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The Paw Print

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Calendar Notes

- Feb. 21**
Presidents' Day
No School
- Feb. 24**
Staff Development
Early Dismissal-
1:00 PM
-
- March 25-28**
Spring Break
No School
- March 30-April 3**
Senior Class Trip
New York City
-
- April 22-23**
KHS Musical
The Wizard of Oz
- April 28**
Staff Development
Early Dismissal-
1:00 PM
-
- May 7**
Prom
- May 27**
Last Day for
Students
- May 29**
Graduation
Class of 2005

Notes from the Superintendent

It has been a very interesting winter so far, and we still have a ways to go. As of mid January, the district has used five calamity days due to every kind of weather imaginable. Since the start of the new year, we have experienced ice, snow, fog, and high water. Ironically enough, to date I have received no complaints from students. As a newcomer to the district, I am very impressed at the number of parents who were able to get their children to school on days when the water was too high to send a bus down their roads. Our district-wide attendance was actually very good on those days. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation as we continue to make our way through the winter season.

The construction project is steadily moving forward. The masons are currently laying up the interior walls and the interior is beginning to take shape. The gymnasium floors have been poured and a great deal of the rough plumbing and mechanical work is complete.

The district will be holding two community meetings (January 31 and on February 2) to discuss our options in terms of school finance. I strongly encourage everyone to attend. I have heard several opinions expressed about the district's financial situation. I want you to know that I appreciate those of you that have taken an interest. The purpose of this meeting is to provide factual information to district residents and to solicit your input on the direction we should take.

School finance is a very complex subject due to the fact that every district in the state has different needs. The state has come up with one very convoluted formula and attempted to meet the needs of 612 very different districts. We will specifically be discussing the effects of property tax, income tax, tax abatements, and new construction, on district finances. Additionally, I will be presenting some vital statistics in terms of health care cost, decreased enrollment, and decreased state funding. Our treasurer, Cindy Webken, will be giving a brief synopsis of our five-year financial forecast and attempt to explain the ramifications and long term effects of deficit spending. This forecast is available on the school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and I certainly encourage all residents to take a look at the numbers.

While all the speculation pertaining to school finance is typically not good news, we do have some very viable options in terms of how we approach the issue. The bottom line is that the Kalida Local Schools provide a wonderful education to the children of Kalida. Incidentally, we are able to do this for less money than 599 of the 612 districts in the state. Virtually every school district in the state either already has, or is in the process of, asking for new money. My goal, and that of the school board, is to keep you informed throughout the entire process.

Mark Neal, Superintendent

<p align="center">COMMUNITY MEETINGS</p> <p align="center">JOIN THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING OUR DISTRICT FINANCES</p> <p align="center">Monday, Jan. 31 & Wednesday, Feb. 2</p> <p align="center">7:30 PM</p> <p align="center">Kalida High School Auditorium</p>

Caring Cats

The *Cats Who Care* service organization is alive and well at Kalida High School. After a two-year hiatus, the club is back in full swing under the leadership of Mrs. Connie Cleemput. Since September, the club has been very busy. They have organized many fund raisers and then donated funds back to the



community for various purposes. In December, the club volunteered time running the collection kettle in front of Walmart, worked in a Lima soup kitchen, and visited the shut-ins at a nursing home in Ottawa. The *Cats Who Care* members were able to raise \$177 by selling candy grams and then earned a matching fund grant from Walmart for an additional \$177. Monies



were then donated back to the community to several families who are enduring medical hardships at this time. Currently the members are selling yellow Lance Armstrong, pink Susan Komen and orange Luekemia cancer research bracelets for \$1.25. The bracelets are sold during lunch and home basketball



An Ottawa Walmart manager presents the *Cats Who Care* officers with a check for \$177 from the Walmart Matching Grant program. The club had earned an additional \$177 from selling candy grams during the month of November at KHS prior to the Christmas break.

games. Kudos to Mrs. Cleemput and her dedicated “Cats” for all their time and energies spent in helping others.

Book Fair Correction

Last month the incorrect listing of workers helping at the book fair was printed in the PawPrint. We apologize for this error and therefore now need to recognize all volunteers. We thank the following people for helping at the 2004 book fair: Cheryl Kromer, Denise Ellerbrock, Joyce Wurth, Mary Lou Merschman, Cindy Erhart, Joanne Horstman, Tammy Schroeder, Lori Fischer, Carol Bockrath, Connie Cleemput, and Sue Clementz. A special thanks to Jane Kleman and Ken Stechschulte for their help in set-up and tearing-down of the book fair exhibit. Proceeds from the book fair will now enable us to purchase approximately 95 hardbound books.

Mary Lou Hoffman and Denise Scherer
Book Fair Co-Chairpersons

Queen and King To Be Crowned

Congratulations to the KHS 2005 Homecoming Court. The senior class representatives are Meredith Bash, Sara Heitmeyer, Kenzie Hanneman, Nathan Goedde, Craig Unverferth and Neil Verhoff. Junior representatives are Ryan Hoffman and Ashley Kerner. Sophomore representatives are Ross Guisinger and Chelsea Verhoff. Freshmen representatives are Ross Hamilton and Liz Foppe.

The crowning of the queen and king will take place during the homecoming game on Friday, January 28. The homecoming dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 29.

Reminder—February 13, 2005

College Goal Sunday is being held all across the state at over 30 sites. These are hands-on sessions for the FAFSA application for those students attending college next fall who are interested in receiving financial aid. The closest sites for Kalida parents are at Lima Senior High School and the University of Findlay. Walk-ins will be welcome, but it is best to register ahead of time at www.oasfaa.org.

Today's Educational Technology

With more and more projects integrating technology into the curriculum and the classroom, students are finding a bigger and greater need to transfer information they have found over the Internet or other applications from home to school and vice versa. Many students have been using diskettes, an older technology, to transfer this information. A diskette's life expectancy is a year or two at longest and that includes shelf life. Many students bring in diskettes with information saved that we end up not being able to retrieve because of damaged resources.

There are several ways to more effectively transfer information today. A product known as a USB micro hard drive (or commonly called a FLASH drive) is available in various sizes from retailers like OfficeMax and even Wal-Mart and simply plugs into a USB port of your computer and acts just like another hard drive on your machine. These are cross-platform devices so they will work on the latest Windows Operating Systems (2000, XP) as well as Macintosh environments. By watching the sale ads, you may even get these



devices free after mail-in rebate.



The bigger the drive size (usually in MB- remembering that 1MB = approximately 1 diskette) allows for files with different types of media which we are using in today's applications such as Powerpoint.

Another way is to transfer information is with a live Internet

connection using either a FTP (File Transfer Protocol) or WebDav connection. Detailed instructions on how to use these methods are available on the school's webpage at: <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/connectfromhome.htm>

Research Resources Available

Please remember all the research resources available through the Kalida Local School's library page. They make searching the Internet much easier. Access from your home computer is part of the reason we purchase some of these resources, knowing that student availability outside of school hours creates an anytime, anywhere learning environment. The library page is located at:

<http://kalida.k12.oh.us/library/library.html>

If you have any questions on either of the previous articles please feel free to contact Jeremy Stober via e-mail at ka_stober@kalida.k12.oh.us

Your Invitation to Vantage

Vantage Career Center's Sophomore Visitation Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8. All KHS sophomores will join nearly 850 other sophomores from surrounding schools and will spend two hours at Vantage. The students will choose two labs that interest them and spend one hour in each lab. There will be hands-on activities and demonstrations prepared especially for the sophomores. Current Vantage students will be available for the 10th graders to talk to, ask questions and find out what it's really like to take career-technical classes. It's a great opportunity for the students to investigate different career areas.

Vantage Career Center Open House Tuesday, February 15, from 5:00 PM-7:30 PM.

Parents and students please come and tour the Vantage building, meet teachers and students and enjoy the special displays, demonstrations and presentations in each lab. Check out the Media Center and Distance Learning Lab.

Testing Dates -Parents of students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10—please be aware of statewide testing coming up in the month of March. Specific dates are listed below:

Third grade—March 7 and 9

Fourth grade—March 7, 9, 14, 16, and 18

Fifth grade—March 7

Sixth grade—March 7, 9, 11, 14, and 16

Seventh grade—March 8

Eighth grade—March 8 and 10

Tenth grade—March 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18

While we always hope for good health and good weather for our students, we are especially hopeful that conditions are good during the month of March. All of these tests have to be made up if students are absent; therefore, we are hoping for good attendance through this time period.

Be on the lookout—There are many organizations claiming to offer special recognition for students who have been named to honor rolls, etc. They may offer to list a student in a nation-wide book and then try to sell the book to the student. Some even ask grandparents to contribute to the recognition of their grandchildren. Kalida High School does not release student lists to these organizations nor does it endorse such organizations. Thanks to Mr. Norm von der Embse, a respected former educator, who recently brought in a sample of a letter aimed at grandparents of students.

KHS Second Quarter ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Elizabeth Mack
Ryan Smith

Juniors

Ryan Hoffman
Austin Kruse

Sophomores

Kari Schroeder
Katie Unverferth
Abby Wilson

Freshmen

Sara Mack
Stacy Reindel
Brittany Schroeder
Trent Smith

Eighth Grade

Kasie Bellmann
Dana Bruskotter
Lauren Erhart
Leah Gerding
Megan Jorrey
Jenna Kahle
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Seventh Grade

Michael Bockrath
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Stephanie Kortokrax
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Brandon Brickner
Niki Brinkman
Nathan Goedde
Kenzie Hanneman
Kristen Heitmeyer
Leah Hermiller
Amanda Kortokrax
Jessica Krouse
Kimberly Lammers
Andy Rampe
Greg Recker
Travis Schnipke
Angela Unverferth
Craig Unverferth
Neil Verhoff
Danielle Vorst
Jennifer Wehri

Juniors

Ryan Buss
Ross Ellerbrock
Amber Erhart
David Gerdeman
Kelly Knueve
Eric Schnipke
Julie Schroeder
Autumn Snyder
Jared Stechschulte
Megan Unverferth
Melissa Verhoff
Brad VonderEmbse
Jeremy Wehri
Laurie Westbeld
Lindsay Westbeld
Jessica Winkle

Sophomores

Rachel Cygan
Renee Cygan
Kevin Erhart
Megan Hamburg
Angela Hanneman
Brent Heitmeyer
Chris Kahle
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Rachel Knueve
Brandon Kortokrax
Dana Phillips
Ryan Rampe
Kelly Schnipke
Shawn Smith
Ashlee Warnecke

Freshmen

Austin Basinger
Adam Berheide
Karri Clementz
Alyssa Frey
Rob Gerding
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Craig Miller
Samantha Recker
Dean Schnipke
Abigail Schroeder
Adam Unverferth
Nicole Warnecke

Eighth Grade

Derek Birkemeier
Brandon Closson
Kyle Kahle
Kendra Kerner
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Louisa Millott
Erica Schmenk
Matthew Schnipke
Scott Schnipke
Bethany Smith

Seventh Grade

Emily Bendele
Kimberly Berheide
Amanda Brinkman
Greg Foppe
Julia Fuerst
Jeff Gerding
Stacie Heitmeyer
Kara Kaufman
Kelly Kehres
Nick Kersh
Katherine Kromer
Renee Langhals
Kylie McIntyre
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Abigail Schnipke
Abigail Swihart
Dillion Titus
Devin Warnecke
Stephanie Wilson



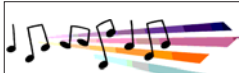
Announcing the High School Cast of The Wizard of Oz Showdates April 22-23



Dorothy- Lauren Verhoff
Aunt Em- Leah Remlinger
Uncle Henry- Justin Barnhart
Glinda- Kim Unverferth
Zeke/Lion- Shawn Spicer
Hickory/Tin Man- Michael Hogsett
Hank/Scarecrow- Shane Hill

Almira/Witch- Kelly Knueve
Professor/Wizard- Jason Reindel
Emerald City Guard- Aaron Swihart
Mayor- Austin Barnhart
2 School Teachers- Kayla Kromer,
Emily Berheide
Coroner- Aaron Geckle

3 Lollypop Guys- Tim Buckland
Chorus/Osians/Tornado- Kerri Geckle,
Dana Phillips, Jen Wehri, Molly Utendorf
Munchkins- Brooke Schroeder,
Jennifer Honigford, Ashlee Warnecke
Lullaby League- Emily Kahle,
Angela Hanneman, Stefanie Schroeder



Music Boosters' January Drawing

\$50 Mike Knueve
\$50 Stan
& Joan Smith
\$50 Lisa Unverferth
\$50 Phil
& Sue Fuerst

**Superintendent:
Mark Neal**

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HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School Library

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