

The PawPrint

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Superintendent Notes

Mark K. Neal

There is a lot of exciting information to share with residents in this month's newsletter. In the near future, Residents will be receiving a mailing from current School Board President, Barry von der Embse regarding the master plan for our upcoming building project.

Curricular Changes – In addition to this project, there have been several curricular changes in the last two years that are worth noting. A conscious effort has been made by the board of education and our entire staff at Kalida to ratchet up our list of course offerings and opportunities for our students. Some of the new opportunities that have been offered to our students include technology and keyboarding classes at the elementary level, Advanced Placement English and Government courses at the high school level, the opportunity for several eighth grade students to take Algebra I for high school credit, and the ability to obtain physical education credits for participating in extracurricular athletics and marching band. Additionally, the district applied for and was awarded a \$20,000 grant to begin a *Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Program* for students who are interested in getting a jumpstart on a four year engineering degree while still in high school. Additional Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way courses are being considered for the future.

School Bus Fleet Changes – Residents may have noticed several different school busses around the bus garage over the summer. The district purchased three used school busses to replace three of the busses in our current fleet that have a combined 650,000 miles on them. The newer busses have a larger seating capacity, newer safety features, and a lot less miles on the odometer. These three busses were purchased for a combined price of roughly \$45,000. The price of one brand new bus was quoted to the district at \$72,500. The State of Ohio only pays for a fraction of the cost of replacing worn out school busses, and the last two years the district has received less than \$3000 per school year to maintain our fleet. We will be selling two of the busses that were just replaced at public auction. Any resident who is interested in bidding on them should contact the superintendent's office for details.

Opening Enrollment – As of the first day of school 341 students are enrolled in the elementary and 300 in the high school. We have 24 students attending Vantage in the junior and senior high classes. The current kindergarten enrollment is at 51 students. The class of 2008, seniors, has 47 students.

Calendar Notes

October 4

Early Dismissal
 1:00 PM
 Teacher Inservice

October 29

Quarter Break
 No School

Nov. 4

Daylight Savings
 Time Ends
 Turn back your
 Clock

Nov. 20-21

Parent Teacher
 Conferences

Nov. 22-23

Thanksgiving
 Break

Dec. 24-Jan. 2

Christmas
 Break

Jan. 21

M.L.King, Jr.
 No School



Red Cross Donation Site

Kalida Residents Tricia and Greg Klaus-ing organized a local Red Cross donation site at the KHS parking lot on Wednesday, August 29. Thanks to the great response of the community, the band trailer was soon filled to capacity. In addition, over \$5000 in monetary donations were collected for the Putnam County flood victims.

Who Ya Gonna Call? *submitted by Nancy McBride, Ottawa, Ohio*

On my third day as a Red Cross volunteer I suffered a complete meltdown over a package of diapers! I was assigned to greet flood victims as they arrived. A solemn young couple with two children stopped by the table as they were leaving to say “thank you.” Their home is located near the Blanchard River and suffered tremendous damage. When I asked if there was anything else the Red Cross could do for them they told me what they really needed were diapers and formula. I had to tell them we didn’t have any at that time. It was heart wrenching to think that a family who had just lost their home and all their possessions could not get the most basic of needs for their children.

I left my stressful post and stepped outside. But crying was not going to solve the problem, so I called Kalida, the Jeremy Stober family specifically. Putnam County is known for extending generous aid to its neighbors. I knew that if asked the Kalida community would surely respond. Christi and Jeremy Stober rallied the Kalida community and within the hour they called to let me know they had a shipment of diapers on the way with a promise for more. I was able to send that young family three packages of diapers yet that evening!

An even bigger surprise awaited me that night. The Kalida High School volleyball team brought me to tears once again when they called to say they had collected over \$1500 in just two hours! The cash plus all the donations of diapers and cleaning supplies have been a tremendous help for the flood victims. Please accept a sincere thank you expressed to everyone in the Kalida community who has helped in some way with the flood relief. The recovery process will likely continue for some time. It is comforting to know help is only a phone call away.

Added Note: The Kalida Volleyball team would like to also express their thanks to all those who helped them in this cause. Your donations were greatly needed and appreciated.

Traveling Abroad – Twenty-two Kalida students visited Europe last summer. The entire group consisted of forty-nine adults and students under the direction of Mr. Robert Gasser. While touring, they enjoyed the landmarks and scenery of London, Paris and Rome. The next scheduled European trip will be in June – 2009 with initial registration beginning this December.



School Pride Sales Event

The Crayons to College Mothers' Club is holding its annual School Pride Sales Program. Merchandise will be on display in the lobby of both schools and orders will be taken until September 21. Items for sale this year include: baseball tees, short sleeved t-shirts, tie dye t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts and flannel pants. A flyer will be coming home shortly with all elementary students with all the details. Order forms will also be available in the high school office for anyone who is interested.

In addition to the clothing this year will be several imprinted items. These items include water bottles, license plate brackets, zipper pulls and mini Sharpie markers. Don't forget that orders for clothing items must be received by September 21. If you have any questions, contact one of the Spirit Wear Chairpeople: Ginny Wehri, Cindy Fitzgerald or Stacy Knueve. GO WILDCATS!!!

Party Place

Did you know that the high school auditoria is for rent? There are only a few restrictions to keep in mind when renting the facility. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. You are responsible for set up and take down as well as cleaning the area when you are finished. There have been several bridal showers and small family parties already in the facility. If you have an upcoming event that needs a location, please contact the superintendent's office at 419-532-3534.

Volley for the Cure- On October 9, the Ladycat Volleyball team will be teaming up with the visiting Pandora Rockets to help knock out breast cancer in the first annual *Volley for the Cure* campaign. This is a nationwide campaign with 800 teams participating to raise money for breast cancer research. Our goal is to "Pack the gym with Pink" and set a new single game attendance record while raising money for the research. Those students and adults who purchased a Volley for the Cure t-shirt are asked to wear them to the game. Students will be admitted free into the game if they wear the shirt that night and adults will get into the game for 1/2 price. There are several activities planned during the evening.



Check out more details at <http://www.ohsvca.org/volleyforcure>

Thank you for supporting the Kalida Ladycats and the volleyball teams' fight against breast cancer.

Senior Class Magazine Sales

Sales are now underway! Please contact the high school office or any high school senior to place your order. Orders need to be confirmed by Sept. 18.

Help Needed

Interested persons in being put on the sub-list in the high school building for teaching, or office or study hall aide, please call 419-532-3529.



KHS students of American Sign Language this year are Michelle Webken, Darcy Langhals, Ryan Kimmel and Ben Ridinger. They are instructed via the Interactive Video Distant Learning program with their teacher broadcasting from the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Sue Clementz is their site-based instructor.

Band Calendars

Band calendars have been delivered. If anyone has not received a calendar they ordered, please contact Mary Hoffman at 419-532-3978. There are also extra calendars yet available. Call to get yours today.

2007 School Yearbooks

There are extra 2007 elementary and high school yearbooks available for purchase. Elementary books are \$16 and high school books are \$50. Make checks payable to Kalidascope. Questions? Call Stacy Knueve at the high school (419-532-3529).

Wildcat Cards

Discounts and special deals from 30 local vendors are given to you when you present the 2007-08 WILDCAT CARD. For only \$10 many of the offers are reusable as long as the card is valid. Contact Kim Nordhaus or Joan Smith or any member of the KHS junior class to purchase your Wildcat Card. Funds generated by the Wildcat card will help fund post prom activities.

Welcome – Laurie Lindeman has been hired as our new county school speech therapist. She is taking Kay Heringhaus' place who retired in May.

Superintendent:

Mark Neal 419-532-3534

HS. Principal Don Horstman
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

School Board Members:

Brian Laudick, Rhonda Osterhage
Gary Stechschulte, VP. Dennis Turnwald
Pres. Barry von der Embse

School Board Meetings

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

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

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Guidance Notes

The school year is off to a great start. 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 the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus on Monday, September 17.

JUNIORS will be attending a **college fair** in Defiance on Wednesday, September 25 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 17 for juniors and sophomores who register while the PLAN (pre-ACT) has been set for Tuesday, December 4 for sophomores. The cost for the PLAN is \$9.

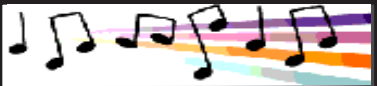
PSAT TESTING FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

On Wednesday, October 17, 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 \$13 and students can register through Friday, September 21.

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



**SEPTEMBER
MUSIC BOOSTER
WINNERS**

\$200.00	- John/ Diana Recker
100.00	- Neil/Kim Unverferth
75.00	- Mildred Remlinger
75.00	- Ron and Carol Buss
75.00	- Dale/Jan Schroeder
50.00	- Mary Jane/Gene Stechschulte
50.00	- John /Jackie Schimmoeller
50.00	- Cody/Connor Niese
50.00	- Norm Vonder Embse

Pioneer Queen 2007

Congratulations to KHS senior Karri Clementz who was crowned the 2007 Pioneer Queen. Megan Heitmeyer and Sarah Mack were second and third place winners.