I would like to use this month’s newsletter as a forum for thanking many of our school employees and community members for the many exciting accomplishments achieved on behalf of the Kalida School District as well as unmentioned individuals and groups who help make Kalida such a great school system.

Thanks to the members of the Kalida School Board for their dedication and hours of service.

This year’s cheerleaders, under the guidance of advisors Pam Schroeder and April Buss, have done a wonderful job representing the school and promoting school spirit in our school and at our basketball games. The cheerleading squads and their advisors have been a big part of an exciting winter sports season.

Ken Stechschulte deserves well earned recognition for his efforts on the recently completed construction project. I especially want to thank him for his work engineering a sliding white board that works in conjunction with the new Smartboards that were recently installed in the new high school science classrooms. I also would like to acknowledge and thank the students in Mr. Schnippel’s Vo-Ag classes for the wonderful job they did in refining the ticket booth and replacing the formica top.

Brenda Verhoff, bus driver for Kalida Schools since 1995, has been hired by an outside source and will no longer be driving for us. We thank her for her 10+ years of service. Dick Hoffman will take over her route for the remainder of this school year.

I also would like to thank the Kalida EMS for their role in assisting the district in mounting Automatic Electric Defibrillators (AEDs) in all three of our school buildings. These units were obtained through a grant written by Mr. Lammers and Mr. Horstman last school year.

~ Superintendent Mark K. Neal

Request for Help - We are updating our yearbook archives here at KHS. We are looking for any KHS yearbooks published prior to and including 1947. Currently we are also lacking these specific books: 1949, ‘50, ‘54, ‘55, ‘57, ‘58, ‘60, ‘63, ‘64, ‘67, ’77, ‘84, ‘87 and ‘89. These yearbooks will be added to the research department in the KHS library. Many reunion committees and sports enthusiasts have come to us looking for trivia information. We would love to be able to help them out and at the same time store a bit of our history for the future. If you have a book you wish to donate, please call Mrs. Denise Scherer at the high school 419-532-3529.


Tax Reminder - If you have forgotten to tell your employer of the January 1, 2006, Kalida School 1% income tax, please do so immediately. **The Kalida School District income tax number is 6904.** Your employer may call the State Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4089 if they have any questions on the collection procedures.
Honor Roll  Second Quarter  2005-2006

7th Grade
Allison Fitzgerald
Chad Goergens
Jeff Good
Kristopher Osterhage
Miranda Schulte
Emily Turnwald
Jillian Wehri

8th Grade
Julia Fuert
Amy Hamburg
Trisha Horstman
Brant Kahle
Kara Kaufman
Abby Rampe
Michael Turnwald
Stephanie Verhoff

Freshmen
Kasie Bellmann
Jenna Kahle
Erica Schmenk
Gina Verhoff
Matt Warnecke

Sophomores
Brittany Schroeder
Trent Smith

Juniors
Angela Hanneman
Rachel Knueve
Kari Schroeder
Katie Unverferth
Andrea Van Oss (Vantage)
Ashlee Warnecke
Abby Wilson

Seniors
Steven Becker (Vantage)
Ross Ellerbrock
Ryan Hoffman
Eric Schnipke
Julie Schroeder
Lindsay Westbeld

AB Honor Roll

7th Grade
Benjamin Bockrath
Alexandrea Cattell
Samantha Edwards
Christy Ellerbrock
Tyler Ellerbrock
Bryan Fortman
Tyler Hoffman
Michelle Jorrey
Chelsea Kahle
Derek Korte
Kelsey Miller
Austin Neidert
Justin Neidert
Brianna Recker
Stephanie Recker
Alex Schroeder
Amanda Schulte
Brian Schulte
Rachael Stechschulte
Alice Verhoff
Alyssa Verhoff
Andrew Warnecke

8th Grade
Kimberly Berheide
Michael Bockrath
Jeff Gerding
Stacie Heittmeyer
Kyle Hoffman
Kelly Kehres
Stephanie Kortokrax
Katherine Kromer
Kylie McIntyre
Michael Niemeyer
Abigail Swihart
Anna Tenwalde
Margaret von der Embse
Stephanie Wilson

Freshmen
Derek Birkemeier
Dana Bruskotter
Brandon Closson
Lauren Erhart
Leah Gerding
Megan Jorrey
Kyle Kahle
Kendra Kerner
Jessica Knueve
Neal Lammers
Darcy Langhals
Doug McIntyre
Louisa Milott
Scott Schnipke
Bethany Smith
Amy VonderEmbse

Sophomores
Alyssa Frey
Robert Gerding
Jill Hoffman
Kayla Kromer
Craig Miller
Samantha Recker
Stacy Reindel
Abigail Schroeder
Adam Unverferth
Nicole Warnecke

Juniors
Tim Beach (Vantage)
Tim Buckland
Renee Cigan
Kevin Erhart
Megan Hamburg
Brent Heittmeyer
Christopher Kahle
Emily Kahle
Justin Kahle
Andy Miller (Vantage)
Joy Miller (Vantage)
Dana Phillips
Ryan Rampe
Michael Recker (Vantage)
Alison Schnipke (Vantage)
Kelly Schnipke
Brooke Schroeder
Sam Schroeder (Vantage)
Shawn Smith
Alan Verhoff
Aaron von der Embse

Seniors
Ryan Bass
Andrea Ellerbrock (Vantage)
Kurt Fuerst (Vantage)
Kerri Geckle (Vantage)
David Gerdeman
Jesse Gerding (Vantage)
Shane Hill
Stacy Hunter
Kelly Kneuve
Austin Kruse
Ben McIntyre
Devyn McVicker (Vantage)
Renee Schroeder (Vantage)
Adam Schumacher (Vantage)
Jared Siebeneck
Autumn Snyder
Jared Stechschulte
Cory Unverferth
Megan Unverferth
Melissa Verhoff
Brad VonderEmbse
Jeremy Wehri
Laurie Westbeld
Jessica Winkle

Kalida School Calendar 2006-07
Board Approved 2/8/06

- Aug. 21, 2006  Teacher Workday
- Aug. 22  First Day for Students
- Sept. 4  Labor Day - No School
- Oct. 5  Staff Development - 1:00 Dismissal
- Oct. 27  End of First Nine Weeks
- Oct. 30  Quarter Break - No School
- Nov. 21  Parent-Teacher Conf. - No School
- Nov. 22  Parent-Teacher Conf.- No School
- Nov. 23  Thanksgiving - No School
- Nov. 24  Thanksgiving - No School
- Dec. 22  Christmas Break Begins
- Jan. 3, 2007  Classes Resume
- Jan. 12  End of Second Nine Weeks
- Jan. 15  Martin Luther King Day - No School
- Feb. 7  Staff Development - 2 Hr. Delay
- Feb. 9  Presidents’ Day - No School
- Feb. 19  End of Third Nine Weeks
- Mar. 22  Quarter Break - No School
- Mar. 23  Quarter Break - No School
- April 6  Spring Break - No School
- April 9  Spring Break - No School
- April 26  Staff Development - 1:00 Dismissal
- May 23  Last Day for Students
- May 24  Teacher Work Day
- May 27  Graduation - Class of 2007
- May 28  Memorial Day
- Make-up Days  Feb. 19, March 23, April 9, May 24, May 25

Achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award
Congratulations to Kalida High School senior Melissa Verhoff who recently earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. As part of her project, Melissa held two computer workshops for students and adults in the new KHS computer lab. Subjects covered in the training included Microsoft Word, Outlook Express, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Power Point and Adobe Photoshop. “I feel the workshops were a success,” said Melissa. “Thanks to project advisor Mrs. Stacy Knueve and our principal Mr. Don Horstman for use of the lab, the volunteer helpers from Cats Who Care and the Kalida Girl Scout troop and all those who attended the workshops.”

Defiance College Coach of the Year
Jeremy Stober was named one of the Defiance College Alumni Coaches of the Year during special ceremonies on January 28. Mr. Stober and Coach Lori Smith of Ottawa-Glandorf were honored and a reception was held in their honor following the award presentation. Mr. Stober is the head volleyball coach, assistant baseball coach and assistant basketball coach at KHS. He is the technology coordinator and a math teacher for Kalida Local schools. Congratulations, Mr. Stober!
KALIDA SCHOOLS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

While Phase I construction is basically complete, the Enhancement Committee continues to stay very active. Some of the enhancements funded to date are listed on the side of this page. One project we are still working very hard to complete is the performance lighting package in the auditeria. As well as special lighting, this package includes other items, such as side curtains on the stage. Completing this project would certainly enhance future performances in the new auditeria. We are presently awaiting bids on this project and hope to proceed as soon as possible.

As promised, the additional $20 per seat for preferred seating in the gym will go directly to enhancements in both the Elementary and High School classrooms. This year, there was close to $5,000 generated for these academic enhancements. Teachers have recently submitted their requests and we hope to fund as many of them as possible this year.

As of this writing, we are still awaiting the arrival of the Smartboards/Whiteboards for the classrooms. Apparently these are in high demand, as they have been on order for some time!

With the coming of spring and the girls’ softball season, we will be displaying donor panel signs on the outfield fence, representing twenty businesses and organizations that have committed a minimum of $2500 to the Enhancement Fund. These signs will be displayed at the girls’ softball field in season and move to the soccer field in the fall. Please support these businesses and organizations, as they have generously supported Kalida Schools with donations to the Enhancement Fund. If your business or organization is interested in this program, give one of the Enhancement Committee members a call. We still have time to get your donor panel sign up by spring!

Donor recognition levels are also shown on the side of this page, beginning at the $1000 + Bronze level. Some donors have requested their contribution remain anonymous, and we will certainly honor that request. Donations from individuals, businesses and organizations are welcome.

Our goal is to continue with additional enhancements to Kalida Schools. We hope you agree that the work of the Enhancement Committee should continue. Please consider a donation to the Kalida Schools Enhancement Fund to help our students achieve the best education possible.

Thank you for your continued support!
The Kalida School Enhancement Committee

Bill Rieman, Greg Knueve, Dave Unverferth, Carl Kahle, Steve Krouse, Bob Unverferth, Rhonda Osterhage, Barry von der Embse, Mark Neal, Don Horstman, Cindy Webken

Enhancement Donors to Date

Platinum - The Union Bank Company
Kalida Manufacturing Incorporated
Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family

Gold - KNG Energy
Northwest Physical Therapy
Verhoff Machine & Welding
Knueve & Sons

Silver - Kalida Telephone Co.
Ford Motor Company
Kahle Supply & Feed Mill
K & L Readymix
Bruskotter Financial Services/
Denny & Shirley Bruskotter
Carl & Joyce Kahle Family
Sky Bank

Bronze - Sarka Electric Ltd.
Kalida Pioneer Days
Kalida Lions Club
Kalida Party Mart/Shell
Trilogy Health Services
Kalida St. Michael’s Catholic Church
Ottawa Eagles Fraternal Order #2234
Robert & Helen Unverferth
Jim & Susie Burgei
Kalida Family Outreach Center
Tim & Deb Verhoff Family
The Rieman Family
Kalida Truck Equipment
Leonard Verhoff Family
Bob & Doris Williams
Carl & Rhonda Osterhage
Kalida Area Chamber of Commerce

Memorial Brick Donations-
240 bricks sold for a total of $36,000

Items Funded by Enhancement Fund Donations
The Sound Of Music- Dates for the musical will be April 20 through April 22. Auditions for any interested student will be held at 7:00 PM on Feb. 13 in the new high school auditoria. Material for auditions can be picked up in the high school office. We would like to have a cast of 40+; we also need a good number of guys to fill roles in both singing and non-singing parts. Any questions call Joe or Laura Warnement 419-532-3176.

A Thank You Note

“Thanks more than words can ever express to all of you who took time from your busy lives to remember me in any way during my recent illness. The cards, flowers, balloons, phone calls and prayers were all greatly appreciated! My experience proves we never know what turns life may take, but it also showed me again that this is the greatest community in the world. Please keep me in your thoughts while I continue to recuperate. Thanks again!” ~ Ann Vorst

Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Team Award

Congratulations to the KHS Girls Soccer team for receiving a Certificate of Recognition for Team Academic Excellence for the 2005 soccer season. This award is only granted to one team per division in each district.

Testing Dates—Parents of students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10—please be aware of statewide testing coming up in the month of March. Specific dates are:

- Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh & Eighth grades—March 6 and 8
- Fourth grade—March 6, 8, and 10
- Tenth grade—March 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17

Scheduling for high school students

Scheduling has already started for students currently in grades 8-11. After receiving their paperwork, students will have one week to return a list of courses for next year. This list will need a parent signature.

Ohio Graduation Test Website - Our teachers have been working hard to prepare their students for the upcoming tests. However, if you would like additional practice for your student, you can go online to http://ohio.measinc.com/Content.htm. Located there are practice tests that will be scored as soon as the student finishes the test. There are also sample questions that wouldn’t take as much time to look over.

ProgressBook—https://parentaccess.noacsc.org

We are pleased with the number of people using this program for grades 7-12. If you have lost your password or need other help with the site, contact Mr. Stober (ka_stober@kalida.k12.oh.us). Questions? Contact Mr. Horstman (ka_horstman@kalida.k12.oh.us).

1) Please allow time for graded assignments to be posted. We have already had calls about grades for tests that hadn’t even been given yet! Teachers will usually want to pass items back to students before the information is visible on the web.

2) Always check to see that you are looking at the right grading period. Only 7th and 8th graders have trimesters for P.E., art, etc. If a 9-12 student’s grade shows a trimester, click on the appropriate grading period instead. Right now we are in the 3rd 9-weeks, or GP3. This has been a worry, but since we are “piloting” this software we knew there would be problems.

3) When a 9-weeks ends, the calendar in ProgressBook makes the new 9-weeks show up right away. To see the grade for the 9-weeks that just ended, be sure to click on that grading period instead. Just click on the subject first and then go to the bottom of the screen to choose the grading period.