

The PawPrint



Calendar Notes

- May 1**
Prom
- May 2**
Putnam
County Art Show
Leipsic HS
- May 6**
Spring Choir
Concert
8 PM
Auditeria
- May 13**
Academic
Honors
Program
Auditeria
8 PM
- May 25**
HS Athletic
Physicals
6PM-8PM
HS Gym
- May 27**
Last Day
for Students
- May 30**
Graduation
Class of 2010
2 PM
- August 30**
First Day
2010-2011

Notes from Superintendent Don Horstman

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The elementary school project is moving into the final stages of construction. The contractors are starting to install the ceiling grid, lights, and the office doors and windows. The contractors are also preparing to begin working on the installation of the playground, windows, doors, and doing final site work. The district will also begin work on replacing a portion of the roof over the cafeteria and the four existing classrooms on the parish owned portion of the building. The district will also be replacing the windows, ceiling tile, floor tile, and heating systems in these areas. Everything continues to remain on budget and on schedule for our students and staff to begin the 2010 – 2011 school year in the new elementary building.

NEW BUS GUIDELINES FOR KALIDA SCHOOLS

One of our biggest priorities is the safe transportation of the district's students to and from school, and with that in mind the district has put a new set of bus guidelines in place after discussion at the April Board of Education meeting. When classes resume in August the new guidelines for student transportation will be put in place to increase the safety and security of the students. A letter explaining the new guidelines will be sent home with all of the students the first week of May, and the district will also post them on the school website.

SCHOOL FUNDING IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The current economic conditions which are affecting the rest of the nation are also having an effect on school funding in Ohio. The state of Ohio has continued to see a decrease in revenue as tax collections and investment income have both fallen. The effects of the economy were further exacerbated by the passage of Ohio House Bill 1 last fall. House Bill 1 dramatically changed the way schools in Ohio are funded, and the bill is particularly hard on small school districts such as Kalida. As a result, the current biennial budget flat funded Kalida Schools this year and will reduce state funding by two percent next year. This change meant the difference in funding projections for Kalida Local Schools going from approximately a \$160,000 increase to a \$52,000 cut in a two year period. This swing of over \$200,000 quickly changed the long term financial outlook of the district from a very solid outlook to one with a lot of question marks. The school board, administration, and staff have all worked diligently to control operating costs. They have done this by reducing staff, eliminating a bus route, approving a zero percent base pay raises for all administrators and non-certified staff, and increasing the operating efficiency of the district. The district will continue these efforts by reducing the number of field trips, not replacing retiring staff members, and continuing to monitor ordering, utility usage, and other operational costs as we search for other ways to reduce spending.

In spite of the problems with the current budget, an even greater concern is what is in store for education with the next state of Ohio biennial budget. We have included a letter sent to school superintendents by State Representative Lynn Wachtmann. In the letter Representative Wachtmann points out some of the issues the state is currently facing. The reductions Representative Wachtmann is predicting would result in a potential cut in state funding to Kalida Local Schools between \$550,000 and \$780,000 in the first year of the next budget. Budget cuts of this magnitude would be devastating for Kalida Local Schools. The district will also place Representative Wachtmann's letter and supporting documents on the school website. If you have any questions about school funding please contact the superintendent's office or the treasurer's office for more information.



6th Grade Winners



JH Winners

Oration Winners - The annual Modern Woodmen Civic Oration Contest was recently held at Kalida Schools. Winners in the sixth grade were Joni Kaufman (1st), Brady Laudick (2nd), and Brandon Erhart (3rd). Winners in the JH were Jarrod Stober (1st), Whitney Smith (2nd), and Kiersten Recker (3rd). For the topic of the speech, students were asked to finish the statement, “*If I were President...*”. First and Second place winners in each division will now advance to the next level of competition in Ottawa for all Putnam County winners.

Let’s Go Cheering!
 Kalida Wildcat Mini Cheer Camp will be June 14-17 from 4:30- 6:30 PM. The cost is \$40 which includes a t-shirt. Please contact a high school cheerleader for more information.
GO CATS!

**APRIL MUSIC BOOSTERS
 50/50 RAFFLE
 SPRING CONCERT**



Kalida Elementary Third Graders

AMOUNT	NAME
\$150	Bill & Beth Rieman
\$100	Irma Hoffman
\$100	Ken Hanneman
\$75	Bob Gerdeman
\$75	Mary Jane & Gene Stechschulte
\$50	Lori Kahle
\$50	Andy Wehri
\$50	Barry & Kathy Unverferth
\$50	Kyle (Pudge) Unverferth
\$50	Miriam Miller

11th Annual Farm Safety Program

The Kalida third graders attended the **Farm Safety program** at the Dale Gerding Farm near Glandorf. The students were given safety presentations on smokeless tobacco, chemical poisoning, electricity, grain entrapment, lawn-mowers, guns, ATV use, water/pond safety, and farm equipment. It was an educational and fun experience. Upon conclusion of the program, students were all given Farm Safety T-shirts.



Fuel Up to Play 60 - The National Dairy Association representative Mark Inkrott joins the **Fuel Up to Play 60** Kalida Elementary team for this snapshot. He presented the team with a trophy for the excellent work they achieved in promoting the benefits of healthy eating choices and staying active.

Third Quarter “All A” Honor Roll



5th Grade - Maizee Brinkman, Derek Buss, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Layne Keefer, Jeffrey Knueve, Tyler Lehman, Caleb Siebeneck

6th Grade - Kylie Buss, Brandon Erhart, Sarah Hovest,

Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Samantha Nagy, Kaleb Selhorst, Allison Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alexander von der Embse, Renee Vorst

7th Grade - Mariah Doepker, Brent Hovest, Erin Knueve, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Olivia Schmenk, Austin Vorst, Casey Wehri, Grant Zeller

8th Grade - Alexis Decker, Meredith Kromer, Kiersten Recker, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Turnwald, Justine Verhoff

Freshmen - Andrea Bellmann, Carrie Gerding, Rich Langhals, Amy Smith, Kaylyn Verhoff, Eric Warnecke, Jordan Wurth

Sophomores - Neil Gerding, Amanda Giesige, Nicole Kaufman, Connor Schmenk

Juniors - Samantha Edwards, Amanda Schulte, Emily Turnwald

Seniors - Julia Fuerst, Amy Hamburg, Kyle Hoffman (Vantage), Trisha Horstman, Stephanie Kortokrax, , Katherine Kromer, Michael Niemeyer (Vantage), Stephanie Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse

“AB” Honor Roll

5th Grade - Bryce Brinkman, Kelly Doepker, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Reed Fuller, Keara Hopkins, Sierra Hunter, Hannah Kahle, Brooke Kimball, Morgan Knapke, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Marcus Landin, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Carlee Miller, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Trent Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Aubrey Stechschulte, Erik Verhoff, Jade Zeller

6th Grade - Cathy Basinger, Westin Basinger, Maddison Edellbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Trent Gerding, Devin Giesige, Adam Goergens, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausing, Jordan Kortokrax, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Allison Recker, Samantha Recker, Paige Roller, Katelyn Siebeneck, Kassie Warnecke, Sidney White, Allison Wurth

7th Grade - Rebecca Brinkman, Katey Buss, Jacob Dunn, Molly Ellerbrock, Lindsey Erhart, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Melissa Jorrey, Mitch Kerner, Devin Kortokrax, Taylor Lamb, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Rachel Rall, Derek Schroeder, Ryan Siefker, Aaron Tenwalde, Kim Verhoff, Noah Verhoff, Megan Vine, Alexis Vorst, Makenna Vorst

8th Grade - Tadd Backus, Dana Cattel, Alison Fortman, Joe Gerdeman, Trevor Guisinger, Dylan Hoffman, Ryan Kahle, Kyle Kehres, Katelyn Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, Brooke Loveland, Patrick Millott, Cody Niese, Nicole Reindel, Michael Schroeder, Kylie Siebeneck, Jarrod Stober, Derek Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Sarah Wortkoetter, Randy Zeller

Freshmen - Damon Birkemeier, Jessica Doepker, Anthony Dunn, Ryan Erhart, Summer Holtkamp, Kendra Hunter, Adam Knueve, Neil Recker, Emily Schipke, Kayla Siefker, Casey Unverferth, Julia Vandemank, Shelly Verhoff

Sophomores - Eric Ellerbrock, Brian Good, Nick Guisinger, Miranda Hermiller, Eric Hill, Devon Hundley, Deanna Kahle, Nathan Kortokrax, Tyler Kortokrax, Jordan Laudick, Haley McIntyre, Brandi Merschman, Austin Roebke, Cody Schnipke, Ben Schroeder, Drew Stechschulte, Kevan Unverferth, Paul Utendorf, Ben von der Embse, Alexis Wurth, Jared Zeller, Halie Zenz

Juniors - Tyler Ellerbrock, Allison Fitzgerald, Chad Goergens, Jeff Good, Tyler Hoffman, Michelle Jorrey, Chelsea Kahle, Derek Korte, Justin Neidert, Kristopher Osterhage, Brianna Recker, Rob Sarka, Alex Schroeder, Curtis Schroeder (Vantage), Alice Verhoff, Alyssa Verhoff, Austin Selhorst (Vantage), Erik Selhorst (Vantage), Andrew Warnecke, Jillian Wehri

Seniors - Stacie Heitmeyer, Brant Kahle, Kara Kaufman, Kelly Kehres, Renee Langhals, Abby Rampe, Abigail Schnipke (Vantage) Tyler Schroeder (Vantage), Katelyn Schumaker (Vantage), Michael Turnwald, Devin Warnecke, Stephanie Wilson

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers**School Board Members:**Brian Laudick - President
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KALIDA, OH 45853***And the Winner is...***

The Kalida Athletic Boosters recently held a drawing for a 40' Samsung TV. Kalida resident Mary Gail Selhorst was named the winner. Congratulations!

Address Service Requested.

Boxholder
Kalida, OH 45853**A New Calendar Resource Site**

The district calendar available online is an awesome tool to see what's happening throughout the entire district. Just go to www.kalida.k12.oh.us and click on **Calendar** in the far right tab. Events are listed from school's sporting events, programs, school trips to the area civic groups' monthly meetings and events. Check it out!

Dual Enrollment Applications Due

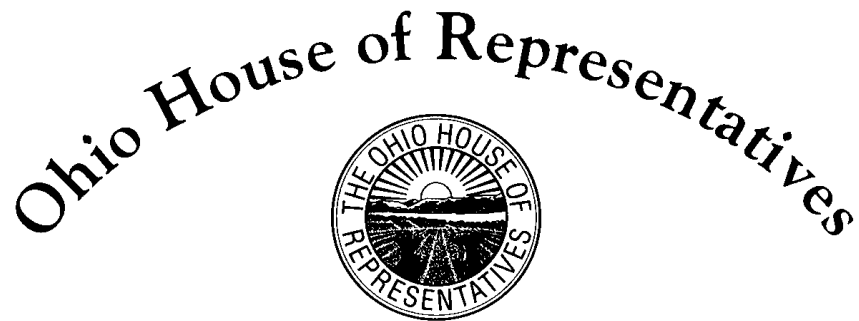
On May 7, Mr. Clement will have a meeting during school with students who are interested in taking dual enrollment courses for next year. These respective courses are English 11 (101) and Anatomy & Physiology. Wright St. University is requesting that dual enrollment applications be completed and given to Mr. Clement by May 16. Therefore, any senior who registered to take anatomy and/or any junior who registered to take English 11 (101) and wants to earn transcribed credit for Wright State's Biology 111 (named Anatomy & Physiology at KHS) and English 101 should complete the application and pay the \$25 application fee by May 16. Checks should be made payable to Wright St. University. Applications will be made available to students at the May 7 meeting. Any student who changes his/her mind in August and decides not to request Wright St. credit will be reimbursed the application fee amount. Students can still take the course for high school credit. If you were unable to attend the informational session in February led by representatives from Wright St. University and James A. Rhodes State College and need clarification on dual enrollment, please contact Mr. Clement at the high school office.

Mr. Jeff Clement**NEW INFORMATION****Student Athletic Physicals
2010-2011 School Year**

All students must have a physical on file before they begin practicing with any athletic team. This year, there will be FREE physicals for any students who will be entering grades **9-12** during the upcoming school year. Physicals will be administered to high school students **ONLY** on **Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the HS gymnasium from 6 PM until 8 PM.**

New this year: Kalida High School **will not** be providing FREE physicals to students entering grade 7 or grade 8. Students will have to obtain a physical from their family doctor. An alternative choice would be a FREE physical on May 10, 2010 at the **Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio** (801 Medical Drive, Suite A, Lima). This is the only date of this FREE offer. Times will be announced as they are confirmed with OIO. Students going to the Orthopaedic Institute must first fill out the **Consent for Pre-Participation Physical Form** and then bring it along with the 4-page physical form on May 10.

Forms are available in the high school office. Remember to get your form filled out **prior** to your physical and if you wear glasses you must take them with you to the physical.



Ohio House of Representatives

**State Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann
75th House District
614-466-3760**

TO: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

**FROM: State Representative Lynn R. Wachtmann
75th House District**

RE: Education Funding in the Next State Budget

It is hard to believe that the next state budget goes into effect in 15 months, yet educators continue to ask questions about the implications of the governor's new Evidence Based Model and the future of unfunded mandates such as all-day kindergarten and prospective expenditure and reporting requirements.

No legislator, governor or state superintendent of schools can answer all of those questions today. But I believe we owe our education leaders and the public honesty and as much transparency as possible when looking at the future of education funding. In this respect I have attached a statewide school district printout that serves as guidance as to what may happen in the next state budget.

Despite best intentions or the hope for a better way to provide state support for schools, the bottom line is this: schools are likely to receive major cuts in state aid in the next budget unless a major tax increase is enacted, significant new gambling revenues are realized or the federal government provides additional "stimulus" money that candidly our nation cannot afford.

Unless these things happen, local schools are likely to receive an average reduction in state funding of between 22.7% and 30.1% in the budget beginning 15 months from now.

The mathematics explaining this conclusion is provided attached to this memo. Scenario 1 (22.7% reduction) accepts the Strickland Administration's original forecast of more than \$1 billion in new state revenue growth in the next budget. Scenario 2 (30.1% reduction) is developed with state tax receipts experiencing no growth in the next two years.

Critics will point out that not all schools will receive the same percentage cut in state aid and that is true. Generally, those districts with an Educational Challenge Factor (ECF) rating higher than the state average may anticipate a smaller reduction in state foundation funding, while those with lower ECF ratings will arguably experience even deeper state aid reductions.

The criteria used to produce this printout is objective and fair. Indeed, the revenue and expenditure data for Scenario 1 comes from official documents provided by the Department of Education, the Executive Branch, and the Legislative Services Commission, while Scenario 2 adjusts the data only to assume flat state revenues in the next biennium. All of these informational documents were provided to me by State Representative Randy Gardner.

Of course, decisions to be made by state officials in 2011 will impact the state budget profoundly. However, I believe the evidence is clear – schools should not be expected to accept new unfunded spending mandates at a time of almost certain significant state funding cuts. We need to end the possibility that costly mandates could be imposed just 15 months from now. If this isn't done, how can school officials plan and budget for a school year not far away? That's why I am a co-sponsor of House Bill 366, to allow local school boards to make decisions on all-day kindergarten and new student-teacher ratios without asking the state superintendent for a waiver.

While I wish there was better news, I believe it is important to provide the most objective information available. Again, the documents attached to this email were produced by the Department of Education, the Executive Branch, and the Legislative Services Commission, and were then graciously distributed to me by State Representative Randy Gardner. I hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Lynn R. Wachtmann
State Representative
75th House District