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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes

 **October 16**
"New Date"
KHS Blood
Mobile

October 26
Fall Concert

October 30
Quarter Break
No School

Nov. 7
Senior Job
Shadow Day

Nov. 10-11
KHS Drama
Production
*I'll Never See
Another Butterfly*"
7:30 PM

Nov. 13
Fall Athletic Banquet
6:00 PM
KHS Auditoria

Nov. 21-22
Teacher
Conferences
No School

Nov. 23-24
Thanksgiving
Break
No School

Dec. 22-Jan.2
Christmas Break
No School

Construction - Phase I of the School Construction Project was finally brought to a close last month with the completed installation of the performance lighting (one of the many items funded through private donations) in the new auditoria and a final grading and seeding of the building exterior. There are still several smaller details to be completed, but nothing that involves any outside contractors. I am very happy to report that the entire project was completed on budget!

State Funding - I am fully expecting that in March of 2007 we will be notified that the district is eligible for state funding to complete the remainder of the building plan. One major hurdle that we are currently attempting to resolve is the significant decrease in district enrollment since the initial projections were completed. I will do my best to keep the community informed as we work through the details to bring the project to fruition.

Contract Negotiations - The district has been in the press quite a bit recently due to the fact that contract negotiations with the certified staff (teachers) have not yet been resolved. Members of the teachers union have been handing out flyers at school sporting events encouraging residents to contact school board members. As superintendent, I also encourage all residents to call myself or any school board member with any questions you might have regarding teacher salaries, benefits, or any other school related matters. I also invite you to attend our monthly school board meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 8:00 P.M. If you received one of the flyers or would just like more information relevant to teacher salaries and benefits, please visit the district website at <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/> under the *Administration* link.

Taxes - I would like to remind all residents that the district's 1.5 mil permanent improvement levy will expire on December 31, 2006. Because property taxes are collected in arrears, residents will be assessed through 2007 at which time this millage will be removed from the tax duplicate. The remaining 4.3 mil emergency levy will expire on December 31, 2008.

Band Donation - The Kalida Band is ecstatic about their new band trailer! Thanks so much to the music boosters for making this needed purchase. Special thanks to the following people for helping prepare the trailer for marching band activities: Fortman's RV, Don Wehri, Chris Phillips, Ken Kahle, Don Barnhart, Ron and Lori Erhart, Blyth Turnwald, Trent Smith, Kayla and Katie Kromer. We are fortunate to be able to fit all the musical instruments, uniforms, equipment and props inside the trailer. The enhancement committee is considering funding the exterior paint for the trailer.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Creative Teaching



Who is that man in a powdered wig? Is it New Hampshire's Constitutional Convention representative, John Langdon? No, it is our Elementary principal Karl Lammers dressed as John Langdon. Mr. Lammers presented educational programs to the elementary students September 18 and 19. A new federal law now requires all schools who receive federal funds to hold such programs on the United States Constitution. Thanks Mr. Lammers for your creative lessons.

Collect those Labels

Kalida Schools are continuing the collection of labels for reimbursement from many companies. Please note the following changes and the list of qualifying labels.

■ The *Campbell's Labels for Education* program has changed format a bit. Now instead of submitting the entire label just the **UPC code with point value logo** needs to be turned in.

■ *Boxtops for Education* (Since 1996, \$7375 has been earned through the Boxtops for Education program.)

■ *Heinz Baby Food Lids*

■ *Aluminum tabs* We are collecting for the Ronald McDonald House or local charity recycling.

When in doubt, send the labels to school and Ms. Ann Vorst will determine its value. In the past, we have earned tape recorders, television sets for our school. For a more complete list, contact the Ms. Vorst in the Elementary. Thanks to the students and the public for the label donations and to Ms. Vorst coordinating the project.



Drama Production for the Fall

The Kalida High School Drama club will present the play "*I Never Saw Another Butterfly*" on November 10-11. The production will be in the high school auditoria and will begin at 7:30 PM. The play is written by Celeste Raspanti and is based on the life of



Raja Englanderova a survivor of the Terezin Concentration Camp. Terezin was a stopping-off place for hundreds of thousands of people on their way to the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Over 15,000 children were incarcerated at Terezin

during the war and only 100 lived to survive and return to their families. This story is one of hope, laughter, flowers and butterflies behind the barbed wire. There were no butterflies at Terezin, of course, but for the children butterflies became the symbol of defiance. It made it possible for them to live on and play happily while waiting to be transported out to Auschwitz and certain death.

Cast list includes: **Nicole Warnecke** as *Raja*

Makenna Basinger as *Irena Synkova*

Michael Turnwald as the *Rabbi*

Louisa Millott as the *Mother*

Angela Hanneman as *Aunt Vera*

Sean Fischnich as *Pavel*

Austin Barnhart as the *Father*

Tim Buckland as *Honza Kosek*

Leanna Pitts as *Renka-Erika-Irca* and

Alexis Hill, Eric Hill, Ashlee Warnecke, Patrick Millott and **Claire Warnecke** as the *children*.

Student Assistants are **Emily Kahle, Brooke Schroeder, Lauren Verhoff**, and **Lisa Duling**. Assistant Director is Stef Schroeder and Director is Joe Warneement.

Pioneer Queen 2006

Congratulations to the 2006 Kalida Pioneer Queen Rachel Knueve. First runner-up was Andrea Van Oss and second runner-up was Renee Cygan. Members of the court also included Catherine Wilson, Emily Berheide, and Sarah Wurth.

Lots of Buns

Thanks to the St. Michael's Holy Name Society who donated the extra hamburger buns to the Kalida Schools after Pioneer.

Class Visitations - During the month of September, I had the opportunity to visit all students in grades 7-12 in various classrooms to discuss a variety of topics. In addition, senior meetings have begun and will conclude the first week of October. In these meetings, their future plans were explored. **All seniors and parents of seniors with plans of attending college after graduation are highly encouraged to contact their colleges of choice in October to pinpoint scholarship deadlines.** Most colleges have specific deadlines – usually ranging from mid-November through January – by which students must apply for admission in order to be eligible for university relevant scholarships. Accessing a college's website or calling its financial aid office will help to verify these dates.

Scholarship Notes - Beginning in October, scholarships sent to Kalida High School from other local, state, and national organizations will be made available to seniors. Most have specific criteria which a student must possess in order to apply. These scholarships will also be posted on the guidance link of the Kalida schools' website (Kalida.k12.oh.us) on a monthly basis. During October, various college representatives will continue to visit Kalida High School. All juniors and seniors have opportunities to talk to these individuals.

College Fairs- Two local college fairs will take place in October. One will be held at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College Campus in Cook Hall on Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. and the other will be at Vantage Vocational Center on Monday, October 23 from 7 – 8:30 pm. Over 100 schools will be on hand at these fairs to present material and answer questions. They are open to all students and parents with no charge for admission.

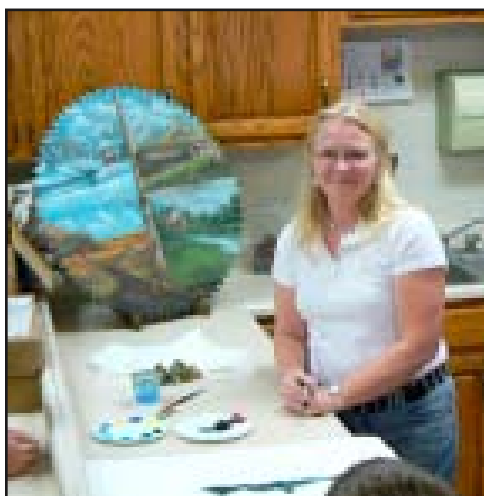
Job Shadow Day - Seniors and their parents will soon be given information regarding the *Senior Job Shadow Day* which will be held on Tuesday, November 7. All seniors are expected to participate in this activity which may be a valuable source of information for a career.

PLAN Testing - All sophomores will have the opportunity to register for the PLAN test until October 10. This is a good practice test for the ACT which students should take later in high school as preparation for college. The PLAN is a shorter version of the ACT and is a good indicator or predictor of how students will do on it. The PLAN Test date is set for Tuesday, November 14. Approximately two months after the test date an informational session will be held with students to discuss their score reports. The PLAN cost \$9.00. Students can register and pay in the high school office. Exact cash or checks made payable to Kalida High School are the accepted forms of payment. If you have any questions related to the above topics, please call the guidance office at 419-532-3504.

Reporting HS Absences

For parents reporting their child absent in the high school, please call **419-532-3543**. This is the new attendance office phone number with a direct line into Mrs. Grote's desk and computer access. **All missed days should be followed up with a signed note from the parent or doctor for state auditing purposes.** Also, all missed homework assignments can now be obtained through the ProgressBook Internet site.

ProgressBook Access- After some delays, and minor setbacks, the ProgressBook parent access codes are up and running. If you are a parent in a shared custody situation and have not received a password for your child's records, please contact Mr. Jeremy Stober at 419-532-3529.



Professional Points in Painting

Local artist Mrs. Pat Wortkoetter gave a painting demonstration to the eighth grade Art classes on September 22. One special project she completed was a four-season painting on a saw blade. Mrs. Wortkoetter told the students she worked over 40 hours to complete the painting. Mrs. Wortkoetter has been painting scenic creations for over twenty years.

High School Notations

Don Horstman, High School Principal

Congratulations Marching Band- The band had a spectacular showing at the Maumee Music in Motion Contest. They earned overall Class C awards in the areas of Marching and Maneuvering, and General Effect. The color guard tied for 1st place Class C. The marching band also received a trophy for 1st place Class C Band. In addition to Class C awards, the band was rewarded with overall best Marching and Maneuvering for the day. The icing on the cake was the fact that the band received the Grand Champion Award which is awarded to the band with the highest overall scores for the day! Way to go Band! The marching band is performing at Kettering this upcoming weekend.

Wildcat Golf- Congratulations to the Wildcat Golf Team as they finished another fine season. The golf team was young this year, but they had fine showings at both the PCL match on Monday, September 25, and the sectional tournament on Thursday, September 27. The team was unable to make it out of sectionals, but Matt Warnecke made it to districts as an individual golfer. According to Coach Schnipke this is the 28th year in a row that Kalida has had a golfer represented at the district golf match. Great job Matt! Matt will tee off in the district match on Thursday morning at 10:03 AM at Lost Creek Country Club in Lima.

KHS Bloodmobile- Once again, it is time for the KHS fall bloodmobile. Thanks to the dedication of our students, faculty, staff and community, we host one of the largest one-day bloodmobiles in the eleven county area! So we're asking for your help to make this year's bloodmobile another success. **Mark your calendars for October 16, 2006. Blood donations will be collected from 12:00 – 6:00 PM in the old high school gymnasium.** To give blood, a donor must be 17 years old, at least 110 lbs., and be in basic good health. If you would like to set up an appointment, call Mrs. Beth Grime at the high school. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Junior High Science Fair Projects Return - Thank you to Mrs. Pam Schroeder, Mrs. Charlotte Streets, Mrs. Beth Grime, Mrs. Deb Kahle, and Mrs. Denise Scherer for working together to bring the junior high science fair projects to KHS. These very worth while projects will be completed with cooperation between the staff members through the student's science and language arts classes. The teachers will be talking to the students about the projects the week of October 9. The students will have a calendar of deadlines to help plan and organize the project and a link to this calendar will be placed on our website after the students go through the introduction and early planning process. We are looking forward to seeing the high quality projects our students will be able to put together.

Magazine Sale- Thank you to the community for their support of our senior class magazine sale. Our students raised approximately \$7500 by selling over \$18,000 dollars worth of magazines and music selections. This fund-raiser will help offset the cost of the class trip for our senior class and the seniors are very appreciative of all of the community support they received.

High School Book Bill- Book bills were sent home on Wednesday, September 20 with the students. **The book bills are now due.** Students may bring their payments to the high school office or the payment may be mailed. If you find yourself needing more time please contact us at the high school office to set up an alternate plan.

Choir Robes Have Arrived- Thanks again to the Music Boosters and the Enhancement Committee for purchasing the new maroon choir robes for our students. The robes are in the process of being inventoried and readied for our first choir concert on Oct. 26. We are really excited about getting an opportunity to show the off for the public.

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HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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

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