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Notes from the Superintendent

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2005. They have represented the school district well for the past thirteen years and the administration, faculty and staff are looking forward to their continued success. Thanks to everyone who helped us achieve another eventful and successful school year. It has been a pleasure to work with the students, parents, faculty and staff who all play an instrumental role in the districts continued achievement.


As one school year ends our focus immediately shifts towards the next. Under the heading of personnel, a new vocal music instructor Mr. Vandock (see article on next page) has been hired. Mrs. Lori Klausung has already taken over the reins of the marching band. The KHS band recently performed for the first time under Mrs. Klausung's direction in the Memorial Day Parades in both Kalida and Ottawa. With the resignation of Mrs. Brooks in the science department, we are currently interviewing for a one-half time science instructor.

Next year promises to be an exciting year as we are scheduled to transition into the new building in early October. Construction is progressing as scheduled since the weather has been much more cooperative for the last three weeks. The majority of the concrete and block work is complete and the structure is really beginning to take shape. The wood for the gymnasium floor arrived and installation is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks.

I would like to publicly thank and recognize Bob Sarka (*Sarka Electric*) for donating his time and labor recently by installing two long sections of conduit that saved the district roughly \$1000. There are a great number of very talented craftsmen in the Kalida/Putnam County area that have been involved in our building project to date. Their work will soon be showcased to the community. I am confident that the citizens of the area will be quite proud of their workmanship.

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to our Superintendent Mark Neal and his wife Michelle on the birth of their son:



Erik Samuel Neal

May 31, 2005

9 lb. 8 oz.

Preliminary test data that we have received indicates that the district has once again fared quite well on state testing. Next month's newsletter will feature a breakdown of the 22 new criteria on the statewide district report cards and an update on how well Kalida students performed on this year's tests.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Kalida for your continued support of the school district and wish you a peaceful and relaxing summer.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

June 18 KHS Band New London Firemen's Parade	June 21 KHS Band Putnam County Fair Band Show	Calendar Notes 2005-2006 School Year	August 22 Teacher Work Day	August 23 Back to School- First Day of 180 Days of School
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Welcome Kent Vandock

Recent BGSU graduate Kent Vandock has been awarded an contract in the Kalida Local School System. He will be replacing a Mr. Trent Miller who is taking a position in the Lima City Schools. Mr. Vandock will be in charge of all choirs, chorale and the elementary music program. He will assist Mrs. Lori Klausing who is now the band director and instrumental music teacher in both schools.



Newly hired Kent Vandock joins KHS band director Lori Klausing in the instruction of music for the Kalida School District.

Best wishes to Mr. Trent Miller as he joins his wife in the Lima school program.

Running for Their Health

Students in grades three through six have completed their “run to North Dakota.” For the last several weeks, students in the physical education classes at Kalida Elementary have been running laps in St. Michael’s gymnasium. The students logged in 17, 429 laps or **872** miles. After combining their efforts with the 802 miles logged in by the kindergarten, first and second graders a total 1674 miles has been run by the students in grades K-6. What a fun, healthy way to exercise!

School Crossing Guards Honored

On May 6 the Kalida Elementary Safety Patrol was rewarded with a celebration **Lock-in**. Students who were active as safety patrol guards during the school year were invited to spend the night at the elementary along with Mrs. Luebrecht and several adult volunteers. Supervised activities filled the evening including movies, pizza, games and bingo. A special thanks goes out to the following volunteers who helped supervise or contribute to the success and fun of the Safety Patrol Lock-in: Jan Birkemeier, Lois and Henry Gerding, Karen Gerding, Nora Schulte, Sharon Smith, Maggie Wehri, Denny and Blyth Turnwald.



Bon Voyage

Fifteen KHS students along with 8 chaperones under Mr. Robert Gasser’s direction will be touring Europe this summer. From June 20-29 the trip will include stops in London, Paris and Rome. Our travelers include: Sara Heitmeyer, Leah Remlinger, Ryan Smith, Angela Unverferth, Craig Unverferth, Jen Wehri, Stephanie Wehri, Meredith Bash, Holly Horstman, Barry Schroeder, Jess Winkle, Casey Roller, Stacy Hunter, Megan Unverferth, Jenny Honigford, Kelly Knueve, Helen Unverferth, Mary and Steve Smith, Pat Unverferth, Kay Unverferth, Deb Knueve, Vickie Winkle, and Kristen Unverferth. This is an educational and cultural tour sponsored by the *Exploria Student Travel Agency*.

Kalida Mini Cheer Camp -

July 18-21 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The time has been changed to accommodate those attending Vacation Bible School. We will accept enrollment through the month of June. Contact any high school cheerleader for a form or call the administration office at 419-532-3534.

Perfect Attendance Awards 2004-05 School Year

Catherine Basinger	Haley McIntyre
Andrea Bellmann	Omar Martin
Michael Bockrath	Cody Mathew
Brandon Closson	Chris Miller
Erica Edwards	Corey Miller
Ryan Ellerbrock	Connor Niese
Tyler Erhart	Kristopher Osterhage
Alison Fortman	Kylie Osterhage
Chad Goergens	Austin Ricker
Becky Hanneman	Logan Roebke
Shane Hill	Alex Schroeder
Dylan Hoffman	Curtis Schroeder
Kristi Honigford	Michael Schroeder
Melissa Jorrey	Bethany Smith
Justin Kahle	Marissa Smith
Austin Klausing	Jared Stechsulte
Morgan Knapke	Jarrold Stober
Jeffrey Knueve	Aaron Tenwalde
Adam Langhals	Justine Verhoff
Luke Langhals	Stephanie Verhoff
Laine Laudick	Makenna Vorst
Tyler Lehman	Jill Wehri
Ashley McElwain	

Senior Roundup

This year's seniors represent a broad range of career interests and talents—they truly run from A to Z as they will major in areas ranging from accounting to zoology. Some will be going straight into the labor force with widely recognized credentials and/or state licenses. Some will go on for more training; as a group, they have chosen 17 different institutions. Some will be moving to new locations, some will be staying close to home. Here is the breakdown:

Nine will go to work, with seven of those nine already employed. Of those, many have made definite plans for more schooling after having a chance to work for a year. Five students will be leaving the state. One will head to the southwest before settling on definite career plans; another will travel to Las Vegas to the Academy of Design and Technology. A third student is bound for Orlando, Florida, and the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute that is located there. A fourth student is heading to International Business College in Fort Wayne and a fifth will attend Ferris State University in nearby Michigan.

We are sending one student to each of the following Ohio schools—University of Akron, Miami University, and the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Two students are bound to Wright State while three others are heading to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima. Four of our seniors will attend the University of Findlay. Five students will be trading the maroon and gold of Kalida for the scarlet and gray of The Ohio State University, with four at the Columbus campus and one at the Lima campus. Another five students will just swap one color and will be wearing the blue and gold of the University of Toledo. Five more seniors will be in the Toledo area as they attend Owens Community College. Two of our Toledo-bound students already have a spot reserved at the Medical College of Ohio nursing program when they finish their basic coursework at the University of Toledo! Seven of our students will attend James A. Rhodes State College next year. The largest group, eight students, will head up I-75 to Bowling Green to become Falcons.

As for career choices, one can tell that this year's seniors are aware of the economic times and current job trends. The medical field will always need workers no matter what the economy is doing. Twenty of these seniors, or 37%, will be heading into medical careers, with 10 of those specifically choosing nursing.

The hard work of these seniors over the years is now paying off. To this point we know of **\$344,025 in scholarships**, and possibly even more. Congratulations!

We would also like to commend these seniors on the way they have handled the final year of high school. This class has had to deal with unprecedented challenges, disappointments, and personal losses. The students have supported each other well and have demonstrated to us the kind of valuable adults and community leaders they will become. We know that they will make their parents and their community very proud.

~ Mrs. Beth Myers, Guidance Counselor

Library Donations 2004-05

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this past 2004-2005 school year. We are proud to recognize you for your support of our school libraries and the children of the Kalida Local School District. More lists will follow in next month's PawPrint.

Kalida Elementary Memorial Book Donations

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Kay & Don Heringhaus	Report Card Edison Mystery	Elizabeth Birkemeier
Office Employees of Unverferth Mfg., Inc.	Bless Us All Kissing Hand	Martha Siefker
Kalida Elem. Faculty & Staff	Let's Go Home Christmas in the Country Somboddy Loves You, Mr. Hatch	Martha Siefker
Kalida Elem. Faculty & Staff	Blue Jasmine Twister on Tuesday	Sue Hickey
Carl Vorst Family	Judy Moody, M.D.	Joanne Maag
Joe Vorst Family	Junie B., First Grader: Shipwrecked	
Dale Vorst Family	Junie B., First Grader: Toothless Wonder	
Kalida Elem. Faculty & Staff	Farming Fear Wintering Well	Esther Siefker
Betty Nartker	Cookie Crazy Diary of a Worm Arthur Breaks the Bank Arthur & the Race to Read Arthur & the Best Coach Ever	Denny Nartker
St. Michael's Altar Rosary Choir	Boy on Fairfield Street Twisters & Other Terrible Storms	Dorothy Morman
Kalida Elem. Faculty & Staff	Almost Home Journey of Faith	John Vandemark
Kalida Board of Ed.	Frog Power Grateful Harvest Thunderbird Gold	John Vandemark
Kay Heringhaus	Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings Nick Plays Baseball	Elwood Broecker
Jim & Susie Burgei	Angelina on Stage	Eleanor Schroeder
Jamie, Evelyn, Paige, & Madison Burgei	Angelina & Alice How the Stars Fell into the Sky	
Jared & Dawn Burgei	Purple	
Joel & Gina Burgei		
Leon & Marilyn Kaufman	Beaded Moccasins: Story of Mary Campbell Dr. Seuss: Hooray for Diffendoofer Day! Twisted Sistahs	Kyle Kaufman
Jim & Susie Burgei	Time for a Story	John Vandemark
Jamie, Evelyn, Paige, & Madison Burgei	Angels Watching Over You	
Kalida Board of Ed.	Bowling in Action Whitetail Deer	Robert Kortokrax
Kalida Elem. Faculty & Staff	Goalkeeper in Charge My Dad	Robert Kortokrax
First Grade Friends of Jordan Kortokrax	Reading with Dad	Robert Kortokrax



Thanks to the University of Northwestern Ohio for sponsoring the seventh grade students in the Lima News-*Newspaper in Education* (NIE) program. The students enjoy keeping up on current events and discussing current issues by reading the daily newspaper.

Mrs. Pam Schroeder, Area Coordinator

Junior High Spelling Bee Winners

Can you spell *economical*? Or *ancestor*? Eighth grader Lauren Erhart could and became the spelling bee champ during the local Junior High Spelling Bee held on May 18. Second and third place winners were Trisha Horstman, seventh grade, and Matt Schnipke from the eighth grade. Congratulations!

A Master Teacher

Congratulations to KHS Math teacher Brenda Burgei who has graduated from the University of Findlay with a Master's Degree in Education. Mrs. Burgei has been teaching mathematics at KHS since 2001.

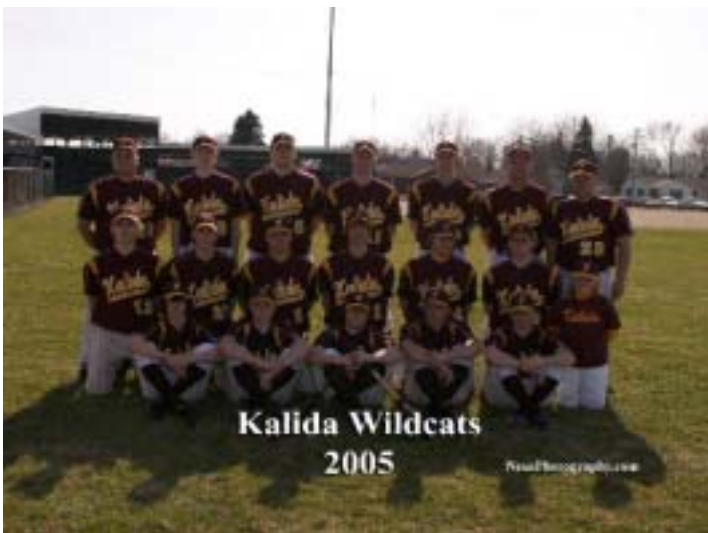
Martha Holden Jennings Grant

In January, 2005, Mrs. Brenda Burgei was awarded a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. With the grant money, she purchased a projector and two digital camera and accessories for her Geometry students to use when creating their "*Geometry in the Real World*" projects. The students took pictures of objects discussed in Geometry class and made a PowerPoint presentation using the pictures and information from class. The finished projects were then viewed in class. A sampling of the projects can also be viewed from Mrs. Burgei's Geometry webpage <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/staff/BrendaBurgei/geometry.htm>.

A Successful Clinic

A "**big thank you**" goes out to Dr. Anna Horstman, Dr. Wes Klir and Dr. Linda Mansfield who all volunteered their time testing 160 students for their athletic physicals on May 26. A "**special thanks**" to all who helped with the physicals especially Carol Bockrath, the nurses, athletic trainers and volunteers. We will plan on running a similar session next May for the student athletes.

Robert A. Gerdeman, Athletic Director



Go Wildcats!

Congratulations to the KHS Baseball team, Coach Jim McBride, Coach Ted Verhoff and Coach Jeremy Stober for their excellent season. They have claimed the 2005 Division IV District Championship title and finished their season in the Regional "sweet sixteen" semi-finals. The team has broken the school record for most season wins with a 23-6 win/loss record. The seniors 4 year record was 61 wins and 29 losses for a .744 winning percentage.



Music Boosters' Drawing

May-\$50 Winners

Maria Verhoff
Denny/Bern Heitmeyer
Rhonda/Gary Siefker
Jillian Kneuve

June-\$50 Winners

Ed/Karen Kerner
Bob Blankemeyer
Jane Williams
Jane Gerdeman

Superintendent:

Mark Neal

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HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School Library

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