

**KALIDA ELEMENTARY**  
**NOVEMBER, 2014**

**Going Paperless**

In an attempt to utilize the technology that is at our fingertips and to be more cost effective, the Elementary Newsletter will be going paperless starting in January. You will find this handy newsletter on the Wildcat webpage under the Elementary Tab. It can also be sent directly to you via e-mail. Just send your e-mail address to: ka\_m\_vennekotter@kalida.k12.oh.us

**Saved By Study Skills**

The KES PTO is proud to welcome Sylvan Learning Center on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the elementary library for a FREE seminar for parents in helping develop effective study skills habits at home and at school. As the CEO's (Chief Education Officers) of the home, many parents fill ill-equipped when it comes to best helping their children with study and organizational skills. The experts at Sylvan will be giving a FREE presentation that will give parents the tools for effective and efficient study skills. Join us for a fun and informational evening that is sure to give parents some tips and pointers that can be applicable to homework and study time.

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences Sign-Up**  
**Nov 3-7**

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

P/T Conferences will be held Monday, Nov 24 from 5:00-9:00 and Tuesday, Nov 25 from 11:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:00. Sign up sheets are available in the elementary lobby from 7:30-3:30 this week, Nov 3-7. Phone requests will be honored beginning Nov 10. Registration will be on a first come-first serve basis. Students will not be permitted to register parents for conferences the first week. Classes will be held on Monday, Nov 24. No classes on Tuesday, Nov 25, and Wednesday, Nov 26.

**School Lunch Day - November**

On Friday, November 14 we will be hosting a School Lunch Day for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We encourage you to enjoy a cafeteria meal right alongside your child. Please call the office to reserve a spot for lunch.

**Home for the Holidays Shoppe at Christmas in Kalida**

The KES PTO is looking for vendors for our Home for the Holidays Shoppe to be held at Christmas in Kalida on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. For a \$15 donation to the PTO, we will feature your items in our Holiday Shoppe. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a vendor or would like more information, please contact Adriene Swyers at 419.532.2820 or [adrienes@bright.net](mailto:adrienes@bright.net). There are also registration forms in the Elementary office.

**PTO - SCRIP Cards**

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on November 14 and again on December 1 and December 12. Delivery is approximately one week from the order date. SCRIP is a great way to buy all of your gift cards in one place and at the same time support the Kalida Elementary PTO. Order forms are available in the school office or on the school's website at <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/File/PTO/FamilyOrderForm.pdf>

**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration will begin December 1. Registration forms will be available in the elementary office. Completed forms and a copy of a certified birth certificate should be returned by December 19. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2015 to register for the 2015-16 school year. If you have any questions, please call the elementary office at 419-532-3845.

**Jump Start- Read for the Record**

On Tuesday, October 21, Kalida Elementary students, along with the help of Mrs. Mary Lou Hoffman and Mrs. Denise Scherer, participated in setting a new world record for the world's largest story time with *Jumpstart - Read for the Record*. Through the use of classroom technology, KES students were able to read along while Mrs. Hoffman read the book, *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells, over the PA system while millions of other students and adults read the same book at their school or library. Last year's record was over 2.4 million. We hope to know soon if we set a world record.

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### **The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!**

The Kalida Elementary Library will host the Scholastic Book Fair *Kingdom of Books - Sir Readalot's Castle* from November 24 - December 5. We invite you to our school library to share in this celebration of books and reading. A special Family Event for parents and grandparents is being held during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov 24 & 25. The book fair will be open to students December 1-5 from 8:30-11:00 am & 12:00-2:30 pm.

Preview our featured books on-line, watch videos and make a wish list to help you shop the fair by visiting our personal book fair web site:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kalidaelemsch>

The Classroom Wish List program is available again this year. You will have the opportunity to purchase a book or two for your child's classroom (to give now or at Christmas time) to thank your child's teacher, while building a classroom library. Please join us to make this Book Fair an awesome event.

### **Love Books??**

If so, please volunteer to help at the book fair. You can decorate and set up, help kids select books, work at the cashier's table, or help pack up. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Mary Lou Hoffman at [ka\\_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us](mailto:ka_hoffman@kalida.k12.oh.us) or call her at school, 419-532-3845.

### **COSI on Wheels**

*Exploring Ecology* was a huge success. The hands-on learning and neat science presentations were unforgettable. A special thanks to Mrs. Luderman for coordinating the program, to "Cats Who Care" for helping set up for the big day and of course to the volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

### **Safety Training**

On November 13, with the assistance of local law enforcement and safety officials, we will be conducting a lockdown drill. This drill is part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe building and to prepare for the unexpected.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Kalida Elementary Christmas Program will be held Monday, December 15 at 7pm in the elementary gym.

### **Many Thanks to...**

- Mark and Marlene Kahle and Family for donating 3 boxes of gourds for teachers to use with the students.
- all those who save BoxTops. We received a check for \$829.30 from General Mills.
- the COSI volunteers: Connie Krouse, Cindy Fitzgerald, Karen Fortman, Janine Dulle, Dee Luersman, Mike Maag, Julie Gerdeman, Dana Schnipke, Pat Zeller, Kim Snipes, Melissa Langhals, Lynn Moore, Karrie Langhals and Heather Siefker.
- Mrs. Kristen Stechschulte and the Red Ribbon Week Committee: Brandt Brinkman, Cole Nienberg, Ryan Klausung, Haley Keller, Gabe von der Embse, Hanna Rampe, Kayla Nartker, and Logan Travis for helping organize another successful Red Ribbon Week.
- The Kalida Fire Department for bringing the Fire Safety House and for giving away smoke detectors to 40 lucky students. Thanks for keeping us safe!!



### **Calendar of Events**

Nov 3-7 - P/T Conference Sign-up  
Nov 5 - Picture Retakes  
Nov 10 & 13 - Personal Safety Program  
Grades 1 and 5  
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Presentations  
Nov 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade to OSU Lima Theatre  
Nov 12 - School Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
Nov 13 - Lock Down Drill  
Nov 14 - School Lunch Day - 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Nov 14 - SCRIP Gift Card order placed  
Nov 17 - Study Skills Presentation, 7:00pm  
Nov 21 - Mid-term ends  
Nov 24 - Dec 5 - Book Fair  
Nov 24 - Fetch Program, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nov 24-25 - P/T Conferences  
Nov 25-26 - No School/P/T Conferences  
Nov 27-28 - No School/Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 1-5 - Kindergarten Registration Week  
Dec 15 - Elem Christmas Program, 7pm