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The Paw Print

2001, 2002, 2003 & 2004 ODE Excellent Rating; 2003 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Calendar Notes

- Nov. 22-23**
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 25-26**
Thanksgiving Break-No School
- Dec. 16**
Elementary Christmas Program-7:00 PM
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2**
Holiday Break No School
- Jan. 3**
Classes Resume
- Jan. 17**
Martin L.King Day-No School
- Feb. 21**
Presidents' Day No School
- Feb. 24**
Staff Development Early Dismissal-1:00 PM
- March 25-28**
Spring Break No School
- April 28**
Staff Development Early Dismissal-1:00 PM

Building Project Notes

As progress continues to be made on the new building, two additional activities have also moved forward. First, the Enhancement Committee has begun to make presentations to groups and individuals that may be interested in contributing to the improvement and upgrade of the facilities. Second, the "rumor mill" is alive and well! A few comments on both topics follow.

OSFC funding for academic areas is more than sufficient. Both facilities and equipment for academic areas are primary in **OSFC** construction projects. In fact, the Enhancement Committee received very few requests for improvements in the academic areas. During the planning of these areas, the faculty, administration and board of education were pleased with the resources available through **OSFC** to fund academic classrooms and equipment.

When completed, the first phase or the **ELPP** portion of the project will be functional, although to a lesser degree than some may desire. All academic areas constructed will be fully functional. Areas such as the gymnasium and stage area will lack the equipment not required in **OSFC** projects. Some items being discussed by the Enhancement Committee include upgraded sound and lighting systems for the stage, gymnasium seating, and a sound proof divider for the stage and auditoria. If you as an individual or group would like a presentation by the Enhancement Committee please contact the school office at 419-532-3534 and we will arrange for a committee member to contact you.

Oversized areas are included in this facility. The largest oversized area is the auditoria, a combination auditorium and cafeteria. If **OSFC** standards had been followed, the auditoria would not have been much larger than our current facility.

The gymnasium is also oversized to allow for future expansion of seating similar to the total seating currently in St. Michael's gym. Initially, 750 seats are planned for the new facility. While much has been said about the 94' floor, eliminating the 94' floor would have reduced the length of the gym, but increased the width. The ten feet of bleachers that would have been lost by reducing the length of the floor would have been added at the top. Thus the width of the gym would increase. The gym under construction also requires additional space due to the wide aisles and handicapped seating, both required by building code.

One "rumor" circulating claims that classroom space was reduced to enlarge the gym. The fact is additional classroom space was added to this phase of the project. An **IVDL** (Interactive Video Distance Learning) room was not in the original plans, but is required by **OSFC**. Because the facility needs to be near the media center and tech room, it was added to the first phase without being over budget.

In conclusion, if you hear something about the project that doesn't sound quite right, ask the supplier of the information for his or her source. Then please contact this office, 419-532-3534, or a board member to confirm or clarify that information.

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Attention Businesses
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- Donor panels (with your business name listed) are available through the
 - Enhancement Committee. Panels will be displayed on the soccer field, softball field
 - and in the gymnasium. Please contact the office at 419-532-3534 and we will arrange
 - for a committee member to contact you.
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School Funding

As I prepare for my final days as superintendent of Kalida Local and thirty-five years in education, I have very few regrets. While I believe education and accountability have improved over the last thirty-five years, I am disappointed that a solution has not been found resolving the school funding problem.

Three hundred seven school issues were on the November ballot. These issues follow a period of cuts to staff and services in most school districts. It is obvious that the school funding system is not working and more and more schools will cut services and be on the ballot. It is equally disappointing that a majority of our legislators do not understand the funding system and its short-comings. The few who do understand, including our state representative Jim Hoops, have been unable to convince the majority that change is necessary. Several members of the legislature have suggested the schools' problems are not funding problems, but spending problems. Putnam County Schools and Kalida, specifically, have been good stewards of public money.

According to the August 2004 Ohio Public Expenditure Council Newsletter, Kalida Local ranks 600 on the list of Expenditures per pupil by District! This means only 13 districts spend less per pupil than Kalida and 599 spend more!

Considering the opportunities available and the success of the district, it is a testament to the effective use of funds by past and present boards, administration and staff. What some lawmakers seem to ignore is the fiscal impact to schools from the high stakes testing program, the No Child Left Behind Act and escalating costs for fuel, insurance and other materials and supplies.

The last time the Kalida Board of Education asked for and voters approved new operating funds was in 1993. With the current funding system, that situation will likely change. I hope the Kalida Local School District will continue to receive the kind of support it has received in the past.

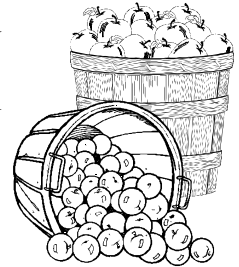
With four consecutive "*Excellent*" ratings, a *Blue Ribbon Award* in 2003, and the continued success in extra-curricular activities, it seems a shame that the lawmakers' failure to remedy the funding situation would put an outstanding school system at risk.

~*Robert Williams, Superintendent*

Fruity Details

Will there be fresh Florida fruit this year? YES!

The junior class of KHS is now taking orders for navel oranges, tangelos, tangerines, juice oranges, grapefruit, and red/gold delicious apples. The fruit prices are higher this year due to the four hurricanes that affected the product this year. Some fruit may have more scarring on the outside due to weather conditions but the fruit itself should be of great quality.



Orders for fruit are being taken now through Nov. 22. Delivery date is on Dec. 7. Need to place an order? Call 419-532-3534 and we will have a student call on you.

Parents of Seniors

- Moving away from Paper!

Five years ago students applied to college using paper application form provided by the college. All information that followed the application was sent through the mail—meaning parents might have a chance to see the mail (even if it was addressed to the student) and be aware of rules, regulations, and payment deadlines.

Not anymore. Most colleges now will send the bulk of information to students electronically—through email or website information. Students now are encouraged to apply to college online. Although, they will probably receive real mail at the time they are accepted, most of the information they receive later will be electronic. This includes information about orientation, deadlines, housing, course registration, grades, and even billing.

With the emphasis on internet communication now, I encourage Kalida seniors to apply online if parents are comfortable with that. Once students have applied, they should tell me so that I can send out the transcript that the college needs to finalize the application. I do worry about this process because I always used to proofread applications for the students. However, they have to be prepared to take responsibility for themselves in the electronic world they will encounter on campus. As parents, we all know that our kids can do ICQ or IM, download files, burn DVDs, scan images, and a thousand other things while we are still having trouble with flashing VCRs. Once these students begin the college process, however, they need to also accept the responsibility that goes with the technology.

~*Mrs. Beth Myers, Guidance*

COSI At Kalida

COSI began as the Center Of Science and Industry. However, now COSI simply means good science and fun for all to discover. With ever expanding outreach, COSI is no longer contained in one “center.”



Morning volunteers included Becky Unverferth, Deb Bockrath, Barb Verhoff (son Eric), Valita Lammers, Shelly Burkhart, Susan Meyer, Michelle Schmitz, Lynn Schumaker, Jane Selhorst and Pat Kohls. COSI coordinator Molly Bresnahan is shown in the center of the photo.

On Wednesday, October 13, things got **wild** at the elementary school, when the COSI on Wheels program “*What’s Wild?*”

came for a visit. COSI coordinator Molly Bresnahan, led our students on a wildlife adventure that explored the work of wildlife biologists. Students learned about animal rescues, tagging and tracking, and re-introducing and managing wildlife populations. They experienced many hands-on activities at four different habitat locations around the gym. Skills of observation, measuring and tracking were taught along with a better understanding of the scientific method. Many adult volunteers from the community helped make this experience successful. A special thanks goes out to them for their donated time.

~Roger Luersman, Kalida Elementary COSI Event Planner



Volunteers Heather Kohls, Bev Berheide, Rita Iliff and Cindy Erhart helped with the COSI demonstrations in the afternoon sessions.



Mrs. Sherry Luebrecht serves ‘dessert’ to the students during Red Ribbon Week’s formal luncheon.

The Kalida Elementary Library will host a *Read, White and Blue—Reading is All American Scholastic Book Fair November 22 - December 3*. This event will give you and your children the opportunity to purchase carefully selected quality books and products at affordable prices. There will be books for all ages, including adults.

A Parent/Grandparent Event is being held during Parent-Teacher conferences. **Book fair hours are Monday, November 22, 5 - 9 PM and Tuesday, November 23, 11 AM - 4 PM and 5 -7 PM.**

The book fair will be open to students November 29 – December 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM - 2:30 PM. The book fair helps us promote learning while raising money for hardback books for the elementary library. We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!!

KHS Marching Band Pillows

Kalida High School Music Boosters continues to take orders for band pillows made from the recently retired band uniforms. The cost of the pillows are \$20. There is a very limited amount of pillows remaining. If interested in ordering one, it is very important that you contact a uniform committee member as soon as possible.

Pillows will be made on Saturday, November 6, in the St. Michael’s Church basement, then distributed at the Christmas Concert. Any music booster or community member who would like to assist with making the pillows should come to the church basement where we will begin the pillow process at 9 AM. Your help would be appreciated any time during that day. If you have any questions, or would like an order form, please contact any of the following uniform committee members: Sandy Schnipke, Alice Cygan, Rita Schroeder, Barb (Steve)Verhoff, Sue (John) Gerdeman, Maggie Wehri or Marcia Barnhart.

Basketball Season Ticket Sales

Season tickets for boys' and girls' basketball games will soon be available for sale. Adults wanting the same reserved seats as they held last year can purchase them on Wednesday, November 10, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. They will be sold in Room 10 in the high school. All other season tickets can be purchased on Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 16 in the high school office from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM.

Prices are as follows:

Boys' Basketball

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| Adult Season (10 games) | \$45 |
| Student Season | \$20 |

Girls' Basketball

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| Adult Season (8 games) | \$35 |
| Student Season | \$20 |

The girls will begin their season on November 19 at the Bath Tip-Off Classic. The boys will have their first game at Fort Recovery on November 26. Tradition has it that KHS basketball programs are exciting and full of talented players. Come on out and support these teams!

Fall Athletic Banquet

When: Monday evening, November 15
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Place: Kalida K of C Hall
 Guests of honor include all high school fall athletic teams including volleyball, golf, boys' and girls' soccer.

Volleyball Success

Congratulations to Coach Stober and the KHS volleyball team who finished the regular season UNDEFEATED! They also earned the PCL volleyball championship. The team is presently in tournament action. Go 'Cats!

Job Shadow Day

Area employers will host the KHS seniors at a variety of locations during *Senior Job Shadow Day* on Wednesday, November 10. Seniors will be learning first hand about jobs or careers that interest them. This is the ninth year that Kalida students have been able to participate in job shadowing. Thanks to all the people who help make this day possible.

Marking Your Place in History

Over *two hundred* memorial bricks have been sold and the order has been placed with the engraver. Thanks to all those in the community who took part in this building enhancement project. If you have not ordered a brick but are still interested in ordering one, call Cindy Webken at 419-532-3534 to see if your order can still be accepted.

KHS Bloodmobile

The recent KHS blood drive was held on Monday, October 25. One hundred seventy-seven units were collected during the drive. Many of the donors were KHS juniors and seniors age 17 and older. Local restaurants, vendors, and community members gave food donations to help re-nourish those who gave blood. A special thanks to Dick Schulte, and Joe and Kay Unverferth, who helped transport the plasma to Toledo on the day of the drive.

NBC TV Debut

Alyssa Frey, a KHS freshman, will be dancing in New York City on Thanksgiving Day. Alyssa has been invited to perform with a local dancing group prior to the start of the Macy's Parade at 9 AM and will be with Santa Claus at the end of the parade. The parade is scheduled to be shown on NBC Thanksgiving Day. Alyssa is a member of the Tannis School of Dance in Kalida. Congrats, Alyssa!

Kindergarten Students 2005

Kalida Elementary is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2005-06 school year. Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Completed forms and a certified birth certificate should be turned in December 6 through December 10. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2005, to register.

Our primary concern is the welfare and education of the children entrusted in our care.

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School Board Meetings
 Second Wednesday
 8:00 PM - High School Library

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Music Boosters' Drawing

- \$150 Eric Recker
- \$100 Lois & Gary Dickman
- \$100 Chuck & Sharon Smith
- \$75 Bob Wurth
- \$75 Richard Bockrath
- \$50 Diana Roehrig
- \$50 Jim & Linda Arens
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