

The PawPrint

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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes
Jan. 21 M.L.King, Jr. No School
Feb. 18 School in Session Calamity Makeup Day
March 21 Easter Break
March 24 School in Session Calamity Makeup Day
April 17 Early Dismissal Staff Development
May 25 Graduation Class of 2008

- ♦ I hope this issue of the Paw Print finds residents rested and ready to begin the New Year. We are very close to reaching the halfway point of the school year and much of our focus has shifted to planning for next year. I am very happy to announce that we will be expanding our Project Lead the Way curriculum to include **BioMedical Education** next school year along with our existing **Pre-Engineering Program**. The details have not yet been finalized, but it is very likely that we will also be offering dual-enrollment courses next year as well for students who would like to earn college credit and high school credit simultaneously. Hopefully, the details of these courses will be finalized by next month's newsletter. It is quite exciting to be able to offer these opportunities to our students!
- ♦ The 2008-09 school calendar was adopted by the Board of Education at the January meeting and can be viewed (pg.4) in this month's newsletter. This information is also available on the district web site. In other board business, Dennis Turnwald was elected Board President and Brian Laudick Vice President. Congratulations also to Mr. Laudick as he was elected President of the Vantage School Board at their organizational meeting.
- ♦ There have not been any significant developments pertaining to the upcoming construction project, as we are still waiting on the final approval from the Toledo Diocese on the lease/purchase that was agreed to locally by the Board of Education, the Parish Council, and St. Michael's Church Finance Committee. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved quickly and we can move forward on the project. Monthly meetings are being held with the Ohio School Facilities Commission as we continue to move forward on the completion of our facilities.
- ♦ Currently, we have 38 students who plan to enroll in kindergarten next school year. This is significantly less than last year's kindergarten class and will require one less section of kindergarten. Parents may still have their children screened and enrolled for next school year if they have not yet done so.
- ♦ Because of the number of cancellation days (7) we have used in the current school year, I would like to remind all residents that on February 18 and March 24 school will be in session.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Presenting Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Ketcham
Congratulations to Kalida Elementary teacher Ann Vorst upon her marriage in mid-December to Dwayne Ketcham.
Best Wishes to you both!



New Bus Drivers - Congratulations to Joe Grote and Leroy Wehri who have completed the school bus drivers' training. They will both be substitute drivers for the district and will be driving for extra curricular and field trips. Are you interested in driving a school bus? We are currently in need of drivers who can sporadically fill in a driver's AM or PM route when necessary or for sporting events and field trips.



Kalida High School Library 2006-07 Memorial Book Donations

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Kalida Board of Education	Briana's Gift Letting Go of Lisa	Melvin Unverferth
Chas & Beth Myers	2-yr. subscription to the Wall Street Journal	In memory of Bill Howell and Mary Lou Adams, and in honor of Cindy Howell Adams and Edmund Adams
Mike & Norma Unverferth, Roger Sehlhorst, Dan & Cynthy Kleman, Phil & Sharon Rieke, Mel & Alice Kleman, John & Sarah Anderson, Jeff Deters, Gary & Kim Fortman, Doug & Norma Fortman, Dee & Dick Hoffman	The Vacation Alex Rodriguez Among the Impostors World War I Play Ball	Gladys Unverferth
Bev Unverferth Brad & Pat Unverferth Renee & Denny Swankhouse & family Pam & Randy Schroeder & family Cindy & Mike Donnelly	Going for the Record Wing Nut Downriver Driving Book	Gladys Unverferth
Great Grandson Wyatt Lidke Ryan & Lisa (Swankhouse) Lidke Denny & Renee Swankhouse	Story Time Uglies Gold Dust	Melvin J. Unverferth Charlene Moser

Other Kalida School Library Donations

Dan Fanger	Numerous old high school yearbooks	
Tammy & Ed Schroeder	Cookies: Bite-size Lessons	In Honor of Agatha Unverferth

Yearbook Search Continues

Last year we put out a request to the public to search for old school yearbooks. We were very successful in obtaining many copies. Currently, we are in need of any yearbook prior to 1938. We also need the 1939, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 issues to complete the archive files. If you would wish to donate any of these needed copies to the high school library, please drop them off at the high school office.

Thank you for donating
to the Kalida Local
School' Libraries!
We appreciate your
generosity
and thoughtfulness!



Homecoming Court 2008

The KHS Homecoming Game will be on Saturday, January 12. Due to scheduling difficulties, the Homecoming Dance will be held two weeks later on Saturday, January 26. King and Queen announcement and crownings will be made the evening of the ballgame.

Court members this year include:

Seniors Abby Schroeder, Jenna Schroeder, Stacy Reindel, Craig Miller, Dean Schnipke, and Adam Unverferth. **Junior attendants** are Scott Schnipke and Kasie Bellmann. **Sophomore attendants** are Cody Spicer and Kara Kaufman.

Freshmen attendants are Dillon Blair and Rachael Stechschulte.

National Technical Honor Society



Congratulations to Emily Erhart, Kalida senior, attending Vantage Career Center in the Early Childhood Education program. Emily has been selected for membership in the Vantage National Technical Honor Society.

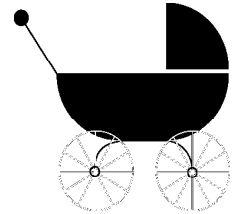
NTHS membership is the highest award for excellence in career technical education. Students who achieved a 3.5 grade point average or better, while maintaining a 95% attendance rate at Vantage, were eligible to apply for membership. In addition to submitting a resume and writing a paragraph stating why they would like to be a part of the NTHS, the students also were required to obtain three teacher recommendations.

Gold Award- Congratulations to senior Karri Clementz who was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award for her community project with the local library.



Welcome Little One

Congratulations to Beth and Jamie Grime on the birth of their daughter Kyla Ann on December 1. Mrs. Grime is a science teacher in the high school.



Honor Roll Continues - Congratulations to Eric Hill and Andy Burwell who made the AB Honor Roll last quarter. Their names were missed last month in the publication.

Join NOW and Support OUR Wildcats! The Kalida Athletic Boosters Annual Membership Drive We want YOU to be a part of the action.

What is it? This is an organization created to support the Kalida High School Athletic Programs. Donations and support have been made to every high school sport. The Athletic Boosters have sponsored the girls' softball field and the establishing of the soccer field. The boosters have also helped purchase the weights being used in the weight room which is used for all sports programs and high school gym classes.

Why join? Show your support for local athletics! Every members name is entered into a monthly drawing. Winners are pulled at each meeting. If you are present at the meeting you will win \$50. If not present, you will win \$10. **AGAIN this year** will be our **Early Bird Drawing**. This will apply to any 2008 member that is signed up by January 10. If your dues are paid, your name is entered into a drawing that will take place at half time of the Columbus Grove game on January 12. One lucky winner will receive **\$100**. Who can be a member? Anyone! **How much is it?** \$5.00 per person, per calendar year. **How do I sign up?** Complete the form below and mail it to Athletic Boosters, PO Box 556, Kalida, OH 45853. You may also sign up and drop off memberships at any home boys' or girls' basketball games.

Remember...respond by January 10 to be eligible for the **Early Bird Drawing**. Please include \$5 per person listed.

Thank You! Name of Each member _____

Superintendent:

Mark Neal 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



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School Board Members:

VP Brian Laudick,
Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte,
President Dennis Turnwald
Don Wehri

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School - Media Center

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

Special Thanks! Winter will be easier on our equipment thanks to Verhoff Machine and Welding for allowing the district to store the new band trailer at their facility in Ottawa.

Boxholder
Kalida, OH 45853

Freshman Orientation Scheduled

Kalida High School would like to take this opportunity to inform parents and students that we have scheduled an orientation meeting for next year's freshmen class - the class of 2012. Therefore, all current eighth graders and their parents/guardians are highly encouraged to attend. This informative session will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 7 – 8 PM** in the high school auditoria. If a basketball tournament game occurs on this night, the orientation will be rescheduled for the following Thursday (February 28). Important material that is very relevant to the high school student's academic future and success will be distributed and discussed. Graduation requirements, course scheduling, and exciting new programs will all be covered as well as other important issues. If you have any questions regarding this important meeting for your child's educational development, please contact the Kalida High School guidance office at 419-532-3504 or by email at KA_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents/Students

The FAFSA or Free Application For Student Assistance is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds that the respective schools distribute. Paper applications will be available in December, but applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at www.pin.ed.gov

Every year a seminar is held at one of the following area participating schools: Continental, Kalida, Ft. Jennings, and Ottoville. It is, thus, rotated yearly among the four schools. This year it will be held on Monday, January 21 from 7 – 9 PM at Continental High School. A representative from a local college's financial aid department will be present to explain various types of financial aid that students may have the potential to obtain. In addition, he will explain the proper procedure for filling out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents of Juniors are also encouraged to attend if they wish to get a head start on the college process.

School Calendar 2008-09

Bd. Approved 1/03/08

Thursday, August 21, 2008	Teacher Workday
Monday August 25	First Day for Students
Monday, Sept. 1	Labor Day/No School
Friday, Oct. 3	1 PM Early Dismissal Staff Development
Monday, Oct. 27	Quarter Break/No School
Tues. Nov. 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School
Wed. Nov. 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School
Thursday, Nov. 27	Thanksgiving/No School
Friday, Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Break/No School
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Break
Monday, Jan. 5, 2009	Classes Resume
Monday, Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day/No School
Monday, Feb. 16	Presidents' Day/No School
Friday, March 20	Quarter Break/No School
Friday, April 10	Easter Break/No School
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday/No School
Thursday, April 23	1 PM Early Dismissal Staff Development
Thursday, May 21	Seniors Last Day
Sunday, May 24	Graduation Class of 2009
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day/No School
Wednesday, May 27	Last Day for Students

“Choosing a College” Seminar Scheduled for Interested Parents

Are you wondering how to help your son or daughter choose a college? A reminder that a seminar for sophomore and junior parents has been scheduled for Thursday, January 17 from 7 – 8 PM in the auditoria for parents of sophomores and juniors who might want assistance in answering this question. The “How to Help Your Son or Daughter Choose a College” program is sponsored by Bowling Green State University. Last year it was offered and we had numerous positive comments on the presentation. If you are interested, please ask your student to sign-up on a sheet that will be posted outside the guidance office.