



School Board Members 2017

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School Board Appreciation Month

The Kalida Board of Education held their annual organizational meeting on January 11, 2017. The Board of Education took care of a number of procedural issues, committee appointments, and election of officers. Superintendent Karl Lammers recognized the board for their dedication and thanked members for representing the district. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Still Powering Up – Final Phase of Changes in the Ohio Learning Standards

The Ohio Department of Education began updating Ohio's Learning Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics in early 2016 with the help of our state's educators and parents. This year the ODE will update Ohio's science, social studies and financial literacy standards. The purpose for all the changes in the Learning Standards is to better prepare our students for the rising expectations of colleges and employers.

To prepare for these changes, ODE has and will continue to use survey data and feedback from educators and interested members of the public in proposing suggested revisions to the standards. Advisory committee members reviewed all survey data and feedback to identify where changes should be made. Working groups of educators propose the actual revisions to the standards.

The Ohio's Learning Standards in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, social studies and financial literacy include a more rigorous approach to the content, increased text complexity, on-going research, and a focus on college and career readiness.

One of the biggest changes in the English Language Arts, as you may have noticed, is the increase in the amount of non-fictional reading passages required of our students. Typically, non-fictional passages tend to be more difficult for young readers because non-fictional passages do not follow a typical story line as in fictional passages. Closer reading and attention must be given to respond to non-fictional pieces. Research indicates this approach produces stronger readers across the board.

One of the biggest changes in the math standards is for educators to help students build a stronger number sense. Students today not only need to know that $2+3=5$, but they must also explain why $2+3=5$. This building of a stronger number sense has shown to benefit students as they proceed into higher level math courses, for example, algebra and calculus.

As the Ohio Learning Standards for science, social studies and financial literacy are updated, you can visit the Ohio Department of Education website: <http://education.ohio.gov/> to stay up to date on the latest changes.

Brady A. Mathew Memorial Scholarship



“On January 23, 2016, we lost our son Brady Mathew,” says Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mathew. “Brady attended Vantage Career Center majoring in Precision Machining and graduated from Kalida High School in 2015. We want to continue his memory by establishing a scholarship for graduating students at Kalida High School in Brady's name. Thanks to the kind donations from our community, the Class of 2015 and funds donated by the Mathew Family, we were able to achieve this goal.”

This scholarship is intended for a student who will be furthering their education in a two to four year college or trade school majoring in the field of machining, engineering, agricultural related major or any other similar field. The **Brady A. Mathew Scholarship** will be for one student each year in the sum of \$1000.

Applications are available through the guidance office at KHS. To qualify for the **Brady A. Mathew Scholarship**, applicants must be a senior at Kalida High School, demonstrate academic excellence while maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0, have a financial need to assist with higher education, be of good character and be involved with the community.

~ *Kathy Verhoff,*
Kalida Elementary Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Kalida Elementary School recently held kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the elementary school office (419-532-3845) to pick up a registration form if you missed the December deadline. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2017 in order to register.



Money Stall Benefits PG Student

On Friday, December 2, the Cats Who Care Service Group together with the National Honor Society sponsored a Money Stall. The officers for both groups met and decided to collect the money in honor of Pandora-Gilboa high school junior Autumn Sprunger who is undergoing treatments to fight T-Cell Lymphoma. On December 13, a check was presented to P-G Principal Jeff Wise for **\$4,037.79** for the Sprunger family. "We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated their time, effort and spare change to the Money Stall," says Mrs. Knueve the advisor for Cats Who Care.

Americanism & Government Test Awards

Mr. Dennis Hanneman of the *Kerner-Slusser American Legion Post 63* presented these students with the Americanism & Government Test awards.

Class division winners were: Seniors Bailey Eickholt and Caleb Siebeneck; Juniors Taylor Lucke and Jacob Kahle; Sophomores Midge Westrick and Grant Laudick; and Freshmen Kamryn Wurth and Trevor Siefker. Government teacher Mr. Neil Gerding administered the test.



Kalida Honor Society

Congratulations to the newly inducted Kalida Honor Society members: Kristen Fortman, Brady Decker, Kevin Hamburg, Chandler Hopkins, Jacob Kahle,

Rachel Kahle, Josh Klausung, Taylor Lucke, Taylor Zeller, Kierstan Siebeneck, and Jaylen Vandemark.

Vantage Career Center Open House

Monday, February 27, 2017

5:00—7:00 PM

Visit the Labs and see special demonstrations!

School Calendar 2017-18—Next school year's calendar is now available on the Kalida School's website. Go to kalidaschools.org and follow the link under District tab.

FFA Strawberry, BBQ Sauce and Cookie Dough Sale

The students in the FFA group will be taking orders for strawberries now through February 9. Full flats of 8 quarts cost \$25. Half flats of 4 quarts cost \$14. Strawberries will be delivered the week of February 28. Also this year you can order Yummers BBQ Sauce and FFA Cookie Dough. Call the high school, 419-532-3529, to place an order.



Toys for Tots- Thanks to all for donating to the Toys for Tots collection in December. Four large boxes were overflowing with toys, games, blankets, diapers and clothes for the less fortunate of Putnam County.

Reading for a Kiss

On December 2 as part of the Book Fair Week activities, Elementary Principal Mrs. Kathy Verhoff had to 'Kiss a Cow.' Students in grades K-4 were challenged to read 10,000 EXTRA minutes in one week. If they reached that goal, Mrs. Verhoff agreed to kiss a cow! Well, not only did they knock that goal out of the park in just over two days, they surpassed a second goal. They read an additional 5,000 minutes IN ONE NIGHT and that meant that our custodian Mr. Red Bellmann also had to kiss the cow. Thanks to Roger Siefker for supplying the calf for this kissing challenge. Great job kids!

Honors Band and Choir

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being chosen to be in the *Putnam County Honors Choir*: Danica Basinger, Rachel Basinger, Anna Berheide, Brady Decker, Colin Erhart, Brianna Good, Jacob Kahle, Carter Moore, Ethan Schmenk, and Paul von der Embse.

Congratulations also to these students who were accepted into the *Putnam County Honors Band*: Bernadette Basinger, Hannah Kahle, Dana Knueve, Trevor Vorst and Midge Westrick. The Putnam County Choir and Band Honors Concert will be held on March 12 at Continental High School.



Announcing the 2017 Gene Stechschulte Award

Roger Hanneman has been chosen as the recipient of the second annual Gene Stechschulte Award. Roger was nominated by his daughter, Wendy. She mentioned her dad's relentless support and dedication to her and her siblings; but it was his passion for baseball, like Gene, that benefitted so many Kalida youngsters, both face to face and behind the scenes. Wendy's complete nomination narrative can be found on the school's website and Facebook page.



Roger Hanneman (center) is surrounded by his wife Kathy, and children Logan, Kenzie and Wendy.

Roger is honored to be associated with a man that was instrumental in the lives of area youth. He stated, "Gene was my Legion [baseball] coach in 1973. He knew the game and was a very respected man with all different age players. I saw Gene as a coach, a mentor, and a very dear friend."

The award ceremony will take place at a spring baseball game. Congratulations, Roger!

Gym Floor Dedication

The Kalida Board of Education approved the naming of the KHS gym floor the *Richard L. Kortokrax Court* at the December meeting. The dedication ceremony will take place Friday, February 3, during the Kalida-Ottoville boys basketball game!

Public Announcement : The Kalida Fire and Police Departments want to notify residents that changes have been made to the routes taken by High School tournament sports teams, including band and cheerleading, when they return to town from tournament or competition sites. The entire public announcement can be found on the district's webpage and will be published in the next edition of the Paw Print.

Freshmen Orientation—Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of **Wednesday, February 1 at 6 PM** in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2021. 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 2 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 Friday, February 10.

College Credit Plus/AP Meetings Scheduled—On Monday, February 6 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 college level courses during next school year. There are two main options at Kalida High School for students to take college level courses. One option is for students to take courses at Kalida 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 the respective courses. The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit through Rhodes State: Introduction to Engineering, Digital Electronics, Computer Aided Drafting, Computer Applications, and Psychology. **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 a previous year, there is no need to attend again.**

The other main method by which high school students can take college level courses is for them to take them on a college campus or online during the summer or school calendar year. A representative from James A. Rhodes State College will be present to explain the options of the College Credit Plus program and answer questions. Representatives from other local colleges/universities will also be present to explain items relative to their College Credit Plus programs.

AP Course Sessions- There will be meetings on February 6 at Kalida High School for students and parents of the students who will be taking any Advanced Placement (AP) course 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 (11, 12) English (12).

For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 7:15 PM 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 after the completion of the College Credit Plus meeting:

AP American History	7:15 PM	Room 106
AP English Literature and Composition	7:15 PM	Room 108
AP Government & Politics	7:30 PM	Room 106

Vantage Information for Sophomores

On February 1, 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 2017-18 school year should complete the application by the end of February. Applications must be completed online this year at the following website <http://www.vantagecareercenter.com> under the Parents tab then Future Students.

HOBY Selection—Congratulations to Tara Gerding and Nicole Fortman who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Tara is the daughter of Mike and Annette Gerding. Nicole is the daughter of Alan and Barbara Fortman. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were anonymously judged by faculty members. Thanks to the Kalida Lions Club and Principal Mr. Chris Pfahler for funding the fee to attend the conference.

Buckeye Boys & Girls State Delegates

In the next couple of weeks juniors will have the opportunity to complete applications if interested for Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State. Young men and women around Ohio will be learning about city, county and state government processes. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of a local, county, and state government. At American Legion Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, a band, and recreation. High School juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts and Units to attend the weeklong event. Buckeye Boys State is held on the campus of Bowling Green State University. Girls State is held at the University of Mount Union.

Putnam County Optimist Character Award

Congratulations to Bailey Eickholt (daughter of Deb and Patrick), Tara Gerding (daughter of Annette and Michael) and Jeffrey Knueve (son of Stacy and Joe) for being recognized as **Putnam County Optimist Character Award** winners for January. They were recommended for this honor by the high school office for their volunteerism in the community. They will be honored at a breakfast on February 8, and their names will be added to the electronic sign outside the First National Bank of Pandora-Ottawa branch. The students will also receive a monetary award for their generosity of donated time and activities.

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

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

Emily Peck, President

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School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

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Music Boosters**Fall Concert Winners**

Erin Knueve	\$150
Dick/Jane Schulte	\$100
Barry/Ann Woodyard	\$100
Travis Stechschulte	\$75
Barry/Beth von der Embse	\$75
Terry Burgei	\$50
Deb Sheaks	\$50
Mary Gerding	\$50
Dick Gerdeman	\$50
JoJo Horstman	\$50
Dan/Lisa Decker	\$50

November \$50

Gary/Nancy Erhart
Karl Lammers
Mildred Remlinger
Ron /Carol Buss

Winter Concert Winners

Tom Steffan	\$200
Mike Knueve	\$150
Amanda Kuhlman	\$100
Robb/Jill Recker	\$75
Don/Marcia Barnhart	\$75
Jeff Blanford	\$75
Mike/Karen Krouse	\$75
Conner Erhart	\$50
Justin /Heather Bockrath	\$50
Cheryl Kohls	\$50
Diane Kahle	\$50
Craig Guisinger	\$50

January \$50

Marilyn Leopold
Vickie Goedde
Adam Knueve
Jan/Gary Schroeder

**2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2016– 2017****All A Honors**

5th Grade– Hannah Basinger, Andrea Burgei, Kendal Ellerbrock, Maria Gerding, Erica Kahle, Riley Nienberg, Austin Schnipke, Sara Siebeneck.

6th Grade - Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Camille Hovest, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Kenzie White.

7th Grade - Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Amanda Unverferth, Brooke Vennekotter, Peyton Wurth.

8th Grade –Hannah Berheide, Olivia Decker, Ben Deopker, Connor Erhart, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Mitchell Langhals, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Jennifer Rall, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

Freshmen -Mckenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Tyler Klausing, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, Carlie Rampe, Evan Roebke, Zach von der Embse, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

Sophomores –Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Makenna Niese, Ethan Schmenk, Trevor Vorst, Allison Wurth.

Juniors –Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Chandler Hopkins, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Alex Meyers, Kierstan Siebeneck, Jaylen Vandemark.

Seniors– Bryce Brinkman, Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Layne Keefer, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Trent Siebeneck, Jade Zeller.

AB Honors

5th Grade - Raegan Gerdeman, Collin Heitmeyer, Meredyth Horstman, Audra Hovest, Jace Karhoff, Aiden Killion, Kyle Lammers, Gabriella Monroe, Maddalyn Nienberg, Camryn Recker, Noah Recker, Ethan Remlinger, Emerson Ricker, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Ella Schumacher, Taylor Tucker, Whitney Unverferth, Alex Verhoff, Carly Webken.

6th Grade –Andrew Buss, Andrew Fersch, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Colin Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Mariah Kerner, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Malie Miller, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Kevin Schumaker, Jaden Smith, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Gabriel von der Embse.

7th Grade –Kylie Creller, Grant Knapke, Grace Niemeyer, Gabriel Roof, Nathan Schroeder, Tyson Siefker, Jakob Swyers, AJ Verhoff, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri, Molly Westrick, Samantha Westrick, Zoey Westrick.

8th Grade –Emily Buss, Marcy Landwehr, Dara Lewis, Brandon Miller, Carlee Recker, Dayna Schimmoeller, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke.

Freshmen –Clay Bellmann, Alec Edelbrock, Kaden Ellerbrock, Colin Erhart, Rieley Hanneman, Kaitlyn Keefer, Matthew Kehres, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, David Peck, Brayden Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Tori Travis.

Sophomores –Sami Backus, Cassidy Decker, Keith Doepker, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Lauren Langhals, Owen Niemeyer, Owen Recker, Cameron Siebeneck, Hannah Smith, Joshua Verhoff, Midge Westrick.

Juniors–Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Dillion Elkins, Noah Hermiller, Rachel Kahle, Sarah Klausing, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Hannah Warn, Kamryn Webken, Taylor Zeller.

Seniors - Danica Basinger, Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Keara Hopkins, Hannah Kahle, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Marcus Landin, Carlee Miller, Corey Miller, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Caleb Siebeneck, Angela Tenwalde, Adam von der Embse, Collin Wurth.