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Notes from the Superintendent

Calendar Notes

Sept. 22

Midterm Reports

Sept. 29

Bookbills Due

October 16

"New Date"

KHS Blood
Mobile

October 30

Quarter Break
No School

Nov. 21-22

Teacher
Conferences
No School

Nov. 23-24

Thanksgiving
Break
No School

Dec. 22-Jan.2

Christmas Break
No School

As we enter the month of September the staff and students are beginning to settle back into a routine. Some minor scheduling and bussing adjustments have occurred since the start of school.

The new bus routes seem to be working out quite well. Some of the drivers are leaving a few minutes earlier than last year, but they are all returned in the afternoon at about the same time. Some students are riding a bit longer than before as a result of the route changes, but others are riding less. Overall, the cost savings to the district is significant when compared to the minimal impact on our students.

Students returned to school this year to a completely overhauled and web based Accelerated Reader program. This program allows access to every available AR test and is much more convenient to both teachers and students. A new elementary writing book, *Write-Source* is being utilized to assist students with their language and writing skills. A new *keyboarding* class was also added in grades 3-6 so that students would be introduced to proper keyboarding skills at a younger age. New textbooks were also purchased this year for 7th grade *world history*, high school *chemistry* and *integrated biology*.

The two cafeterias combined collected over \$17,000 in lunch pre-payments on the first day of school. The cafeteria ladies were very surprised and excited that so many parents are taking advantage of the convenience associated with the new automated system. This makes the line go much faster and gives students more time at lunch. Based on the amount of the deposits, it appears that some parents have paid for the entire month, semester, or even the school year.

ProgressBook will be made available to parents at all grade levels for the first time this year. Passwords and instructions will be mailed to every parent in the next couple of weeks that will allow for 24 hour access to all student attendance and grades via the Internet. This system was introduced in the high school last year and the feedback from parents was very positive.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stacy Knueve and Mrs. Pam Schroeder for obtaining their Masters Degrees this summer. Mrs. Knueve is the Business Communications /yearbook advisor, Accounting, and Computer teacher at KHS. Mrs. Schroeder teaches junior high Language Arts and junior high Physical Education.

Mark K. Neal, Superintendent

Grant Awarded - The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation has announced that Mrs. Stacy Knueve has been awarded a grant for \$2955 for her proposal "**Student Teaching Others Photography**" **S T O P** for short. The main purpose of the goal is to obtain digital cameras for use around the district. The grant will purchase a new digital SLR camera and color laser printer for the yearbook staff and several digital cameras to be used by teachers around the district. "It is our hope that this will encourage teachers to use the cameras in their classroom," said Mrs. Knueve, "and allow us the ability to obtain pictures from different activities in the district for use in the yearbook and possibly to post on the internet."



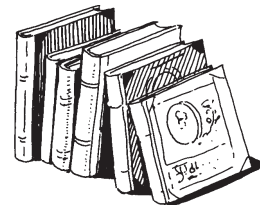
A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local School's libraries this past 2005-2006 school year.

Kalida Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Leon & Marilyn Kaufman	Reptile Room Bad Beginning	Kyle Kaufman
Kalida Elementary Faculty & Staff	Why Do Birds Sing? Why Do Cats Meow? Why Do Horses Neigh?	Mary Jane Schmenk (sister-in-law of Kay Heringhaus)
Leon & Marilyn Kaufman	Into the Wardrobe: C.S. Lewis & the Narnia Chronicles The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	Kyle Kaufman
The Vorsts—Carl, Ruth, Annie Dale, Karen, Dani, Brandon Joe, Char, Jake, Mindy, Fayth, & Matt	Choppers Experiments with Plants Photosynthesis Soil Masked Monkey	Harold Vorst
St. Michael's Rosary Altar Choir	Animals That Hibernate Animals Under the Ground Signs Animals Leave Solar Power	Harold Vorst
Mark & Ann Warnecke & family	Frindle Here Come the Holidays! Very Merry Christmas Tales Good Night Pillow Fight Bear Stays Up for Christmas The Runaway Pumpkin Welcome to the U.S.A. Ohio	Arlene Edlebrock (neighbor)
George & Deb Rellinger Tom & Marie Miller	Magic by the Lake Hoot Tree Fun Farm The Water Hole Choosing Up Sides	Harold Stechschulte

Other Kalida Elementary Library Donations

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>
Amy Fowble	It's Fun To Be a Buckeye! (2 copies)
American Legion Auxiliary Ottawa Unit #63	The Bill of Rights The Lewis and Clark Expedition



Kalida High School Library Memorial Book Donations

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Family of Norman Schmitz	Antarctica: Journeys to the South Pole Code Orange Heroes Don't Run Holly's Story Stuck in Neutral Summer's End Upstream	Norman Schmitz
Kalida High School Faculty & Staff	Boy Who Saved Baseball Over the Wall	Norman Schmitz
Chas & Beth Myers	Soul Surfer	Norman Schmitz



Mr. Clement
Guidance



Mr. Huber
Math



Mrs. Missler
Spanish



Mrs. Ridenour
Music



Mr. Miller
History

New Faces At Kalida

Mr. Jeff Clement, Guidance, now has an office in the old HS Science room right next to the high school office. The old guidance room has become the Attendance office where Mrs. Nancy Grote will help you with attendance issues. Mr. Adam Huber is the junior high math teacher. Mr. Scott Miller is the history teacher in the junior high wing. Mrs. Jenna Missler is the new Spanish teacher. Mrs. Heidi Ridenour teaches music in the High School and Elementary. Welcome To Kalida!

High School Book Bills

Book bills will be sent home on Friday, September 15 with the students. The book bills will be due by Friday, September 29. Students may bring their payments to the high school office or the payment may be mailed. Hopefully this notice allows everyone time to budget for this expense, but if you find yourself needing more time please contact us at the high school office to set up an alternate plan.

Student Government Elections

High school students recently held their annual election of class officers and student council members. We would like to thank all of those who ran for office and congratulate those who were chosen to represent their classmates.

Seniors: President – Chelsea Verhoff, Vice-President – Aaron von der Embse, Secretary – Shawn Smith, Treasurer – Kevin Erhart

Juniors: President – Megan Miller, Vice-President – Ashley Heitmeyer, Secretary – Trent Smith, Treasurer – Jess Gordon

Sophomores: President – Ryan Kleman, Vice-President – Matt Warnecke, Secretary – Derek Birkemeier, Treasurer – Kyle Kahle

Freshman: President – Cotey Schoeff, Vice-President – Amy Hamburg, Secretary – Margaret von der Embse, Treasurer – Stacie Heitmeyer

Student Council Members: Amanda Patterson, Justin Kahle, Chelsea Warnecke, Alyssa Frey, Jenna Kahle, Kasie Bellmann, Devin Warnecke, Stephanie Kortokrax

Extra Yearbooks Available

Due to copy over-run, there are copies of the 2006 yearbook still available for \$40 each. The 2006 issue includes grades K through 12. Please contact Mrs. Stacy Knueve in the high school (419-532-3529) if you are interested.

KHS Bloodmobile Date Correction

The KHS Bloodmobile will be on **October 16** from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM in the old high school auditorium. To give blood, a donor must be 17 years old, at least 110 lbs. and be in basic good health. To set up an appointment, call Mrs. Beth Grime at the high school 419-532-3529. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free and Reduced Applications

If you have not yet returned your application for school lunch assistance you may do so at either school office. All gathered information is confidential and with the new computer system this insures this fact. You may qualify for free daily lunches for your children or reduced priced lunches at 40¢.

Senior Magazine Sale

The annual magazine sale is now underway. This fundraiser helps offset the cost of the class trip for our senior class so please support our students as they stop by to discuss all of your reading and music needs. Call the HS office if you would like to renew or start a new subscription.

“Rhapsodies in Blues”- The Kalida High School Wildcat Marching Band proudly presents **“Rhapsodies in Blues.”** Led by field commander Dana Phillips, the band opens it show with an original arrangement of Gerschwin’s **“Rhapsody in Blue.”** Featuring a trumpet solo by Austin Basinger and trombone solo by Louisa Millott, the percussion section then leads us into the piece. To change the mood, we swing into **“Birth of the Blues,”** which highlights a few members of our brass section, until the full ensemble joins in. Our percussion section, led by Brandon Stechschulte is featured in a jam with the **“Blue Man Group.”** Finally, we close with an original arrangement of Irving Berlin’s **“Blue Skies.”** Please come to support the band at one of their many performances this year. This year the KHS band has scheduled performances at:

Ottawa Glandorf and Bellefontaine 9/16;
Columbus Grove 9/23; Maumee 9/30
Kettering 10/7; Shawnee 10/14 and Swanton 10/21.

Guidance Notes

The school year is off to a great start and I am very excited to be part of it. In the next couple of weeks, I will be visiting all classrooms in grades K-12 to introduce myself and make the students aware of services provided by the counseling office. Several activities have already been scheduled for high school students in the upcoming weeks. Information will be shared first with seniors since this is their last year in the halls of Kalida High School as they prepare to transition into more advanced education or employment opportunities. Two days were spent with seniors and information relative to college and scholarship preparation was presented to them. Seniors will be participating in a Financial Awareness Day sponsored by Superior Credit Union at OSU-Lima on September 18. Senior Job-Shadow Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 7. Juniors will be attending a college fair in Defiance on Tuesday, September 26, in an effort to spark their interest in the college process. Also, several college representatives will be visiting Kalida High School and holding informational sessions of which both juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to attend.

Two assessments have been scheduled this fall that will help to prepare students for college. The PSAT has been slated for Wednesday, October 18 for juniors and seniors who register while the PLAN (pre-ACT) has been set for Tuesday, November 14 for sophomores. Important information about the PSAT will follow this article. These are just a couple of the many activities that will take place with students over the next several months. Both students and parents are reminded to access the Kalida Local School's website (Kalida.k12.oh.us) and the guidance office link for additional information and updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the guidance office at 419-532-3504 or email me a ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us.

Jeff Clement, Guidance Counselor

PSAT TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

On Wednesday, October 18, sophomores and juniors can participate in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, commonly referred to as the **PSAT**. Participating in the test is required if students wish to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Also, many employment locations use the test as a criteria for employees' children. Students were given a booklet at school about the test and a listing of companies that use the test was included in it.

According to guidelines set forth by the governing body for the competition, **only juniors who take the test are eligible** for scholarship consideration. Sophomores would be taking it for practice and the experience. Any sophomore who takes the test would, therefore, have to take it again as a junior. Also, the PSAT is a good experience for students who will later take the SAT and/ or ACT, the assessments required for college entrance. The cost of the test is \$12 and students can register through Friday, September 15.

Superintendent:

Mark Neal
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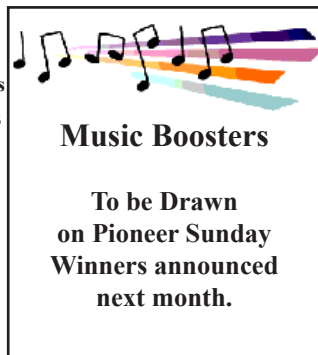
HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - High School
Media Center

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