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Calendar Notes

May 14
KHS
Academic Program
8:00 PM

May 15
Sports Physicals
6:00-9:00 PM
Kalida High School

May 23
Last Day for
Students

May 27
Graduation
Class of 2007

August 22
First Day
2007-08
School Year

Planning Ahead
May 25, 2008
Graduation
Class of 2008

Notes from the Superintendent

As we enter the last month of the current school year, the district has received great news from The Ohio School Facilities Commission in Columbus. Our eligibility for the state portion (75%) of our building project has finally come to fruition. There are still several details that will need to be resolved within the next few months, but our timeline to begin construction is approximately one year from now. The financing for the local portion (25%) of this project was approved by Kalida residents in 2002. The State of Ohio will be paying for the remainder of the project. Our decreased enrollment since the initial projections has led to some interesting discussion with the Commission regarding our original Approved Master Building Plan. I will keep residents updated as new information is available on exactly what this plan will entail.

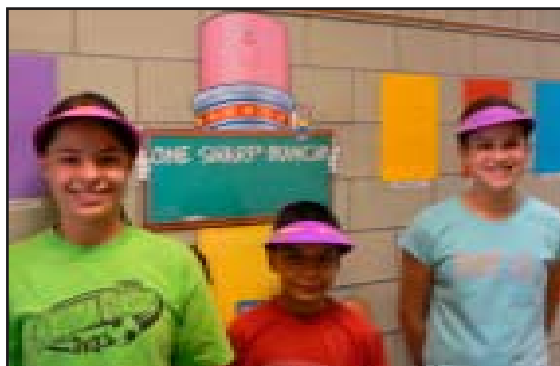
The first week in May was a huge week of testing for the students at grade levels three through eight. These students were required to take state mandated achievement tests in Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Writing. The teachers and students have been working very hard all year to prepare for these tests and can now take a sigh of relief that they are over.

Congratulations to Joe Warnement and the cast of this year's musical, *South Pacific*. The musical was very well attended all three nights and was much appreciated by those in attendance. Thanks to the cast members and their parents for the extra hard work and dedication to make the production such a resounding success.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Honoring Our Academic Students

The 2007 KHS Academic Program will be held at 8:00 PM on Monday, May 14 in the Kalida High School auditoria. This program is held to honor the high school students who have earned an accumulative grade point average of **3.25 or higher**. All eligible students and parents will have free admision to the program. A dessert bar will be provided by the National Honor Society. The program will last approximately one hour. Congratulations to all these students!



Kalida Elementary fifth graders Justine Verhoff, Cody Ortega and Elizabeth Turnwald model their **Thinking Caps** that they designed for the Proficiency test week. All the fifth graders used colorful puffy paint to create unique caps to inspire them during the tests. Results from the testing should be returned to the school within a few weeks.

Kalida Wildcat Mini Cheer Camp July 17-20

5:00-6:30 PM

Open to girls from age 3 through 6th grade. Young cheerleaders will learn chants, cheers and dance routines throughout the four days they attend the Kalida Wildcat Mini Cheer Camp. Cost for the camp is \$40 per participant. This price includes a camp t-shirt. Our goal is to have fun while instructing future cheerleaders on the fundamentals of this sport. Contact Katelyn McBride at 419-523-4698 or any KHS cheerleader for a registration form. Application deadline is June 8.



Student Sports Physicals

Wednesday, May 16

6:00-9:00PM- New Gym

Any student in grades 6-11 who are planning to play interscholastic sports during the 2007-08 school year will need to have a sports physical on file with the high school office. On May 16, Dr. Horstman, Dr. Klir and Dr. Mansfield will be on hand to do physicals for our students free of charge. This is the only date possible for a **free physical**. If the student wears corrective lenses/contacts bring or wear them to the physical in order to complete the eye exam portion. Please plan to attend. Questions? Call Jim McBride 419-532-3545 or the high school office at 532-3529.

Oration Contest Winners

The 2007 *Modern Woodmen Oration Contest* was recently held in both the elementary and junior high.

This year's theme was **A Great American Leader**.

In the elementary, fifth grade student Jarrod Stober (1st place), sixth grader Kayla Siefker (2nd), and fifth grader Kiersten Recker (3rd) were chosen as best speakers. Junior high students Nicole Kaufman (1st place), Jill Wehri (2nd) and Halie Zenz (3rd) were chosen as top winners.

The top two students in each division will now advance to the District Competition



Elementary winners: Jarrod Stober, Kayla Siefker and Kiersten Recker.



Nicole Kaufman, Jill Wehri and Halie Zenz were the JH oration winners.

Successful Reading Program

A Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant has been granted to the Kalida Local Schools. With funds totaling close to \$3000, the grant entitled *Audiobooks: Increase Reading Fluency and Comprehension* will enable the school to purchase of 52 audiobook downloads, 10 iPods, 2 iPod docks and 10 hardcover cases to be used in the library and English departments at Kalida High School.

The grant was co-written by KHS teachers Deb Kahle, Denise Scherer, Pam Schroeder and Katelyn McBride. "Audiobooks will enhance the students' reading level, comprehension levels, listening skills and vocabulary banks," said Mrs. Pam Schroeder. "Audiobooks will be used for student's individual reading needs and to aid them in required classroom novels. The audiobooks will allow students to read books at their reading levels and to challenge them with higher levels of books. During the pilot project, audiobooks will be available to a select group of students, but the goal will be to make the audiobooks available to other students as well."

Need New Specs?

The Kalida Lions Club is in desperate need of your unwanted eyeglasses. These glasses are then refurbished and given to people who otherwise could not afford them. Eyeglasses may be donated at the following collection areas in Kalida: IGA, Kalida High School, Sky Bank, or Union Bank. Thank you for your continued support of the Lion's "Fight for Sight"!

Let's Communicate

KHS Senior American Sign Language students express themselves without words.

These are their final days of their two-year ASL classes. The students were able to learn sign language via the internet and the distance learning system. Classes were instructed by Ms. Linda Mancini of the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus. The in-class supervisor at Kalida High School is Mrs. Sue Clementz.



Emily Berheide, Sarah Wurth, Karrie Miller and Abby West are each demonstrating a word representation through sign language.



Grim Reaper Haunts KHS

On Friday, May 4, the Grim Reaper visited the halls of KHS. During the day every 1/2 hour a student's name and tragic death sentence was read over the loud speaker. These fatal statistics were comparable to the fact that every 30 minutes someone's death is caused by a drunk driver or alcohol circumstances. This program was sponsored by the *Cats Who Care*. A special thanks to Forrest Gordon who came to school to portray the grim reaper as the students were pulled from class and outfitted in black gowns, and then tagged as to the time of death.

Designing With the Computer

Students in Mr. Liebrecht's CAD classes had the opportunity this year to participate in Dimension Printing's annual "Extreme Redesign" scholarship program. Students were given the problem of improving an everyday product and improving it. Students were required to redesign their product on Computer-Aided-Drawing (CAD) software along with a 200-word description of their product and submit them to Dimension Printing.

The CAD students then would receive a finished



3D printoff courtesy of Dimension Printing. The examples in the picture are an electric ice scraper, an I-pod, and a dart. The following CAD students participated: Logan Bartley, Jeff Beach, Travis Frey, Craig Miller, Ryan Rampe, Mitch Roehrig, Trent Smith, & Josh Verhoff. Go to www.dimensionprinting.com for more information on the "Extreme Redesign" program.

Kalida 2007 Prom Crowning

Congratulations to KHS seniors Queen Brooke Schroeder and King Ross Guisinger who were crowned as Prom Royalty on May 5. The court included Sarah Wurth, Emily Berheide, Brandon Stechschulte and A.J. Maag.

Literacy Day

Karri Clementz is sponsoring a Literacy Day program at the Kalida Branch Library on May 19 from 9 AM until 1 PM. The public is welcome to join her for a fun-filled day packed with story time, crafts and book exchange. This program is part of Karri's Gold Award Project. Please plan to attend.

The Graduating Class of 2007
 Kalida High School
 Sunday, May 27, 2:00 PM

Austin W. Barnhart
 Timothy L. Beach
 Emily E. Berheide
 Timothy J. Buckland
 Rachel A. Cygan
 Renee A. Cygan
 Lisa M. Duling
 Kevin D. Erhart
 John E. Foppe
 Travis A. Frey
 Eric W. Gerding
 Ross A. Guisinger
 Megan I. Hamburg
 Angela K. Hanneman-^
 Brent J. Heitmeyer

Megan L. Hermiller
 Ross A. Hermiller
 Jordan D. Horstman
 Christopher D. Kahle
 Emily M. Kahle
 Justin J. Kahle
 Rachel M. Knueve
 Brandon L. Kortokrax
 Nikki D. Lammers
 Andrew J. Maag
 Jason L. McCollum
 Andrew J. Miller
 Christopher D. Miller
 Joy N. Miller
 Karrie L. Miller

Theresa M. Okuly
 Amanda L. Patterson
 Dana A. Phillips
 Ryan A. Rampe
 Michael J. Recker
 Alison N. Schnipke
 Kelly L. Schnipke
 Brooke N. Schroeder
 Kari L. Schroeder-
 Samuel C. Schroeder
 Craig W. Smith
 Shawn G. Smith
 Shawn D. Spicer
 Brandon D. Stechsulte
 Katie L. Unverferth-*

Kendra M. Unverferth
 Andrea M. Van Oss
 Alan M. Verhoff
 Chelsea L. Verhoff
 Jessica L. Verhoff
 Lauren N. Verhoff
 Molly C. Verhoff
 Aaron M. von der Embse
 Ashlee J. Warnecke-
 Ross J. Warnecke
 Abigail A. Webken
 Abigail R. West
 Abby N. Wilson-
 Catherine E. Wilson
 Sarah C. Wurth

Class Flower: Star Gazer

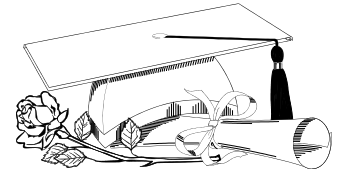
Class Motto: The memories we've shared, the times we've had together, they will stay with us always-goodbye is not forever.

Class Song: *Time Like These* by Foo Fighters

Class Colors: Maroon, Chrome and Black

*-Valedictorian

^-Salutatorian



KHS senior Chelsea Verhoff gathers the cuddly bears close before packing them up for their donation trip to Ft. Wayne.

Giving Back to Others - *Cats Who Care* President Chelsea Verhoff has her hands full with the many teddy bears the club purchased and then donated to the Lutheran Children's Hospital in Fort Wayne. They also brought games, toys, books and crayons to the hospitalized children. *Cats Who Care* is a service league club that donates time and funds to many projects during the year. They are active in the local recycling program, Red Ribbon Week, Teacher Appreciation Day, the Buckle-Up program, Lima Soup Kitchen, and Salvation Army collections at Christmas. Mrs. Connie Cleemput is the advisor for the group with fifteen active members.

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday

8:00 PM - High School - Media Center

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