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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes

May 24

Graduation
2:00 PM
High School
Gymnasium

May 26

Sports
Physicals
6:00-9:00 PM
HS Gym

May 29

Last Day of
School
1:00 PM
Early
Dismissal

June 1

Teachers'
Last Day

July 18

Emily Kahle
Golf Outing

August 31

Back To
School
2009-2010
School Year

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Birkemeier. Mrs. Birkemeier will be retiring at the end of the school year. She has been teaching at Kalida Elementary School for almost four decades and in that time has been involved in the lives of hundreds of students. We would like to thank Mrs. Birkemeier and wish her well as she sets out on the next adventure in her life.



“It has been a pleasure to work in Kalida for the past 39 years. I won’t miss the stacks of papers to grade, but it is sad to leave the staff and students whom I consider to be my extended family. It’s wonderful to know I’ve been touched by the lives of so many students. I plan to be a substitute teacher/tutor so I won’t be leaving my passion completely. I also hope to travel and become more involved with family activities. Thanks to the staff, students and community for their support. Leaving will be bittersweet. My experience here has been memorable.”

Judy Birkemeier

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The demolition of the old high school hit a snag when asbestos was discovered in the ceiling and walls of the old gymnasium. The cost of the asbestos removal will be covered with high school construction funds and will not result in any general fund expenditures to the district. The asbestos removal is scheduled to be completed by May 22 and the demolition will move forward starting May 26. This discovery has slowed down the demolition plans, but the final completion of the new high school should go on as scheduled. The high school teachers and office staff will begin moving their equipment into the new building in early June, and the entire project is scheduled to be completed in August with plenty of time to prepare for the first day of school.

The elementary construction project will be taking off just about the time we are wrapping up the high school project. We are in the process of finalizing the plans and time lines for the elementary auction, demolition, project bids and start of construction. We are still planning on demolition of the existing academic wing in July and starting construction this fall similar to the start of the high school project last year. The elementary would be completed in time for the first day of school in August of 2010. It is going to be a busy, hectic and exciting time for our staff, students and parents. We are looking forward to getting the elementary started and watching the daily progress as we move toward the completion of our new facilities.

Don Horstman, Superintendent



The *Modern Woodmen Oration Contest* winners in the junior high this year were Jarrod Stober (1st place), Summer Holtkamp (2nd), Cody Niese (3rd.) The theme this year was to write about a person that has touched many lives. Winners in the elementary were Joni Kaufman (3rd place), Nicole Recker (1st place), and Lindsey Erhart (2nd place).



Go Wildcats - Tryouts have been completed and the squads are set. Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Cheerleading Squads for next year!

HS - Kim Berheide, Katie Helmke, Brianna Recker, Alyssa Verhoff, Brooke Schnipke, Megan Meyer, Kendra Hoffman, Deanna Kahle, Karly Westbeld, Ericka Kohls, Leah Berheide, Casey Unverferth, Andrea Bellmann, Alyssa Odenweller, Emily Schnipke and Danae Webken

JH - Alexis Decker, Justine Verhoff, Whitney Smith, Sarah Verhoff, Yvonia Barnett, Erin Kohls, Lindsey Erhart, Megan Vine, Olivia Schmenk, Tori Gerding and Abbey Tschuor.

Senior Summary - The class of 2009 is comprised of 54 graduates. Their future endeavors span a wide array of career interests. Their selected majors in college cover a great variety of fields and professions. The health care sector is the big area of interest for this year's graduating class. Twenty-one graduates are considering a major and, inevitably, a career related in some way to the health care profession - 8 for nursing, 2 in occupational therapy, 2 in pre-med and 1 each for pharmacy, athletic training, speech pathology, physical therapy, biomedical technician, biomedical sciences, biomedical engineering, premed, and music therapy. Business is the second most popular field of choice with 3 graduates considering accounting, 2 for business administration and 1 for marketing. Other career plans include industrial mechanics, mechanical engineering, sign language, graphic arts, computer programming, equine massage therapy and cosmetology. Graduates will be attending schools and seeking employment not only in the Putnam county area, but also throughout all regions of Ohio as well as other states in the Midwest.

Here is a quick summary:

Twenty-two seniors will be attending institutions of higher learning up and down I -75 from the north to the south. Fourteen alone will be within a stone's throw of each other as they attend schools in the Toledo area - five at the University of Toledo, five at Owens Community College and four at Bowling Green State University. Moving south along the interstate, three will be living in the Flag City while attending the University of Findlay, one at Bluffton University while four will move to the Miami Valley and attend schools in the Dayton

area - two at Wright St. and two at the University of Dayton. Two other seniors will not be too far from Dayton as they attend Urbana University and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Twelve seniors will be attending college much closer to home at three schools in Lima - five at James A. Rhodes State College, five at the University of Northwestern Ohio and five at the Ohio State University in Lima. Two graduates will also become OSU Buckeyes and attend the main campus in Columbus. Besides OSU, two other seniors will be going to school in our state's capital - one at Columbus St. and the second at The Paul Mitchell Academy. Ohio Northern University and Hocking Hills College are two points of destination for two more graduates. Finally, two of our graduating Wildcats will cross state lines - one to the southeast into West Virginia at Wheeling Jesuit University and the other to the west by attending Trine University in Angola, Indiana.

Three of our graduating seniors will be serving their country in the armed services - one in the Air Force, one in the Army and the third in the National Guard. We certainly thank them for their commitment and future service. Finally, seven seniors will take their skills learned in respective trades at the Vantage Career Center and enter the workforce.

In summary, it was another great year for a very talented senior class. This year's graduates earned or were awarded scholarships in excess of \$835,000 for their academic, artistic and athletic talents. We are extremely proud of all our graduates for their accomplishments and wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors as they represent their families, community, and our school. Congratulations!!!

Cafeteria Review - The Ohio Department of Education recently conducted its 5 year Coordinated Review Effort and School Meals Initiative of the school's cafeteria system. Having two cafeterias in place at the current time it was the high school's turn for examination. The review of the high school cafeteria on April 9 was found to be in compliance with federal and state regulations. In addition to the review the following observations were noted by Regional Consultant Mr. Garrett Kane:

- Administration of food program was very organized and professional.
- Kitchen staff does a great job of preparing and serving meals.
- Students appeared happy and well cared for on the day of the review.
- Joyce Klausing and her staff are to be commended for their great efforts.

Congratulations to the entire cafeteria staff on maintaining the quality of food service and serving nutritious meals to our students.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most

A reminder from the Drug-Free Action Alliance and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. As a parent, you **cannot** give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21, under any circumstance, even in your own home. Even with their parent's permission you cannot do so. You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

If you break the law: You can face a maximum sentence of 6 months in jail and/or a \$1000 fine. Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property. Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.

Things you can do as a parent:

Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.

Be at home when your teen has a party.

Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your child's friends.

Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.

Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens feel welcome. Report underage drinking to local law enforcement. Remember these facts during the upcoming graduation parties and events.



Money Stall - "A big thanks to all of you who participated in the Cats Who Care money stall! We collected a total of **\$1,213.96** which was far above and beyond what we were hoping for," said Mrs. Missler. Proceeds will be used for various charities the club supports. Counting coins are juniors Devin Warnecke and Amy Hamburg with Mrs. Jenna Missler overseeing the collection.

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Members:

Brian Laudick-VP
Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte
Dennis Turnwald-President
Don Wehri

School Board Meetings

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

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote



Music Booster Drawing
April

Bill/Sue Clementz \$150
Jeff Blanford \$125
Connie Miller \$100
Steve/Carolyn Miller \$75
John Hopkins \$75
Carlie Siefker \$50
Ron/Lesley Peck \$50
Jill Hoffman \$50
Ruth Ann Foppe \$50

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The Graduating Class of 2009
Kalida High School
Sunday, May 24, 2:00 PM

* Valedictorian
^ Salutatorian



Logan Michael Bartley
Makenna Rochelle Basinger
*Kasie Lianne Bellmann
Derek John Birkemeier
Brittany Ann Bockrath
Dana Nicole Bruskotter
Cody John Buss
Joshua Michael Dawson
Jarvin Lance Decker
Preston William Ellerbrock
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Ryan Christopher Kleman
Jessica Lynn Kneuve
^Neal Daniel Lammers

Darcy Lynn Langhals
Douglas James McIntyre
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*Erica Lynn Schmenk
Matthew Thomas Schnipke
Scott Michael Schnipke
Ben Donald Schroeder
Scott David Schroeder
Cassandra Lynn Schulte
Matthew William Schulte
William Paul Schumaker
Emily Marie Selhorst
Bethany Elaine Smith
Adam Michael Tenwalde
*Gina Rae Verhoff
Joshua Allan Verhoff
Amy Marie Vonder Embse
*Matt Gregory Warnecke
Michelle Lynn Webken
Josh Allen Wehri
Kyle Joseph Westbeld

Class Flower: White Calla Lily

Class Song:

'Here's to the Night' by Eve 6

Class Colors:

Metallic Gold,
Maroon & Black

Class Motto: "We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."

Tim McGraw

