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August 22
School Begins

August 25
Back to School Blast
6:00 PM Meal
7:00 PM Introduction of Fall Teams & Events

September 4
Labor Day
No School

September 18
KHS Blood Mobile

October 30
Quarter Break
No School

Nov. 21-22
Teacher Conferences
No School

Nov. 23-24
Thanksgiving Break
No School

Dec. 22-Jan.2
Christmas Break
No School

Notes from the Superintendent

It is almost time for the children of Kalida to return to school. This month's newsletter is full of information relevant to the start of school and I hope that you find this information beneficial as your families begin "back to school" preparations. Administrators, building secretaries and our new guidance counselor are all back to work and anxious to get the school year underway.

New Teacher- At the August Kalida School Board meeting, board members officially hired Mrs. Heidi Ridenour as the new vocal music teacher. Mrs. Ridenour is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She began her teaching career at the Alliance Academy of Toledo. Mrs. Ridenour will be teaching in both the elementary and high school.

Congratulations- Mary Lou Mershman has announced her resignation as bus driver for the Kalida Schools. The District is very grateful for the 18 years that Mary Lou served the children of Kalida. Thanks, Mary Lou!

Bus Routes- Because of the district's declining enrollment, we will not be replacing the position that was created with Mrs. Merschman's resignation. The routes have been completely re-worked and parents/students will be contacted by their bus driver in the next couple of weeks with approximate pick-up times. Residents might see the yellow busses out on the roads as the drivers begin learning their new routes and establishing approximate pick-up times in preparation for the new school year.

Perfect Score - As the staff begins to return, I am very happy to say that the district has achieved another perfect district report card. Our achievement and OGT scores from this past spring rank us in the top five school districts in Ohio in terms of standardized test scores. Report cards are available for the past several years online at: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard/> Hard copies of the 2006 report cards will be available in early September at both school buildings and the central office if residents would like to stop by and pick one up. These test scores are a credit to our teachers, building administrators, families, and the entire Kalida community.

Junior High and High School Schedules- Come in and meet Mr. Jeff Clement, our new guidance counselor, when you pick up your schedule for the new school year.

August 16-18 in the H.S. Office 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Incoming seventh graders will receive their schedules in the mail with a letter concerning the evening orientation meeting **August 15, 7 PM** in the high school.

To avoid lunch delays on the first day of school, any students wishing to pre-pay on the lunch account may drop off a check at the same time.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Cafe Prices Increase

Please note the changes in cafeteria prices.

Elem. Student Lunch \$1.75 **HS. Lunch**
\$2.00
Student Milk .40 **HS. Milk.40**
Adult lunch/salad 2.75
Adult Milk .45
Ala Carte 1.25

To avoid lunch delays on the first day of school, any students wishing to pre-pay on the HS. lunch account may drop off a check at the same time they pick up the class schedules.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Kalida Local Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price (.40 cent) meals. Applications for Free and Reduced Lunches are available in the offices and will also be handed out to students on the first day of school. Prompt return of paperwork is necessary to help us secur-

OOPS!

Andrea Van Oss and Catherine Wilson's names were unintentionally omitted from the list of the 2006 Pioneer Queen Candidates printed in June. We apologize for this oversight. Good luck, Girls!

All Sports Passes On Sale Now

Pay one price and get into all the home-regular season-sporting events at Kalida. This includes all junior high and high school games for the 2006-07 school year. Reserved seating in the gym will require additional cost and will be taken care of in November. Passes are available in the Treasurer's office and prices are as follows:

Individual Student Pass \$65
Individual Adult Pass \$90
Senior Citizen Pass (Age 65 or older) \$65
Family Pass \$250

Reserved seating in the gym will require an additional cost and will be taken care of in November. Call 419-532-3534 for more information.

Note of Thanks

The Athletic Boosters would like to thank K & L for donating the bricking materials and to Verhoff Machine and Welding for donating the stainless steel tops needed to create the new drinking fountains at the softball diamond and the soccer field. Thanks also to Mark and Doug Wannemacher for volunteering their time and labor. Projects like these would not be possible without this help from local volunteers.

Looking for Workers

The Kalida Athletic Department is searching for persons interested in working home soccer and volleyball games. Duties might include taking admissions, line judges, official timers, bookkeepers and video-graphers. Some positions include working away games. These are paid positions. In the past, students have shown interest and have worked these positions. Please call the Athletic Department immediately at 419-532-3545 or the central office at 419-532-3534 for information.

Weight Room Announcement

Students should check Kalida's school website calendar for changes in the weight room openings. We now have weight lifting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Come on out and sweat!

FFA Fund-raiser

The KHS local FFA group has joined forces with the Monsanto Company in a program to help local growers monitor and better manage corn rootworm invasions. FFA members have placed the bug sticky traps in local soybean fields to determine whether rootworm beetles are present and at what level. The results of the monitoring program will enable farmers to determine if they have a potential rootworm problem that suggests they should consider management options for the 2007 growing season. Monsanto is also providing the FFA chapter with a \$50 donation for each sticky trap site they secure, including the return of completed test data at the end of the monitoring program in August.



High School

New Master Schedule- Over the course of the last three years we have eliminated three and one-half teaching positions and have moved to reduce the hours of our classroom aides and cafeteria staff. These changes have been made as part of an ongoing effort to cut expenses, to address our declining enrollment, and clear up the status of some of our lab science classes. It is our hope that the new master schedule will also address the need for extra time between classes to accommodate students moving between three buildings.

The new schedule will move us from a ten period day to a **nine period day**. The impact of the new schedule on students will be minimal, but some students may have a more difficult time fitting single section electives into their schedules. Most of these problems should be alleviated by eliminating the need for lab periods in Chemistry, Physics and Applied Biology.

Another change we are making to be more effective in the use of our staff will see Mrs. Nancy Grote splitting time between the high school office and the superintendent's office. Mrs. Grote will be taking over our attendance procedures at the high school.

Schedules will be available on June 16 in the high school office. If you have any questions please contact the high school office. Our new guidance counselor, Mr. Clement, or Mr. Horstman will attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Announcements and Newsletter- It has been the practice in the past to offer an email "subscription" to the daily announcements and the monthly newsletter. I plan on continuing that practice in order to keep the lines of communications open between the school and the community. If you are interested in receiving these announcements and the newsletter please send me an email with newsletter in the subject heading and we will start getting these out to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the high school office or at the following email address. ka_horstman@kalida.k12.oh.us

Staff Changes- Mr. Jim McBride has taken over athletic director's duties and has been very busy making a number of changes to our athletic department. He has been working very closely with Mrs. Carol Bockrath and Mr. Stober in implementing more technology in scheduling. We look forward to working with them as they help lead the athletic department in a new direction.

Mr. Karl Lammers will be taking over the coaching duties for the varsity girl's basketball team. We are very excited to have a person with Mr. Lammers' experience and knowledge heading up the Lady Cats program. Joining Mr. Lammers on the coaching staff will be Mr. Adam Huber and Mr. Scott Miller. Mr. Huber is the new high school math teacher while Mr. Miller is the new high school social studies teacher.

Mr. David Kehres will be taking over as the varsity girl's soccer coach this year. Coach Kehres stepped in half way through the season last year as our J.V. girl's coach and has been involved with SAY soccer for a number of years. Good luck to Coach Kehres.

Seventh Grade Parent Meeting- Mr. Clement and Mr. Horstman will be meeting with the parents of all incoming seventh graders on **Tues, August 15 at 7:00 PM in the high school auditeria**. We will discuss student and staff expectations, go over schedules, meet with some of our staff members and answer any questions you may have. We will also have time for students and parents to tour the high school buildings. Please contact the high school office if you have any questions.

Wildcat Back to School Blast Tailgate Party

Friday, August 25, 2006

Meal served from 6:00 - 6:40 PM

in Kalida High School Auditeria

Hamburger or hotdog, chips or pretzels, cookie & drink

Cost: \$3.00 Donation for meal

Sponsored by the Kalida Music Boosters and Kalida Athletic Boosters

Featuring high school: Golf, Soccer, Volleyball, Cheerleaders & Band @ 7:00 PM at the KHS Soccer Field. Bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the KHS Gymnasium. The KHS Alumni Volleyball game will follow in the high school gymnasium.

~ Staff Listings for 2006-07 ~

Mark Neal, Superintendent
 Cindy Webken, Treasurer
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 Don Horstman, HS. Principal
 Carol Kahle, HS Secretary
 Jeff Clement, Guidance
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 Adam Huber, 7-12 Math
 Roxanne Schumacher, 9-12 Math
 Michelle Fry, Art
 Jan Gasser, English
 Mary Gerding, English
 Deb Kahle, 8th Grade Language Arts
 Pam Schroeder, 7th Grade Language Arts
 Robert Gasser, Senior History
 Frank Schroeder, History/Full time Sub.
 Scott Miller, 7-12 Social Studies
 Charlotte Streets, JH Science/History
 Jenna (Grunden) Missler, Spanish
 Beth Grime, Science
 Ken Pothast, Science
 Doris Noffsinger, Typing, Accounting
 Stacy Knueve, Computer Classes, Yearbook
 Jim McBride, Phys. Education, Athletic Director
 Dale Liebrecht, Industrial Technology
 Rob Schnippel, Vocational Education
 Melanie Thorbahn, Special Education
 Denise Scherer, Librarian
 Connie Cleemput, Library Aide
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 Lori Klausing, Band
 Joyce Klausing, HS Head Cook
 Carolyn Miller, Cook
 Doris Stechschulte, Cook
 Mary Ann Hoersten, Cook
 Ellen Niemeyer, HS Cafe Cashier, Bus Driver



Karl Lammers, Elementary Principal
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 Nancy Kaufman, Kindergarten
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 Marsha Courtright, 3B
 Lori Erhart, 3C
 Joyce Brokamp, 4A
 Sarah Stewart, 4B
 Michele Niese, 4C
 Deb Eickholt, 5A
 Judy Birkemeier, 5B
 Beth Birkemeier, 5C
 Roger Luersman, 6A
 Blyth Turnwald, 6B
 Mary Smith, 6C
 Sharon Luebrecht, Phys. Ed
 Heidi Ridenour, Music
 Lori Fischer, DH
 Ann Vorst, Special Ed
 Chris Schroeder, Teacher Aide/Bus Driver
 Mary Lou Hoffman, Library Aide
 Jan Schroeder, Elem. Head Cook/Bus Driver
 Maggie Warnecke, Cook
 Nancy Smith, Cook, Teacher Aide
 Judy Bendele, Bus Driver
 Marilyn Hall, Bus Driver
 Dick Hoffman, Bus Driver
 Ken Stechschulte, Head Maintenance
 Jane Kleman, Maintenance
 Joyce Warnecke, Custodian

Superintendent:
Mark Neal
 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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

School Board
Members:

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Music Boosters

June \$50 Winners

Linda Schmenk
 Jen Meyer
 Roger VonderEmbse
 Don Horstman

July \$50 Winners

Tim & Karen Schroeder
 Joe & Kay Unverferth
 Mark & Lori Klausing
 Rick & Joanne Horstman

August \$50 Winners

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 Donna Schnipke
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