

The PawPrint

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Superintendent Notes

Mark K. Neal

Calendar Notes

August 13

Seventh Grade Orientation
 7:00 PM
 HS Auditoria

Aug. 15-17

Schedule Pickup in the high school office

August 22

First Day 2007-08
 School Year

August 30

HS Photo Day

Sept 3.

Labor Day
 No School

October 4

Early Dismissal 1:00 PM
 Teacher Inservice

October 29

Quarter Break
 No School

Nov.20-21

Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 22-23

Thanksgiving Break

Welcome Back -As we enter the month of August, the business of getting back to school is at hand. It has been a productive summer for the district as our maintenance and custodial crews have done a nice job preparing the buildings for the upcoming school year. Several staff members were in over the summer for Smart Board training and many teachers have begun working in their classrooms to prepare for the big day on August 22. Fall sports practice has begun and residents of the village have once again been hearing the band as they begin practice for their fall season as well.

Building Discussions-There has been a lot of discussion recently in the media regarding upcoming school construction projects in the area and the many issues that arise with the construction of new facilities. The Kalida Board of Education, St. Michael's Parish Council, Father Alt, and representatives of the Toledo Diocese have spent a great deal of time since last spring discussing several options pertaining to the purchase/lease of the current St. Michael's Elementary Building for our own upcoming building project. I would like to thank those community members who took the time to attend the August school board meeting, particularly the members of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and Father Alt. I am confident that an arrangement for the use/purchase of the St. Michaels Elementary Building is close at hand.

Retirement Announced -Sixth grade teacher Roger Luersman has officially announced his retirement at the conclusion of the upcoming school year. Roger will be ending a 35 year career as an elementary teacher having spent 34 of those years here at Kalida. On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to publicly thank him for his dedicated years of service to the children of Kalida.

Job Opportunities - Any resident who is considering employment as a substitute cafeteria worker or substitute bus driver is encouraged to contact the superintendent's office. We are also in need of high school student cafeteria workers once the school year gets underway. Any student interested in working in the high school cafeteria should talk to Mrs. Klausing upon their return to school.

Back to School Blast- Students return to school on August 22, and the Back to School Blast will be held on August 24 at 6:30 PM in the High School Auditoria. Students and coaches involved in the fall sports, as well as the marching band and instructors, will be showcased that evening.

Staff Listing for 2007-08

Administrative Staff

Superintendent-Mark Neal

Treasurer-Cindy Webken

Asst. Treas./Adm. Secretary-Julie Recker

Elementary Staff Listing

Principal-Karl Lammers

Secretary-Marcia Vennekotter

Kindergarten- Jean Cupp, Nancy Kaufman

1st Grade- Pat Broecker, Cheryl Koch,
Jill Laudick

2nd Grade- Darlene Imm, JoanVennekotter

3rd Grade- Marsha Courtright, Mary Grote, Lori Erhart

4th Grade-Joyce Brokamp,Sarah Stewart, Michele Niese

5th Grade- Judy Birkemeier, Deb Eickholt,Mary Smith

6th Grade- Roger Luersman, Blyth Turnwald

DH- Lori Fischer

Special Ed-Ann Vorst

Phys. Education- Sherry Luebrecht

Music-Heidi Ridenour

Library Aide-Mary L. Hoffman

Teacher Aides-Chris Schroeder, Nancy Smith

Elementary Cafe Staff-Doris Stechschulte, Maggie Warnecke, Nancy Smith

Maintenance-Jane Kleman

Custodian-Joyce Warnecke

Bus Drivers-Jan Schroeder, Marilyn Hall, Dick Hoffman, Ellen Niemeyer,

Chris Schroeder, Barb Verhoff



JH/High School Staff

Principal-Don Horstman

Secretary-Carol Kahle

Attendance Office/Secretary-Nancy Grote

Guidance-Jeff Clement

Technology-Jeremy Stober

Head Maintenance- Ken Stechschulte

Special Ed- Beth Birkemeier

Math-Brenda Burgei, Adam Huber,

Roxanne Schumacher

English- Jan Gasser, Mary Gerding

History- Robert Gasser

JH Science/History-Charlotte Streets

7th Grade Language Arts-Pam Schroeder

8th Grade Language Arts- Deb Kahle

Science-Beth Grime, Ken Pothast

Band-Lori Klausing

Partial Year District Substitute-Doris Noffsinger

Computer-Stacy Knueve

Industrial Technology-Dale Liebrecht

Phys.Education/Athletic Director- Jim McBride

Social Studies-Scott Miller

Spanish-Jenna Missler

Art-Steven Myers

Librarian-Denise Scherer

Librarian Aide-Connie Cleemput

Vocational Education-Rob Schnippel

Cafe Monitor/AD Secretary-Carol Bockrath

IVDL Aide-Sue Clementz

Cafe Staff-Joyce Klausing, Carolyn Miller,

Mary Ann Hoersten, Ellen Niemeyer

Schedule PickUp

Students in 7th and 8th grade, as well as high school students, will be able to pick up their 2007-08 class schedules on August 15 through August 17. Students may also prepay on their cafeteria accounts at this time. Please list the students ID# on the check to enable correct account deposits.

Attendance Policy

When your child is absent from school, a parent or guardian needs to call to inform the school that morning. In the high school the number to call is 419-532-3543 and in the elementary call 419-532-3845. When the child returns to school a note needs to be given to the office with details explaining the absence whether it be illness or appointment and the date(s) of the absence(s). All notes need to be signed and dated by the parent or guardian.

For medical or dental appointments, a doctor's note stating the student was treated in the office is an acceptable note for attendance issues.

If a vacation is planned during the school year, the offices should be notified and trip approved prior to the vacation date. Truant officers will be called if a student is absent without notifying the school. Please check your school handbook for further details concerning this issue.

All Sport Passes

All sport passes for the 2007-08 school year will be on sale in the superintendent's office beginning August 1. 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 2007-08 school year. Passes are available in the treasurer's office and prices will be as follows:

Individual Student Pass \$65

Individual Adult Pass \$90

Senior Citizen Pass (Age 65 or older) \$65

Family Pass \$250

This is the third year we have been able to keep the prices at this level. 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.

Love Sports?

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, several 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 more information.

Newlyweds!

Congratulations to Adam Huber and his new wife Jaime (Thomas) who were married on Saturday, July 21. Mr. Huber is a math teacher in the high school building.



New Art Teacher

We welcome Mr. Steve Myers the new art teacher in the junior high and high school. Mr. Myers is a graduate of Delphos Jefferson and a 2007 graduate of Bluffton College.

BUS ROUTES

The first few days of school, parents and students are asked to be alert and ready for the bus as the pick-up times become established. This year's routes will stay very similar to last year's. The following drivers will maintain daily routes.

Bus #1- Chris Schroeder

Bus #2- Ellen Niemeyer

Bus #6- Barb Verhoff

Bus #7- Jan Schroeder

Bus #8- Marilyn Hall

Bus #9/Vantage- Dick Hoffman

Kindergarten- Jan Schroeder



Check out the brilliant graphics! The Kalida Wildcat Marching Band has a new trailer to use for hauling the band equipment to and from competitions. From the 'cat jumping out the back of the trailer to the 'cat clawing his way through the side, it is very impressive. The trailer was purchased with funds from the Music Boosters and the graphics were made possible through donations from the Enhancement Committee and the Music Boosters. Good Luck to the Kalida Wildcat Marching Band in their upcoming performances and competition-season.

Superintendent:

Mark Neal 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



First Day of School:
Wednesday, August 22

School Board Members:

Brian Laudick, Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte, VP. Dennis Turnwald
Pres. Barry von der Embse

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center
PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

Cafeteria News

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

Cafeteria Prices - Once again the prices for lunches this year will remain the same.

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

Free and Reduced Lunches

Kalida Local Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced priced (.40) 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 securing your child in this meal plan. All applications are confidential.



**Music Booster
June \$50 winners**

Colleen Sager
Denny & Pat Schnipke
Joe & Kay Unverferth
Phil & Sue Fuerst

July \$50 winners

Rick & Joanne Horstman
Beth & Dave Nienberg
Marlene Verhoff
Dan Knueve, Sr.

August \$50 winners

Ed & Karen Kerner
Mary Ann Hoersten
Jeff Blanford
Ettie Rieman

Inclement Weather? In case of bad weather or bus information, parents can listen to the following radio or television stations:

WDOH FM 107.1 Lima WLIO TV 35
92-ZOO WCIT WLSR

New Student Registration- All school offices are now open. Any students who are new to the district are asked to register immediately. Parents with questions concerning class assignments should contact the school offices between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.