is to continue the development of our students in the selection of a potential career with the matching of post-high school educational options that will enable them to prepare for the occupations.

Juniors: Don't Forget the ACT!! - Parents of juniors are encouraged to remind their students 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 5 times a year. Remaining tests for this school year are in December, February, April, and June. The deadline to register for the test in February is Jan. 4. Students can pick up packets in the guidance office or register online at www.actstudent.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the guidance office at 419-532-3504 or email me at ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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School Board Meetings

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

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*November
Music Boosters
\$50 Winners*

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Welcome Class of 2022! - Kindergarten registration for next year is going on now. Registration forms are available in the Elementary office. Completed forms and a **certified** birth certificate should be turned in by Dec. 14. Children must be five years old on-or-before Sept. 30, 2008 to register. Call the office for any additional information.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Let Us Help You

Volunteers from the Putnam County Library came to the Kalida High School in November to disassemble the old library shelves and registration desk. These items were in storage in the old library and will now be used at the temporary library site in Ottawa.

Teacher of the Month - Congratulations to Roger Luersman, sixth grade teacher in the elementary, who was honored in October as the *Ohio Lottery -Ohio's Teacher of the Month*. He was guest of the Cleveland Cavaliers and recognized during a home game in Cleveland. Mr. Luersman was nominated by Principal Karl Lammers for this honor.

Collecting Canned Goods -The 8th annual *Holiday Games for Giving* will be held during Physical Education classes on Dec. 18. Students are asked to bring at least one canned food item to gym or music classes that day in exchange for participation in fun holiday games. All canned-food collection boxes are then donated to the Putnam County Thrift Store for distribution. There will also be collection boxes in the lobby of the gym on the night of the elementary Christmas program for anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause. The Kalida community has donated over 2,400 canned food items to the Thrift store in the past seven years.

Chorale Fund Raisers- The Chorale is going to Chicago from February 29 – March 2. There will be three different events in the near future that the Chorale will be sponsoring: **Aluminum Can Drive**- Drop off your aluminum cans at Maggie and Don Wehri's house (near the shed) or at the high school throughout the month of December. These cans will be recycled for cash profit. **Kalida School Spirit Car Clings**- Show your Kalida Pride by purchasing your own today! **Breakfast at St. Michaels** - Jan 6. We will be serving a breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes after both masses. The price is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for kids (5-12 yrs.) and free for kids under the age of five. There also will be a bake sale that morning too. *Thanks for supporting Kalida's Chorale!*

Library News - A new web page has been launched for the Kalida Elementary and High School Libraries. Please go to the Kalida School homepage at kalida.k12.oh.us and click on Library Resources and then click the Refresh/Reload current page button on your web browser to load the new library page. The first/front library page will now contain current/updating information about the library . . . what is happening with the libraries. The rest of the library pages can be accessed through the links at the left. Hope you enjoy the fresh new look!!

Accelerated Reader—All students at Kalida Local Schools have rights to *Accelerated Reader Enterprise*. This new software gives students access to all of the Reading Practice quizzes that are available from Renaissance Learning. Therefore, students may take quizzes over books from the school library, books from the county library, or books they might have on their own personal bookshelves at home.

To find out if a book has an *Accelerated Reader Practice* quiz available, go to the quiz store at: http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp. Key in the book title or author and press Go! If there is a quiz available for the book, then the student may take the quiz at school (quizzes taken are subject to teacher approval). If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader, please call Mrs. Scherer at the high school or email her at: ka_scherer@kalida.k12.oh.us *Happy Reading!!*

KHS Academic Club- Academic matches begin in January. The quest begins to retain the Putnam County championship for this year. Last year's team was also named the tournament champion. Good luck to advisors Robert and Jan Gasser and the varsity team: Trent Smith, Austin Basinger, Brittany Schroeder, Liz Foppe, Brandon Closson, Dean Schnipke, Abby Schroeder, Jill Hoffman, Rob Gerding, Nicole Warnecke, Kayla Kromer, Ryan Kimmel, Adam Berheide, Bryant Warnecke, Neal Lammers, Matt Schnipke, and Erica Schmenk.