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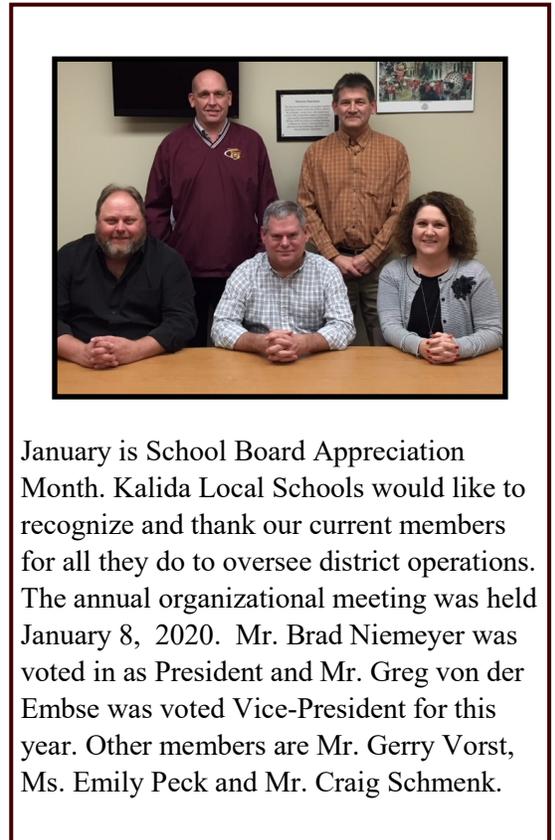


Americanism Test - This past November, Kalida High School had over 120 students take the Americanism and Government Test sponsored by the American Legion. Kyla Fortman earned the top senior girl's score at 96, and had the top score in the high school. Junior winners were Jasmine Vorst and Connor Erhart. Sophomores Kenzie Fortman and Justin Siebeneck and Freshmen Kendal Bockrath and Aric Snipes were also winners. Top place Post #63 winners were Kyla Fortman, Kenzie Fortman, and Aric Snipes Congratulations to all of the American Legion test winners! Government/History teacher Neil Gerding was the advisor for the testing and was joined by American Legion representative Dennis Hanneman for the photo.

Congratulations to Seniors Clara Elkins and Kyla Fortman who were chosen as Putnam County Optimist Character Award recipients. Both girls were nominated by Mrs. Kaylan Unverferth for their dedication to the high school library and their volunteer hours. They were honored with a breakfast early in December.



If you know of a deserving student in grades 7-12, the Optimist Organization would like to hear from you. Contact the high school office for more information.



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 8, 2020. Mr. Brad Niemeyer was voted in as President and Mr. Greg von der Embse was voted Vice-President for this year. Other members are Mr. Gerry Vorst, Ms. Emily Peck and Mr. Craig Schmenk.



Kalida National Honor Society—Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into the Kalida National Honor Society: Senior Zach von der Embse and Juniors Luke Erhart, Katelyn Kahle, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausung, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Ryan Lucke Melanie Meyers, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst and Will Zeller. Selection into the NHS is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Mr. Neil Gerding is the Kalida NHS advisor.



Freshmen Orientation- Freshmen Orientation will be held on February 5, at 6 PM, in the high school auditoria for parents and students of this year's 8th grade class – the class of 2024. It is important that students and parents both attend this event so that information can be given that is relevant for the 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 Thursday, February 6, during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be returned by Friday, February 14.

College Credit Plus/AP Meetings - On Monday, February 10, 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 KHS 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 at 6:00. 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 - There will be meetings on Monday, February 10, beginning at 6:45 PM 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), and English (12). **For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 6:45 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:

AP American History & AP Government (6:45 PM) - Mr. Gerding's room

AP English Literature and Composition (7:00 PM) - Mrs. Gerding's room

In Search of Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates - All juniors have the opportunity to complete an application for Buckeye Boys' or Girls' State. At the 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. Students will learn about city, county and state government processes. Delegates are selected by our local American Legion Posts and Units to attend the weeklong event. Buckeye Boys' State is held on the campus of Miami University. Girls' State is held at the University of Mount Union in the summer. This is a great honor and boost to your child's resume.

HOBY Selection - Congratulations to Blake Eickholt and Peyton Wurth who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Blake is the son of Patrick and Deb Eickholt. Peyton is the daughter of Dan and Jeanette Wurth.

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 Principal Mr. Dean Brinkman for funding the fee to attend the conference.

**Vantage Career Center
Open House
and Taste of Vantage
February 24, 5:00-7:30 PM
Visit the Labs and see
special demonstrations!**

Gene Stechschulte Award 2020

Congratulations to Roger Luersman who is this year's winner of the Gene Stechschulte Award.



Mr. Luersman is a retired teacher from Kalida Elementary and a current substitute teacher

for the District.

Roger was instrumental in getting soccer started in Kalida. He has coached several sports, including baseball, soccer and basketball. He will be honored during the boys' basketball game on February 8. A brief biography and additional information on his contributions will be posted on the district's webpage in the near future.

Can You Help Us? We are still in need of substitute bus drivers for field trips and route subbing. Bus driver classes for NEW drivers will be held in Van Wert March 3-5. Please contact Mrs. Grote at 419-532-3543 or the superintendent's office 419-532-3534 for more information.



Honor Roll 2nd Quarter– All A's

5th Grade- Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Sophia Meyer, Cody Recker, Kennedy Simon.

6th Grade- Adam Buell, Jack Buell, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Grace Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck.

7th Grade- Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Madelyn Houck, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Olivia Meyer, Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Emerson Schnipke, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff.

8th Grade- Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Audra Hovest, Aiden Killion, Riley Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Noah Recker, Carson Remlinger, Ethan Remlinger, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck, Ethan Wehri.

Freshmen- Kendal Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Brooke Erhart, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Kayla Nartker, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.

Sophomores- Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennkotter, Zoey Westrick, Peyton Wurth.

Juniors- Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jill Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Ryan Lucke, Jennifer Rall, Tanner Schultz, Kathryn Siebeneck, Brenna Smith, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

Seniors- McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kaden Ellerbrock, Colin Erhart, Kyla Fortman, Rieley Hanneman, Claudia Hopkins, Tyler Klausing, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, Carlie Rampe, Brayden Recker, Evan Roebke, Trevor Siefker, Alex Snipes, Zachary von der Embse, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

AB Honors

5th Grade- Kenadi Bockrath, Bryn Casper, Cooper Horstman, Riley Horstman, Mallory Kerner, Jagger Miller, Amber Moore, Kylie Peck, Bryce Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Anna Schumacher, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri.

6th Grade- Mallorie Barnhart, Faith Feldman, Grace Fortman, Cole Goubeaux, Lana Grime, Gage Hammond, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Griffin Klausing, Kara Lammers, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Isabel Recker, Malia Romes, Ryan Schnipke, Alexander Shining, Ella Siefer, Landon Verhoff, Emma von der Embse, Camdyn Warnecke.

7th Grade- Alexandria Gardner, Carson Kahle, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Adyson Miller, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Brady Rampe, Lane Rellinger, Lauren Schulte, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Reese Strauer, Avrie Unverferth.

8th Grade- Rebekah Bowers, Brady Fersch, Jace Karhoff, Kyle Lammers, Maddalyn Nienberg, Camryn Recker, Emerson Ricker, Elyse Romes, Whitney Unverferth, Carly Webken.

Freshmen- Nicholas Foppe, Michael Horstman, Wyatt Lehman, Heath Miller, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte.

Sophomores- Logan Bockrath, Kylie Creller, Grace Niemeyer, Gabriel Roof, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Molly Westrick, Samantha Westrick.

Juniors- Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Tony Butler, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Paige Helmke, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Casey Rosselit, Dayna Schimmoeller, Ayden Warnecke.

Seniors- Kaylee Heitmeyer, Gabe Hovest, Kaitlyn Keefer, Matthew Kehres, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, David Peck, Josh Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Larissa Schnipke, Tori Travis, Leia Verhoff, Abby Wurth, Trevor Zeller.

Putnam County Honors Band and Choir & Putnam County Art Festival at Leipsic High School Sunday, March 8, 2 PM

County Band: Heath Miller, Garrett Decker, Tanner Schultz, Ariana Basinger, Jasmine Vorst, Ben Doepker, Hannah Berheide and Lilly Sheaks.

County Choir Members: Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Kayla Nartker, Colin Erhart, Adam Basinger, Luke Meyer, Ella Kaufman, Kevin Lammers and Gabe von der Embse.

Congratulations to the 2020 Honors Choir (Niswonger Performing Arts Center held on January 19): Ariana Basinger, Kyla Fortman, Clara Elkins, Kevin Lammers, Gabe von der Embse.

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 March 31 and end May 1. AP Exams will be given during the week of May 4. A copy of the testing schedule will be put on the Parent Course page in Schoology for parents to see exactly when their children will be tested. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or vacations during this time.

A Successful Book Fair

Kalida Elementary celebrates another successful book fair. Our annual book fair generated \$1247.11 to be used towards new books for the Kalida Elementary Library. Thanks to everyone for their support!

Travel to Spain 2021

We are traveling to Spain June 15 through June 24, 2021, where we will spend time in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, la Costa del Sol, and Morocco!



This trip is geared for current Sophomores and Juniors and their parents. Those interested can check out the tour at: <http://www.explorica.com/Deitering-6288> or email: kevin.deitering@kalidaschools.org.

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School Board Meetings
Second Wednesday 7:00 PM
Kalida School Board Room

School Board Members
Brad Niemeyer, President
Greg von der Embse, Vice President
Craig Schmenk, Emily Peck, Gerry Vorst

Music Booster October Winners

Mark Knapke	\$150
Ron & Jan Vonder Embse	\$100
Craig & Theresa Stechshulte	\$100
Judy Birkemeier	\$75
Wayne Duling	\$75
Marcia Kaufman	\$50
Andy & Tessa Wehri	\$50
John Warnecke	\$50
Carrie & Ryan Patrick	\$50
Ron Schulte	\$50
Jason & Stacy Birkemeier	\$50

December Winners

Cheryl Fortman	\$200
Brian & Jill Smith	\$150
Jeff & Casey Kahle	\$100
Connie Kahle	\$75
Andrea Burgei	\$75
Kevin & Dee Hanneman	\$75
Sara Siebeneck	\$75
Leroy & Mary Jane Wehri	\$50
Charlie & Heather Siefker	\$50
Tim & Deb Schnipke	\$50
Mallory Ferris	\$50
Austin Vorst	\$50

November Winners

Tony & Sandy Vorst.	\$50
Steve Siefker	\$50
Melissa Erhart	\$50
Michelle Niese	\$50
Beth & Bill Rieman	\$50

Homecoming– Congratulations to the 2020 KHS Homecoming Court: Freshmen Andrew Peck and Kendal Bockrath; Sophomores Adam Siefker and Kenzie Fortman; and Juniors Ayden Warnecke and Emily Buss. Senior Queen candidates are McKenna Bockrath, McKayla Maag and Kyla Fortman. Senior King candidates are Evan Roebke, Colin Erhart and Zach von der Embse. The royal crowning and homecoming basketball game (vs. Continental) will be held on Friday, February 14 The dance will be held on Sunday, February 16 from 7:00-10:00 PM.

Charity At Its Best

- ◆ Thanks to the Middle School and their *Coins for Cancer* drive, over **\$1200** was raised during two weeks in December. This money was donated to the American Cancer Society in memory of family and friends who have been affected by cancer in their lives.
- ◆ The High School Student Council also held a one day coin collection to raise money for the *Toys for Tots of Putnam County*. In one day, over **\$760** was raised. The Student Council then went shopping and purchased three large donation boxes full of toys, hats, gloves, diapers, blankets and other needed items for the less fortunate.
- ◆ Several pairs of shoes were also purchased by the Student Council for the *Elementary Shoe Donation fund* which will run now through Spring. Donate new or your gently used shoes or sandals to benefit the Elementary Playground Fund at either building.

Welcome Baby Leis

Congratulations to Jill and Jason (Jake) Leis on the birth of their daughter Jordyn Ann on Nov. 22, 2019. Baby Jordyn weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mrs. Leis is a kindergarten teacher at Kalida Elementary.



**Kindergarten Screenings -
April 1 and April 2.**

Have you registered your child yet for the 2020-21 school year? Students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2020. Call the elementary office for more information at 419-532-3845. We currently adding names to the roster for the Class of 2034!

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 17– Presidents' Day/No School
Friday, April 10 Through April 13– Spring Break /No School
Wednesday, May 20—Last Day of School
Monday, August 24, 2020– School Begins Again