



School Board Appreciation Month and Other Board News

The Kalida Board of Education held their annual organizational meeting on January 13, 2016. The Board of Education took care of a number of procedural issues, committee appointments, and election of officers. Greg von der Embse was elected board president for 2016 and Emily Peck was elected vice-president. Other board members are Sue Gerdeman, Gerry Vorst and Craig Schmenk. Superintendent Karl Lammers recognized the board for their dedication and thanked members for representing the district.

Thanks to Nicole Niemeyer whose board term ended in December. Mrs. Niemeyer served one term on the school board. We would like to acknowledge Nicole's support and commitment to the district during her four years of service.

We welcome Craig Schmenk to the board. Craig was elected to the board by district residents to fill the spot vacated by Nicole Niemeyer. Craig is owner of Erhart-Stechsulte Insurance. Craig and his wife, Linda, have four children. Erica, Connor, and Olivia have already graduated from Kalida High School. Their son, Ethan, is currently a freshman at KHS. Mr. Schmenk is also active in the Kalida Lions, Kalida Park Board, Kalida Fish and Game, and Kalida Athletic Boosters.



Special recognition goes out to Sue Gerdeman, who recently announced her resignation from the school board, effective February 27. Mrs. Gerdeman cites increased responsibilities at UNOH for her decision. She has represented Kalida on the board since March, 2010. Thank you, Sue, for your six years of dedication to Kalida's youth.

The Kalida Local School District has a vacancy on the Board of Education, and in order to fill the open seat, the district will be accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to be considered for the position. Candidates must be residents of the Kalida Local School District and meet all other legal requirements to be considered a candidate. Anyone interested must submit a letter to Cynthia Webken, Treasurer, before the close of business on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**. The Kalida Local Board of Education will review the letters of interest and appoint a new member at the Regular Board of Education meeting on **Wednesday, March 9**.

Please mail all letters of interest to:

Cynthia Webken, Treasurer
Kalida Local School District
P. O. Box 269
Kalida, OH 45853

Letters may also be emailed to
Cindy Webken at:
ka_treas@kalida.k12.oh.us



A generous donation was received from GROB corporation for the *Project Lead the Way* engineering program.

Mr. Brent Schroeder and Mr. Darrin Lanasky were on hand to present the check to PLTW teacher Mr. Dale Liebrecht at Kalida High School. These funds will help with the purchase of building components and the robotic competitions in the near future.

Announcing the First Recipient of the Gene Stechsulte Award

Father Mark Hoying, Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church, was selected as the first recipient of the *Gene Stechsulte Award*.



A committee of five reviewed seven nominations prior to their selection. This memorial award will be presented annually to individuals who have made a positive contribution and demonstrated continued support to the youth of Kalida.

Father Mark exemplifies Gene's strong passion for supporting youth in athletics, arts, academics, and life. A presentation will be made at an upcoming school event of the recipient's choice. Congratulations Father Mark!

Planning for Next School Year 2016-2017

Freshman Orientation

Freshman orientation will be held the evening of Wednesday, February 3 at 6 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2020. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. New graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting programs for high school students will be discussed.

High School Scheduling

Registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place on Thursday, February 4, during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by February 12.

Post-secondary, Dual Enrollment, Advance Placement Course Meetings

On Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 PM there will be a meeting in the auditoria for the parents of high school students who may be interested in taking a college level course during next school year. There are two options at Kalida High School for students to take college level courses. One option is the College Credit Plus Program in which students can take college level courses while in high school. These courses are either taught by a college instructor or members of our KHS staff who have been approved by James A. Rhodes State College to teach respective courses. Finally, college credit can be earned by scoring a high enough score on AP exams which are administered at the conclusion of AP courses in May. A representative from James A. Rhodes State College will be present to explain the College Credit Plus program and answer questions. The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit through Rhodes State College: *Psychology, Computer Applications, Introduction to Engineering, Digital Electronics, and Computer Aided Drafting.* **It is important for parents of students planning to take any of these courses for college credit attend the meeting at 6:30. If parents have attended this session in previous years, then there is no need to attend again.**

AP Course Sessions

There will be meetings on Tuesday, February 9, at Kalida High School for students and parents of the students who will be taking any advanced placement (AP) courses next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams which are given at the end of each school year. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis: American History (10, 11, 12), Government (12), and English (12). *For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. and will follow the above mentioned College Credit Plus session since many parents may need to attend both.*

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

AP American History & AP Government (7:15 PM)
Mr. Gasser's room

AP English Literature and Composition (7:30 PM)
Mrs. Gerding's room

Vantage Information for Sophomores

On Wednesday, February 3, all sophomores will take a field trip to the Vantage Career Center to obtain information on two programs of their choice. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2016-17 school year should complete the application by the end of February. Applications must be completed online this year.

The Board approved school calendar for next school year '2016-2017' can be found online on the school's website.



Students in grades 6 through 8 sponsored a *Toys for Tots* drive and collected over 100 items. Many toys, hats, socks, gloves, blankets and books were donated for the Putnam County based drive. Thanks to all who donated to the *Toys for Tots* collection at Kalida schools.

Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

All A Honor Roll

5th -Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Nick Foppe, Camille Hovest, Carson Klausing, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Livia Recker, Evan Stechschulte, Kenzie White.

6th -Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Molly Westrick, Peyton Wurth.

7th -Hannah Berheide, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jill Kneuve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Ryan Lucke, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

8th -Mckenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Tyler Klausing, Abby Maag, Evan Roebke, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

AB Honor Roll

5th -Andrew Buss, Garrett Decker, Andrew Fersch, Colin Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Evan Klausing, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Evan Miller, Malie Miller, Leo Rafaniello, Hanna Rampe, Kierstan Remlinger, Jaden Smith, Allison Stechschulte, Logan Travis, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabe von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke, Conner Wurth. **6th** -Logan Bockrath, Marcus Cox, Kylie Creller, Ella Meyers, Grace Niemeyer, Gabriel Roof, Tyler Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, A. J. Verhoff, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri, Samantha Westrick, Zoey Westrick. **7th** -Emily Buss, Connor Erhart, Stephanie Kahle, Reagan Klausing, Dara Lewis, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Carlee Recker, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke.

8th -Clay Bellmann, Colin Erhart, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Gabe Hovest, Kaitlyn Keefer, Matthew Kehres, Madison Langhals, Mckayla Maag, Evan Meyers, Grace Miller, Carlie Rampe, Brayden Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Trevor Siefker, Zach von der Embse.

High School All A Honor Roll

9th -Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Recker, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Midge Westrick.

10th -Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kara Siefker.

11th -Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Kneuve, Abby Langhals, Trent Siebeneck.

12th -Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Trent Gerding, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Paige Roller, Allison Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex von der Embse, Kassie Warnecke, Allison Wurth.

AB Honor Roll

9th-Sami Backus, Cassidy Decker, Keith Doepker, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Owen Niemeyer, Makenna Niese, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller.

10th -Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Trent Guisinger, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Sarah Klausing, Elizabeth Loveland, Alex Meyers, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Taylor Zeller.

11th -Bryce Brinkman, Derek Buss, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Kelsi Hipsher, Keara Hopkins, Layne Keefer, Dana Kneuve, Noah Lambert, Samantha Langhals, Carlee Miller, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Caleb Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Isaac Smith, Angela Tenwalde, Adam von der Embse, Collin Wurth, Jade Zeller.

12th -Zachary Chamberlin, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausing, Laine Laudick, Trevor Maag, Samantha Nagy, Kylie Osterhage, Andrea Rall, Allison Recker, Samantha Recker, Kaleb Selhorst, Katelyn Siebeneck, Taylor Siefker, Austin Swift, Renee Vorst, Sidney White.

Band and Choir Honors

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for these musical programs:

Putnam County Band—Renee Vorst, Paige Roller, Hannah Kahle, Trevor Vorst, Bernadette Basinger, Dana Kneuve, Midge Westrick, and Erica Honigfort.

BGSU Honors Band— Paige Roller

District 3 Honors Band—Renee Vorst

Putnam County Choir—Danica Basinger, Racheal Basinger, Jacob Kahle, Brianna Good, Maddison Edelbrock, Westin Basinger, Alex von der Embse, Laine Laudick, Brady Decker, Brandon Erhart, Carter Moore, Grant Laudick, Ethan Schmenk, and Paul von der Embse.

District Choir—Westin Basinger, Brady Decker, Brandon Erhart, Carter Moore, Alex von der Embse, and Nathan Vorst.

HOBY Selection—Congratulations to Taylor Lucke and Kara Siefker who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's *Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference* at Ohio Northern University. Taylor is the daughter of Dan and Becky Lucke. Kara is the daughter of Gary and Rhonda Siefker.

Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Principal Chris Pfahler for funding the fee to attend the conference.

Honor Society Candidates To Be Announced—Candidates for possible induction into the Kalida High School Honor Society for the 2016-17 school year were posted the week of January 25 for the junior and senior classes. Students in grades 11-12 with a 3.3 or higher grade point average are eligible to apply for admission into the organization. Completed applications will be due by the end of school on Friday, February 11. Beginning this school year, current sophomores will apply in the fall of their junior year with the induction to be held in mid to late October. The faculty council agreed that this change would help them to better assess their academic performance with completion of an extra semester before determining whether or not to admit the student.

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Chris Pfahler**Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff****School Board Members**

Greg von der Embse, President

Emily Peck- Vice President

Sue Gerdeman

Craig Schmenk

Gerry Vorst

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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Vantage Career Center**Open House****February 22, 2016 5:00 -7:30 PM**

Special lab demonstrations will take place during the open house. There will be door prizes and raffles. Be sure to check out the Alumni Station, too. Call 419-238-5411 or 800-686-3944 extension 2169 for more information.

**Keep On Saving !** Thanks to all who save

and submitted Box

Tops. We recently

received a check for

\$1,643.30!

**October Music Booster Drawing**

Greg Unverferth	\$150
Melinda Cox	\$100
Mark Remlinger	\$100
Charlie Schnipke	\$75
Michele Niese	\$75
Dave/Becky Unverferth	\$50
Beth Meyers	\$50
Marc/Renee Kerner	\$50
Sara Siebeneck	\$50
On The Square Café	\$50
Tom Steffan	\$50

November \$50 Winners

Stan/Janet Winkle, Ruth Gerdeman
Andy/Tessa Wehri, Erin Hoffman

December Winners

Erica Schmenk	\$200
Michelle Niese	\$150
Brad Niemeyer	\$100
Nate & Melissa Langhals	\$75
Scott & Angie Meyer	\$75
Valita Lammers	\$75
Chuck Warnecke	\$75
Dolores Hoffman	\$50
Albert/Maria Verhoff	\$50
Beth/Bill Rieman	\$50
Brett/Meredith Unverferth	\$50
Carl/Rhonda Osterhage	\$50

January \$50 Winners

Adam Knueve, Doug and Kim Zeller
Ann Schroeder, Greg and Trisha Klausung

Kindergarten Registration - We currently have 50 future Wildcats registered for kindergarten this fall. If you know of anyone who is still interested in registering, please let them know there are registration forms available in the elementary office. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2016 to register for the 2016-17 school year. If you have any questions, please call the elementary office at 419-532-3845.

**Welcome Baby Maag!**

Colin Daniel was born on Monday, January 11, 2016 to

Mrs. Emily Maag and her husband, Josh. Mrs. Maag is the junior high language arts teacher.

Travel Abroad - Every two years Kalida students and parents have the opportunity to travel abroad. The next scheduled *Explorica* trip is for June 12-23, 2017 and we will be traveling to Italy, France and Spain. There are still plenty of available spots and this trip is open to anyone: students, staff, community members and friends of the community! There is a \$150 discount for the trip that expires on Feb. 28, 2016. Ms. Danielle Storey will now be your guide and local contact person as Mr. Gasser will soon retire. For more information, please contact Danielle Storey at srtastorey@gmail.com.

Adult Travel Options -- Three exclusive adult trips are available through *Gasser-Explorica Travels*.

October, 2016 Berlin, Prague, Krakow (Auschwitz), and Budapest.

February, 2017 Havana, Cuba and the Cuban countryside.

June, 2018 Belize and resort island.

For further information, contact Robert 'Sonny' Gasser at rjgasser@yahoo.com