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Martin L.King, Jr. Day
 No School

February 18

Homecoming
 Dance

February 20

Presidents' Day
 No School

February 23

Early Dismissal
 1 PM-Teacher Inservice

March 24

Quarter Break
 No School

April 14-17

Easter Break

April 27

Early Dismissal
 1 PM-Teacher Inservice

May 24

Last Day of School

May 28

Graduation
 Class of 2006

Notes from the Superintendent

As we enter the new calendar year we are almost to the halfway mark of the current school year. The organizational school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30. The regular board meeting will take place immediately afterward. New school board member Dennis Turnwald will be sworn in at the organizational meeting along with returning school board members Gary Stechschulte and Rhonda Osterhage. All will begin new four year terms.

This is the time of year when our teachers are beginning to narrow their focus toward the upcoming achievement tests and The Ohio Graduation Tests. The Kalida School District has traditionally fared quite well on the state tests, and it is my anticipation that this trend will continue thanks to the hard work of our students, teachers and parents.

I would like to thank Mrs. Stacy Knueve and her students for their hard work on the school web site. The site is utilized a great deal by the Kalida community and has become a useful and convenient tool for parents and teachers. The site is maintained by our own students under the supervision of Mrs. Knueve as a part of the high school curriculum. School lunch menus, the guidance website, practice schedules, elementary school projects, the district newsletters, and athletic pictures and team rosters are just a few of the many items located on the website.

We welcome the following college students to both Kalida Elementary and KHS as they acquire teaching experience under the guidance of our teaching staff. Kalida resident Diana Birkemeier from OSU-Lima is in Mrs. Koch's first grade classroom. Barb Maag of Bluffton University is in Mrs. Fischer's room while Sarah Herman is in the second grade with Mrs. Vennekotter. Bridget Rosengarten will be in both Mrs. Niese and Mrs. Smith's sixth grade rooms toward the end of January. Both Bridget and Sarah are also students from OSU-Lima. In the high school, Defiance College student Adam Schumaker, a high school science major, is teaching with Mr. Gerdeman. Jenifer Byrne, from Bluffton College, is a health and physical education major and is student teaching with Mr. McBride.

~ Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Paying for College

The annual Financial Aid Night for Kalida students and parents is Monday, January 16 at 7 pm. This year the program will be given at the Fort Jennings high school auditoria. The presenter is Lawrence Matthews from Bluffton College. Mr. Matthews is the head of all college financial aid administrators in the state of Ohio and works at the national level with the federal financial aid program. We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable person who is willing to present this information to our parents and students.

Mrs. Myers passed out financial aid worksheets to all seniors in the KHS building on December 21. It may be helpful to bring the worksheets along. Mrs. Myers will be at the meeting with extra copies, though, if needed.

FAFSA applications can now be done online. Go to <http://studentaid.ed.gov> to get a pin number, begin the application and find lots of other useful information about the college process.

Scholarships

Please remember to check the guidance department website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us/scholarship.htm>) for scholarship postings. More and more scholarships are being listed on line, which means that fewer actual applications are being sent to schools. We try to keep the website information updated frequently when new information is arriving. Please check the information there concerning requirements and deadlines. Some deadlines are "postmark" deadlines and some are dates when the application materials must actually be in the hands of the sponsoring organization. Students need to work well ahead of the deadlines, also. Students sometimes assume that a "snow day" here will cause a deadline to be extended somewhere else. Deadlines are very seldom extended, and there are frequent deadlines now through the end of March.

Join NOW and Support OUR Wildcats!

**The Kalida Athletic Boosters Annual Membership Drive.
We want YOU to be a part of the action.**

What is it? This is an organization created to support the Kalida High School Athletic programs. Donations and support have been made to every high school sport. The Athletic Boostes have sponsored the girls' softball field and the establishing of the soccer field. The future project for the Athletic Boosters is the construction of a weight room. This room will be incorporated in the Phase II high school expansion.

Why join? Show your support for local athletics! Also, your name is entered into a monthly drawing. Winners are pulled at each meeting. If you are present at the meeting, you win \$50. If not present, you still win \$10.

Who can be a member? Anyone. **How much is it?** \$5 per person, per calendar year.

How do I sign up? Just complete the form below and mail it to: Athletic Boosters, P.O. Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853. You may also sign up and drop off memberships at home boys' or girls' basketball games.

Please respond by
February 28, 2006,
and include \$5 per person listed.
Thank you!

Name of each member _____

Planning ahead for ACT testing

The ACT is given five times a year in October, December, February, April, and June. On the average KHS students take the test about three times in order to earn the best score. Students and parents need to plan ahead so that this “best score” is earned by April of the junior year. That means that sophomores should start thinking now about when to take the ACT and juniors should be coming down the home stretch. Also, there is a separate reading test that students who are now juniors should take at least once to keep their options open for choosing different colleges. There is a chance that the writing score will play a bigger part in admissions decisions for this year’s sophomores, but definite information is hard to come by at this time.

Happy Reading!

A big “thank you” to everyone who supported the Kalida Elementary Library’s Scholastic Book Fair this past November/December. The library will be able to purchase over **100 hardbound books** with the proceeds from the book fair!!

We want to thank the following people for helping at the book fair: Cheryl Fortman, Joyce Wurth, Mary Lou Merschman, Mary Jane Aversch, Carol Bockrath, Jane Kleman, Cindy Erhart, Joanne Horstman, and Rita Schroeder. Also, thank you to Jane Kleman for helping set up and take down the book fair exhibit.

*Mary Lou Hoffman and Denise Scherer,
Book Fair Co-Chairpersons*

On Display

Have you checked out the new display cases in our new building? The state trophies are all located near the South gym entrance. In the case adjacent to that, near the high school kitchen, the high school band has on display several of the new trophies as well as memorabilia from their recent Florida Walt Disney trip. Sharing the case are colorful art pieces created by the high school art students. At the memorial brick wall on the east side the cases are filled with trophies from all the sports we have accumulated over the past several years.

Get Your Wildcat Discount Card

We still have a few Kalida Wildcat Discount Cards for sale. The Post Prom committee will be selling the cards for \$10.00 a piece at the home boys games in January or you may purchase the card from Carolyn (Steve) Miller. Don’t miss out on the chance to have your own card and to support the Junior Class Post Prom Committees. We thank you for a successful fund raiser.



Kierstan Siebeneck, Jakob Stober and Kara Siefker share a laugh as they compete in the *Holiday Games for Giving*.

A Great Food Drive

The students in the elementary collected over **500** cans of food for the Putnam County Thrift Store during their annual food drive *Holiday Games for Giving*. Thanks to all who donated and made this a great success.

Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht



Cody Mathew is ‘All Decked Out like a Christmas Tree’ during the tree decorating race.



Community Service - KHS art students Megan Hamburg and Sarah Wurth have created a new backdrop for the fish pond game for the local Catholic Ladies of Columbia. Complete with inlaid sparkles and gems the new backdrop creates a magical setting for the children to “go fishing” for a prize.

Meeting President Bush

In November 2004, KHS senior Justin Barnhart was diagnosed with aplastic anemia. After receiving his last treatment in January of 2005, Justin appears to be in remission. As part of a Make-A-Wish Foundation trip, Justin and his family visited with President George W. Bush on December 9 at the White House in Washington D.C. The family was able to visit with the President for 10 minutes. Justin plans on pursuing a career in politics after college. Justin will attend BGSU in the fall of 2006.



Principal Don Horstman congratulates Adam Schumacher and Steven Becker for their academic achievements and enrollment into the Vantage NTHS.

National Technical Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to KHS Vantage seniors Adam Schumacher and Steven Becker. They were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society of Vantage Career Center on Dec. 8.



Volunteering Their Time

During the week of Thanksgiving, Cats Who Care members went to the Christian Corners Community Center in Lima. They served lunch and drinks for a Thanksgiving meal at the shelter. Cats advisor Connie Cleemput, bus driver Judy Bendele and KHS graduate Heather Warnecke joined the students for the day.

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HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

School Board

Members:

Brian Laudick
Rhonda Osterhage
Pres. Gary Stechschulte
Dennis Turnwald
VP. Barry von der Embse

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Music Boosters Winter Drawing

Sonny/Jan Gasser	\$175
Linda Unverferth	\$100
Joe/Lori Recker	\$100
Ken Hanneman	\$75
Annie Vorst	\$75
Kathy Foppe	\$50
Dale/Jan Schroeder	\$50
Bob Meyer	\$50
Marlene Verhoff	\$50
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