

# The PawPrint

*ODE Excellent Rating 2001-2008  
2003 National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence*

## Calendar Notes

**August 25**  
School Starts

**Sept. 1**  
Labor Day  
No School

**Oct. 3**  
Early Dismissal  
1:00 PM  
Teacher Inservice

**Monday, Oct 6**  
Blood Mobile  
New HS Gym  
12:00-6:00 PM

**Oct. 27**  
Quarter Break  
No School

**Nov. 24**  
Evening  
Teacher  
Conferences

**Nov. 25-26**  
Teacher  
Conferences  
No School

**Nov. 27-28**  
Thanksgiving  
Break  
No School

### Limited Emergency Levy Will Expire!

At the August 13 board meeting the school board passed a resolution to allow the Limited Emergency Levy, originally passed in 1993 and renewed every five years, to expire at the end of the 2007 tax duplicate. When the district residents passed the income tax issue in 2005 the school board promised to allow this levy and a Permanent Improvement Levy to expire. In keeping with that promise, the Permanent Improvement Levy was allowed to expire at the end of the 2006 tax duplicate so both of these issues will no longer be collected.

## Notes from the Superintendent

**Welcome Back** – As we rapidly approach the first day of school there has been a rush of activity in the district. The custodial staff and teachers are all working hard to get rooms ready and buildings cleaned for the first day of school on August 25. It will be an exciting year as we begin construction on the rest of the high school building. We opened bids on August 1, approved the awarding of contracts on August 13, and are ready for construction to begin by the end of the month. Please stay tuned for more information and drawings concerning the high school project. We will be updating our web site to include construction updates to help keep everyone informed.

**Elementary Update** – By now all district residents should have received a letter from the school board explaining the current situation with the Attorney General's ruling on the use of the approximately \$2.5 million dollar credit from the Ohio School Facilities Commission. The ruling states we must put this money toward the retirement of the current bond debt passed to build our new school buildings. As a result of this ruling the board will be looking to put an issue on the ballot in the near future. The residents of the district **will not** see a tax increase as a result of this future bond issue. According to the tax commissioner, the funds applied to the original 2002 bond vs. the funds generated by the passage of the levy will simply offset. We encourage district residents to contact the superintendent's office, treasurer's office or board members if they have any questions or concerns regarding this issue. Please feel free to call, email or stop by the office and we will be happy to discuss this issue with you.

**Testing Results** - Congratulations on another great year of testing. These following results may change as we adjust some Special Ed numbers and students who moved into or out of the district, but it looks good for Kalida Local Schools to continue our streak of eight consecutive years as an excellent school.

Grade 3 – Reading 94%, Math 94%  
Grade 4 – Reading 98%, Math 93%, Writing 89%  
Grade 5 – Reading 90%, Math 82%, SS 87%, Science 92%  
Grade 6 – Reading 87%, Math 89%  
Grade 7 – Reading 94%, Math 86%, Writing 96%  
Grade 8 – Reading 96%, Math 93%, SS 82%, Science 87%

**Superintendent Don Horstman**

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Don Horstman  
Cindy Webken  
Julie Recker

Superintendent  
Treasurer  
Asst. Treas/Supt Sec

# Kalida Staff 2008-09

## Chris Pfahler

Nancy Grote  
Carol Kahle  
Jeff Clement  
Jeremy Stober  
Brenda Burgei  
Jan Gasser  
Robert Gasser  
Mary Gerding  
David Gordon  
Beth Grime  
Adam Huber  
Deb Kahle  
Anna Ketcham  
Lori Klausing  
Stacy Knueve  
Dale Liebrecht  
Jim McBride  
Scott Miller  
Jenna Missler  
Steven Myers  
Ken Pothast  
Denise Scherer  
Rob Schnippel  
Pam Schroeder  
Roxanne Schumacher  
Charlotte Streets  
Melonie Thorbahn  
Carol Bockrath  
Connie Cleemput  
Sue Clementz  
Joyce Klausing  
Carolyn Miller  
Mary Ann Hoersten  
Ellen Niemeyer

## H.S. Principal

Secretary/Attendance  
Secretary  
Guidance  
Tech Coordinator  
9-12 Math  
English  
Senior History  
English  
BioMedical -Project Lead  
Science  
7-12 Math  
8 Language Art  
Special Ed  
Band/Music  
Business Computer/Yearbook  
Ind. Tech  
Phys. Ed/Health/AD  
7-12 Social Studies  
Spanish  
Art  
Science  
Librarian  
Voc. Ed  
7 Language Art  
9-12 Math  
Jr Hi Science/History  
Special Ed  
Café Monitor/AD Sec.  
Library aide  
IVDL Aide  
Head Cook  
Cook  
Cook  
Café Cashier/Bus Driver

## Karl Lammers

Marcia Vennekotter  
Beth Birkemeier  
Judy Birkemeier  
Pat Broecker  
Joyce Brokamp  
Marsha Courtright  
Jean Cupp  
Deb Eickholt  
Lori Erhart  
Lori Fischer  
Mary Grote  
Darlene Imm  
Nancy Kaufman  
Cheryl Koch  
Jill Laudick  
Shari Luebrecht  
Michele Niese  
Heidi Ridenour  
Mary Smith  
Sarah Stewart  
Blyth Turnwald  
Joan Vennekotter  
Mary Lou Hoffman  
Chris Schroeder  
Doris Stechschulte  
Maggie Warnecke  
Nancy Smith  
Ken Stechschulte  
Jane Kleman  
Joyce Warnecke  
Marilyn Hall  
Dick Hoffman  
Jan Schroeder  
Barb Verhoff

## Elem Principal

Secretary  
5C  
5B  
1A  
4A  
3B  
1C  
5A  
6A  
Special Ed  
3A  
2A  
KDG  
1B  
2C  
Phys Ed  
4C  
Music  
6C  
4B  
6B  
2B  
Library Aide  
Teacher Aide/Bus Driver  
Head cook  
Cook  
Teacher Aide  
Head maintenance  
Maintenance  
Custodian  
Bus Driver  
Bus Driver/Custodian  
Bus Driver  
Bus Driver

**Schedule Pick Up** -Students in grades 8- 12 may pick up their schedules in the high school office daily until 3 PM.

## Cafeteria News

Cafeteria prices for the new school year are as follows:

- Elem. Student Lunch \$1.85/Milk 40¢**
- Ala Carte Elem/HS \$1.30**
- HS Student Lunch \$2.10/Milk 40¢**
- Adult Lunches \$3.00/Milk 50¢**

Deposits to the cafeteria accounts may be made prior to school starting. Please drop payments by the office, along with the student's ID number, and we will get them applied to your child's account.

## All Sport Passes - Now on Sale

Buy a All-Sport Season Pass and have admissions to all home regular season games for both junior high and high school in Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball

**Family Passes \$300**

**Adults \$110**

**Students \$80**

**Senior Citizens \$80**

Passes will be sold in the treasurer's office during the work day 8:00- 3 PM. Call 419-532-3534 if you have any questions.

Reserved Seating for basketball games will be sold during the BK season for an additional fee.

## Kalida Parent-Teacher Organization

A group of parents, in cooperation with Kalida Schools, is establishing a Parent-Teacher Organization. All parents of Kalida Elementary students are invited to get involved in promoting even stronger connections between home and school. Look for more information during the Kalida Elementary Open House on Thursday evening, August 21 and in upcoming newsletters.

## Bloodmobile Date Change

Mark your calendar, KHS Bloodmobile will be held on Monday, Oct. 6 in the new HS gym.

This is an earlier date than previously scheduled.

Come on out and help save someone's life.

## COSI Presents:

### "In Depth: Autopsy" Video-Conference

On September 26, 2008, Kalida High School will connect with five other schools and an audience at COSI in Columbus to experience a REAL autopsy from beginning to end. Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to view a 90 minute videotape of an actual autopsy with parental permission. The autopsy will be guided by a forensic pathologist, and students must work through the "case" and solve for the cause of death. At the conclusion, students may ask the forensic pathologist questions via video-conference.

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# Library Donations for 2007-08

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this past school year.

## *Kalida Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations*

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Ann Vorst	Cam Jansen: Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds	Alice Tarr
Mary Lou Hoffman	Rechenka's Eggs	Dorothy Unverferth
Bonnie Loehrke	I Wanna Iguana	Dorothy Unverferth
Kay Heringhaus	The Kindness Quilt	Dorothy Unverferth
Marilyn/Leon Kaufman	Knuffle Bunny, Too	Kyle Kaufman
	The End	
Greg/Denise Scherer	The Penultimate Peril	
	Mr. Putter & Tabby Take the Train	Charles Young
	The Railroad	
Kalida Elem. Faculty/Staff	I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles	Patricia Kleman
	I Spy Fantasy: A Book of Picture Riddles	

## *Other Donations to the Kalida Elementary Library*

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Ed/Tammy Schroeder	In Honor of Mary McElwain's 90th Birthday	
Sister Julia Grote	Fergie Tries to Fly, Nobody Loves Fergie, Where Oh Where is Fergie, You Can Count on Fergie, Fergie Cleans Up, Fergie Counts His Blessings, Fergie Has A Birthday Party, Fergie Goes to Grandma's	
Floyd/Stella Dickman	The Children's Book of Home and Family, Lost, Game 2 (2 copies), King Attolia, Turnabout	
Ed/Tammy Schroeder	In Honor of Roger Luersman's Retirement from KAEL	

## *Kalida High School Library Memorial Book Donations*

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Kalida Board of Education	Accidents of Nature	Mildred Rampe
	Beyond the Western Sea #1	
	Beyond the Western Sea #2	
Kay Heringhaus	Hoot	Dorothy Unverferth

## *Other Donations to the Kalida High School Library*

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Dan Kern	Putnam County High School Basketball 1910-2007	
Flo Ann Young	1938 Yearbook	
Alice Adams	The Forbidden City	

**Superintendent:**  
**Don Horstman** 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

**School Board Members:**

Brian Laudic, VP., Rhonda Osterhage  
Gary Stechsulte,  
Dennis Turnwald, President  
Don Wehri

**School Board Meetings**

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

**PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote**



June/ July  
Music Booster Drawing

\$50.00 winners

**June**  
Greg Knueve  
Diane Kahle  
Wilma Kramer  
Steve and Karen Osterhage

**July**  
Mark Stechsulte  
Mark Fortman  
Carl and Michelle Honigfort  
Marilyn Leopold

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## High School Report

### *Chris Pfahler, Principal*

Kalida High School and Middle School are busy preparing for another exciting and successful year. Congratulations to all of the staff, students and their families on achieving the designation of Excellent for the eighth year in a row.

**Welcome 6th graders** - The most significant change to our school this year is the addition of the sixth grade to the middle school ranks. We welcome teachers Mrs. Lori Erhart, Mrs. Ann Ketcham, Mrs. Mary Smith, and Mrs. Blyth Turnwald to the middle school staff. We also welcome all of the new sixth grade students. I am confident that the students will have a wonderful experience as a part of Kalida Middle School.

**Welcome Mr. Gordon** - As we look ahead we also wish to welcome our new staff members. Joining our high school science department is Mr. David Gordon who will be teaching our new Advanced Placement Biology course as well as spearheading our new Biomedical program as a part of our grant-funded Project Lead-the-Way. Project Lead-the-Way also brings a pre-Engineering program to Kalida High School and that will be taught by Mr. Dale Liebrecht.

**Dual Enrollment** - We have also partnered with Wright State University to bring several Dual Enrollment courses to our school. Students will be earning college credit in English Composition, Biology, Mathematics, and Computer Assisted Design through Wright State University at a fraction of the cost of attending the college on campus while remaining right here at Kalida High School.

**New Testing Levels** - This year, our sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Test. Our 6th graders will be taking Achievement tests in Reading and Math; 7th graders will be tested in Reading, Math and Writing and our 8th graders will be taking Achievement tests in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The teachers are working diligently to make sure that our students are prepared for these tests and continue the excellent tradition of academic success here.

**Outstanding ACT Scores** - In addition to the Achievement and Graduation tests that our students must take, another measure of our success at Kalida is how our student fare on the American College Test (ACT). This past year, 35 of our students took this test as a prerequisite to college admittance. Our students scored higher than the state average in each of the testing areas as well as the composite score. Kalida Students averaged a 24.1 composite score compared to the state average of 21.7. We will continue to monitor our students' success on these tests and work to meet the needs of our students in all testing areas.

All of these above mentioned changes will help us to continue the kind of success that we have grown accustomed to at Kalida.