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Calendar Notes

May 2

Prom

May 8

Awards Assembly
1:30 PM-KHS

May 11

8 PM

HS Academic
Program
HS Auditoria

May 15

HS Field Day

May 24

Graduation

May 26

Sport Physicals
6-9 PM
KHS Gym

May 29

Last Day of
School
1 PM dismissal

June

HS finishes move
to new HS
& Elementary
moves to
modulars

August 31

Back to School
2009-2010
School year

Notes from the Superintendent ~ Don Horstman

CONGRATULATIONS! - We congratulate our winter sports athletes, coaches, advisors and parents. This was an exciting time for Kalida Local Schools. Our cheerleaders made their first ever appearance at the state cheerleading competition and finished in fourth place. Our cheerleaders were also able to be a part of a great tournament run by our boys' basketball team that ended with a heartbreaking loss to Oak Hill in the state finals. The boys gave it their best, but were beat by not one, but two desperation shots. Finally our girls' basketball team made it to the regional tournament before bowing out to New Reigel. Our girls also received a state award as they were recognized by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association for the second best team grade point average in the entire state. The award is based on the average of the top nine players' first semester grade point average and the Lady Cats average GPA was 3.92. They were edged out by 1/100th of a point for first place. What an unbelievable accomplishment! Congratulations to all of you on a very successful winter sports season.

Our winter season continued with our Academic Club/Quiz Bowl team's second place finish in the Putnam County tournament. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gasser and all of the students involved. I would also like to congratulate Joe & Laura Warnement, the cast and the crew of *The King and I*. They put on a great performance last weekend as they wrapped up our winter activities and we begin to prepare for our spring activities.

As our enhancement committee signs point out, the three pillars of success at Kalida Local Schools are the Arts, Academics, and Athletics. Putting these three pillars together adds up to "A Tradition of Excellence." I definitely think our students, coaches, advisors, teachers and parents have demonstrated the wisdom of that philosophy this winter.

High School Construction - The high school project has slowed down considerably with all of the inclement weather we have been experiencing this winter and spring, but we are still on track to be ready when school starts in August. On April 8, our high school students and staff moved out to our modular units to allow contractors time to start demolition of the old high school. Mrs. Klausing and Mrs. Glick were able to move into the new band room at that time and we are waiting on a few items to gain access to the new weight room as well. Work still needs to be completed on the new practice rooms and music library in the band room area, but that work will take place this summer when the students are no longer in the building. Thank you to all of our high school students, teachers and staff for their patience during the move and last few weeks of school. It is not fun at times, but it will all be worth it when the new high school is finished.

The contractors have begun to install cabinets, ceiling grids/tile, flooring, plumbing fixtures, and doors this week and the interior of the building is changing rapidly. It is really starting to look like a school on the inside. The exterior work is also continuing as the contractors wrap up the roofing, exterior exhaust systems, and masonry work. Once the old high school is demolished work will begin on the parking lots and landscaping. Everyone is looking forward to moving into the new building this summer. Keep checking the school website for updated pictures of the high school construction project.

We had a very successful auction at the old high school on April 18 and demolition of the old high school is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2009. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare for the move and auction. We are now getting ready to schedule an auction at the elementary school and the demolition and bid process for the elementary project. We will keep you posted on the progress at the elementary.

New Kalida Park Planning Continues

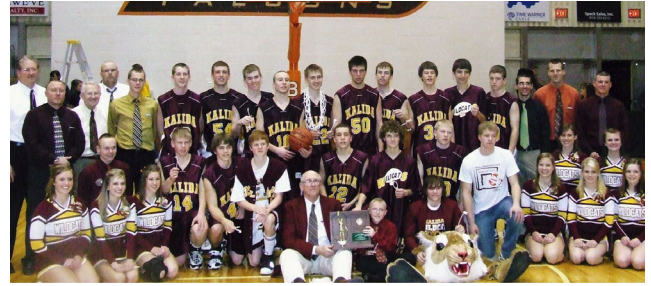
The Kalida Lions and Kalida Athletic Boosters have recently posted a preliminary proposed layout of the new Kalida Park on their web site, www.kalidaparks.com. While this layout is very preliminary, feel free to take a look at it and offer them your feedback. Simply send an e-mail directly from the web site with your thoughts and ideas to them. They appreciate all the input they have received so far, and welcome any and all additional comments. To date, they have received approximately 20 e-mails with various ideas and comments. One of the comments heard several times was to make sure there were enough walking/bike paths included in this plan. This will certainly be part of the overall plan and they are working hard to have good walking access from the village.

On Saturday May 9, the Kalida Area Chamber of Commerce and the Kalida Lions will be joining forces to hold a Corn Hole Contest. The Kalida Lions will use their proceeds from this event for development of the new park, while the Chamber will be devoting their proceeds to downtown beautification of the upcoming Broad Street and Town Square project. More information will be forthcoming on this Corn Hole Tournament to be held on May 9.

Essay Winner- Congratulations to Casey Unverferth for being selected as a winner of the Lima Elks Lodge 54 Americanism Essay Contest. The essay topic this year was *"What Freedom Means to Me."* Three local essays were chosen and have been submitted to the West Central District for the next level of competition.

Poster Contest Winner - Congratulations to Kalida Elementary student Lexi Meyer who has been chosen as a winner in the RECYCLE Putnam County Poster Contest. Her design will be displayed on billboards throughout Putnam County. It also will be displayed at the Putnam County Fair this summer.

May, 2059 - Mr. Robert Gasser's World Eastern Studies class recently conducted a semester project collecting, tagging, explaining, and boxing a variety of items significant to today's lifestyles for a 50 year time capsule. The high school teachers, staff, and students from the World Eastern Studies class all donated items for the project. In addition, today's newspapers, articles and pictures of our old and new buildings were included. Special thanks to Mr. Rob Schnippel's Vo-Ag class for making the steel capsule box. The box and plaque will be displayed in Mr. Gasser's classroom in the new building next fall. The box will be reopened and contents re-examined in May, 2059. Mark your Calendar!



Boys' 2009 Division IV State Runners Up

New Computer Equipment - The Kalida Local Schools have received a new computer thanks to a state wide program aimed at expanding youngster's access to the internet. The computer, donated by the Kalida Telephone Company was presented to the Kalida Local Schools technology department as part of the Connect Ohio initiative. "The generous donation by the Kalida telephone company is greatly appreciated and will continue to allow the Kalida Local Schools to offer the best technology resources to our students that is available," commented Jeremy Stober, Technology Coordinator.

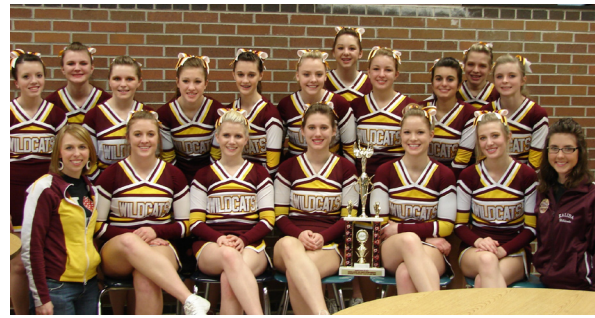


LadyCat Basketball - Sergeant Jason Schmehl of the Ohio Army National Guard presented a plaque and a pizza party to the KHS girls' basketball team for being one of the top academic teams in the state. They were #2 in the state with a collective 3.92 GPA for the first semester, which took in account all divisions in both boys and girls. The Kalida Girls Varsity Team finished the season with 17 wins and 8 losses. They played in the Regional Semi-finals at Elida and were defeated there by New Riegel. The Kalida Ladycats also earned a share of the PCL Championship. Coach Lammers was awarded the 2009 PCL Coach of the year. Congratulations!



Food Drive -

The students in grades 6 through 12 recently took part in a food drive for the local food pantry. Students gathered two truckful of groceries for the less fortunate. Student council members coordinated the event and helped deliver the goods to Ottawa.



Cheerleaders 2009 - The Kalida High School cheerleaders competed at the OASSA state competition in early March. This is the first time Kalida has qualified for state. The girls had an amazing performance and finished in 4th place! The cheerleaders and coaches would like to thank the family, friends, boys basketball team & community members who went to support them in Columbus. Kalida certainly had the largest and most spirited group in attendance! Thank you for your support! Front row: Advisor Sarah Fortman, Leah Gerding, Kendra Kerner, Erica Schmenk, Jenna Kahle, Kasie Bellmann, and advisor Katelyn Dendringer. Back row: Megan Meyer, Brianna Recker, Katie Helmke, Kim Berheide, Brooke Schnipke, Kendra Hoffman, Karly Westbeld, Alyssa Verhoff, Alice Verhoff, Ericka Kohls, and Deanna Kahle.

Did you Know? - For every *Boxtop for Education* label turned in to the school, we receive .10 cents. Since 2002, we have earned \$9823 from your collections. This year so far Mrs. Ketcham has submitted coupons worth \$1568. We ask you also to collect and turn in Campbell's Soup products UPC codes. This program will let us exchange the UPC codes for many school use items such as recorders, VCRs, and playground equipment.

When you clip and save, just follow the dotted line around the edge. This is a big help and time saver to Mrs. Ketcham and her student helpers. Turn them in at either school office or send them to school with the students! Thanks and Keep Saving!!

Dual Enrollment Applications Due

Wright St. University is requesting that dual enrollment applications be completed and given to Mr. Clement by May 15. Therefore, any senior who registered to take Anatomy and/or English 101 next year and wishes to earn transcribed credit for Wright State's Biology 111 (named Anatomy & Physiology at KHS) and English 101 should complete the application and pay the \$25 application fee by May 15. Checks should be made payable to Wright St. University. Applications will be made available to students beginning the school week of April 27. Any student who changes his/her mind in August and decides not to request Wright St. credit will be reimbursed the application fee amount. Students can still take the course for high school credit. If you were unable to attend the informational session in February led by representatives from Wright St. University and James A. Rhodes State College and need clarification on dual enrollment, please contact Mr. Clement at the high school office.



Academic Club - Congratulations to the KHS Academic Team who finished second in the PCL Academic Tournament on March 17. Members include Steph Verhoff, Doug McIntyre, Leah Gerding, Erica Schmenk, Neal Lammers, Matt Schnipke, Megan Jorrey, Amy VonderEmbse, Alex Vorst, Jenna Kahle, Jeff Gerding, Kasie Bellmann, Josh Dawson, Brittany Bockrath, Dana Bruskotter, Katie Kromer and Kelly Kehres. The team is coached by Robert and Jan Gasser.

Fundraiser Continues - Scrips cards from the Kalida Elementary PTO and vacations and graduations...a perfect combination! From iTunes and Shell gas cards, to restaurants and clothing stores, there are literally hundreds of options! Ordering is easy...simply go to the school website, download an order form, and return it to the elementary school. There are even many area businesses on the list for you to shop local. Orders for the rest of the school year will be placed on May 4 and May 18. Cards are available 4-5 days after ordering. Please call Trisha Klausing at 419.532.3053 or Kelly von der Embse at 419.532.2105 with any questions. Thank you for your support of the PTO!

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School Board Meetings

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

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Third Quarter All A's

6th Grade

Katey Buss
Mariah Doepker
Luke Langhals
Logan Roebke
Olivia Schmenk
7th Grade
Thaddeus Backus
Alexis Decker
Meredith Kromer
Patrick Millott
Kiersten Recker
Kylie Siebeneck
Whitney Smith
Jarrod Stober
Elizabeth Turnwald
Justine Verhoff
Randy Zeller

8th Grade

Andrea Bellmann
Carrie Gerding
Rich Langhals
Amy Smith
Kaylyn Verhoff

Freshmen

Nicole Kaufman
Sophomores
Samantha Edwards
Allison Fitzgerald
Michelle Jorrey
Justin Neidert
Amanda Schulte

Juniors

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

Seniors

Kasie Bellmann
Leah Gerding
Megan Jorrey
Jenna Kahle
Erica Schmenk
Matt Schulte
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Vantage Juniors

Kyle Hoffman
Ryan Unverferth

Vantage Seniors

Leanna Pitts

6th Grade

Rhovin Almonte
Rebecca Brinkman
Ben Burkhart
Molly Ellerbrock
Zach Erhart
Jacquelyn Gardner
Kennedy Hoffman
Trevor Holtkamp
Brent Hovest
Melissa Jorrey
Mitchell Kerner
Erin Knueve
Devin Kortokrax
Cole Miller
Morgan Niese
Rachel Rall
Nicole Recker
Derek Schroeder
Bradley Siebeneck
Ryan Siefker
Sierra Snyder
Aaron Tenwalde
Kimberly Verhoff
Noah Verhoff
Megan Vine
Alexis Vorst
Austin Vorst
Casey Wehri
Grant Zeller

7th Grade

Dana Cattell
Joe Gerdeman
Trevor Guisinger
Ryan Kahle
Kyle Kehres
Katelyn Kortokrax
Andrew Krouse
Adam Langhals
Brooke Loveland
Cody Niese
Nicole Reindel
Michael Schroeder
Derek Verhoff
Sarah Verhoff
Sarah Wortkoetter

Third Quarter AB Honor Roll

8th Grade

Damon Birkemeier
Ben Cleemput
Jessica Doepker
Anthony Dunn
Ryan Erhart
Summer Holtkamp
Kristi Honigfort
Austin Horstman
Kendra Hunter
Adam Knueve
Phillip Loveland
Neil Recker
Racheal Schumaker
Kayla Siefker
Casey Unverferth
Julia Vandemark
Shelly Verhoff
Eric Warnecke
Joel Zeller

Freshmen

Levi Blake
Eric Ellerbrock
Neil Gerding
Amanda Guisige
Brady Hermiller
Miranda Hermiller
Eric Hill
Deanna Kahle
Nathan Kortokrax
Tyler Kortokrax
Haley McIntyre
Austin Roebke
Connor Schmenk
Cody Schnipke
Ben Schroeder
Aaron Siebeneck
Drew Stechschulte
Kevan Unverferth
Paul Utendorf
Ben von der Embse
Karly Westbeld
Halie Zenz

Sophomores

Bryan Fortman
Chad Goergens
Tyler Hoffman
Chelsea Kahle
Derek Korte
Kelsey Miller
Austin Neidert
Kristopher Osterhage
Brianna Recker
Alex Schroeder
Emily Turnwald
Alyssa Verhoff
Andrew Warnecke
Jillian Wehri

Juniors

Jeff Gerding
Stacie Heitmeyer
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Kelly Kehres
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katie Kromer
Renee Langhals
Abby Rampe
Jill Riemann
Anna Tenwalde
Devin Warnecke
Stephanie Wilson

Seniors

Makenna Basinger
Derek Birkemeier
Brittany Bockrath
Dana Bruskotter
Lauren Erhart
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Amy VonderEmbse
Michelle Webken

Vantage Juniors

Devan Lewis
Michael Niemeyer
Bryan Recker
Mark Schmitz
Katelyn Schumaker
Brandon Selhorst
Tyler Verhoff

Vantage Seniors

Cody Buss
Matt Erhart
Jeff Miller
Scott Schroeder
Bill Schumaker
Josh Wehri
Kyle Westbeld