

The Paw Print

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Calendar Notes

- Dec. 6**
High School Music Program- 7:30 PM
- 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
KHS Musical Try-outs
- Feb. 21**
Presidents' Day
No School
- Feb. 24**
Staff Development
Early Dismissal- 1:00 PM
- March 25-28**
Spring Break
No School
- March 30-April 3**
Senior Class Trip
New York City
- April 22-23**
KHS Musical
- April 28**
Staff Development
Early Dismissal- 1:00 PM

With Sincere Gratitude

"A 'thank you' is an expression of gratitude. That is the message I would like to relay in my last article for the Paw Print.



When I began teaching at Kalida in 1970, I never imagined I would have the opportunity to be a school administrator and be able to finish my career in the same district where it began. Thanks to the current and past boards of education for the opportunities I have been given as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent.

Thanks to the administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents and district residents. Your work ethic, high expectations and desire for success have resulted in Kalida gaining a reputation for "excellence" in education and extra-curricular activities. I hope you never stop supporting your high quality school district.

Thanks to my family for their support during my years as an administrator, teacher and coach.

Thanks to all the educators and co-workers who have offered their support, advice and mentoring. I have learned from the best.

It has been a pleasure to know, work with and serve so many fine people. I thank all of you for allowing me to be a part of the Kalida Local Schools for the past thirty-five years."

Retiring Superintendent Robert Williams

Welcome Superintendent Mark Neal

Due to the retirement of Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Mark Neal has been hired by the Kalida Board of Education and will be the new superintendent of Kalida Local Schools. Mr. Neal is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and The University of Dayton. He was employed by the Perry Local School District prior his coming to Kalida.



Meet our new superintendent

When: Friday, Dec. 10 during Christmas in Kalida

Where: At the Kalida School's cookie table in Rachel's Hair on the Square

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Please plan on dropping by to meet Mr. Neal and his family to give them a warm welcome to Kalida.

Out into the Job Force

Seniors from KHS experienced the working world on Wednesday, November 10, during the annual *Senior Job Shadowing Day*. Students traveled to businesses in Kalida, Ottawa, Fort Jennings, Lima, Toledo, Leipsic, Columbus Grove, Findlay, and Columbus for the on-the-job observations. Thanks to all those who helped make this day a great success.



Dr. Renae Gerschutz of the Ottawa Veterinary Clinic introduces Ashleigh Winstead to one of her patients.



Krista Warnecke watches Don Huber as he prints a design on a shirt at Phantasm Designs in Ottawa.

Christmas In Kalida

The Kalida Area Chamber has announced the 12th annual community *Christmas in Kalida* celebration. On Friday, December 10, the town will be a sparkling with lights and the air full of Christmas cheer. Start the evening with a hot bowl of chili at the fire station from 5:00 p.m. until gone. The local museum will be open for visits. Catch a ride on the horse trolley going through town. Register for door prizes from various local merchants. **All events are scheduled to take place from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.** This is an alcohol free celebration intended for the entire family to enjoy. See you there!

Girl Scout Gold Award Project

"I am collecting gently used t-shirts to be made into turbans for cancer patients," said KHS senior Jen Wehri. "Anyone willing to donate to this project can drop them off at the high school office or contact me at 419-532-3791. Your help will be greatly appreciated."

Local Teachers Honored

Every two years members of the academic community are recognized for educational excellence. This year we have three members of our high school staff that are being honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004*. These teachers were chosen by their community as the most influential educators within our school. Congratulations to Bonnie Loehrke, Janice Gasser and Robert Gasser who were named as this year's honorees.

Going to College?

Check the submission deadlines on those college applications. If you want to be considered for scholarships, many colleges have December or early January cut-off dates.

Spreading Christmas Cheer

With the holiday season here, the students at Kalida Elementary will have the chance to get into the spirit of giving and sharing. The Putnam County Thrift store is in need of canned-food items at this time of year. To help this organization, the 5th annual *Holiday Games for Giving* will be conducted on Thursday, Dec. 9. Students are asked to bring at least one canned food item to physical education class on Thursday. All students will attend class on that day. Physical education classes will consist of fun holiday games in exchange for the canned-food items. A collection box will be in the gym lobby during school hours for any community donations. On Thursday, Dec. 9, students are asked to wear their holiday green and red to help spread the Holiday Spirit.

New York, New York

The senior class has voted and has chosen New York City as their senior trip destination. Mr. Dale Liebrecht is the class advisor and will be accompanying the students and other chaperones along on the trip. The class will leave by chartered bus on Wednesday evening March 30, travel all night, and arrive in New York City around 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 31. Plans are being finalized to view the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, The Empire State Building, city sightseeing, WTC Ground Zero, Central Park, a dinner dance cruise and a Broadway musical show. The bus will return to Kalida early Sunday morning April 3.

KHS First Quarter ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

Seniors

Kenzie Hanneman
Kristen Heitmeyer
Ryan Smith
Danielle Vorst

Juniors

Ryan Hoffman
Austin Kruse
Julie Schroeder
Brad VonderEmbse
Lindsay Westbeld

Sophomores

Rachel Knueve
Ashlee Warnecke

Freshmen

Brittany Schroeder
Trent Smith

8TH Grade

Kasie Bellmann
Derek Birkemeier
Dana Bruskotter
Leah Gerding
Jenna Kahle
Darcy Langhals
Louisa Millott
Erica Schmenk
Gina Verhoff
Amy VonderEmbse
Matt Warnecke

7TH Grade

Michael Bockrath
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff
Margaret von der Embse

Seniors

Niki Brinkman
Dustin Fortman*
Nathan Goedde
Becky Hanneman*
Leah Hermiller
Andrew Knueve
Amanda Kortokrax
Jessica Krouse
Kimberly Lammers
Elizabeth Mack
Ashley McElwain*
Ryan Miller*
Andy Rampe
Greg Recker
Andy Sarka*
Heather Schnipke
Dustin Schroeder*
Kyle Schroeder*
Craig Unverferth
Rachel Webken
Jennifer Wehri
Alex Wurth*

Juniors

Steve Becker*
Ryan Buss
Ross Ellerbrock
Amber Erhart
Kerri Geckle*
David Gerdeman
Jesse Gerding*
Ryan Hamilton*
Shane Hill
Kelly Knueve
Ben McIntyre
Evan Peck*
Eric Schnipke
Renee Schroeder*
Adam Schumacher*
Jared Siebeneck
Autumn Snyder
Jared Stechschulte
Cory Unverferth
Megan Unverferth
Melissa Verhoff
Randy Webken*
Jeremy Wehri
Laurie Westbeld
Jessica Winkle

Sophomores

Rachel Cygan
Renee Cygan
Kevin Erhart
Megan Hamburg
Angela Hanneman
Brent Heitmeyer
Christopher Kahle
Justin Kahle
Emily Kahle
Brandon Kortokrax
Dana Phillips
Kari Schroeder
Shawn Smith
Katie Unverferth
Abby Wilson

Freshmen

Austin Basinger
Adam Berheide
Karri Clementz
Alyssa Frey
Robert Gerding
Jessica Gordon
Ashley Heitmeyer
Megan Heitmeyer
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Sara Mack
Craig Miller
Megan Miller
Samantha Recker
Stacy Reindel
Dean Schnipke
Abigail Schroeder
Adam Unverferth
Mollie Utendorf
Chelsea Warnecke
Nicole Warnecke

8TH Grade

Makenna Basinger
Brandon Closson
Lauren Erhart
Alexis Hill
Megan Jorrey
Kyle Kahle
Kendra Kerner
Jessica Knueve
Neal Lammers
Doug McIntyre
Amanda Meyer
Matthew Schnipke
Scott Schnipke
Bethany Smith

7TH Grade

Emily Bendele
Kimberly Berheide
Amanda Brinkman
Julia Fuerst
Jeffrey Gerding
Kyle Hoffman
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Kylie McIntyre
Michael Niemeyer
Abby Rampe
Jill Rieman
Abigail Schnipke
Abigail Swihart
Devin Warnecke
Stephanie Wilson

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

* denotes Vantage students

Turkey for a Day

The *Cats Who Care* organization at KHS recently held a "*Feathers*" fundraiser. Once purchased the feathers were attached to turkey posters that were named after teachers, administration and staff members. The "turkey" with the most feathers at deadline then had to dress in a turkey outfit and roam the halls on Monday, November 22. A short assembly was also held in the morning to announce the winner. Mrs. Carol Kahle, the high school secretary, earned the top honors. Over \$2750 was collected and will be donated to several families in our community who have a family member undergoing medical treatment. A special thanks to all who donated for this fund raiser.



High school secretary Carol Kahle, aka "The Turkey", danced for the students during lunch periods. Pilgrim Superintendent Bob Williams, Indian Principal Don Horstman, Carol Kahle and Pilgrim Ken Stechschulte of building maintenance all competed in the first Turkey Pageant held by the *Cats Who Care* service league of Kalida High School.

“Step into Your Future” Workshop

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to do welding? Or to solder together an electrical flashing display? On Saturday, January 29, 2005, Vantage Career Center will host a hands-on careers workshop for girls in grades 8, 9, and 10, who attend schools in the Vantage district. This exciting day will focus on exploring interests, options and nontraditional career choices. There are several female students breaking out to the traditional mold this year at Vantage as they participate in the Electricity, Carpentry, Welding, and Auto Body programs.



The goal of “Step Into Your Future” is to introduce students to new career ideas. The day will include fun, hands-on activities in four different labs. This will be a very fast paced day full of interactivity and opportunities for the girls to try new things.

Workshops include:

Carpentry-Students will learn the basics of reading blueprints and use a variety of tools to construct a small, wooden step-stool.

Welding-Learn the techniques of metal arc welding to weld a small metal object together.

Electricity-Light up your life by wiring and soldering a light emitting diode (LED) flashing board.

Computer Networking Technology-Here’s your chance to tear apart a computer and see just how it works.

Participants must be able to commit for the whole time period- 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We invite and encourage parents to attend the workshop too! There are special activities planned throughout the morning for the adults, as well as time to spend with your child. Teachers and counselors are always welcome. **There is no charge to attend this exciting day!**

If you are interested, please call MaryJo Wilhelm at Vantage Career Center, 238-5411 (ext. 169) for a registration brochure. The deadline to register is January 15, 2005.

Musical Honors

The *2005 Putnam County Honors Band and Choir* has been formed with students from nine area high schools. To become part of the honors choir or honors band students must audition before a judging committee and be offered a position. Congratulations to Ashlee Warnecke, Alisha Knueve, Austin Barnhart and Brandon Closson who were named to the honors band. Congratulations to Meredith Bash, Kelly Knueve, Shane Hill and Justin Barnhart who were named to the honors choir. The Putnam County Band and Choir performance is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2005 at the Pandora-Gilboa High School.

Of The Final Four

Congratulations to the 2004 KHS volleyball team, Coach Jeremy Stober and Assistant Coach Kim Bockrath who finished the season with a record of 26-1. They were the first team in the KHS history to compete in the Div. IV state volleyball finals at Wright State University’s Nutter Center in Dayton. They finished as state semi-finalists in their division.

What a great season! Thanks also to all the fans for their tremendous support and encouragement to the team.



**Music Boosters’
November
Drawing
\$50 Winners**

Gary & Connie Krouse
Tom & Deb Heitmeyer
Kris & Nancy Schnipke
Donna Schnipke

**Superintendent:
Robert Williams**
419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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

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