

The PawPrint

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2003 National Blue Ribbon
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Calendar Notes

Sept. 30

2-hour delay
Staff Inservice

Oct. 1

Mom-to-Mom
Sale in the
High School

Oct. 5

School Board
Meeting -Date
Change

Oct. 9

Open House
Kalida Branch
Public Library
New Location
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Oct. 13 - 16

8th Grade Trip to
Washington D.C.

Oct. 31

KHS Bloodmobile
8:30 AM- 7:00 PM

Nov. 4

Report Cards
1st Quarter

Nov. 16

School Board
Meeting - Date
Change

Nov. 17 - 21

Choir NYC Trip

Nov. 21 - 22

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 23 - 25

Thanksgiving
Break

Meet the School Board Candidates Election November 8

Gerry Vorst

Family: Wife Kathy, two children - Alexis and Nathan

Education: Kalida High School
Ohio State University – BS in Ag Engineering
Wright State University – MBA

Occupation: Engineer at Joint Systems Manufacturing Center

Purpose: “Serving as a Kalida School Board member will be one of the most important responsibilities that I can undertake in my lifetime. Taking today’s children, providing them with an educational foundation and turning them into productive members of society will be one of my methods of “paying forward.” A school board’s policies development and oversight of today will influence the society of tomorrow. I cannot think of a greater responsibility. The opportunity to become a board member is about giving back to the community. The Kalida community has been good to my family with its strong values, strong tradition and the commitment to serve. I believe in this community and I believe in this school. Your vote in the upcoming election is greatly appreciated.”



Nicole Niemeyer

Family: Husband Brad, two children - Owen and Grace

Education: Fort Jennings High School
UNOH - Master of Business Administration

Occupation: Director of Career Services - UNOH

Purpose: “Working for over 5 years in higher education, I know the importance of secondary education and the effects it has on our future. I believe that Kalida offers its students an excellent education and I want to see that continue. Being a member of this community and having two children enrolled in Kalida Schools, I am committed to helping the students of Kalida get the best education they can. I am an avid supporter of the educational system and all those involved including administrators, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents. I am excited about what this challenging position will bring and really appreciate your vote this November.”



Brian Laudick

Family: Wife Kerry, three children - Laine, Grant, and Lauren

Education: Kalida High School
Columbus State - Associates degree

Occupation: Unverferth Manufacturing - Inside Sales

Purpose: “The past eight years that I have spent on the Board of Education have provided me with invaluable experience. I am proud to have served as a member of a group that has made sound decisions while keeping the best long term interest of the community in mind. During my current term on the board, I have served as Kalida’s representative on the Vantage Career Center’s School Board. I have served as the Kalida School Board President for the past two years. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the residents of the Kalida School District for four more years. Your vote in the upcoming election is greatly appreciated.”



Sue Gerdeman and **Greg von der Embse** are running unopposed for the spots they were appointed to a year ago. When elected they will finish out the rest of the 4 year term vacated by prior board members.

Notes from The Superintendent ~ *Don Horstman*

ELEVEN STRAIGHT YEARS

For the eleventh consecutive year Kalida Local Schools has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Education as an ‘Excellent’ school district. Kalida Local Schools met all 26 State Indicators. The district scores were above the state average in every category, with 100% of our students meeting the standards in Sixth Grade Reading and Tenth Grade Writing. Congratulations to the staff, students, and parents on the latest recognition of your hard work.

In celebration of this achievement the Enhancement Committee is recognizing the staff, students, and parents of the district with two billboards along State Route 224 on the east edge of town. Kalida Local Schools has built “A Tradition of Excellence”, and our latest results reconfirm this commitment and continued hard work.

ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE SUMMER PROJECTS

When the new building was constructed a group of district residents formed a committee to raise private funds to add things to the building project the Ohio School Facilities Commission would not provide.

This committee continues to raise funds and enhance our facilities with their latest projects. The Enhancement Committee provided the funds to have the landscaping started at the Elementary building this fall. The district did not have the funds available to make this a part of the building plan last year, but with the money raised by the Enhancement Committee the landscaping was completed early this month.



Another project the Enhancement Committee provided was the funding for was the staining of the brick on the high school marquee along State Route 115. The light colored brick originally installed made it difficult to read the Kalida High School signage, and the committee worked with Bruce Kahle at Kahle-Langhals, and Masonry Cosmetics to correct the color on the brick. The marquee looks better, and is much easier to read. Thank you to our committee members for helping the district with these projects.



With Gratitude

Thanks to Don Wehri for his service on the Kalida Board of Education. Don is finishing his fourth year of a second term having served since 2008. He was also a board member with a position that ended in 2003.



New Location

The Kalida School Board Room is now located in the Administration building. With the relocation of the Industrial Technology department, this large room will be utilized for meetings and other programs. Board meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month at 8 PM but the October meeting will be Oct. 5 and the November meeting will be Nov. 16.

RACE TO THE TOP

Kalida Local Schools continues to be a part of a national and state wide effort to improve education, instruction, professional development, and student assessment through the Race to the Top grant. As a part of the grant, Kalida Local Schools was required to form a Transformation Team of teachers and administrators. This team is tasked with developing a plan to implement new curriculum standards, improve student assessment practices, and a teacher evaluation tool. This team will be meeting with Battelle for Kids this month to continue our work on this process. Battelle for Kids is a leading, nationally recognized organization in educational research, and they are based in Columbus, Ohio.

The team will meet to refine the current plan and grant budget, and to make plans to implement the steps of the process required during the 2011-12 school year. This grant will supply the funding to allow the district to provide professional development, training, and equipment to our staff and students.



Volunteering Her Time

Mrs. Sue Fuerst is presented a framed picture from first grade teacher, Mrs. Cheryl Koch, in honor of her 20 years as a volunteer aide. Mrs. Fuerst began tutoring when one of her daughters began school and continued for over two decades. Sue's efforts and those of many special volunteers are greatly appreciated at Kalida Elementary.

Do you wish to volunteer your time at the school? Give us a call!

Music Boosters 50/50 Club Ticket Winners

2011 Pioneer Drawing

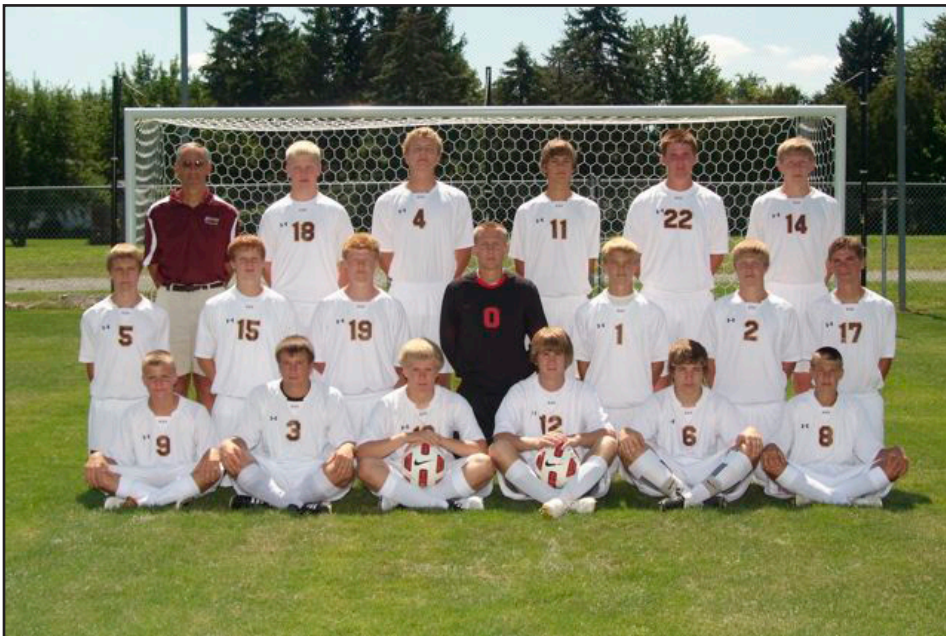
- \$200 Barb Niese
- \$150 On The Square Cafe
- \$100 Ron & Carol Buss
- \$75 Rita Iliff
- \$50 Gary & Connie Krouse
- \$50 Marc & Renee Kerner
- \$50 Ron & Lori Erhart
- \$50 Steve & Janet Swift
- \$50 Owen Grime
- \$50 Bob & Helen Unverferth
- \$50 Kim & Jeff Nordhaus
- \$50 Mary Ann Grote

Renew Your Subscription or Order New

The KHS Senior Magazine Sale is going on now through September 28. Please contact a high school senior to order a new magazine or renew your subscription. Thanks for supporting the students as they earn money for their senior class trip.

Local PC Library on the Move

The Putnam County Kalida Branch Library relocation is about complete. The Kalida library will be located in the old vo-ag building at the high school just east of the soccer field and north of the bus garage. This location will have ample parking and a larger facility for the library patrons. **An open house is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1:00 - 3 PM. See you there!**



Milestone Reached - Congratulations to KHS soccer Coach Mark Czubik upon achieving the 300th win at the close of the Shawnee boys' soccer game on August 29.

Reminder
Sept.30
Two Hour Delay
for Staff Inservice

Community Calendars

There are a few of the band community birthday calendars left for sale. Please contact Mrs. Michele Doecker (419-532-2084) for more information.

Superintendent Don Horstman

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers

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Sue M. Gerdeman - VP
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Don Wehri

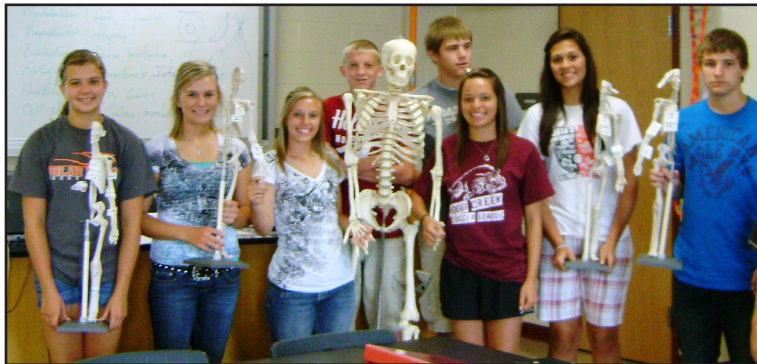
School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
8:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

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Biomedical Science students with their Manikens®

Students Sculpt the Human Body

Throughout the Biomedical Science's, Human Body Systems course, students will model human anatomy and explore human physiology on their own 2 foot skeletal Maniken®. They will build muscles, create blood vessels and nerves, and sculpt a brain.

During their first activity involving their Maniken® students identify and mark various bone structures, skeletal region terms, as well as learn directional terminology. In the photo HBS students show the result of this activity.

Fruit Sales

It's Fruit Time! The junior class will begin their kick-off for the annual fruit sale on October 14. Contact the high school office if you wish to place an order with a junior. Delivery will be early in December just in time for the holidays.

Current Enrollment

Today we have 268 elementary students enrolled in grades kindergarten through grade 5. In the grades 6 -12, there are 337 attending the Kalida facility and twenty students attending the Vantage Career Center.

Oops!- Mary Ann Hoersten is also an employee in the high school cafeteria. We inadvertently missed her name last month when listing the employees.

Cafeteria Accounts

Please remember to check your child's cafeteria account frequently. Some of the text alert carriers for the cafeteria balances have proved to be not as reliable.

Kalida Spirit Wear

The 2011-12 Kalida Spirit Wear Sale will be here soon. Show your love for the Wildcats by purchasing new shirts, sweatshirts and other spirit items. Proceeds from this sale sponsored by the Kalida PTO will help fund different projects benefiting our elementary students. Watch for more information on this sale as there will be sample items available for viewing at the elementary and in the high school.

Boxtops, Labels, and Can Tabs

Please continue to save *Campbell Soup* labels (UPC and logos) as well as the *Boxtops for Education* stamps. These items can be turned into cash and equipment for the school. We also continue to collect the aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Send the items to either office. Thank You!

Queen Brooke

Every year the senior girls go the extra mile to raise big ticket money for the *Pioneer Days* celebration to the benefit of the Kalida Lions and Kalida Firemen Departments. Congratulations to the 2011 Pioneer Queen Brooke Schnipke. Other candidates this year were Erika Brinkman, Haley McIntyre, and Lora Tschuor.