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The PawPrint

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Notes from the Superintendent

As the Spring season approaches, there are a number of exciting developments and changes within the school district.

Ohio School Facilities-A meeting was held with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) on March 9 regarding phase two of the districts master plan for new building construction. Current enrollment projections thru 2010 have been formulated by the OSFC, and these projections will be used to determine the scope of the remaining construction for the district. The first round of funding for next year will be announced yet this month. It is unlikely that Kalida will be selected at this time. The second round will occur in May, and our district does have a slim chance of getting notification at that time. If not in May, it is quite likely that we will be one of the first districts to be funded the following year, provided our ranking does not change.

Staff Changes-We have several staff members who have officially announced their retirement and/or resignation at the completion of this school year. I would like to recognize and thank these teachers for their dedication to the students of the Kalida School District.

Frank Schroeder – Retirement. Mr. Schroeder has taught social studies in the high school grades 7-12 since 1986.

Kevin Deitering – Resignation. Mr. Deitering has taught Spanish at Kalida since 2000. Kevin and his wife Rebecca and family will be moving to Ecuador, South America, where they will serve as missionaries with the organization *The Master's Mission*.

Also retiring this year (as announced in the August PawPrint) are Mr. Bob Gerdeman (High School Science/Athletic Director), Mrs. Beth Myers (Guidance), and Mrs. Tammy Schroeder (Kindergarten).

Ms. Jenna Grunden was approved by the school board at the March meeting to teach Spanish and replace Mr. Deitering. Jenna is a graduate of Wayne Trace High School in Paulding County and is from Grover Hill. She will be graduating from Bluffton College in May.

Mrs. Blyth Turnwald will be returning to the Elementary to teach math and that creates an position opening in the math department grades 7-12.

Mr. Jim McBride was appointed Athletic Director and will begin his duties immediately. Interviews are currently underway for a new guidance counselor, mathematics teacher, and social studies teacher.

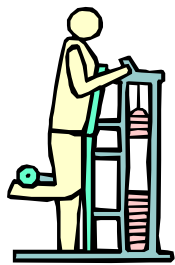
~ *Superintendent Mark K. Neal*

Calendar Notes

March 24	April 5 -6	April 14-17	April 20-22	May 24	May 28	May 29	August 22
Quarter Break No School	Kindergarten Screening	Easter Break	Sound of Music KHS Auditeria	Last Day of School	Graduation Class of 2006	Memorial Day	School Begins 2006-07

Weight Room & Fitness Center

There is a new project under way at Kalida High School. This project is the creation of a state of the art weight room and fitness center. A committee has been formed to



promote, fund and develop this project. The Weight Room and Fitness Center Committee members include Brian Dean, Chris Fortman, Todd Hanneman, Luke Hermiller, Jason Hoffman, Rick Horstman, Rick Kortokrax, Brian Laudick, Phil Maag, Jim McBride, Rhonda Osterhage, Joe Recker, Steve Smith, Gary Stechs-

chulte, Jeremy Stober, Pat Thamon, Larry Unverferth, Barry von der Embse, Gary Zeller, Principal Don Horstman, Principal Karl Lammers, and Superintendent Mark Neal.

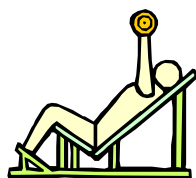
“The biggest challenge in the past was finding available square footage in a convenient location to house the equipment,” said committee chairman Joe Recker. “With our new school operational, we now have the space that is needed. After much deliberation, the committee has agreed to place new equipment in the old high school cafeteria. This area is over 1500 square feet and is accessible to all athletic locations.”

“The Weight Room and Fitness Center Committee has been very thorough in looking at all the options to find the best and most versatile equipment available within the budget. We want equipment that will prove to be functional and beneficial for many years to come as well as transferable to a new facility in the future.”

“In addition to helping our sports teams train, the weight room/fitness center could be used for classes. Jim McBride, the physical education teacher, is in the process of developing criteria to teach accredited classes in this facility next school year.”

“The positive feedback and enthusiasm from this community on this project has been overwhelming,” said Mr. Recker. “We would like to thank Rick and Ted Horstman, owners of RTH processing in Delphos, for their donation of the installation materials and rubber flooring in this temporary location. Thanks also to the school board, the administration, the athletic boosters, and the athletic department for the continued support, time and effort put into this project.”

The committee’s goal is to have a new weight room and fitness center operational by the end of the school year. This is an aggressive goal and the committee intends to keep the public informed throughout the progress.



The Sound of Music

The cast for *The Sound of Music* has been announced. Please join us for performances on April 20, 21 and 22.

MARIA RAINIER—Kelly Knueve
MOTHER ABBESS—Louisa Millott
SISTER BERTHE—Stefanie Schroeder
SISTER MARGARETTA—Kayla Kromer
SISTER SOPHIA—Makenna Basinger
FRAU SCHMIDT, THE HOUSEKEEPER—Lisa Duling
ELSA SCHRAEDER—Kim Unverferth
URSULA/CHORUS—Megan Hamburg
CAPTAIN VON TRAPP—Adam Berheide
ROLF GRUBER—Shane Hill
MAX DETWEILER—Justin Barnhart
FRANZ THE BUTLER—Jason Reindel
HERR ZELLER—Aaron Swihart
BARON ELBERFELD—Austin Barnhart
ADMIRAL VON SCHREIBER—Brandon Kortokrax
LIESEL—Lauren Erhart
FRIEDRICH—Tim Buckland
LOUSIA—Ashlee Warnecke
KURT—Ryan Erhart
BRIGITTA—Alexis Decker
MARTA—Maddison Edelbrock
GRETLE—Anna Berheide
GRETLE UNDERSTUDY—Claire Warnecke
NUNS—Lauren Verhoff, Brooke Schroeder, Emily Kahle, Angela Hanneman, Michelle Webken, Alexis Hill, Nicole Warnecke, Brittany Bockrath
MALE CHORUS/PARTY GUESTS/NAZIS
Kyle Kahle, David Gerdeman, Sean Fischnich, Jared Siebeneck, Josh Verhoff, Michael Turnwald
PARTY GUESTS—Bethany Smith, Emily Selhorst, Jill Hoffman

Cafeteria Review

The high school and elementary cafeterias have had great results with the newly implemented Meals Plus computer system. There have been few glitches and even fewer problems. A few reminders for parents and students: 1.) When sending check payments to school, please list on the check the PIN numbers that should be connected to the payment. 2.) Each student in school has his own PIN number. Meals are electronically counted for government reimbursement. Only one lunch per PIN is accredited each day. It is for this reason that two or more family members can not share a number. 3.) Please be considerate to the cashier. Handing her handfuls of coin can cause delays in line. 4.) Each student should enter their PIN number only after the student in line before him is through with his transaction. Entering the next PIN number before the previous transaction is closed can cause the accounts to be credited/or debited incorrectly.

High School Science Fair Participants

On March 4, fifteen students participated in the Putnam County Science Fair at Miller City. Listed below are the students and the various projects they displayed.

Austin Barnhart - "What is phototropism?"

Michael Bockrath - "How do the eyes see color?"

Julia Fuerst - "How does the surface of an inclined plane affect how far and fast an object rolls?"

Amy Hamburg - "On which food does mold grow the fastest?"

Trisha Horstman - "Do different substances affect the rate of oxidation?"

Kara Kaufman - "How do food proteins affect whole wheat bread?"

Kelly Kehres - "How does the mass of an object affect its velocity when sinking through water?"

Stephanie Kortokrax - "Is a person's heart rate affected by music?"

Katie Kromer - "Which environment does yeast grow the best in?"

Abby Rampe - "How does caffeine affect the blood pressure of the young and old?"

Jill Rieman - "Do different colors of clothing absorb different amounts of heat?"

Michael Turnwald - "Which bridge design can support the most weight?"

Stephanie Verhoff - "Does the type of corn affect the rate of germination?"

Margaret von der Embse - "How does acid rain affect different rocks?"

Devin Warnecke - "Does smell affect taste?"

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards at the Putnam County Science Fair:

Superior Ratings- Stephanie Kortokrax, Jill Rieman, Michael Turnwald and Margaret von der Embse

Outstanding Presentation Award-Kara Kaufman

Solid Waste Management Award-Trisha Horstman

Engineering Award-Michael Turnwald

Sight Related Award-Michael Bockrath

On March 11, Michael Turnwald will be participating in the Northwest Ohio Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Northwest State Community College in Archbold. On March 18, Kara Kaufman will compete at the District Science Fair at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Good Luck to them both.

Elementary Science Fair

On February 24, thirty-three sixth grade students chose to present their science projects in the elementary cafeteria.

Sixteen high school seniors, under the direction of student teacher Adam Schumacher, served as judges. They were very impressed with the quality of the projects and awarded many first place ribbons. We thank them for helping promote science exploration at Kalida Local Schools.

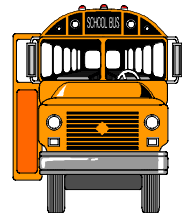


Megan Meyer



Jeremy Verhoff

Ever thought of driving a school bus?



We are actively searching for substitute bus drivers for the Kalida School District. Training involves obtaining your CDL, attending a series of classes totaling 15 hours, driving with trainer for 12 hours and successfully completing a health physical, drug test, fingerprinting, a BCI check and a BMV record check. The next training class is scheduled in April at Van Wert City High School. If you are interested, please call 419-532-3534 for details.

Teddy Bear Drive

Renee Schroeder, a KHS student from Vantage, is completing her senior project simply called *Teddy Bear Drive*. As part of her project, Renee needed to log in 15 hours into the project, write a theme paper, and create a power point presentation for the class. Never did she imagine that her project would grow into such a success. As of this writing, Renee has collected over 600+ gently used or new stuffed animals. Renee is working with the Van Wert American Red Cross to send them to the young victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Renee is studying Health Careers at Vantage and will be attending college in the fall to become an Occupational Therapy Assistant. Congratulations, Renee on a job well done.

Honors Band

Congratulations to David Gerdeman-Baritone, Louisa Millott-Trombone, Ashlee Warnecke-Saxophone, Alisha Knueve-French horn, Brandon Closson-Percussion, and Austin Basinger-Trumpet for being selected to perform in the *Putnam County Honors Band*.

Honors Choir

Congratulations to Kelly Knueve, Kayla Kromer, Austin Barnhart, Justin Barnhart, Lauren Erhart, Stefanie Schroeder, and Shane Hill for being selected for the *Putnam County Honors Choir*.

Junior High Honors Choir

Congratulations to the following junior high students who were selected to perform in the *Junior High District Honors Festival Choir and Band*. Brent Birkemeier, Amanda Brinkman, and Katie Kromer performed with the choir. Band members were Kara Kaufman and Michael Turnwald.

Lima Area Youth Symphony

KHS senior Alisha Knueve will also be performing with the Lima Area Youth Symphony on Saturday, April 8 at 8:15 pm. For tickets please contact her at 419-532-2052.

Winter Sports Athletic Banquet

Kalida K of C, March 28.

Tickets available one week prior to the event at the Kalida High School office.

A Striking Season

Congratulations to the Kalida Bowling team who just completed their competitive season. Team members include: Stacey Hunter, Jared Stechschulte, Chris Miller, Ben Ridinger, Jeff Beach, Alan Verhoff, Andy Miller, Chris Kahle, Justin Kahle, Craig Miller, Aaron Geckle, Andy Burwell, and Aaron Patterson.



Special honors to Stacy Hunter who was named the MVP with a 168 average. The team was coached by Rob Schnippel.

Scholastic Team

The KHS Academic Club will be competing in a county wide tournament on March 23. Their season so far this year has been very impressive--logging in 13 wins and only 3 losses. The team is coached by Mr. Sonny Gasser and assistant Mrs. Jan Gasser. Team members include: David Gerdeman, Ben Adams, Justin Barnhart, Julie Schroeder, Jared Stechschulte, Ryan Buss, Ross Ellerbrock, Jared Siebeneck, Jason Reindel, Justin Kahle, Chris Kahle, Austin Barnhart and Trent Smith.

Library News

The Kalida High School Library would like to thank the *Kalida Fish & Game Club* for their donation of a subscription to the Ohio Outdoor News.

Thanks also to *Charlie Vorst* for his donation of the 1957 & 1958 yearbooks. Anyone else interested in donating their old yearbooks, please call the high school.

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

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