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Calendar Notes

May 30

Graduation
Class of 2010
2 PM

June 7-9

Little LadyCat
Basketball
Camp
9 AM - 11:30 AM
(Grades 6-8)
Noon - 1:30 PM
(Grades 3 - 5)
419-653-4497

June 14-17

Mini Cheer
Camp
4:30 - 6:30 PM
419-523-4698

July 19-21

Lady Cat
Volleyball
Camp
9AM - 3 PM
(Grades 9-12)
4 PM - 7PM
(Grades 5-8)
419-532-2009

August 30

First Day of
School
2010-2011

Notes from Superintendent Don Horstman

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The elementary school building is really starting to look like a finished project. The contractors are installing the cabinets, light fixtures, ceiling grid, ceiling pads, and the plumbers have started to install the fixtures in the restrooms, drinking fountains, and other plumbing finishes throughout the building. They are also starting to work on installing the floor tile, interior doors, and bricks for the donor wall panel this week.

The second phase of the elementary project includes putting a new roof over the existing four classrooms and the hallway, as well as new paint, light fixtures, ceilings, and flooring in the classrooms, kitchen and cafeteria. We will also be replacing the classroom windows, adding insulated panels to the bottom of the lobby windows, and replacing the ceilings and light fixtures in the hallways in this area. These renovations will make the existing building more energy efficient, and bring the classrooms up to the same standards as the rooms in the new construction. This work is scheduled to begin next week and will also be finished in time for the start of the school year.

The district is also been given permission from the Ohio School Facilities Commission(OSFC) to start the process of selling the modular classroom units, the decking, and ramps. The OSFC paid for the modular units, and the money from the sale of the classrooms will be returned to the high school project. The district is also looking at the possibility of one last auction to dispose of items which will not be used in the new buildings. Watch for more information on the school website and in the summer editions of the Paw Print.

THANK YOU MISS GROTE, MRS. GASSER AND MRS. STREETS!!!

Kalida Schools would like to congratulate and thank Miss Mary Grote for 39 years of service to the staff, students, and residents of the district. Miss Grote has had a positive influence on the lives of over a thousand elementary students during her career at Kalida. One of the things Miss Grote will be pursuing during her retirement will be learning to play the piano. We wish Miss Grote good luck on her retirement, and we look forward to having her around to play the piano at school after she has finished her lessons.

Mrs. Jan Gasser is leaving Kalida High School after 31 years of service. Mrs. Gasser has established herself as one of the top English teachers in the area, and her former students are always coming back for advice on their college papers. Many of her former students have also stated how much easier her class made their lives in college. Nothing the college professors could throw at them was as tough as Mrs. Gasser's class. Good luck as you begin this new and exciting phase of your life, and thank you for making such a difference in the lives of the student you taught.

Mrs. Charlotte Streets is also leaving Kalida High School after 30 years of service. Mrs. Streets taught 4th grade, junior high social studies, math, reading, science and health. Mrs. Streets has also served as the "staff mom" for quite a few years. If anyone needed anything from cards for sick staff members and students, to raising money for local families in need, Mrs. Streets took care of it. Mrs. Streets is planning on starting her retirement with a trip to explore the western states. Good luck Mrs. Streets, and we look forward to hearing stories about your retirement travels.

Happy Retirement

Miss Mary Grote, Mrs. Charlotte Streets, and Mrs. Jan Gasser

“It has been a pleasure to work in the Kalida School System for the past 39 years. While I won’t miss the stacks of papers to grade, it will be sad to leave the students and staff. They definitely have been a very important part of my life. It’s wonderful to know I’ve been touched by the lives of so many students.



I plan to volunteer at Kalida Elementary and possibly teach religion at St. Michael’s.”

“Thanks to the staff, students, and community for their support. Leaving will be bittersweet. My experience here has been memorable.” ~ *Mary Grote*

39 years of service



“WOW!!!! What a great way to end my teaching career....in a new building filled with all the latest educational equipment! This is more than most teachers dream of and I had the opportunity to experience not only the new high school, but also a real science lab.



I have seen a lot of changes throughout the years, not only in teaching and room assignments, but in educational trends as well. The technology which is so commonplace today is still mind-boggling to me. I wonder what changes the next 30 years will bring?”

“Every year was a new adventure. I’ve worked with many superintendents, principals, office personal and teachers....all of whom I consider my extended family. I’ve taught many students and second generation students. Each year was different and memorable and I will miss everyone.”

“Now the adventure continues in another way. The first item on my agenda is a trip to Disney (the grandkids idea for a great way to start my retirement and of course they will be going along). Then my husband and I will vacation in September – something we have never been able to do. And for fun, I will be sending post-cards to the people still here to remind them where I am and where they are. After that, who knows where the road will lead me.... hopefully to see some of the places that I taught about in social studies.”

“Thanks for the memories and the opportunity to touch many lives. My life has been touched by yours as well.” ~ *Charlotte Streets*
30 years of service

“All that is constant in life is change. And so it is time to be part of that change. I can still recall the day I was hired to teach at KHS, 31 years ago. I tiptoed through the dark, narrow hallways of the old school and peeked into the rooms which I would call “home” until this last year in our fabulous new school. I was nervous about meeting the staff, the students, the parents, and conquering the subjects I was to teach. Had I known then how welcoming and supportive this community is, I’m sure I would not have been so anxious.”



“In the years since, not only has the building been replaced and the technology advanced, but many of the people who used to work here are gone. And each year a new group of students enters the doors—even some children of former students--all with excitement and opportunity to effect their own change in a new school year. But amid all the changes, our goals have remained clear: to help students master subject matter; but more importantly, to shape who they become because of the what they know. Let me assure the community that Kalida’s future is bright because of the “who” the students have become.”

“I feel so fortunate to have had the blessing of spending my career here at Kalida. I always felt that the administration, faculty and staff, parents, and students were an extended family, and we all shared a common commitment to the kids. I will forever miss that caring and friendly atmosphere, and I thank the community for trusting me to be a part of Kalida schools. Though change is certain, I’ll always be a little bit of a Wildcat at heart.” ~ *Jan Gasser*

31 years of service

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the wonderful support we received from all who contributed to the Kalida Post Prom held on May 1, 2010. A special thank you is extended to the following businesses and organizations who donated items and to all the parents who assisted in this event. The students who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Once again, your support of this function is greatly appreciated.

Kalida Post-Prom Committee

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St. Michael's Holy Name Society
Cradles to Careers Mothers Club
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Kalida Education Association
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Hoyts Bar & Grill
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Union Bank
Revitalize Salon & Spa
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Pathways Counseling Center
Kalida Volunteer Fire Department
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BeeLine, Inc.
Northwest Physical Therapy
Fat Jack's Pizza
The BEACH
Lammers Chiropractic Care
The Pizzeria
Splash-N-Sparkle Car Wash
Crayons to College
Kalida Manufacturing, Inc.
Wal-Mart SuperCenter
J & J Carry-Out
Kalida EMS
WLIO Television
Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Diane Hovest



Miss Pat Broecker's 1st Grade Class

Experiencing the Japanese Culture

Natsue Yonakura is a *Japanese Outreach Initiative Coordinator* from the University of Findlay. She has been coming to speak to the first graders once a month since January. Natsue has been speaking about the Japanese culture. She has taught them a variety of Japanese words. Students also made origami valentines and samurai helmets with her.

Traveling Abroad ~ The student based European trip scheduled for June 2011 still has room for three people. Adults may help fill the roster for this trip to Italy. There are 10 vacancies also available for the July 2011 trip to Ireland-London. Contact Robert Gasser for more information. You can also visit the facebook webpage Kalida Student-Adult Travels about past, present and future tours.

Congratulations Curtis! ~ KHS Vantage junior Carpentry student Curtis Schroeder placed **FIRST** in the Ohio SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking contest and now advances to the **NATIONAL** Competition in Kansas City in June.

Congratulations Kelsey! ~ KHS junior Kelsey Miller performed with the Ohio Northern University Honors Band on Sunday, May 9. Her audition tape was selected from applicants from all over the state.

Congratulations Jarrod! ~ Congratulations to eighth grader Jarrod Stober for earning second place in the **Modern Woodmen Oration District Contest**. Jarrod will now compete at the state level on May 22.

Cheer Camp - 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 coach Katelyn Dendinger at 419-235-8754 for more information. GO CATS!

Music Booster Calendars

If you have not been contacted by to order a 2010-2011 Music Booster Calendar please call Michelle Doepker (419-532-2084) to place your order. Thanks!

Superintendent Don Horstman

419-532-3534

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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School Board Meetings

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

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**Presenting the Graduating
Kalida High School Class of 2010**

*Graduation
May 30, 2010 - 2 PM
Kalida Gymnasium*



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Katelyn M. Schumaker
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Cody S. Spicer

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Stephanie R. Verhoff
Tyler W. Verhoff
Margaret A. von der Embse
Alex J. Vorst
Devin E. Warnecke
Stephanie J. Wilson
Byron M. Wurth



Cameron Wins! - The Ohio Fire Prevention Bureau recently announced the winners of their annual fire prevention poster design contest. Cameron Siebeneck, a third grader at Kalida Elementary, had his entry selected as the top poster in the state of Ohio among all third graders state-wide. There are 1300 fire departments across the state represented by the Office of the Division of the State Fire Marshal. On hand to present the award to Cameron was State Fire Marshal Jerry Dabrowski and Kalida Firemen Denny Kerner and Al Siebeneck.

Jump Rope for Heart Raised \$4, 771.11!

Grant Laudick was our top Fundraiser with over \$200 in donations! Our school's contribution will help the American Heart Association in the battle against heart disease and stroke by allowing increased funding to go towards research and educational programs. Plus our school received a Gift Certificate for \$200 redeemable to purchase Physical Education equipment. Thanks to the students, staff, volunteers and community in their support for this rewarding and enjoyable event. *Sherry Luebrecht-Event coordinator*



Top Fundraiser and Prize Winners
Melissa Erhart, Kara Siefer, Samantha Langhals,
Connor Niese, and Grant Laudick.