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Calendar Notes

Feb. 3
School Board Meeting
Date change

Feb. 8
Vantage Career
Center Open House
& Scholarship Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Feb. 13-14
Homecoming Game
Saturday, Dance
Sunday Evening

Feb. 15
No School
President's Day

Feb. 18-25
Scholastic
Book Fair
HS Media Center

Feb. 21 - 2 PM
All County
Band & Choir
KHS Gymnasium

March 2
KHS Spring
Bloodmobile

March 27-31
Senior Trip to
NYC

April 2-5
Easter Break
No School

April 23
1:00 PM
Early Dismissal
Teacher Inservice

May 1
Prom

May 27
Last Day of School

May 30
Graduation
Class of 2010

Notes from the Superintendent

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - The elementary school project has been slowed by December's winter blast, but the main portion of the building is under roof, and the contractors are working to tie the new roof into the existing building. The building is really taking shape, and the next big goal is to get temporary heat installed so concrete work can begin on the interior of the building. Knueve & Sons and Sarka Electric are installing their initial plumbing and electrical runs. Fitzenriders have started the main duct work in the attic, and Vulcan has started the fire suppression installation. Schroeder Masonry has almost completed the exterior block work and is getting ready to move inside to work on interior classroom walls. All of the contractors are working diligently as they battle the snow and ice to keep our project moving in order to have the building ready in August.

WELCOME TO GARY VORST - Kalida Local Schools would like to welcome Gary Vorst as the district's new second shift custodian. Mr. Vorst started in his new position on December 28, and has quickly made himself a vital part of the district staff. Mr. Vorst's prior plumbing, heating, and cooling work will benefit the staff, students and residents of the district. Gary and his wife Lisa, have two children Austin and Jasmine. Welcome aboard Gary!

KALIDA SCHOOL BOARD POSITION FILLED AT JANUARY MEETING

The Kalida Board of Education interviewed four candidates at the regular January 13 meeting, and after the process was completed the board voted to appoint Mr. Greg von der Embse to fill the position. Congratulations to Mr. von der Embse on his appointment. Greg and his wife Kelly, have five children Alex, Adam, Paul, Gabe, and Emma. Greg's appointment will be for a two year term, and at the end of the term the position will then go on the ballot for the remaining two years of the term. The interest expressed by all the candidates is greatly appreciated, and it is a testament to the district that four such high quality individuals expressed an interest.

The Kalida Board of Education also held their organization meeting on January 13. Brian Laudick was elected Board President, and Gary Stechschulte was elected Vice President. January is School Board Appreciation Month so if you have a chance say thank you to our current and former board members for their dedication to Kalida Local Schools.

BUS PURCHASE - On December 30, the district opened bids for the purchase of a new handicap accessible, eighty-four passenger school bus. The low bidder was Cardinal Bus in Lima with a bid of \$88, 662. The bus will be purchased with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds. The funds may only be used for very specific items, and a handicap accessible school bus was one of the allowable purchases. The district will take delivery of the new bus in April.

Freshman Orientation Scheduled - Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of Tuesday, February 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2014. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. New graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting new programs will all be covered as well as other important issues. A reminder letter will be mailed to parents in early February.

ASVAB Given to KHS Juniors- On January 19, juniors will take the Armed Services Vocational Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB is a very good career assessment because it tests students in eight different areas which produce career exploration scores for verbal skills, math skills, and science/technology skills. Then, these scores can be used to link students to possible career choices. Also, any junior who has thoughts of entering any of the military branches after graduation may use this score during the senior year to apply for admission. Schools that participate in the ASVAB program are not required to share student test information with the military. However, under federal legislation, No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA, high schools that receive federal funds must provide, on request made by military recruiters, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings.

Sophomores Vantage Information- On January 22, representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class at Kalida High School. On February 2 all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Applications for next year's enrollment will be distributed on this day. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2010-11 school year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Friday, February 5.

College Career Day - On February 17, we will be having a college/career day for juniors attending classes at the high school. The purpose of the day will be to engage students with activities and guest speakers that will, hopefully, help each student to gain insight about him/her in regards to personality and interests and how these relate to choosing a career.

College/Career Program Correction - In the November newsletter there was an article regarding Peterson's StudentEdge – a new college/career program to which students and parents can gain access. The ac-

cess code to enter was incorrect. The following is the correct procedure to check out this program which offers college and career information as well as excellent test preparation resources for the ACT, SAT, and AP exams. You can log on at www.mystudentedge.com Click on "new user" and, then, enter our school's access code which is YLZBCXFC

Kalida Academic Tutoring Program - Mr. Adam Huber is coordinating a cost free student/student tutoring program (K.A.T. Program) at KHS. If your child is in need of special help, whether it be studying or learning organizational study skills, please contact the high school office for this free student help service.

New Course Offering-Medical Intervention
With the start of the 2010-11 school year, Kalida High School will be adding the third course, **Medical Intervention**, to the Biomedical Program. Classes in Biomedical Sciences at KHS were initiated at the start of the 2008-09 school year and began through the sponsorship of *The Ohio Department of Education's Project Lead The Way Program*. The four courses that comprise the program must be taken in sequential order. Currently, 75 students are enrolled in one of the two existing biomedical courses which are Principles of Biomedical Sciences and Human Body Systems. Students who have completed the two prior courses will be eligible for this new **course**. Medical Intervention includes the investigation of a wide array of interventions involved in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The various interventions include immunology, pharmacology, medical devices, and diagnostics.

Vantage Career Center

Open House & Scholarship Dinner
February 8, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Chicken Dinners \$7, Kids Hot Dog Dinner \$2
Come to Vantage and take a tour.

All County Band and Choir

This year the All County Band and Choir performance will be held here at KHS. The show will be held on Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 PM.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Kalida Junior/Senior High School Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on February 18-25, in the high school library. Not only does the book fair help raise funds for new library books, it encourages reading among our students. The book fair will feature a wide range of books for junior/senior high school students, including mystery and adventure novels, fantasy trilogies, sports guides, manga, and the latest bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. In addition, our book fair will have bestsellers for adults and books for preschool-grade 4. The book fair will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Parents, children, teachers, and the community are invited to attend.

CLIFFORD IS COMING!! On Friday, February 19, the book fair will feature a Family Night open house during the Kalida/Continental boys' reserve/varsity basketball games. The book fair open house will start at 5:00 p.m. that night and will continue during the half-times of both games as well as between the reserve and varsity games. *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*, will be here to greet the students and to sign autographs. There will also be a special display of Clifford books available for purchase. Bring your camera for a special picture of your child with Clifford!



Again this year, you have the opportunity to bring more books to our students called One for Books. Donate just \$1 and sign the attached Book Slip with your name or your student's name so we can display it at our book fair. All of the money you give goes directly to purchase books for our school. The best part is: Scholastic Book Fairs will match the One for Books dollars you raise with a donation of up to a million books to three non-profit programs devoted to improving reading skills among children: Kids in Distressed Situations, National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. Please send your dollar and signed paper Book Slip back to school with your student or drop it off at the high school library or high school office. For more information about the Scholastic book fair and to see a sample of the featured books available, go to: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kahs>

<p>One for Books \$1 Book Slip</p> <p>From: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Thank you for supporting One for Books!</p>
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Love books? 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. There are lots of ways you can participate. Please call Denise Scherer at the high school library at 419-532-3528 if you would like to volunteer.

Happy Reading! - A big "thank you" to everyone who supported the Kalida Elementary Library's Scholastic Book Fair this past November/December. The library will be able to purchase over 40 books with the proceeds from the book fair!! Thanks to the following people for helping at the book fair: Carol Bockrath, Connie Cleemput, Jill Liebrecht, Joyce Wurth, Joanne Horstman, Jane Kleman, Judy Birkemeier, Mary Jane Aversch, Joan Peck, and Doris Bockrath.

Mary Lou Hoffman and Denise Scherer, Book Fair Co-Chairpersons

2009 CHRISTMAS IN KALIDA AT THE KHS AUDITERIA

Thanks to all the merchants, clubs, organizations and individuals who joined forces to make our 18th annual Christmas in Kalida such a success. Without all the great cooperation and giving spirit, it could not have been a wonderful event enjoyed by so many!

KMI, Bruskotter Financial, Kalida Party Mart, The Union Bank, The Meadows of Kalida, Erhart-Steichschulte Insurance, J & J's Carryout, Huntington Bank, Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc., Gery Wurth, Gary Fortman & Friends, Skooters, Dr. Horstman & Dr. Klir, Troy Rampe Construction, Contamination Control Specialists, Sarka Plumbing & Heating, Kalida Telephone, Scott L. Kahle, CPA & Financial Services, Fortman's Auto & RV, KHS National Honor Society, Putnam County Challenge Club, Village of Kalida & Kalida Chamber Of Commerce, St. Michael's Youth Board, KHS Art Department, KHS Music Department, Kalida Music Boosters, Kuneve & Son's Plumbing & Heating, and Kalida Local Schools.

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Brian Laudick-President
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Denny Turnwald
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School Board Meetings

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

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National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to KHS seniors Kyle Hoffman and Michael Niemeyer who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Vantage Career Center. The NTHS is an honorary group whose mission is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence, and enhance career opportunities for their membership.

New Bus Drivers

Congratulations to Gary Schroeder, Mary Siefker, Mike Webken, and Linda Schmenk who have all completed the bus driving training program. They will be used for extra-curricular activities as well as substitute drivers on the regular bus routes.



Kyle Hoffman Signs Letter of Intent

The University of Northwestern Ohio will have another KHS graduate on their golf team next year. Kyle Hoffman, a senior at Vantage, has signed a letter of intent and will be a UNOH **Racer**. Kyle is the son of Joyce and Mark Hoffman. Congratulations Kyle!

KALIDA PARK UPDATE

Looking for a gift for the person that has everything? Perhaps a memorial in memory of a loved one? Or, maybe a gift in honor of a friends retirement? The New Kalida Park committee has compiled a list of items such as picnic tables, benches, or trees that you might want to consider purchasing and donating to the New Park in the name of a loved one or friend. This list can be found online at www.kalidaparks.com or call Brenda Warnecke at 419-532-2063 for more information. All items will be acknowledged with a donor plaque which will be located on or next to each item when placed in the park.

SCRAP STEEL will continue to be collected to benefit new park.....over \$4150.00 raised , so far! Sometime in the spring we will have one day to collect large steel items, such as cars and farm machinery. ALUMINUM CANS AND SCRAP ALUMINUM are being collected, as well. The trailer is located at Town Maintenance facility on St. Rt. 114 west next to scrap steel container. Please save all your SCRAP COPPER to benefit the new park also. Sometime in the spring, we will announce one or two days to bring in your copper. FIELD STONES are still needed to build a Pavilion shelter house facility in 2010. Call Kent Kahle (419-796-9192) if you have any to donate. (Softball to basketball size...over 1000 needed). HARD DEMO MATERIALS are still needed such as brick, block and pavement grindings. Call Luke Hermiller at 419-532-2276 if you know of any of these materials that would be available. The Kalida Lions and Kalida Athletic Boosters THANK YOU for your continued support of the New Kalida Park!

Visit www.kalidaparks.com for park updates.