



And the Gene Stechschulte Award Goes to ...

Congratulations to Ken Buss who is the 2022 recipient of the *Gene Stechschulte Award*. The Stechschulte family and selection committee will present Coach Buss the award on April 14, prior to the KHS baseball game against Arlington.



Coach Buss was nominated by his brother Dave, and sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Ron Kerner. Ken started coaching Little League baseball when his oldest son started playing in the late 80's and kept coaching for 25 more years, spending most those years at the Pony League level. His nominators made special mention of Ken coaching more than baseball, as he stressed sportsmanship as much as fundamentals. His dedication and knowledge of the game prepared many young men for successful high school baseball careers and life beyond the diamond.

Coach Buss is the seventh recipient of the award, joining Father Mark Hoying, Roger Hanneman, Greg Kneuve, Mary Grote, Roger Luersman and Richard Kortokrax.

Happy Retirement, Julie Kahle



"The people I have had the pleasure to work with since September 1991 have made my years here at Kalida School some of the best!" says Julie. "A special thanks to the former superintendents who I had the pleasure of serving under Ron Heitmeyer, Bob Williams, Mark Neal, Don Horstman and current Karl Lammers. Also a special thanks to the former treasurer, Cindy Webken, who not only was my mentor, but became an awesome friend; and now Michelle Buss who has also become a friend! Kalida Local School is an excellent school, has a great staff and dedicated board members. Combine this with the support of residents, high expectations of parents, hardworking students, Kalida will continue to be outstanding! Wildcat Pride!"

Welcome Cheryl Simon!

Mrs. Cheryl Simon has been hired as the new Assistant Treasurer for Kalida Local Schools. Cheryl takes over for Julie Kahle who retired 3/31. Cheryl is a graduate of Ft Jennings High School and UNOH. Cheryl most recently worked in the Putnam County Auditor's office. She and her husband, Duane, have two daughters Kennedy and Aubrey. They attend KHS Middle School. Their son, Zachary, attends Kalida Elementary. Cheryl says, "I am very excited to be a part of Kalida Local Schools."



School Nurses

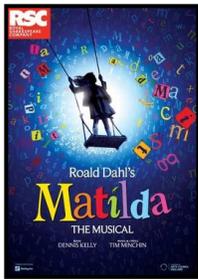
Thanks to the great response to our search for a school nursing staff. These ladies agreed to work with us in rotation as they also tend to other health related jobs and family.

Mrs. Jennifer Ricker, Ms. Samantha Recker, Mrs. Kari Gray, and Mrs. Sarah Schroeder have been helping our students with their medical concerns.



Calendar Notes

- 4/8- 4/10 Matilda, Jr. (School Musical)
- 4/14 Ken Buss Gene Stechschulte Award Presentation/ Spring Break Begins
- 4/19 Classes Resume
- 5/25 Last Day for Students
- 5/29 Graduation
- 8/23 First Day of School



Presenting the 2022 Musical -This year's Musical is *Matilda Jr.* Based on the beloved children's novel by Roald Dahl, Matilda is an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and vivid imagination, dares to take a stand and change her destiny. Born into a less than brilliant family things only get worse for Matilda when she begins school and meets the tyrannical headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. With the help of her kind-hearted teacher, Miss Honey, as well as her new friends from school, Matilda leads a revolution to help everyone change their story.

\$5.00 for general admission

\$6.00 for reserved seating

Tickets can be purchased at the Kailda Schools Administrative Office (419-532-3534). Tickets will also be sold prior to each show while supply lasts.

Friday, April 8 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 9 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 10 2:30 PM

This year's cast and crew includes these students representing grades 7-12. Aubree Sickles, Wyatt Lehman, Kayla Nartker, Gabe von der Embse, Maddie Houck, Ethan Remlinger, Lauren Laudick, Kendall Schultz, Faith Feldman, Alex Shininger, Emma von der Embse, Heath Miller, Grace Niemeyer, Kyle Lammers, Noah Verhoff, Riley Horstman, Lilly Sheaks, Marcus Cox, Hannah Basinger, Kendal Bockrath, Kenzie Fortman, Raegan Gerdeman, Kyla Grime, Erica Kahle, Kara Lammers, Ella Meyers, Oliva Olzak, Ruby Vandercook, Annelise Price, Carson Price, Gracie Schroeder, Carlie Siefker, and Izzy Swyers. The musical is directed by Mrs. Mary Glick and her assistant Mrs. Wendy Stechschulte.

**Attention Parents of
Current 6th and 11th Grade Students**



Vaccinations need to be up-to-date in order for your child to attend the public school. Certificate of proof of these vaccinations must be submitted to the high school office. Students not in compliance will not be able to attend school until the immunizations are completed.

Incoming 7th graders (next year) are required to have one dose of both a Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine for entry into the 7th grade. **Incoming 12th graders (next school)** year are required to have two doses of the Meningitis vaccine for entry into senior year.

Please consider scheduling an appointment early at the Putnam County Health Department (419-523-5608) or with your family physician. A letter from the PC Health Department will be sent home soon outlining these mandates.

KES PTO
Spring Flower Sale
CASH AND CARRY ONLY

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be hosting a cash and carry hanging basket sale on **Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.** (or until sold out) in the High School parking lot. No flower vouchers or online sales will be held this year, however vouchers for mulch will be available at the sale. Come support the PTO, just in time for Mother's Day!

Thank you in advance for your support of our KES PTO!

Putnam County Science Fair Awards

Kalida students had great success at the Science Fair held Feb. 5. "Excellent" ratings were earned by : Kendall Schultz and Grant Siefer, Zoe Pothast, Cooper Horstman and Zach Unverferth, Carlie Siefker, Brooke Tucker, and Ruby Vandercook. "Superior" ratings: Bryn Casper, Kylie Peck, Maya Wehri, Henry Maag and Cody Decker, Morgan Bockrath and Kennedy Simon. Perfect scores were: Bryn Casper, Kylie Peck and Morgan Bockrath and Kennedy Simon. Awards (14 separate awards for nine projects): Maya Wehri) o Agriculture Award o Botany Award and Environmental Award; Kendall Schultz and Grant Siefer o Behavioral Science/ Mental Health Services Award; Kylie Peck o Dental Award; Henry Maag and Cody Decker o Engineering Award; Carlie Siefker, Brooke Tucker, and Ruby Vandercook o Medical Award and Nutrition/Health/Fitness Award; Zach Unverferth and Cooper Horstman o Nutrition/Health/Fitness Award and Physiology/Human Health Award; Bryn Casper o Originality and Creativity Award o Young Scientist Challenge Award, and Outstanding Presentation Award; and Morgan Bockrath and Kennedy Simon the Outstanding Group Project Award.

Many Thanks!

- ◆ The Kalida Music Boosters would like to send out a special thank you to the family and friends of Mrs. Kathy Elkins for their generous memorial contributions in her name to the Music Boosters of Kalida High School.
- ◆ Thanks to all those parents who were able to help with concessions during the Volleyball and Basketball seasons.
- ◆ Thanks to **1820 BrewWerks** for being our tasty pizza supplier at the home games.

The success of the Kalida High School Music Department depends on the students, parents, businesses, and people like these who donate money, time and energy.

Thank You!

Deb Sheaks, Susan Johanns, Brenda Burgei

Honor Roll Third Quarter

Junior High All 'A's

5th grade: Avery Bockrath, Matthew Foppe, Collin Horstman, Emma Jerwers, Hunter Klausing, Katelin Knueve, Annaleice Maag, John Recker, Raelyn Schnipke, Lyla Siebeneck, Mallory Unverferth, Rylee Unverferth, Mason Warnecke

6th: Brant Bockrath, Kallie Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Grady Houck, Taylor Nienberg, C. Leo Parisi, Christopher Rall, Logan Rampe, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shininger, Grace Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke **7th :** Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Sophia Meyer, Anna Schumacher, Kennedy Simon, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri **8th :** Katelyn Foppe, Cole Goubeaux, Kyla Grime, Grady Kuhlman, Claire Nartker, Isabel Recker, Grace Schroeder, Alexander Shininger, Ella Siefer, Landon Verhoff, Camdyn Warnecke

AB Honors

5th grade: Rebekah Bendele, Hayden Birkemeier, Toby Goubeaux, Charlie Hutchins, Alyssa Kahle, Easton Michel, Jackson Schulte, Grant Sehlhorst, Eli Selhorst, Gwen Stechschulte, Flynn Unverferth, Landon Unverferth, Quinn Unverferth, Braden Wagner **6th:** Tobin Anspach, Addelyn Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Isabelle Buss, Madelyn Cattell, Chloe Chalklin, Levi Grime, Owen Grime, Katelyn Horstman, Kendyl Klima, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Gavin Leis, Avery Miller, Sophia Potts, Lillian Schnipke, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Madison Verhoff, Olivia Verhoff, Ross Zeller **7th:** Bryn Casper, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Mallory Kerner, Enna Meyers, Jagger Miller, Amber Moore, Kylie Peck, Zoe Pothast, Cody Recker, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Aubree Sickles, Nicole Siebeneck, Isabelle Swyers, Brooke Tucker, Sophie Vorst, Nathan Wannemacher **8th:** Lauren Bockrath, Faith Feldman, Lana Grime, Gage Hammond, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Aiden Hundley, Ethan Hundley, Nathaniel Kahle, Logan Kerner, Griffin Klausing, Kendal Krouse, Kara Lammers, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Ryan Schnipke, Owen Siebeneck, Emma von der Embse

High School All 'A's

Freshmen: Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Alexandria Gardner, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, R. Connor Nartker, Grace Rall, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Madison Unverferth **Sophomores:** Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Riley Nienberg, Noah Recker, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck **Juniors:** Brooke Erhart, Nick Foppe, Grant Helmke, Camille Hovest, Jeret Landwehr, Wyatt Lehman, Heath Miller, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Aric Snipes, Kenzie White **Seniors:** Brandt Brinkman, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Molly Westrick, Zoey Westrick, Peyton Wurth.

AB Honors

Freshmen: Hannah Butler, Maddix Calvelage, Madelyn Houck, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Lane Rellinger, Emerson Schnipke, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Reese Strauer, Ryan Verhoff, Drake Zeller **Sophomores:** Brady Fersch, Audra Hovest, Kyle Lammers, Maddalyn Nienberg, Olivia Olzak, Carson Remlinger, Ethan Remlinger, Emerson Ricker, Austin Schnipke, Whitney Unverferth, Carly Webken **Juniors:** Dyllan Bendele, Kendal Bockrath, Garrett Decker, Ella Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Evan Klausing, Haley Looser, Malie Miller, Adam Moore, Andrew Peck, Leonardo Rafaniello, Livia Recker, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Jaden Smith, Autumn Starbuck. Allison Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark, Gabe von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke **Seniors:** Blake Eickholt, Catherine Lehman, Cole Nienberg, Gabe Roof, Nathan Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri



The Senior class trip this year was to Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains. They visited Dollywood and enjoyed several events together such as the Titanic Museum, Dixie Stampede Dinner Show, and an aquarium. The class of 2022 will graduate on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Advisor for the class is Dale Liebrecht.

Superintendent Karl Lammers 419-532-3534
High School Principal Dean Brinkman 419-532-3529
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte 419-532-3845
Treasurer Michelle Buss 419-532-3556

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

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

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Music Booster Drawings

February \$50 Winners

Lisa Rummel, Tom & Diane Meyer,
Jima & Diane Recker,
Mary & Steve Smith
Ron Knieve, Judy Burgei,
Morgan Bockrath, Jo Jo Horstman

March \$50 Winners

Diana Warnecke, Sheryl Krouse,
Nick Schulte, Diane Warnecke,
Randy & Barb Unverferth,
Keith Kerner, Brian Gerdeman, Ruth Foppe

Order Your Music Booster Calendar Set Today

After a 2 year hiatus, we are going to launch the Kalida Music Boosters Calendars once again. This is the 44th year for the calendar. This fundraiser benefits the band and choir programs at Kalida Local Schools. Many residents in our community have been longtime supporters of this fundraiser. The calendar dates from **September 2022 to August 2023**. The cost of the calendar set is **\$10** (includes a wall calendar and a pocket calendar). If you are interested in ordering, please send your payment (check only) to Paige Painter, PO Box 780, Kalida, OH 45853. Include any listing you want added to the calendar (names, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.). Any questions, email Paige at paigeburgei@yahoo.com

More Retirement News

Lori Erhart ~ “How time flies! Thirty-five years ago, I got my first teaching job at SPPS in Ottawa teaching first grade. Soon I was employed as a sixth grade teacher at Kalida. I moved to third grade in 1994 and have spent the majority of my time at Kalida teaching third graders. This school has been such a blessing to me! When I came on this staff, there were so many knowledgeable and supportive veteran staff members that helped me become a better teacher. I truly thank them for teaching me how to teach with heart while maintaining a productive classroom. I also want to thank all the parents. You made my job so much easier because you expected the best of your children. You are one of the many reasons why Kalida is an excellent school! Finally, I want to thank the many students that I taught or coached. You are the main reason I enjoyed this career so much! I will definitely miss seeing your smiles and watching you grow and learn. Thank you, Kalida!”



Carol Kahle ~ “As the time is nearing for me to move into the next chapter of my life, I find myself reflecting on all the great memories and the wonderful people I have met along the way. I have been truly blessed. To the Kalida Community, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist in your child’s learning experience while here at Kalida High School. Hopefully, I was the ‘rainbow in someone else’s cloud’ occasionally while here these last 26 years.

“I thank the Board of Education and the wonderful staff that I have had the pleasure to work with. You are all amazing people. And with that, “everything has a beginning and an end”. The timing to end this chapter seems to be about right. Continue being awesome Kalida!”

Chris Schroeder ~ “For over 33 years, I have been employed by Kalida Local Schools. I have worn many hats in my career at Kalida Schools. I have driven bus for 31 years, been a teacher’s aid for 22 years, worked in the cafeteria, and as a janitor. I have been blessed to work with so many wonderful colleagues, terrific families and amazing students. They will always hold a special place in my heart! Thank you for this opportunity. I am going to miss you all.”



Doris & Kenny Stechschulte ~ “I have enjoyed working at Kalida Schools as a **Lunch-Lady,**” says Doris. “I will miss seeing the students every day as well as my co-workers. I plan to relax in retirement, as I enjoy reading, going for walks and gardening!”

My husband, Kenny, will also be retiring with me. He has been working in the maintenance department for Kalida Local Schools since June, 1987.”

