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to Disney World

Now through

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No School

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7:00 PM

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Christmas Break

January 3, 2006

Classes Resume

Notes from the Superintendent

As we enter the month of November, it is a very exciting time for the Kalida School District. Within a two month time period we will have opened the new 7-12 facility, completely automated our cafeteria payment system, and gone online with an automated grade book system that allows for full parent access.

Moving In - Students and Staff members are scheduled to move in to the new facility after Thanksgiving on Monday, November 28. Hopefully there will be no further delays. The building is about 95% complete and we are expecting an occupancy permit to be issued on Friday, October 28. Girls' Basketball practice officially begins on Monday, October 31 and the team is tentatively scheduled to begin practicing in the new gymnasium on November 1. If the volleyball team is still competing in tournament play, hopefully they will have the opportunity to practice in the new facility as well. The upcoming fall play is scheduled to be held in the new auditoria on November 11 and 12.

Open House - Two Open House dates have been scheduled on Sunday, November 6 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. and during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 21 from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Please mark one or both of these dates on your calendar so that you can take a look at the new building.

Progress Book -All parents of 7-12 students should have received a password for Progress Book access in the mail last week. To date, over 100 parents have already logged in to check on their children's grade information. This software will make it easier for parents to access student information and provide a very convenient method for communication with teachers. Kalida was chosen as a school to pilot the software and thus far our experience has been positive. Please keep in mind that the complete changeover to Progress Book is not scheduled to take place until semester break.

Future Construction -A meeting was held on September 30 with the Ohio School Facilities Commission regarding funding for future construction. Kalida has moved significantly closer to being funded for Phase II which includes the completion of the new high school building as well as construction of a new Kalida Elementary. The OSFC has begun conducting environmental assessments and updating enrollment projections in preparation for Kalida to receive future funding. I will keep you updated on the Phase II timeline as more information is received. Our timeline is heavily dependent on what happens in the November and May elections for the districts that are ahead of Kalida on the eligibility list.

Five-Year Forecast -The Kalida Local School District's most recent 5 Year Forecast is now available to view on the school's webpage. Click on Administration and then School Finance Information.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Parent-Teacher Conferences - On Monday, Nov. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 22, our school buildings will have extended hours to allow parents to discuss the progress of their children with the teachers involved. On Monday, the conferences will begin at 5 pm and end at 9:00 pm. The daytime conferences on Tuesday run from 11 am to 4 pm, and then resume after a dinner break and run from 5 pm to 9 pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the school buildings the first week in November.

Classes on Monday Nov. 21 will follow the regular schedule. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday or Wednesday, Nov. 22 and 23. Students will return to class on Monday, Nov. 28.

During the conferences, parents of high school students can take advantage of sessions on **ProgressBook**, the new software program that allows parents to monitor student progress through the Internet. Mr. Stober will offer these sessions in the new building. Signs will be posted in both high school buildings to give more specific directions during the conferences.

8th-Graders to visit Vantage - On Thursday, Nov. 10 our 8th grade students will leave after lunch to visit Vantage Career Center. They will visit all program areas at Vantage, and will have a chance for a “hands-on” experience in about half of them. This is a good opportunity to see what training areas are available at Vantage and to allow them to think over some of their future career options. This will also help them during the winter as they make plans for their high school coursework.

Financial Planning Day - Members of the KHS Class of 2006 were the guests of Superior Federal Credit Union for an all-day financial education event at the Lima Civic Center on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Students attended sessions concerning college finances and investments. They also participated in a “Reality Day” organized by Nancy Recker from the Ohio State University Extension in Allen County. For this event, students drew careers out of a hat (as well as a family!) and planned their spending based on the salary given for that career. They had to circulate through a number of booths and make spending decisions about utilities, transportation, housing, food, and child care, etc. Their expenses piled up quickly and many of them found out that there just wasn’t enough money to cover their needs! Nearly 400 students participated in this wonderful program. We were lucky to be asked to participate in this event.

Career Day - KHS Juniors will travel to the OSU and Rhodes campus on Friday Dec. 9 for a Career Day hosted by the two colleges. They will each have a chance to hear three presentations from the 58 career areas that will be featured that day. There are also some general sessions on choosing a major, choosing a college, and surviving in college. Students will leave KHS after their 1st period classes and will return after eating lunch in the Eastgate area. We are grateful to Rhodes and OSU for the great deal of work that goes in to coordinating this event.

College timelines - Just a reminder to parents of college-bound seniors. This is a review of information that has been provided before, but it should be helpful to print once again. This year’s seniors were told last spring to try to have their college applications well underway by Halloween, and definitely finished by Thanksgiving. Christmas break is NOT a very good time to work on applications because many of the schools that our students consistently choose have important deadlines in early December. After New Year’s Day, parents can start working on the FAFSA which is due between Valentine’s Day and March 1 (each college is different—be sure you know the deadline for your school). Around St. Patrick’s Day students should receive an “award” letter or financial aid package from the schools they applied to. By April 15, students should finalize their decision about which college they plan to attend. The last holiday in the sequence is Memorial Day—the time for graduation and well-earned celebration!

Applying for college online - I encourage students to apply online to the colleges. They need to start the college experience in this mode as so much of the communication they will have with the college will be electronic. I’m happy to do paper applications for students as it’s a little easier to handle the counselor part of the process with a paper application. However, I believe it is still in the student’s best interest to apply electronically and to continue to communicate electronically. The downside of all of this is that parents are left out of the loop when college information comes that traditionally would have come through the mail. That’s a little scary for parents, but the students have to take responsibility for themselves. This has come about as a result of privacy laws that prevent colleges and universities from sharing a lot of the information about a student’s records once the student has officially enrolled. (This is true even when Mom and Dad are paying the bills—go figure!) Therefore, beginning this process now while parents and teachers are still available to answer questions or to provide gentle reminders seems to be the best way to handle the transition of responsibility that comes as a student leaves high school and enters college.

~ Mrs. Beth Myers, Guidance Counselor

Scholarship Information - Go to the high school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and click on the link to the guidance department. Then scroll down until you begin the three-column portion of the page. There you will see the first box is labeled Scholarship Opportunities. There are two links in that box. The first is for scholarship information that has been received so far and the second lists last year’s scholarship information so that students and parents have an idea what information may be coming in the future. This site is updated as warranted when new information is received. At this time of year, most scholarship programs are university-based—scholarships that students can read about as they apply that are based on grades or talent in specific areas. Scholarship applications that are sponsored by clubs and organizations generally don’t start arriving until the holidays or after. Students should also be checking out scholarship sites such as FastWeb at this time, as more and more organizations are bypassing the expense of mailing to schools and posting their scholarships directly on the internet. FastWeb is a legitimate scholarship site that can be trusted but turn down the special offers that you will see as you log in. Another helpful site, sponsored by college financial aid officials, is finaid.org. Links to both of these sites are also provided on the page mentioned previously.

Students are notified when the scholarship page is updated and will also hear on the daily announcements as local scholarships become available. We do keep a list of students who pick up applications for non-Internet scholarships, as well as those who actually complete and return them. An updated printout of scholarships will be available at parent conferences.

The Trip to Bountiful

Nov. 11-12 Show Times 7:30 PM
KHS Auditoria

This is the poignant story of Mrs. Watts, an aging widow who returns to her old home in Bountiful.

Cast members include:

- Mrs. Carrie Watts – Louisa Millott
- Mr. Ludie Watts – Aaron Swihart
- Jessie Mae Watts – Kim Unverhoff
- Houston ticketman – Justin Barnhart
- Traveler/Harrison ticketman – Shane Hill
- 2nd Houston ticketman – Jason Reindel
- Sheriff – Austin Barnhart
- Travelers - Alexis Hill, Lisa Duling, Megan Hamburg
- Student Assistants – Kelly Kuneve, Steph Schroeder, Emily Kahle, Lauren Verhoff

Learning Fire Safety - Ottawa Fire and Rescue worker Ron Brinkman recently came to Kalida Elementary with his dalmation dog *Ember*. He has trained Ember to “stop, drop and roll,” “crawl under smoke,” and “find a safe meeting place.” Mr. Brinkman is very active in making children aware of fire safety. Thanks to a fire safety grant Mr. Brinkman has written, he and Ember were able to visit the county schools and give demonstrations to the students. Each student in grades K-3 throughout the county received a free fire safety t-shirt as part of the fire safety grant.

Financial Aid Meetings - Several area high schools will be holding informational meetings concerning applying for financial aid for future college students. Ft. Jennings High School will host the program this year for the families of Kalida students on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 PM, but if you are unable to make that date the others are listed for your convenience:

Leipsic High School	November 22	6:00 PM
Miller City High School	December 12	7:00 PM
Columbus Grove High School	January 9	7:00 PM
Pandora-Gilboa High School	January 10	7:00 PM
Ft. Jennings High School	January 16	7:00 PM
Ottawa-Glandorf High School	January 17	7:00 PM

Cats Who Care members Julie Schroeder, Melissa Verhoff, Amanda Schumaker and Chelsea Verhoff present a check for \$1450 to area Red Cross Volunteer Lois Holder for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Students were asked to donate their spare change for one week at Kalida High School.

Thanks to Krybert's of Kalida for donating an ice cream snack to the Class of 2006 who donated the most cash.



C.O.S.I. Visits Kalida Elementary



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1.) Mr. Luersman strolls along on a Segway Scooter. 2.) Kindergartener Sarah Klausing pours water into the machine to demonstrate how hydro-power can generate electricity. 3.) Volunteer Sue Jorrey shows Jeremy Verhoff and Bryce Gerding how to measure wind speed. 4.) Matt Gerding and Paige Burgei experiment with springs and other methods to move a small car.



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On Friday, Oct. 7, C.O.S.I. on Wheels visited Kalida Elementary with an amazing presentation on *Investigating Energy*. Children were enlightened with information on renewable and non-renewable resources, and ways to produce electricity to charge a Segway scooter. Volunteers for the hands-on activities were Jen Warnecke, Tammy Wurth, Amy Brinkman, Rita Iliff, Kathy Vorst, Barb S. Verhoff, Joanne Horstman, Shelley Burkhart, Bev Berheide, Pat Kohls, Heather Kohls, Mary Jane Aversch, Valita Lammers, Sue Jorrey, Cindy Rall, Michelle Schmitz, Annette Schroeder, and Anne Korte. We greatly appreciate their help.

Kalida Music Boosters Election Night Dinner
Tuesday, November 8
Kalida K of C - 4:00-7:00 PM
All Dinners \$6 -No Presale
Chicken or beef dinners with potatoes and gravy, noodles, dinner roll, cole slaw or applesause.

A New Author-Former Kalida resident Amy Wurth Fowble has authored a book for children titled “It’s Fun To Be A Buckeye.” She has been successful in obtaining the O.S.U. licensing on the book and it is currently selling the book via the internet at www.itsfunto.be.com. Mrs. Fowble, now a resident of Marysville, visited with the elementary students on October 19 and autographed her books for the children. Congratulations, Amy!

New Concessions-The Music Boosters have been granted responsibility for selling concessions at high school home girls and boys basketball games. As this will be a large undertaking, all parents of music students will be asked to help. Please check your mail for information on your involvement. If you are willing to help as a committee chairperson, contact Maggie Wehri immediately. The boosters at this time plan to offer soft drinks, candies, chips, and hot dogs. Any student organization wanting to do an extra fund raiser is invited to select a game to provide hot sandwiches or pizza. Please contact Mrs. Klausing to arrange a game.

~ A Note Of Thanks ~

I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all the KES students, both faculty and staff at KES and KHS, the administration, and the Kalida Board of Education for all the cards, emails, flowers, and the contribution to the American Cancer Society that came my way during the time before and after my recent surgery. We have a community in our school system that truly functions as a family in their concern and support. That is a rare thing in the world we live in today. We can all be grateful for that. I am. Many thanks.

Marsha Courtright, Kalida Elementary teacher

Kalida Wildcat Christmas Ornament

It is not too late to reserve a Kalida Wildcat Christmas ornament for yourself or family members. The Junior Class Post Prom Committee is selling the ornament as a fund raiser. The ornament is maroon and has a gold wildcat logo and the wording Kalida Wildcats, 2005. The ornament sells for \$10.00. Extra ornaments have been ordered and should arrive in early December. If you forgot to order and would like to reserve an ornament in your name, please call a Junior Class Post Prom Committee member as soon as possible. Thank you!

Marcia Barnhart, Marilyn McCollum, Carolyn Miller, Linda Unverferth, & Marge Verhoff

Added Note: The new improved Kalida Wildcat Cards, with 27 businesses, will be on sale during November and December and can be purchased for \$10.00 from any Junior Class Member.

Junior Class Fruit Sale- Now through

Nov 21. Fruit to be delivered on Dec. 7. Contact a junior class member to place your order. If you are unable to reach a student, please call the high school at 419-532-3529 and they will direct your order from there.



Basketball Ticket Sales Information - See the insert in regards to ticket sales and policy for the upcoming 2005-06 Basketball Season.

YEARBOOK 2006 - Be sure to check out the Yearbook 2006 insert in this issue of the PawPrint. New this year will be the publication of grades K-12 photos and activities.

The Annual Book Fair- The Kalida Elementary Library will host an *Enter the Kingdom of Reading—Where Books Rule! Scholastic Book Fair* Nov. 21 – Dec. 2. 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. The book fair will be open during conferences and then also open to students Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The book fair helps us to promote learning while raising money for hardback books for the elementary library. We look forward to seeing you at the Kingdom of Reading!!

**Book Fair Hours During
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Monday, Nov. 21 - 5 PM to 9 PM
& Tuesday, Nov. 22 -
11 AM-4 PM & 5 PM -7 PM**

Virtually Visiting the Zoo-Fifth grade Science students wrapped up their unit on ecosystems with a virtual learning trip to the Columbus Zoo. Scott Hoff from the Putnam County Educational Service Center helped with the program hookup with the Columbus Zoo. Plant and animal adaptations, food chains, as well as the overall circle of life were explored, as students got to witness examples first-hand through observing animals at the zoo. Fifth grade students also created their own biome projects which have been on display in the elementary.

Shadowing for Seniors—Our seniors will have a day in the real world as they job shadow on Wednesday, November 9. This is the 10th year for this program. Student comments in the past have been very supportive of the activity and we hope that this feeling continues. Thanks to parents for their support in making contacts and providing transportation through all these years, and thanks also to all of those who have hosted students. We have moved into the second generation of shadowing now as some of our alumni who graduated after this program began have now hosted Kalida students as well. Good luck, Seniors!

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Second Wednesday
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