



## The Paw Print

Please Note : 2 hour Early Dismissal  
April 15 for Teachers' Inservice.



**Brad Niemeyer**

### New School Board Member

We welcome Mr. Brad Niemeyer to Kalida Local Schools Board of Education. He takes over for Mrs. Sue Gerdeman on the board and will fulfill her term which expires at the end of 2017. Brad is the husband of Nicole and the father of Owen and Grace.

Mr. Niemeyer is a 1990 graduate of Kalida High School. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1996. Brad is the Assistant Sanitary Engineer for the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department.

### Read Across America 2016



During the first week of March, students at KES celebrated Read Across America Week, and what a week it was! Students and teachers embraced the joy of reading by participating in a number of exciting reading activities. For example, students established reading partners in other grade levels, created drawings that replicated an

illustrator's artistic technique, and surpassed the school-wide reading goal by more than double. Special guest readers (adult community members) also popped in throughout the week to share their love for reading with the children. Pictured is Miss Pat Broecker's first grade class enjoying a story read to them by Miss Mary Grote.

With the help of Cindy Fitzgerald, KES was able to host illustrator Brian Ritter, a local ArtAbility artist, from Lima, OH. Along with his Marimor Adult Services Supervisor, Angie Herzog, a school-wide presentation of Brian's book "Winston's World" captivated our young readers. Beautifully illustrated, the story focuses on Winston, a good-hearted cat that looks a little different from the others, who overcomes obstacles to find the true meaning of friendship. Born with spina bifida, Ritter saw his share of bullying, so he truly values the friendships that he has formed along the way. A signed copy of the book can be purchased for \$16 for your child's personal library. All proceeds will go to Brian!

The students of KES were also challenged to read 14,000 extra minutes during Read Across America Week (That's about 10 extra minutes each night for each student). They far exceeded that goal by reading 34,088 minutes, which equates to approximately 81 school days. For their efforts, not only did Mrs. Verhoff take a pie to the face, so did Mr. Lammers. We are all very proud of our students and teachers.

*~Mrs. Kathy Verhoff, Kalida Elementary Principal*

### Science Fair Awards

Congratulations to seventh graders, Hannah Berheide, Jill Knueve, Ryan Lucke and Jasmine Vorst for their success at District Science Fair, at Ohio Northern University. Jasmine received an excellent rating for her project on color and taste perception. Hannah earned a superior for her project on water absorption in cut flowers. Jill received a superior for her project on SPF and UV radiation levels. Ryan earned a superior for his project on the effects of smell on taste. The group will receive a plaque for earning the highest percentage of superiors from a district school.

Hannah, Jill, and Ryan have earned the opportunity to compete at **State Science Day** at The Ohio State University in Columbus this May.

### Junior High Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the JH team who participated in the Putnam County Junior High Quiz Bowl on March 18. The following Kalida students competed with other Putnam County schools: Connor Erhart, Paige Helmke, Ella Kaufman, Kevin Lammers, Jennifer Rall, Brayden Recker, Jasmine Vorst, and Kamryn Wurth. The team advisor is Mrs. Mary Smith.

## NEW Student Health Requirements

The Ohio Department of Health recently approved new requirements for the immunization of school aged



children. One dose of Tdap vaccine remains required prior to entry into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Beginning with the start of the 2016-2017 school year, **all pupils entering the 7<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> grade** are required to be

vaccinated against Meningitis. One dose of Meningitis vaccine is required prior to entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade with a second dose prior to entry into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If the incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grader has never been vaccinated against Meningitis they are required to have only one dose. However, if they were vaccinated with Meningitis before their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, a second dose is required. It is important to note that the required Meningitis vaccine has the trade name of **Menveo** or **Menactra**. You may be hearing of another Meningitis vaccine called **Trumenba** or **Bexsero**. While these are recommended, they are not part of this new requirement. Call the Putnam County Health Department or your health care provider for more information. They take appointments every Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday mornings of each month. Avoid the back to school rush and call to schedule an appointment soon.

## Putnam County Music and Arts Festival

Congratulations to Renee Vorst, Paige Roller, Andrea Rall, Hannah Kahle, Bernadette Basinger, Trevor Vorst, Erica Honigfort, Midge Westrick, Westin Basinger, Jacob Kahle, Carter Moore, Alex von der Embse, Brady Decker, Brandon Erhart, Grant Laudick, Ethan Schmenk, Brianna Good, Paul von der Embse, Danica Basinger, Racheal Basinger, Maddison Edelbrock, and Laine Laudick for their participation in the Putnam County Music & Arts Festival on Sunday 3/6/16. Renee Vorst and Paige Roller also received a four year award at the festival.

Congratulations to the Art Show **Merit Award** Winners (and their named pieces):

Camryn Hoffman – *Some Where Far Away*

Kylie Buss – *Self Identity Portrait*

Kylie Buss – *Lord of the Rings*

Ryan Ellerbrock – *Siege*

Adam von der Embse – *4 Ever 3 or Infinity*

Sierra Schroeder – *Look CLOSEly*

Sarah Hovest – *Johnny's Depth*

Carlee Miller – *Cat*

Brandon Erhart – *Bond, James Bond*

Carlee Miller – *Precious*

Racheal Basinger – *Ghost Town*

Collin Fortman – *Home Away From Home*

Allison Wurth – *Tree*

Cathy Basinger – *Neymar, Jr.*

## Froggy Park Update

The Kalida Park Board is looking for your input! We will be applying for a grant to refurbish the current tennis courts at Froggy Park, and perhaps turn them into multi-sport courts. You may have noticed they are showing some age. It has been 20 years since they were last refurbished. What would you like to see these courts configured for? Tennis? Basketball? Pickleball? Volleyball? Badminton? Other possibilities? Visit [kalidaparks.com](http://kalidaparks.com) and give us your input, or call Ken Gerdeman at 419-235-0831. All community input is appreciated.



## Students Are “e3smart”

This school year, Mrs. Grime's 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about energy efficiency. The Ohio Energy Project's (OEP's) e3smart program stands for energy, efficiency, and education.

The program is funded by different service territories across Ohio, including AEP Ohio. Each participating student received an energy kit which included: LED light bulbs, CFL light bulbs, a furnace filter whistle, weather stripping, a door sweep, an energy efficient shower head, faucet aerators, a flow meter bag, a hot water gauge, and a refrigerator/freezer thermometer. Students have been collecting data around school and at home. They have been learning about different types of light bulbs, insulation, heating & cooling, water heaters, and appliances. The program is designed to educate students about energy efficiency, and in turn, they can educate their parents. With parental support, students have the opportunity to put energy conservation lessons into action by installing energy-saving items provided by AEP Ohio. Once installed, these electricity and fuel-saving measures give families the opportunity to see how low-cost and no-cost measures can help lower energy usage. For more information about this program, visit OEP's website ([ohioenergy.org](http://ohioenergy.org)).

## Music Booster Calendar Information

The Music Boosters would like to thank Michelle Doepker for all of her years of service and time in heading up the calendar fundraiser. We appreciate all she has done for the organization. At this time, the Music Department is looking for someone new to head up the calendar fundraiser. If you have a student in Choir or Band at any grade level and are interested in helping with this fundraiser, please contact Mary Glick at [ka\\_glick@kalidaschools.org](mailto:ka_glick@kalidaschools.org), Kathy Lammers at 419-890-6564 or Denise Recker at 419-969-0396.

## Kalida High School Honor Society

Congratulations to Cathy Basinger, Erica Edwards, Samantha Langhals, Caleb Siebeneck, and Sidney White upon their induction into the KHS Honor Society during the spring ceremony on April 22. Students must maintain a 3.3 grade point average, be of good character, maintain high standards of scholarship, leadership and service. Advisor for the Honor Society is Mr. Jeff Clement.



**Congratulations** to King Evan Recker and Queen Katelyn Siebeneck who were crowned at the homecoming activities on February 12. The court included Freshmen Grant Laudick and Lauren Langhals, Seniors Brandon Erhart and Alexa Ellerbrock, Juniors Caleb Siebeneck and Mikki Smith, Seniors Drew Hovest and Sarah Hovest, and Sophomores Jacob Kahle and Tori Niese. Last year's King Noah Verhoff and Queen Morgan Niese were present to crown the new royalty.

Congratulations to the following girls who made the cheer squads for next year 2016-17!

Varsity Cheerleaders

Samantha Langhals  
Abby Langhals  
Keara Hopkins  
Jenna Siefker  
Makenna Niese  
Megan Schulte

Junior Varsity

Anna Berheide  
Kamryn Webken  
Alexis Meyer  
Clara Elkins  
Kyla Fortman

Junior High

Hannah Berheide  
Carlee Recker  
Dara Lewis  
Morgan Ridinger  
Casey Rosselit  
Ella Meyers  
Kylie Creller



**Honor Roll Third Quarter** (Vantage grades were unavailable at press time but will be posted later online on the KHS webpage.)

All A Honor Roll

**5th** -Brooke Erhart, Camille Hovest, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Livia Recker, Kenzie White.

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

**7th** -Hannah Berheide, Connor Erhart, Luke Erhart, Paige Helmke, Katelyn Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jill Kneuve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller. **8th** -Mckenna Bockrath, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Tyler Klausing, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, Carlie Rampe, Evan Roebke, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

AB Honor Roll

**5th** -Kendal Bockrath, Andrew Buss, Nick Foppe, Ella Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Haley Looser, Carson Klausing, Wyatt Lehman, Evan Miller, Malie Miller, Leo Rafaniello, Hanna Rampe, Kierstan Remlinger, Lillian Sheaks, Jaden Smith, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabe von der Embse. **6th** -Logan Bockrath, Kylie Creller, Grace Niemeyer, Gabriel Roof, Leah Schnipke, Tyler Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, A. J. Verhoff, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri, Zoey Westrick. **7th** -Emily Buss, Olivia Decker, Ben Doepker, Jayce Horstman, Stephanie Kahle, Reagan Klausing, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke. **8th** -Clay Bellmann, Danielle Buss, Kaden Ellerbrock, Colin Erhart, Rieley Hanneman, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Kaitlyn Keefer, Matthew Kehres, Evan Meyers, David Peck, Brayden Recker, Lydia Remlinger, Trevor Siefker, Zach von der Embse, Trevor Zeller.

High School All A Honor Roll

**9th** -Keith Doepker, Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Makenna Niese, Owen Recker, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst. **10th** -Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck. **11th** -Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Kneuve, Abby Langhals, Alexis Schroeder Caleb Siebeneck, Trent Siebeneck, Jade Zeller. **12th** -Cathy Basinger, Trent Gerding, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Kylie Osterhage, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Allison Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth.

High School AB Honor Roll

**9th** -Cassidy Decker, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Megan Schulte, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff, Midge Westrick, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller. **10th** -Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Sarah Klausing, Elizabeth Loveland, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Taylor Zeller. **11th** -Derek Buss, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Layne Keefer, Dana Kneuve, Noah Lambert, Samantha Langhals, Carlee Miller, Collin Nartker, Jenna Siefker, Adam von der Embse. **12th** -Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Brandon Erhart, Drew Hovest, Brittany Kahle, Laine Laudick, Trevor Maag, Nathan Nordhaus, Andrea Rall, Kaleb Selhorst, Lauryn Selhorst, Katelyn Siebeneck, Taylor Siefker, Austin Swift, Alex von der Embse, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke, Trey Webken, Sidney White, Allison Wurth.

**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

Brad Niemeyer

Craig Schmenk

Gerry Vorst

**School Board Meetings**

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

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**Welcome Baby Stechschulte!**

Nora Jo, daughter of Kristen and Ryan Stechschulte was born on February 2, 2016.

Nora Jo weighed in at 8 lbs. 6oz.

Mrs. Stechschulte is the elementary physical education teacher and the girls' varsity volleyball coach at KHS. Congratulations!



Student Physicals will be held on May 23 from 6—8 PM at the gym. This Free physical night is for students entering grades 9-12 next year.

Students will be given a more detailed announcement by the end of April.

**Kalida Music Boosters say “Thank You”**

The Kalida Music Booster officers say thanks to the community for their continued support at the concession stand through the volleyball and basketball seasons this year. Special thanks to the parents who showed up to work their shifts and to those of you who may have worked extra shifts when you saw the need to help. Thanks also to the students who worked your shifts to clean up after the games! Concession profits from this year helped to support the fall marching band show, a portion of the marching band uniforms, and a portion of the new microphones for stage performances.

**Music Boosters**

**February \$50 Winners**

Dorothy von der Embse

Dale & Julie Siebeneck

Mark & Sue Wehri

Bob & Joyce Klausing

**March \$50 Winners**

Scott Meyers

Sean & Adriene Swyers

Scott & Tammy Royer

Judy Birkemeier



April 15-16 7:30 PM

April 17 2:00 PM

Tickets on Sale April 4.

General Admission \$5

Reserved seat \$6

This year's spring musical, *Seussical*, will be presented April 15 through April 17 at Kalida High School. *Seussical* takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss and combines some of our favorite stories and characters into one whacky world. We now introduce you to these beloved characters and the actors that portray them:



*Cat in the Hat*

*Horton the Elephant*

*JoJo*

*Gertrude McFuzz*

*Mayzie La Bird*

*Sour Kangaroo*

*Mr. Mayor of Whoville*

*Mrs. Mayor*

Brandon Erhart

Brady Decker

Mitchell Langhals

Laine Laudick

Brianna Good

Danica Basinger

Owen Niemeyer

Paige Roller

With a cast of 50 students from grades 7 – 12 you're bound to recognize a familiar face or two. Purchase tickets at the Administrative Office or call 419-532-3534 for ticket information.