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2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 ODE Excellent Rating
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Calendar Notes

March 11

Chicken BBQ
Kalida Athletic Boosters

March 23

Quarter Break
No School

March 28 - April 1

Senior Class Trip
NYC

April 6-April 9

Easter Break
No School

April 19-21

KHS Musical
South Pacific

April 26

Early Dismissal
1 PM
Teacher Inservice

May 23

Last Day for
Students

May 27

Graduation
Class of 2007

Notes from the Superintendent

Spring is right around the corner... and with it a host of activities. The spring sports season gets underway next week while practice for the upcoming musical has already begun. The district has used five calamity days thus far and hopefully it will not be necessary to cancel school anymore this year. However, residents should be aware of the three hour delay schedule (see below) and the two make-up days (March 23 and April 9) that are built into the school calendar should they become necessary.

Kindergarten registration is underway and our incoming kindergarten class currently has 49 potential students (see page 2.) This is an increase over the previous two years and hopefully an indicator that district enrollment is beginning to stabilize. The board of education has already begun the process of studying our staffing and personnel situations for the 2007-08 school year. Hopefully, I will have more information regarding these issues in next month's newsletter.

The building committee met with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) again on March 5 to finalize the enrollment numbers and continue working on the master facilities plan. As you may have read recently in the newspaper, the OSFC has a new executive director who reports to a new governor. Because of this, the timeline for notifying districts that they have become eligible for the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) has been moved back from March to May. However, our eligibility status has not changed and I am almost certain that Kalida will receive notification in May of this year. The total Kalida project cost has been scaled back from roughly 19 million dollars at its inception, to 16 million currently. This reduction is a result of the decreased enrollment that the district has experienced since the original master plan was developed as well as a "projected" further decrease in enrollment by the year 2016. This reduction will translate into an adjusted master facilities plan that has not yet been finalized.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Three Hour Delay Policy

When we have questionable weather issues in the mornings, we will use either a one-hour or two-hour delay. If the weather conditions do not improve, we may extend the delay to **three hours**. The school day will then be extended by one hour to meet the state minimum for a day. **School would start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.** Morning kindergarten classes would start at 11:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM; afternoon kindergarten would start at 2:00 PM and end at 4:00 PM. We would provide a light snack for the morning kindergarten students.

OGT'S AROUND THE CORNER

A reminder that the five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test will be given the week of March 12-16 to all sophomores and any upperclassmen who have not passed respective parts. The order of the test is as follows: Monday – reading, Tuesday – math, Wednesday – writing, Thursday – science, and Friday – citizenship. These tests will be given each morning from 8 – 10:45 in the auditoria. Students can practice for all sections of the Ohio Graduation test online at <http://ohio.measinc.com/Content.htm> All other testing in grades 3 – 8 will take place April 30 – May 3 this year.

SCHEDULING

Pre-registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 9-12 next year is nearly complete. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. A new opportunity to satisfy the physical education (PE) requirement for graduation is being offered. By participating in certain extra-curricular activities, students will be excused from PE and will earn credit toward graduation. Any student who is in marching band, a cheerleader, or member of the school's interscholastic sports' programs will be eligible to participate in this opportunity. Forms were sent home with 8th and 9th grade students on February 28 outlining this program.

MARCH SCHOLARSHIP LISTING FOR SENIORS

The March scholarship listing for seniors contains 11 new scholarships that were not listed on February's listing. Nearly all are local scholarships and several will be awarded to Kalida seniors only! Seniors were given this listing in class on March 2. This listing is also available on the school's webpage by clicking the guidance department link.

JUNIOR JOB - SHADOW DAY

Wednesday, April 4 has been designated as "*Junior Job-Shadow Day.*" New this year, all **juniors** will be expected to participate in this activity which could be a valuable source of information for a career. Paperwork was sent home with students the week of March 5-9.

Brain Teasers

Kalida High School Varsity Academic Club won both final matches against Ottawa-Glandorf and became the **2007 Putnam County League Champions**. They finished the regular season with a record of 15-3. The JV Academic team finished their season with a 9-7 record. Congratulations to all!

Welcome Roger Buss and Bob Gerdeman!

The Kalida Local School District has two new substitute bus drivers. Roger Buss and Bob Gerdeman have recently obtained their licenses and have been keeping busy helping us with field trips, route substitutions and sporting events. Do you think you might like to drive bus? We are actively searching for extra-curricular or substitute drivers. Call for details.

Class of 2020- Kindergarten Screening will take place on March 21 and March 22, 2007, in the elementary. Forty-nine students have already registered for the 2007-08 school year. If you have a child that will be 5 as of September 30, please stop at the elementary office and pick up the registration papers. Upon completion, a copy of the student's birth certificate needs to be submitted to the office as well. Welcome new Wildcats 'Class of



Putnam County Science Fair Participants

On Saturday, February 24, 2007 over 140 students from Putnam county participated in the countywide science fair at Fort Jennings High School. Below is a list of Kalida students that participated, along with their project titles, and the special awards they won. Congratulations to all the students!

7th graders:

Levi Blake, *The Power of Trebuchets*

- Superior rating

Benjamin Schroeder, *Is synthetic oil worth the extra cost?*

- Superior rating
- Outstanding presentation award
- Outstanding technology award

Drew Stechschulte, *Which packing material is the best protector and shock absorber?*

- Outstanding presentation award

Also participating were:

Halie Zenz, *How effective is recycled drywall when used to absorb liquids?*

Austin Roebke, *Which water makes a plant grow the best: distilled, spring, or well?*

8th graders:

Kelsey Miller, *Sugar vs Artificial Sweeteners: What are their effects on teeth?*

- Superior rating
- Perfect score
- Outstanding presentation

Austin Neidert, *Is all static electricity created equal?*

Justin Neidert, *Between Miracle-Gro and Schultz, which brand of fertilizer works better when growing beans?*

Andrew Warnecke, *How do different conditions effect grass growth?*

Jill Wehri, *Does the type of soil affect plant growth?*

Chad Goergens, *Rock Salt vs Salt Brine: Which works the fastest in wintery conditions?*

District Science Fair

On Saturday, March 17, 2007, Ben Schroeder, Levi Blake, Kelsey Miller and Jill Wehri will be participating in the District Science Fair at Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH. Good Luck to them all!

Kewpee High School Art Invitational

Congratulations to the following students who have had their artwork accepted for the ***Kewpee High School Art Invitational*** at Artspace/Lima: Senior-Karrie Miller, Juniors-Billie Jean Gerding and Mollie Utendorf, and Sophomore-Ben Schroeder. These students will have their art hanging in the gallery until April 7. This showing includes work from students from ten surrounding counties. The artwork is initially put through a juried inspection and only the best, select few are accepted for this showing. Everyone is welcome to come view their artwork. The Gallery is located at 65-67 Town Square in Lima. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Saturdays-Noon to 4:00 PM.



Basketball Programs

There are 2006-07 basketball programs still available for anyone interested in purchasing them for souvenirs, scrapbooks, etc. The yearbook staff is selling them for .50 cents on a first come first serve basis. Contact Mrs. Stacy Kneuve in the high school.

Tournament Winners

Congratulations to the 7th grade boys, 8th grade girls, and 8th grade boys basketball teams and their coaches who won the PCL championships in their designated categories. Congratulations also to the Varsity girls basketball team who claimed the sectional title.

Attendance Reminder

When your child is absent from school, a parent needs to call to inform the school. In the high school the number is 419-532-3543 and in the elementary the number is 419-532-3845. When the child returns to school a note needs to be given to the office with details explaining the absence whether it be illness or appointment and the date(s) of the absence(s). For medical or dental appointments, a doctor's note stating the student was treated in the office is an acceptable note for attendance issues.

Recycling into Cash

Kalida Local School in partnership with Recharge Enterprise in Delphos, Ohio has received close to \$100 already for recycled printer cartridges and cell phones - Thank you for your donations and please continue to drop off items outside the elementary office or high school office. If your business is interested in getting involved, please give Jeremy Stober a call.

Spring BloodMobile

On Monday, March 5, the KHS Bloodmobile committee held an in-school collection day for students, staff and walk-ins. "The Bloodmobile surpassed their goal by collecting a total of 56 units of blood," said advisor Mrs. Beth Grime. "Thanks to all who donated!"



First time donor KHS junior Kayla Kromer calmly listens to the nurse as she readies her for blood donation.

South Pacific-The KHS 2007 production of *South Pacific* will take the stage on April 19-20. Tickets will be available through the students or in the office as the date nears. Dinner theater will also be an option for the Saturday evening performance. Check with Joe Warnement if you have any questions.

Listed below is the cast:

Makenna Basinger-Nellie
Kyle Kahle-Emile de Becque
Shawn Spicer-Lt. Joseph Cable
Adam Berheide-Staff Sgt. Thomas Hassinger
Nicole Warnecke-Liat
Kayla Kromer-Bloody Mary
Michael Turnwald-Luther Billis
Austin Barnhart-Stewpot
Tim Buckland-Professor
Austin Basinger- Capt. George Brackett
Brandon Kortokrax- Cmdr. William Harbison/Richard West
Sean Fischnich-Tom O'Brien
Cody Spicer-Herbert Quale
Josh Verhoff-Bob McCaffrey
Eric Hill-Lt. Buzz Adams
Brandon Closson-Henry
Michelle-Webken-Lt. Genevieve Marshall
Angela Hanneman-Ens. Cora Rea
Brooke Schroeder-Ens. Bessie Noonan
Louisa Milliott-Ens. Pamela Whitmore
Singing/Dancing/Chorus-Lauren Erhart, Emily Kahle, Lisa Duling, Julia Fuerst, Kim Berheide, Emily Selhorst, Alexis Hill, Brittany Bockrath, Mollie Utendorf, Ashlee Warnecke, Katie Kromer, Stephanie Verhoff, Leanna Pitts, Lauren Fuller and Kelly Kehres



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

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Music Boosters
March
\$50 Winners

Jeff Blanford
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Bill Rieman

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