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Calendar Notes

Feb. 1
Sophomores
Vantage Visit

Feb. 6
Vantage Career
Center Open
House/BBQ
Sandwich Dinner
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Feb. 19
Homecoming
Dance
7:30 - 10:00 PM

Feb. 20
No School
Presidents' Day

March 23
No School
Quarter Break

March 30
2 hour delay
Staff
Development

April 6-9
Easter Break
No School

May 23
Last Day of
School

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN

The Kalida Board of Education swore in two new members at the regular January 13 meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Gerry Vorst and Mrs. Nicole Niemeyer. Gerry and his wife Kathy have two children, Alexis and Nathan. Nicole and her husband Brad, have two children, Owen and Grace.

The Kalida Board of Education also made a change to the schedule for the monthly board of education meetings. The meetings will now take place at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. The board of education members also made the decision not to schedule a meeting for the month of July unless it is needed. In other action, the board of education elected Mr. Denny Turnwald as the President, and the board elected Mrs. Sue Gerdeman to serve as the 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.

ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE TEACHER REQUESTS GRANTED

We would like to thank the reserved season ticket holders and the enhancement committee for a number of teacher driven projects that were approved in January. When the new building was constructed a group of district residents formed a committee to raise private funds to add things to the building project that the Ohio School Facilities Commission would not provide. The committee added a number of enhancements in the first phase of construction including computer lab/computer equipment, the auditoria sound system, science lab upgrades/science equipment, risers for musical/concert seating, scoreboards/scorer's table, and additional seating in the gymnasium just to name a few. One of the goals was to find a way to have a continuous revenue stream from the enhancement fund, and the reserved season ticket seating was one of the answers to this goal.

This year the seats allowed us to fund approximately **\$3,400** in projects. The committee was able to help with the purchase of forty-eight dual lens magnifiers for the sixth grade, a Flex Tester and Resistance tubing for elementary physical education, a Food Pyramid Activity Center for the kindergarten class, and a 3-D Document Camera. The committee also made the decision to help offset the cost of a new sounds system to be used by the elementary music program and the elementary physical education class, as well as an upgrade to the elementary playground equipment. These items will further improve the ability of our staff to improve instruction and enrich the academic experience of our students.

RACE TO THE TOP

The Kalida Race to the Top (RttT) Transformation Team met with our Regional Specialist, Nancy Wood Allison, on January 18. This work is a part of an ongoing four year grant through the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. The RttT Transformation Team met to continue to review the Scope of Work and the budget plan for the grant. The Transformation Team made the decision to address the use of new technology, professional development in the use of new technology and formative assessments, and to investigate the possible implementation of a one-to-one I-Pad strategy at the high school level. The rapidly changing landscape in technology and state accountability, have led to a lot of changes in content delivery, teaching strategies, and the curriculum. The Transformation Team hopes to use the grant as a spring board to address these changes. The district is also continuing work on developing new evaluation tools for the teaching staff, building principals, and the superintendent's position. One of the requirements of the RttT grant is the implementation of a comprehensive system of evaluation for the teaching staff and administrators which is aligned to state and federal criteria.

Freshman Orientation Scheduled

Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of February 8 at 6 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2016. 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.

High School Scheduling:

Pre-registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on February 7. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by February 17.

Post-secondary/Dual Enrollment

On Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of any high school student who may be interested in taking a college course during next school year. We offer two options at Kalida High School for students to take college courses. One option is of the post-secondary option variety through James A. Rhodes St. College and the other is Dual Enrollment through Wright St. University. There are a couple of significant differences between the two programs so representatives from both institutions will be present to clarify them and answer questions. The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit: Psychology, Computer Applications, Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, English 11, and AP English Literature and Composition. Thus, it is important that parents of students planning to take these courses next year attend this informational session. In addition, the Ohio Department of Education mandates that parents must attend an informational meeting before their students are eligible to participate in the program.

AP Course Sessions

There will be meetings on Tuesday, February 14 at Kalida High School for students and their parents taking any advanced placement (AP) courses next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams which are given at the end of each school year. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis: American History (10, 11, 12), Government (12), Statistics (11 or 12), Biology (11 or 12), and English (12). For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:30 PM and will follow the above mentioned PSEOP/Dual Enrollment session since many parents will need to attend both.

The schedule of the meetings is as follows:
AP American History (7:30) - Mr. Gasser's room
AP English (7:30) - Mrs. Gerding's room
AP Biology (8:00) - Mr. Gordon's room
AP Government (8:00) - Mr. Gasser's room
AP Statistics (8:00) - Mr. Huber's room.

Vantage Information -Sophomores

On January 19 representatives from the Vantage Career Center made a presentation to the entire sophomore class at Kalida High School. On Wednesday, February 1, 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 2012-13 school year should complete the application and turn it in to the Kalida High School guidance office by Friday, February 10.

HOBY Selection - Congratulations to Elizabeth Turnwald who was selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference at Ohio Northern University. Jarrod Stober was selected as the alternate. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Mr. Chris Pfahler (Kalida H.S. Principal) for funding the fee to attend the conference.

Honor Society Candidates Announced

Candidates for possible induction into the National Honor Society for the 2012-13 school year have been posted on the high school bulletin board. Students in grades 10-12 with a 3.3 or higher grade point average are eligible to apply for admission into the organization. Applications will be distributed to these candidates on February 1. Interested students will have two weeks until February 15 to complete them.



Congratulations to senior Jared Fortman upon his gaining acceptance into the National Technical Honor Society. Jared is in the Auto Technology program at Vantage Career Center. Jared's parents are Lynda and Glen Fortman.

Book Fair Coming Soon

The Kalida Middle/High School Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **February 7-13, 2012**, in the high school library. We invite you to our school to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the book fair help raise funds for new library books, it encourages reading among our students. Many of the books will be priced under \$6. The book fair will be open each day from 7:30 AM – 2:45 PM.

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.

One For Books —This year, one of our goals is to put more books into the hands of students. Please donate just \$1 and sign a book slip with your name or child's name. All signed book slips will be displayed at our Book Fair. All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing more books for the Kalida Middle/High School Library. Scholastic will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids In Need Foundation. On behalf of the students and teachers of our school, thank you!



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>

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS OFFERED THROUGH THE MAIL AND ONLINE *An additional method to purchase Yearbooks!*

Kalida High School is offering a great way to purchase the best book of the year, the 2011-2012 yearbook, *Kalidascope*. In addition to being able to return your orders to school, you may also order directly through the mail or online.

In a partnership with Jostens, our yearbook printer, we are offering a program for purchasing yearbooks from home. This simple method will eliminate the need for students to bring money to the school. Yearbook purchases will be made through the mail, Internet or by simply calling a toll-free number. Parents will also be allowed to purchase on an installment plan or use a credit card.

In late January, students and parents will receive complete details on ordering the 2011-2012 yearbook, available accessories and ordering instructions. This is an additional way to order your yearbook. You may still bring your orders into school. If you have any questions about these additional ordering options, feel free to contact the yearbook adviser, Mrs. Knueve, at the High School or by e-mail at ka_knueve@kalida.k12.oh.us.

Want to Learn to Weld?

The Ag-Education / FFA program will offer an introductory course to ADULTS in the community interested in learning how to use welding and metal cutting equipment. The program will include instruction on safety and operation of the ARC welders, MIG (wire) welders, Oxy-Acetylene Torches, and Plasma-arc cutters. This program focuses on people who have little or no training in the welding field, and would like to experience the process.

Classes will be held on Monday, Feb. 13 & Monday, Feb. 27 from 6 PM - 9 PM in the Ag-Shop. Participants may sign up for any class by e-mailing: ka_schnippel@kalida.k12.oh.us or calling the school directly and 419-532-3529 ext.2111. Limited seating is available and a materials fee of \$10 per evening session will be required.

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers**School Board Members:**Sue M. Gerdeman- VP
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\$50 Mark/Deb Kahle
\$50 Irma Kahle
\$50 Chas Myers**December 2011**\$150 Mike Knueve
\$125 Mary Hoffman
\$100 Bruce /Deb Remlinger
\$75 Alice /Larry Ricker
\$75 Don/Maggie Wehri
\$50 Mary Ann Grote\$50 Marlene Verhoff
\$50 Steve/Karen Osterhage
\$50 Mary Jane/Gene Stechschulte
\$50 Phil/ Nancy Maag
\$50 Joyce Wurth
\$50 Beth /Dave Nienberg
\$50 Shelly Hopkins**January 2012**\$50 Dave /Rita Schroeder
\$50 Ruth Ann Foppe
\$50 Ralph/Dolores Verhoff
\$50 Wilma Vorst**Second Quarter All A Honor Roll****6th grade** - Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck, Jakob Stober, Jaylen Vandemark, Taylor Zeller **7th grade** - Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Layne Keefer, Jeffrey Knueve, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Griffin Recker, Caleb Siebeneck, Trent Siebeneck, Erik Verhoff, Adam von der Embse
8th grade - Cathy Basinger, Brandon Erhart, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Trevor Maag, Paige Roller, Kaleb Selhorst, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex von der Embse, Renee Vorst**9th grade** - Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Zach Erhart, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Casey Wehri **10th grade** - Alexis Decker, Ryan Kahle, Kiersten Recker, Kylie Siebeneck, Elizabeth Turnwald, Justine Verhoff
11th grade - Andrea Bellmann, Damon Birkemeier, Anthony Dunn, Carrie Gerding, Rich Langhals, Amy Smith, Ben Stechschulte, Casey Unverferth, Eric Warnecke **12th grade** - Levi Blake, Nicole Kaufman, Austin Roebke, Connor Schmenk, Ben Schroeder**AB Honor Roll****6th grade**- Dillon Elkins, Kyona Gray, Trent Guisinger, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Sarah Klausing, Alex Meyers, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Hannah Warn, Kamryn Webken**7th grade** - Danica Basinger, Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Reed Fuller, Keara Hopkins, Hannah Kahle, Brooke Kimball, Morgan Knapke, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Carlee Miller, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Jenna Siefker, Claire Warnecke, Collin Wurth, Jade Zeller**8th grade** - Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Trent Gerding, Devin Giesige, Adam Goergens, Erica Honigfort, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausing, Jordan Kortokrax, Laine Laudick, Danni Maag, Samantha Nagy, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Andrea Rall, Allison Recker, Samantha Recker, Taylor Siefker, Austin Swift, Brandon Verhoff, Kassie Warnecke, Trey Webken, Sidney White, Allison Wurth**9th grade**- Ben Burkhart, Molly Ellerbrock, Jackie Gardner, Kennedy Hoffman, Brent Hovest, Melissa Jorrey, Ericka Kimball, Olivia Schmenk, Derek Schroeder, Aaron Tenwalde, Megan Vine, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Grant Zeller**10th grade** - Tadd Backus, Dana Cattell, Joe Gerdeman, Trevor Guisinger, Dylan Hoffman, Katelyn Kortokrax, Meredith Kromer, Andrew Krouse, Pat Millott, Nicole Reindel, Whitney Smith, Jarrod Stober, Sarah Verhoff, Randy Zeller**11th grade** - Jessica Doepker, Ryan Erhart, Austin Horstman, Adam Knueve, Phillip Loveland, Cody Mathew, Emily Schnipke, Kendra Schroeder, Kayla Siefker, Julia Vandemark, Kaylyn Verhoff, Jordan Wurth, Joel Zeller**12th grade**- Shauna Basinger, Erika Brinkman, Matthew Gerding, Neil Gerding, Amanda Giesige, Brian Good, Brady Hermiller, Eric Hill, Kendra Hoffman, Deanna Kahle, Ben Kaufman, Nathan Kortokrax, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Brandi Mer-schman, Cody Schnipke, Aaron Siebeneck, Marissa Smith, Drew Stechschulte, Kevan Unverferth, Paul Utendorf, Karly Westbeld, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller **Vantage Junior** - Alyssa Odenweller, **Vantage Senior** - Jared Fortman