



Kalida Local Schools and Grant Opportunities

Each year, Kalida Local Schools receives some funding from federal, state, and private grants. Typically, our annual grants consist of between \$100,000 - \$150,000 for instructional support for students, academic enrichment, professional development for staff members, special education programs, and early childhood special education. The last two years we also received an additional \$10,000 for elementary counseling, safety concerns, and student mental health programs.

This school year has been especially opportunistic when it comes to obtaining additional funds from other sources. Kalida Local Schools recently received \$3300 from Ohio’s Attorney General’s Office as a result of House Bill 318 being signed into law. This money is allocated for safety training and resources. All employees who do not have access to other required training (bus drivers) will be required to take multiple online sessions related to safety issues. The money is also being spent on ALICE training for school shootings and to replenish training supplies for our police officers and first responders who provide the trainings across the county.

Another grant we received lately was from Mercy Health for \$2000. This grant was offered to improve health and wellness initiatives for employees and students. We will be purchasing a GaGa Ball Pit for the elementary playground, pedometers, a bike rack for the high school building, seeds for our FFA projects, and material to promote healthier life styles in both buildings. A team of Kalida representatives will be accepting this grant at St. Rita’s on February 1.

A \$200 grant was received earlier this year by Resource Room teacher, Mrs. Fischer, from the Putnam County Retired Teachers’ Association for innovative programs in the classroom. Weighted vests were purchased to assist students with concentration and sensory motor skills.

Kalida Local Schools recently applied for grant monies offered by the Bureau of Workman’s Comp’s School Safety and Security Program. If successful, we will receive around \$14,000 to beef up security in our buildings. We would purchase additional security cameras, **Nightlock** door devices for all classrooms, and a two-way radio for our new van.

We will continue to take advantage of resources offered to supplement funding because we feel it is a necessary part of being a good steward of the public’s money. I appreciate the time and effort everyone involved in grant preparation puts into the process.

Karl Lammers, Superintendent

Vantage Career Center Open House
Monday, February 25, 2019
5:00 –7:30 PM
Visit the Labs and see
special demonstrations!

Bus Drivers Needed—Have you ever considered driving a school bus? Kalida Schools is looking for a few more drivers to handle extra-curricular trips and substitutes for daily routes. Let us discuss the possibilities and training with you. Contact the superintendent’s office at 419-532-3534 or Nancy Grote at 419-532-3529.



Testing Times -State Proficiency/End of Course Exams will be given again this spring for our students in grades 5-12. The testing window at Kalida MS/HS will begin on April 2 and end May 3. AP Exams will be given during the week of May 6.

A copy of the testing schedule will be put on the Parent Course page in Schoology for parents to see exactly when their students will be tested. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or vacations during this time.

It’s A Girl! -A belated **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Josh Maag on the birth of their daughter Leah. Born on September 11, Leah joins two older brothers at home. Mrs. Emily Maag is the 7th and 8th grade language arts teacher in the junior high.



Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to the newest inductees of the Kalida High School Honor Society. New members include Clara Elkins, Danielle Buss, Kyla Fortman, Abby Maag, Nicole Fortman, Lauren Langhals, McKayla Maag, Madison Langhals, Carlie Rampe, Kamryn Wurth and Evan Roebke. McKenna Bockrath was absent from the photo.

Honoring Students of Integrity - Congratulations to KHS juniors Madison Langhals and Evan Roebke for being chosen the *Putnam County Optimist Character Award* winners for November. Both Madison and Evan were honored by the Optimist with a breakfast in December. They were nominated for this honor because of their integrity and volunteerism. The Putnam County Optimist choose students each month for this honor as a way of recognizing students that exemplifies any part of the Optimist Creed.

ACT Prep Camp- Kalida High School will be offering an ACT prep camp for interested sophomores and juniors this spring. The camp will be conducted by educational professionals from the Sylvan Learning Center. The focus of the camp is to provide students with proper test taking strategies and curriculum information which will, hopefully, help them obtain the best scores possible. ACT scores are used for college admission as well as scholarships offered at respective colleges and universities. Cost is \$92. Registration form is available on the school's webpage or can be emailed to you upon request at jeff.clement@kalidaschools.org Registration is due by February 1. The dates of the camp will run from May 23 through June 7 from 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

Freshmen Orientation- Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of February 6 at 6 PM in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2023. 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. 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 February 7 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 15.

HOBY Selection –Congratulations to Ryan Lucke and Will Zeller who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and KHS Principal Dean Brinkman for funding the fee to attend the conference.

On the Job Experience- Students in Mrs. Knueve's Essentials of Business online course had the opportunity to spend time in local businesses learning from mentors in a line of work the students are considering as a career. We appreciate everyone's time and expertise in giving back to these aspiring business students.

The pairings included Owen Recker with Kyle Bruskotter at Bruskotter Financial Services; Trevor Lambert with Leigh Kreinbrink at The Meadows of Kalida; Morggan Edelbrock with Rachel Meyers at Rachel's Hair on the Square; Maclerin Morrissey with Millie McElwain at McElwain Industries; Danielle Buss with Erin Hoffman and Craig Schmenk at Erhart-Stechsulte Insurance; Katelyn Keefer in the Human Resources Department at Unverferth Mfg; and Tyler Unverferth in the IT department at Unverferth Mfg. Every student indicated it was a valuable few weeks on the job in those settings.

Mrs. Knueve and all the Essentials of Business students would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone who made these experiences possible. We hope to continue this important connection with local businesses as our students get exposure and experiences unlike anything they can obtain in the classroom.

Gene Stechsulte Award

Congratulations to Ms. Mary Grote who is this year's winner of the *Gene Stechsulte Award*. Ms. Grote is a retired teacher from Kalida Elementary. She is an avid supporter of our athletic teams, the arts programs and a religion teacher at St. Michaels Church. She volunteers with many clubs and organizations in Putnam County. An award ceremony honoring Ms. Grote will be held during the home basketball game on February 8.

College Credit Plus/AP Meetings

On February 11 at 6:00 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 that students can take a few at Kalida High School. These courses are either taught by a college instructor or members of our staff who have been approved by James A. Rhodes State College to teach respective courses. **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. If parents have attended this session in a previous year, then 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 and other local colleges will be present to explain the options of the College Credit Plus program and answer questions. Parents who attended this meeting in the past do not have to attend again, but certainly can for a refresher.

AP Course Sessions—On February 11, parental meetings will take place at Kalida High School for 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), and English (12).

For convenience, these meetings will begin at 7:00 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 pending the completion of College Credit Plus meeting:

7:00 PM	AP American History & AP Government	Room 106
7:15 PM	AP English Literature and Composition	Room 108

District Honors Choir and Band Concert
Sunday, January 20 at 3 PM
Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center

Choir Members: Ariana Basinger, Ella Kaufman, Racheal Basinger, Jasmine Vorst, Kevin Lammers, Owen Niemeyer, Paul von der Embse, Ethan Schmenk, Clay Meyer
District Band: Midge Westrick

Putnam County Honors Band and Choir
Putnam County Art Festival
Sunday, March 10 at 2 PM
Kalida High School

County Choir: Ella Kaufman, Cassidy Decker, Clara Elkins, Racheal Basinger, Kyla Fortman, Kevin Lammers, Mitch Langhals, Ethan Schmenk, Paul von der Embse, Adam Basinger, Colin Erhart, Keith Doepker, Connor Krouse
County Band: Tanner Schultz, Trevor Vorst, Bernadette Basinger, Hannah Berheide, Clay Meyer, Midge Westrick, Jasmine Vorst, Marcy Landwehr, Nicole Fortman, Morgan Ridinger



Congratulations to the 2018 Americanism and Government Test
Winners: Freshmen Lydia Vorst and Logan Bockrath, Sophomores Jill Knueve and Connor Erhart, Juniors Kyla Fortman and Matt Kehres, and Seniors Midge Westrick and Grant Laudick. Advisor for the test was Government/History teacher Neil Gerding. Sponsored by the American Legion, the test includes 50 questions regarding the U.S. Flag, Constitution, Declaration of Independence, as well as different forms of government within the state.



← **Toys For Tots** - Prior to Christmas students in grades 5-8 were asked to donate a toy or clothing item to the annual *Toys for Tots* program in Putnam County. The students gathered 3 large boxes filled with stuffed animals, books, games, gloves, hats, blankets, etc. It was a very successful campaign. Thanks to all who gave and helped the needy of Putnam County have a brighter Christmas Season.

Scholastic Book Fair
 The annual Elementary book fair this fall was very successful. "We made \$1090.69!" says Adriene Swyers the book fair coordinator. "A huge heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our annual book fair."

All A Honor Roll Second Quarter 2018-19

- 5th:** Mallorie Barnhart, Adam Buell, Katelyn Foppe, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Grace Schroeder, Emma von der Embse.
6th: Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Grant Fortman, Madelyn Houck, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Jacob Siebeneck, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth.
7th: Hannah Basinger, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Maddalyn Nienberg, Riley Nienberg, Noah Recker, Carson Remlinger, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck, Carly Webken.
8th: Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.
Freshmen: Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Zoey Westrick, Peyton Wurth.
Sophomores: Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.
Juniors: McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Rieley Hanneman, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Kaitlyn Keefer, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, Evan Meyers, Carlie Rampe, Evan Roebke, Zachary von der Embse, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.
Seniors: Samantha Backus, Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Makenna Niese, Dakota Rosselit, Ethan Schmenk, Megan Schulte, Cameron Siebeneck, Adam Snipes, Trevor Vorst, Allison Wurth.

AB Honors

- 5th:** Jack Buell, Faith Feldman, Cole Goubeaux, Kyla Grime, Lana Grime, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Kendal Krouse, Kara Lammers, Caden Looser, Claire Nartker, Annelise Price, Isabel Recker, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Ryan Schnipke, Alexander Shining, Owen Siebeneck, Ella Siefer, Landon Verhoff, Parker Vorst, Camdyn Warnecke.
6th: Bailey Basinger, Gabrielle Brinkman, Evelyn Cattell, Laura Doepker, Alexandria Gardner, Carson Kahle, Katherine Krouse, Naudia Mcnamara, Connor Nartker, Makenna Peck, Grace Rall, Brady Rampe, Emerson Schnipke, Lauren Schulte, Braylon Smith, Jack Stechschulte, Ryan Verhoff, Drake Zeller.
7th: Katherine Bendele, Rebekah Bowers, Brady Fersch, Raegan Gerdeman, Meredyth Horstman, Audra Hovest, Aiden Killion, Kyle Lammers, Olivia Olzak, Camryn Recker, Ethan Remlinger, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Taylor Tucker, Ethan Wehri.
8th: Andrew Buss, Garrett Decker, Drew Fersch, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Colin Hoffman, Carson Klausing, Evan Klausing, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Malie Miller, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Ethan Warnecke.
Freshmen: Blake Eickholt, Cole Nienberg, Gabriel Roof, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri, Molly Westrick.
Sophomores: Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Melanie Meyers, Casey Rosselit, Dayna Schimmoller, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke.
Juniors: Clay Bellmann, Colin Erhart, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Tyler Klausing, Mckayla Maag, Grace Miller, David Peck, Brayden Recker, Larissa Schnipke, Trevor Siefker, Tori Travis, Leia Verhoff.
Seniors: Racheal Basinger, Faith Burgei, Cassidy Decker, Keith Doepker, Brian Edwards, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Daley Lewis, Alexis Meyer, Clay Meyer, Owen Niemeyer, Owen Recker, Joshua Verhoff, Midge Westrick, Jack Zeller.

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Dean Brinkman

Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

School Board Members

Emily Peck

Gerry Vorst

Brad Niemeyer, Vice President

Craig Schmenk, President

Greg von der Embse

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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Music Boosters

November \$50 Winners

Katie Stechschulte

Teresa Knueve

Mallory Ferris

Mark & Sue Wehri

Beth & David Nienberg

December Winners

Ron & Jackie Schroeder \$200

Linda Unverferth \$150

Becky Brinkman \$100

Connie Miller \$75

Elaine Laudick \$75

Kim Bockrath \$75

Dean Brinkman \$75

On the Square Cafe \$50

Lori Fischer \$50

Marc & Renee Kerner \$50

Mark & Sue Wehri \$50

Dale & Jan Schroeder \$50

January \$50 Winners

Steve Siefker

Katie Unverferth

Tim & Deb Schnipke

Dan & Lisa Decker

Linda Remlinger

Box Holder

Kalida, OH 45853



**Kalida High School
Blood Mobile
Thursday 3/7/19
10 AM -3 PM**

Cafeteria Accounts

Have you checked on your child's lunch balance lately? Lunches are still \$2.45 for elementary grades K-5 and \$2.60 in grades 6-12. Deposits can be made online through the *Meals Plus* program with your credit card for a small fee. Payments may also be dropped off in the office at either building. Please keep the accounts on the positive side.

Kindergarten Registration

We currently have 59 youngsters registered for kindergarten this fall. If you need to register your child, registration forms are available in the elementary office. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019, to register for the 2019-20 school year. If you have any questions, please call the elementary office at 419-532-3845.

Wade Wehri Donations

This Christmas, the elementary students and adults joined in this "Season of Giving" and raised \$2,074.41 for the fight against cancer in honor of one year old cancer victim Wade Wehri. Donations for cancer research were then sent to Cincinnati's Childrens' Hospital in Wade's honor. Thanks to all who helped in this project.

January is School Board Appreciation Month.

Kalida Local Schools would like to recognize and thank our current members for all they do to oversee district operations. The annual organizational meeting was held January 9 and Craig Schmenk was elected President of the Board. Brad Niemeyer was elected Vice President. Other members are Gerry Vorst, Emily Peck and Greg von der Embse. Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.



Successful FFA Campaign

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2018 *"Feel The Beat"* campaign! We were able to raise over 920 items for The Heartbeat of Lima in Putnam County! We are beyond grateful for the support we received and we are so excited to give back to our community. We are proud of the leaders they are becoming and the skills they are gaining from opportunities like this!



Homecoming- The annual Homecoming basketball game will be held on Saturday, February 16 vs. Wayne Trace. The dance will be on Sunday, February 17 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM.