

The PawPrint

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*2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 ODE Excellent Rating
2003 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*

Calendar Notes

Nov. 5
Date Change
Fall Athletic Awards
6:00 PM

Nov. 6
Election Day
Vote for 2
School Board
Members

Nov. 19-20
Parent Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 21-23
Thanksgiving
Break

Dec. 24-Jan. 2
Christmas
Break

Superintendent Notes *by Mark K. Neal*

It is officially fall now and even the weather is beginning to look that way. I would like to start this month's newsletter by congratulating the members of the Kalida High School Band for their outstanding season. The season was brought to a close in perfect fashion with a Superior rating at the OMEA State Competition in Dayton last Sunday. The winter sports season is underway with girls and boys basketball practice in full swing. Parent Teacher Conferences will begin the evening of November 19 and conclude on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

The Kalida Board of Education approved a new five year forecast at the October meeting that demonstrates the financial health of the district over the next several years. This forecast can be viewed on the Ohio Department of Education website through the following link:www.kalida.k12.oh.us go under Administration to Five Year Forecast. The second of the two property tax issues that the board promised not to renew (3.5 mil Emergency Operating Levy) will expire in January of 2008 (collected through Dec. 2008.) The following table illustrates that Kalida currently has the third lowest expenditure per pupil in the county. When considering the fact that Kalida ranks near the top statewide in terms of academic achievement, has been an excellent school for 7 consecutive years, and continues to add new course content and extracurricular opportunities for our students, this figure is still well below the state average of roughly \$9300.

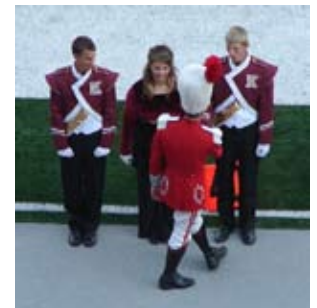
DISTRICT	FY05	FY06	FY07
Columbus Grove	6,306	6,677	6,876
Ottoville	7,099	7,289	7,598
Kalida	6,726	7,563	7,880
Jennings	6,925	7,424	7,945
Ottawa-Glandorf	7,570	7,616	8,087
Miller City	7,657	8,011	8,241
Pandora-Gilboa	8,060	8,186	8,309
Continental	7,856	8,401	8,583
Leipsic	8,047	8,474	8,775

The upcoming construction project is slated to begin this spring. A special letter from the board of education members was sent out last month updating residents on this project. The preliminary design and scheduling phase is currently underway with the Ohio School Facilities Commission and I am confident that we will have broken ground sometime this spring/summer.



L. Gerding Photos

Congratulations to the KHS Marching Band for receiving FIVE Superior Awards this season including the SUPERIOR awarded at them at the Ohio State Band Competition on Sunday, Oct. 28.



Receiving the awards at the OSU Invitational

Parent Teacher Conferences- Parent teacher conferences have been scheduled over the course of the following two days:

Monday, Nov. 19 from 5 PM– 9 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 21 conferences will be held from 11 AM - 4 PM and will resume from 5 PM – 9 PM after a one hour dinner break for teachers.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in school buildings near each office beginning Monday, November 5. Classes on Monday, Nov. 19 will follow the regular schedule. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Tuesday or Wednesday, Nov. 20-21.



Blood Mobile Results

On October 15, 2007, the KHS Bloodmobile collected 161 useable units of blood! This is over half the amount of blood the Red Cross needs to collect each day. We would like to thank everyone from this community and surrounding areas that helped make this blood drive a success. Thanks also to the Kalida School Enhancement Committee that donated the new reusable banner promoting the annual blood drive.

Red Ribbon Week- *Dream It, Be It, Drug-Free* was the theme for Red Ribbon Week at Kalida Elementary during the week of Oct. 22. The Red Ribbon has become a symbol of awareness for drug-free and violence-free lives and helps us promote healthy futures for families. Students were asked to wear their Red Ribbons all week to show their support to the cause. "I would like to thank the following organizations for their donations or help with Red Ribbon Week," said Sherry Luebrecht coordinator of the events at Kalida Elementary. "The Kalida Fire Dept. and Dick Schulte helped promote Red Ribbon Week by using the community sign outside the fire station. *Crayons to College Mothers Club* donated special zipper pulls and markers as prizes and the Kalida IGA donated the paper grocery bags for the coloring contest."

Volley for the Cure - A special "Thank you" to the Kalida volleyball parents, fans, and Putnam County supporters and all the individuals and businesses who donated either monetary contributions or items that helped make the "Volley for the Cure" night between Kalida and Pandora-Gilboa on October 9 possible. Your efforts helped raise over \$3000 on behalf of the volleyball teams to help fight against breast cancer. Every contribution continues to help find a cure for a disease that affects all of us in our families, friends or neighbors. Without your generosity, none of this would have been possible.

~ *The Kalida LadyCat Volleyball Team and Coaching Staff*

Yearbook Notes

- The 2008 yearbook staff is selling class shirts for students in grades 9-12. Orders being taken through Nov. 9. Order forms are available in the HS office. Prices vary depending on style of shirt or sweat shirt that is ordered. Please make checks payable to Kalida High School.
- Any business or individual interested in purchasing an ad in the 2007-2008 basketball program, contact Stacy Knueve (419-532-3529) for further information by November 7.
- 2008 Yearbooks are going on sale. Orders placed before January 1 will receive a special discounted price of \$45. Sales begin November 12 and order forms will be available to be printed off of the school website at that time.



Guidance Notes from Mr. Clement

Upcoming High School Activities – On Friday, December 7 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to attend three informational sessions from over 60 career areas that have been listed for the day. Because of the recent school cancellation on Wednesday, October 17, the PSAT was rescheduled and taken by juniors and seniors who registered on Wednesday, October 24. Finally, the PLAN or Pre-ACT will be given at the high school on Tuesday, December 4 for all sophomores who previously registered. Over 30 tenth graders have registered for this test.

8th Grade To Visit Vantage - The annual field trip to the Vantage Career Center for all 8th graders has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. The purpose of the trip is to give the students a tour of the facility and to be exposed to the educational opportunities and programs that the career center has to offer. Students will hear information on all of the programs. Parents and students seeking additional information about the Vantage Career Center and a listing of career opportunities can call the high school guidance office or visit their website at www.vantagecareercenter.com. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me at 419-532-3504 or by email at ka_clement@kalida.k12.oh.us

Air Force Concert - We would like to thank all of the Lima News staff, the volunteers from the music boosters, and the Kalida K of C Hall for helping with the Air Force Band of Flight concert and chili dinner. On Wednesday, October 24 area residents were treated to a free dinner and concert courtesy of the Lima News and Putnam Voice with donations going to help the flood victims of Putnam County. Approximately 300 dinners were served and around 400 people attended the free concert.

All of the band members and visitors from other communities who came for the concert were extremely impressed by the facilities. It was very nice to hear all of the positive comments about what a great building we have for hosting events such as this. It is our hope and desire to use this concert to attract similar events to Kalida. The forward thinking of the community in putting up such a great multi-use facility was very evident on Wednesday evening.

Those attending were treated to an amazing display of musical talent. The band was led by Lieutenant Colonel Alan Sierichs in a concert that paid tribute to the United States Air Force on its 60th Anniversary. One of the highlights of the evening was having the band play the Armed Services Medley and watching all of the veterans and their families in the crowd as they stood when the song representing their service organization was played. They finished out the evening with The Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillip Sousa.

Thanks again to all of our staff members, the Kalida K of C Hall and student and adult booster members for a great evening. Your organization and hard work made this a wonderful event for everyone in attendance.

Applying to College – Students and parents are reminded that the fall season is the best time to finish the college application process before the onset of the holiday season. Many colleges have scholarship deadlines in early December. Therefore, in order for students to be eligible for them, applications should be finished and mailed by Thanksgiving. Parents and students are highly encouraged to call a college's financial aid office or check their websites for these dates.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities – Many local, state, and national organizations send applications or information regarding scholarships to Kalida High School. Unless specified, these scholarship opportunities are for seniors. Go to the high school website (<http://kalida.k12.oh.us>) and click on the Guidance link to access a current listing of these scholarship opportunities. Once, you have clicked on the link, scroll down until you see a box labeled “scholarship opportunities.” Click on that box to view the scholarships – paying particular attention to the criteria which a student must possess in order to be eligible to apply. This listing will be updated at least once a month and “new release scholarships” that were not present on the previous listing will be marked in red.

Contact the Guidance Office for additional questions – If you have any questions regarding the above topics or any additional issues, please contact me at 419-532-3504 or by email.

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

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**Music Booster Winners
Fall Concert**

\$150 Cindy Rall
\$100 Henry/Lois Gerding
\$75 Kevin Haunhorst
\$75 Brian/Bev Berheide
\$65 Gary/Nancy Erhart
\$50 Jen Foppe
\$50 Tracey/Karen Lambdin
\$50 Rhonda Siefker
\$50 Brad/Pat Unverferth

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Did you know the photos in this issue can be viewed in color on the school's website? www.kalida.k12.oh.us

Come to the Book Fair Blizzard!

Bring the whole family

The Kalida Elementary Library will host a Blizzard Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 19 – Nov. 30. Come explore our large selection of books and find great reads for every person in your family. All of the books have been carefully reviewed and approved for young readers. These books represent the best authors and illustrators in children's publishing. We are passionate about reading and hope you and your family can be a part of our Book Fair experience.

Hours during Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, Nov. 19, 5 – 9 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 11 AM – 4 PM and 5 – 7 PM.

The book fair will be open to students Nov. 26 – Nov. 30, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM and from 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM.

The book fair helps us to promote learning while raising money for hardback books for the elementary library. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair Blizzard. Brrrrrrr . . . Let it snow books for you and your family!! For more information about the book fair and to see a sample of the featured books available go to: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kael>

Love books? Volunteer to help at the book fair. You can decorate and set up, help kids select books, work at the cashier's table, or help pack up. There are lots of ways to participate. Please call Mary Lou Hoffman at the elementary library at 419-532-3526 if you would like to volunteer.

Congratulations to Justin Barnhart who was recently awarded his *American FFA* degree during the conference in Indianapolis. Justin is a 2006 graduate of KHS and a sophomore at BGSU majoring in political science.



Flood Relief - KHS student council staged a "penny stall" on September 28. Classes were stalled from starting by dumping coins on the teachers' desks. Class could not begin until all coins were counted and wrapped. Over \$2300 in coins of all denominations were collected to help two local families who suffered major losses in the floods during August. Thanks to the ladies at the Union Bank who helped in the full day processing of the many pounds of coins. Thanks to **Everyone** for their generous support!

