

The PawPrint

*ODE Excellent Rating 2001-2010
2003 National Blue Ribbon
School of Excellence*

Congratulations to Mrs. Annie Ketcham and Ms. Jean Cupp who are retiring at the end of this school year. May their retirement years be filled with fun, laughter and joy!



Mrs. Annie Ketcham

“Thirty-six years ago Superintendent. John Phillips offered me a chance to teach a “new” course being offered in Ohio. That course was the Learning Disabilities class. I taught during the day and went to classes at Bowling Green in the evenings and summer. Neither Mr. Phillips nor I had any idea that this new class would touch so many lives, especially mine! I applied the knowledge I learned and the common sense my parents instilled in me to teach these kids who learned differently from others. I tried to meet each challenge with an open mind and rejoiced whenever a student made gains! These students and their parents became a part of my extended family. To this day, I am proud to call many of these former students and their parents “friends” as they hold a special place in my heart. I’m not sure where the time went, but it certainly doesn’t feel like it’s been 36 years ago since this adventure began! It was a bittersweet decision to retire, but I know it is the right one for me. It has been my privilege to work at the greatest school in the world, Kalida Local Schools! Thanks to everyone who allowed me to be a part of their lives! Keep me in your prayers!”

Annie Ketcham



Ms. Jean Cupp

“I would like to thank the community of Kalida for allowing me the privilege of educating their children for the past 35 years. It was a joy and inspiration working with each and every one of them. I think I learned just as much from them as they learned from our time together. Each new school year has always brought new challenges and achievements. I have worked with many different administrators and teachers through the years and I have learned something of value from each of them, and it has changed me as a person in positive ways. At times I have had students ask me how long do I have to keep ‘learning.’ I always replied that learning is a LIFE LONG PROCESS. A wonderful process of learning new and exciting things which only serves to enrich our lives. As I say good-bye I know Kalida will always be a school of EXCELLENCE.”

Jean Cupp

Nationals Competition - Congratulations to Curtis Schroeder, KHS Vantage senior, who placed first in the State of Ohio SkillsUSA Cabinetmaking contest - He will compete in the NATIONAL SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Missouri in late June. This will be his second trip to Nationals in as many years! He also received the Award of Distinction in Senior Carpentry at Vantage this year.

May 50/50 Music Booster winners: Dick Kortokrax, Rita Siebeneck, Mary Knueve, Mary Kay Unverferth

Library Donations 2010-2011

A sincere “thank you” to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools’ libraries this past 2010-2011 school year.

Kalida Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations

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In Memory Of

Olivia R. Schnipke (daughter of Ryan and Amy)
Richard ‘Dick’ Langhals
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Kalida Elementary Library Donations include books donated by McDonald’s MAC Grant/Sherry Luebrecht, Jim and Susie Burgei, Jamie and Evelyn Burgei & family, Jared and Dawn Burgei & family, Joel Burgei.

In honor of Ken & Carol Vennekotter’s 50th wedding anniversary books were donated by Ed and Tammy Schroeder and Don and Mary Lou Hoffman..

Congratulations to the Graduates KHS Class of 2011!



*Brent W. Birkemeier
Dillon M. Blair
Benjamin J. Bockrath
Alexandrea N. Cattell
Samantha M. Edwards
Christy A. Ellerbrock
Tyler J. Ellerbrock
Megan T. Erhart
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Cody A. Horstman
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Cory J. Kottenbrock
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Kelsey M. Miller
Austin M. Neidert
Justin Neidert
Kristopher C. Osterhage
Andrew J. Recker
Brianna M. Recker
Logan J. Recker
Ashley A. Reindel
Rachael R. Rose
Robert W. Sarka
Alex R. Schroeder*

*Curtis M. Schroeder
Amanda C. Schulte - Salutatorian
Brian T. Schulte
Miranda J. Schulte
Austin L. Selhorst
Erik J. Selhorst
Zachary J. Selhorst
Erica S. Snavely
Rachael P. Stechschulte
Emily C. Turnwald - Valedictorian
Alice N. Verhoff
Alyssa R. Verhoff
Chelsea B. Verhoff
Jillian M. Wehri
Ryan T. Wehri
Renee M. Wortkoetter*

Sixth Grade Orientation

Kalida Middle School has scheduled an informative session on the schools policies and procedures to be held the morning of Monday, August 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the high school auditoria. Our guidance counselor, Mr. Jeff Clement will facilitate the meeting and we will cover several issues relating to your child's first year in the middle school/ high school building. The student's course schedule for the upcoming 2011-2012 year will be distributed at that time. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Mr. Clement to arrange a time to pick up your child's schedule.

At the conclusion of the meeting, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour their classrooms and the rest of the building. Plenty of time will be allowed to practice locker combinations.

OGT Results Show Continued Excellence

We received the initial release of the OGT results from the March administration and Kalida High School performed exceptionally well again. Congratulations go out to our students, their families, and our teachers on these excellent results. Our students scored as follows:

Writing	100% passed
Reading	94% passed
Math	98% passed
Social Studies	98% passed
Science	92% passed

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15	6th Grade Orientation 10:00am
August 17-19	Grade 7-12 Schedule Pickup
August 23	1st Day for Students
September 5	No School – Labor Day
September 8	School Picture Day
September 9	Senior Magazine Sale Kickoff
September 11	Pioneer Parade
September 30	2 Hour Delay - Staff Development
October 13-16	8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.
October 28	No School- Quarter Break
October 31	Bloodmobile
November 21-22	Parent Teacher Conferences

High School /Middle School Grade Card Pickup

Students in grades 6 through 12 may pick up their grade cards beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 3, 2011.

Superintendent Don Horstman

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HS. Principal Chris Pfahler
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote



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Kalida Park Drive-In Movie
Saturday June 18, 2011
Father's Day Weekend
Food, Fun, and Games start at 5:30

G rated ----- Movie begins at Dusk

New Kalida Community Park is located 1/2 mile west of Kalida K of C Hall off St. Rt. 115

Free Hay Rides

4:30 MASS in the WOODS
Food and Beverages at 5:30

Free Bounce House

FREE Activities before movie:



Homemade Ice Cream

Kite Flying

Piñatas and Face Painting

Bring your own kite

Soccer shootout

Father and child contests

CornHole Games



Proceeds support development of New Kalida Park

Discount Pre-Sale tickets available at Pizzeria on Square in Kalida

All pre-sale tickets will be at the Pizzeria in Kalida
Adult \$5 pre-sale \$6 at the door
Students \$4 pre-sale \$5 at the door
Preschool Free Admission

**Project Lead The Way
Biomedical Sciences at Kalida**

The Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences program at Kalida High School is a program divided into four courses: Principles of the Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems, Medical Intervention, and Biomedical Innovation; each course building upon the previous.

The goal of the program is to prepare high school students for post-secondary education and the training necessary for success in the wide variety of Biomedical science careers such as physicians, nurses, veterinarians, medical and pharmaceutical research scientists, allied health professionals, and technicians. The program consists of a sequence of four courses: Principles of the Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems, Medical intervention, and Biomedical Innovation. Each course is integrated into the students' core curriculum and designed to expand upon the college preparatory math and science programs.



Biomed students Amy Smith, Casey Unverferth, Cody Mathew, and Neil Recker build body systems on their Maniken, in the Human Body Systems class.

SCHOOL FINANCE UPDATE

NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

REDUCES DISTRICT COSTS— At the May 18, 2011 Board of Education Meeting the teaching staff and the Board settled their current one year contract and agreed to a new three year contract. As a result of this contract the certified, classified, and administrative staff members have agreed to help the district address the current budget shortfall. The concessions all employees will be making as a result of the new contract will significantly reduce costs for the district. *This agreement, and district retirements, will allow the Board to retain the Elementary Physical Education and School Librarian positions as well.*

Beginning next year all district employees will see an increase in their share of insurance premiums of one percent per year, a 0% base salary increase, and the use of our first calamity day as a furlough day. In the second year of the agreement employees will have two furlough days, and receive a ½% increase in base salary. Starting in the 2012-2013 school year the first three calamity days will be treated as furlough days, and all employees will receive a 1% base salary increase.

The following concessions being made by the employees of the district will help balance the budget, avoid cuts to vital programs, and ensure quality staff members do not lose their jobs.

- Each calamity/furlough day will save the district \$16,000.
- A reduction in extended time will save the district \$14,000 per year.
- The increase in the employee's share of health insurance will save the district approximately \$7,000 next year.
- An employee retire/rehire plan will save the district \$26,000 per year for the next three years.

The Board of Education has also adopted other measures to manage the budget, including the phase out our current PPO insurance offering over

the next three years. The Board has decided to move to all-day-every-other-day kindergarten, eliminate the mid-day kindergarten bus route, freeze the superintendent's salary, reduce extracurricular positions, and implement a Pay to Participate program. These items will save the district approximately \$60,000 additional dollars next year. Another cost savings measure is a plan to restructure in-town bus routes to reduce the number of stops, but still ensure that young students will not have to cross busy highways.

While none of the options which were open to the Board and the staff were appealing, these moves are necessary to maintain an excellent school district. The Board appreciates the sacrifices made by the district staff to help balance the budget, and the Board also appreciates the additional burdens taken on by parents as a result of these cost savings measures. The district will continue to strive to live within its means, and to be fiscally responsible with the money provided by the residents of the district.

The January edition of the Paw Print continued a series of newsletter articles focusing on school finances, and discussed the uncertainty of funding from the state as everyone waited for Governor Kasich's budget proposals. Districts across the state were being told to brace for cuts of 10% to 20% or more in state funding. This cut was to be in addition to the loss of federal stimulus dollars which accounted for approximately an additional 7% of our funding. These two figures also do not include the end of the federal Educational Jobs grant which accounted for an additional \$149,000 of funding. When Governor Strickland proposed the current biennial budget, the district went from an average of 3% increases in funding each year to being flat funded last year, and cut by 2% this current year. This flat funding and decrease in funding changed our financial outlook from positive to extremely negative in a very short period of time. Thankfully the cooperation and support of concessions from

the employees of the district will help address these reductions.

In the last six years the district has reduced the teaching staff by eliminating seven positions, and has reduced the non-certified staff by eliminating three positions. The district has also reduced hours for other employees taking some of them from full time to part time status. In addition to these cuts Kalida Local Schools will also reduce the teaching staff by an additional three and one half positions next year, and reduce the classified staff by two positions. The district continues to strive to be fiscally responsible, and the district spends over \$1600 less per student than the state average. In spite of spending much less than the state average, the district's results are among the best of any district in the state.

The district is not alone in facing financial uncertainty and having to cut costs and positions. A large number of districts across the state are also taking similar steps, and many local and county schools are also following a similar path in controlling costs. The teachers, administrators, and classified staff will all be asked to continue a trend of taking on additional duties with no additional compensation. Kalida Local Schools is extremely efficient and a number of other neighboring districts have taken steps to cut staff in areas such as central office administration to come closer to Kalida's current staffing levels. One district in the county recently cut an assistant treasurer's position, and reduced their EMIS coordinator to half time. This leaves them with one and a half positions to act as the superintendent's secretary, EMIS coordinator, and assistant treasurer. Kalida Local Schools has already combined those three positions into a single position. The administrators have also been asked to take on additional duties as positions have not been filled or eliminated over the past few years as well as positions which will be reduced next year. The Board of Education has also looked into the additional sharing of services with other districts in the county. Currently Kalida Local Schools works with other districts and the Putnam County ESC to provide special education services,

speech services, and transportation services for certain groups of students in order to reduce costs.

I would encourage all of you to view the 5-year forecast for the district which will be updated by May 31. It is available on the school website, and if you have any financial or budgetary questions to please contact Don Horstman or Cindy Webken in the Superintendent's office. The district will also be posting the Collective Bargaining Agreement and all other employee compensation information on the website. The phone number is 419-532-3534, or you can email the superintendent at ka_supt@kalida.k12.oh.us or the treasurer at ka_treas@kalida.k12.oh.us