

# The PawPrint

**ODE Excellent Rating 2001-2012**  
**2003 National Blue Ribbon**  
**School of Excellence**

## CONGRATULATIONS KALIDA ELEMENTARY – AN OAESA HALL OF FAME SCHOOL

Congratulations to the staff, students, and parents on the recent award from the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators. Kalida Elementary School was one of only five schools in the state of Ohio to receive the 2013 Hall of Fame School Recognition Award. The following letter was provided by the Dr. Julie Davis, the Executive Director of the OAESA:

*April 1, 2013*

*The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators announced that Kalida Elementary School in the Kalida Local School District is a winner of the 2013 Hall of Fame School Recognition Award. Mr. Karl Lammers and the elementary staff will be presented with the award at an Awards Luncheon on June 19, 2013 during the annual OAESA Professional Conference. OAESA will recognize five elementary Hall of Fame schools during the 2013 Awards Luncheon.*

*The finalists were selected from nominations across the state. The school staff submitted extensive written documentation substantiating the quality of their educational program in the following areas:*

- *Instructional System*
- *Student Achievement*
- *Student Development*
- *Personnel*
- *Administration*
- *School Management*
- *Stakeholders*

*Hall of Fame Award winners were chosen by two committees of principals; one of which read and scored the applications and the other conducted on-site evaluations of the schools. The five winning Hall of Fame schools represent the finest schools in the state of Ohio. The award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and students and the incredible support of our parents and community. Congratulations to everyone on this well deserved award. ~ Dr. J. Davis*

EXCELLENT TWELVE YEARS IN A ROW -Kalida Local Schools was recognized as an Excellent school district by the Ohio Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year. This the twelfth consecutive year Kalida Local Schools has achieved this designation. Congratulations to our staff, students, and parents on continuing Kalida Local Schools “*Tradition of Excellence*”.

SCHOOL SAFETY TRAININGS - In light of recent national, state, and local events, all of the staff members of Kalida Local Schools have and will be receiving additional training in a number of areas. These trainings are being offered in addition to our normal building and district wide sessions on school safety, blood borne pathogens, emergency procedures, and mandatory reporting requirements.

On March 4, all of the staff members at Kalida Local Schools were involved in an initial two hour introductory training on active shooters and intruders referred to as A.L.I.C.E Training. This training title stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. The entire staff was given an opportunity to hear from Mr. Scott Stant of the Pandora Police Department and Deputy Randy Weller of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department. The staff was introduced to techniques designed to make it more difficult for an active shooter to hurt students, as well as techniques on how to improve communication and evacuation procedures during this type of emergency. Kalida Local Schools has also had a number of staff members who have received the full eight hour training in the past, and additional staff members will be attending the full training on two separate dates in April.

On May 24, Mr. John Basinger will be talking to all of the school staff members about sexual assault and sexual abuse and its effects on students. Mr. Basinger will cover a range of topics to help our staff understand these horrible events through the eyes of both the victims and the perpetrators. The goal is to help our staff members gain a better understanding of possible warning signs and a better understanding of how to work with and help students who are victims of abuse. Following this meeting theme, we will have representatives from the Putnam County Prosecutor’s Office, Job and Family Services, and the Sheriff’s Department talk with our staff on August 19. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss mandatory reporting practices, and what our staff members can do to help these three agencies when reporting suspected cases of abuse. The district has also invited Father Mark and the religious education staff at St. Michael’s to attend these sessions with the school staff.

## PLAYGROUND Equipment Fundraiser

A fundraiser for the New Kalida Community Park has been planned for Saturday, April 20. This will be a REVERSE Drawing and will be held at the *Kalida Fish & Game Club*. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.

Your \$40 ticket includes a steak dinner, all drinks, and cash drawing for eight prizes for Total of \$3,450. Top prize - \$1000  
2nd - \$800 3rd - \$700



### For tickets contact:

**Ross Recker at 419-230-4038**

**Mike Gerding at 419-890-6350**

**Dave Unverferth at 419-303-4436**

## KALIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS HAS A FACEBOOK PRESENCE

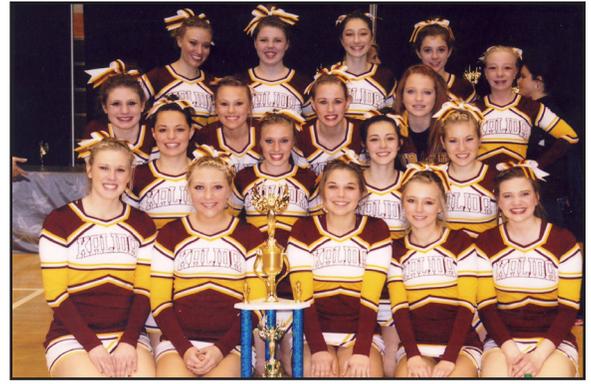
On February 19, the district launched the Kalida Local Schools page. The goal of the page is to engage students, district residents, and alumni of Kalida Local Schools by offering an additional method of communication about district events and activities.

Eventually the district will have an email address set up which district residents, parents, and students can use to ask questions they would like to have answered about district events, activities, finances, operations etc. When appropriate these questions and answers would be posted on the district Facebook page. The district would not post the name of the person asking the question, but we would provide the original question and the district's answer for the public to review. The hope is the page may be one way to provide additional information, to answer questions which we would not otherwise be aware of or that people may be comfortable asking in a public Board of Education meeting, and to possibly dispel rumors which may be out in the public. *Please watch future Paw Print articles and the district Facebook page for additional information.*



## Congratulations New Inductees National Honor Society!

New members are Megan Vine, Kennedy Hoffman, Jackie Gardner, Nicole Recker, Trevor Guisinger, Devin Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, and Erin Knieve. Back Row Mariah Doepker, Katey Buss, Casey Wehri, Logan Roebke, Anthony Dunn, Shelly Verhoff, Kristi Honigfort and Austin Vorst.



## Congratulations to KHS Cheerleaders

Our cheer squad received a second place ranking during the State Cheerleading Competition on March 3 in Columbus. Members include: Emily Schnipke, Danae Webken, Leah Berheide, Casey Unverferth, Andrea Bellmann, Justine Verhoff, Whitney Smith, Alexis Decker, Sarah Verhoff, Olivia Schmenk, Megan Vine, Lindsey Erhart, Erin Kohls, Taylor Siefker, Sidney White, Sarah Hovest, Allison Siebeneck, and Samantha Recker.

## Gasser- Explorica Upcoming Trips

This June, 24 KHS students along with 15 adults will be touring the country of Italy. Sites include the canals of Venice, Leaning Tower of Pisa, St. Francis Monastery, Florence, and Rome. Also new for 2015-- an adult trip to Australia and New Zealand. Send your inquiries to [rjgasser@bright.net](mailto:rjgasser@bright.net) or visit Facebook GasserExplorica Travels. Early sign up bonuses are available.

## Baby Congratulations

Adam and Jamie Huber welcomed daughter Lexi Louise on Monday, March 11. Adam is a math teacher for the middle/high school students.

Kelly and Matthew Dube' welcomed daughter Adeline Joy on Wednesday, March 13. Kelly is an intervention specialist in the middle/high school.



# Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

## All A's

**6th Grade**- Samantha Backus, Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Grant Laudick, Makenna Niese, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Jack Zeller. **7th Grade**- Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausung, Sarah Klausung, Taylor Lucke, Tori Niese, Kierstan Siebeneck, Taylor Zeller. **8th Grade** - Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Tyler Lehman, Alexis Schroeder, Trent Siebeneck. **9th Grade** - Trent Gerding, Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Kaleb Selhorst, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth, Alex von der Embse. **10th Grade** - Mariah Doepker, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Casey Wehri. **11th Grade** - Dana Cattell, Alexis Decker, Trevor Guisinger, Meredith Kromer, Kylie Siebeneck, Justine Verhoff. **12th Grade** - Andrea Bellmann, Damon Birkemeier, Carrie Gerding, Adam Knueve, Rich Langhals, Amy Smith, Casey Unverferth, Kaylyn Verhoff, Eric Warnecke.

## AB Honor Roll

**6th Grade** - Racheal Basinger, Faith Burgei, Keith Doepker, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Lauren Langhals, Treyton Martin, Clay Meyer, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Owen Recker, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff, Paul von der Embse, Allison Wurth.

**7th Grade** - Trent Guisinger, Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Connor Niese, Kara Siefker, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Trevor Wurth.

**8th Grade** - Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Hannah Kahle, Layne Keefer, Brooke Kimball, Dana Knueve, Jeff Knueve, Noah Lambert, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Carlee Miller, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Sierra Schroeder, Caleb Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Erik Verhoff, Adam von der Embse, Collin Wurth, Jade Zeller.

**9th Grade** - Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Brandon Erhart, Devin Giesige, Adam Goergens, Brittany Kahle, Joni Kaufman, Austin Klausung, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Nathan Meyers, Samantha Nagy, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Austin Swift, Brandon Verhoff, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke, Trey Webken, Allison Wurth.

**10th Grade** - Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Katey Buss, Jacob Dunn, Molly Ellerbrock, Zach Erhart, Jackie Gardner, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Taylor Lamb, Luke Langhals, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Derek Schroeder, Bradley Siebeneck, Aaron Tenwalde, Noah Verhoff, Megan Vine, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Grant Zeller

**11th Grade** - Tadd Backus, Joe Gerdeman, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Andrew Krouse, Pat Millott, Cody Niese, Kiersten Recker, Nicole Reindel, Michael Schroeder, Whitney Smith, Elizabeth Turnwald, Derek Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Sarah Wortkoetter, Randy Zeller.

**12th Grade** - Jessica Doepker, Anthony Dunn, Ryan Erhart, Kristi Honigfort, Rafaela Marone, Emily Schnipke, Kendra Schroeder, Shelby Schroeder, Kayla Siefker, Julia Vandemark, Shelly Verhoff, Kyle Vorst, Jordan Wurth and Joel Zeller.

## Learn to Drive a School Bus!

We need bus drivers. Adults interested in pursuing training for bus driving should contact Mrs. Grote in the high school office (419-532-3529) for more information. Next training sessions begin in Van Wert,

April 29 - May 2 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Currently, we are in need of persons who can drive for field trips and extra-curricular events and possibly fulltime down the road.



**Swimming Lessons** - Smiles abound as the second grade class enjoy the fun and educational experience of going to the Putnam County YMCA. Swim lessons and water safety training was provided to them the week of March 11-15.

**Superintendent Don Horstman**

419-532-3534

HS. Principal Chris Pfahler  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



**School Board Members:**

Sue M. Gerdeman - VP  
Nicole Niemeyer  
Dennis Turnwald  
Greg von der Embse -President  
Gerry Vorst

**School Board Meetings**

Second Wednesday  
7:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

**PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote**

**Music Boosters**  
**February \$50 Winners**

Chip Rampe  
Jim & Susie Burgei  
Roger & Becky Brinkman  
Heather & Charlie Siefker

**March \$50 Winners**

Kelly & Glen Wurth  
Tina Siebeneck  
Joe & Grace Turnwald  
Jim Kottenbrock

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*Joan Vennekotter*

**Happy Retirement Mrs. Vennekotter**

Congratulations to Mrs. Joan Vennekotter who will be retiring at the close of this school year. “My 39 years at Kalida Elementary has gone by so quickly,” said Mrs. Vennekotter. “I couldn’t have done it without the support of parents, teachers, school board members, administrators, and my kids. I have many wonderful memories, especially of the things the kids said. ‘Mom had you in 2nd grade!’ Or ‘You’re not that old. You’ve only been a grandma for a day!’ I feel blessed that I had so many people that touched my life in positive ways. Thanks for the memories! Go wildcats!”

**Academic Honors**

Congratulations to the KHS Varsity Academic Team for winning the PCL Tournament on March 7. They concluded the season with a perfect 24-0 record and now advance to the Ohio Regionals in April. The Academic Team has a record of 39-1 for the past two years with two League and two Tournament championships. The tournament team members this year were Carrie Gerding, Jordan Wurth, Eric Warnecke, Adam Knueve, Damon Birkemeier, Tadd Backus, and Derek Verhoff.



**Presenting the 2013 KHS Homecoming Royalty**

Announcing Queen Casey Unverferth and King Dustin Rosselit. Members of the court were Ken Reed, Sarah Verhoff, Joel Zeller, Bailey Dangler, 2012 Queen Ericka Brinkman, 2012 King Neil Gerding, Kristi Honigfort, Austin Horstman, Becca Brinkman, Devin Kortokrax, Allison Siebeneck, and Grant Unverferth.

**Spring Musicial Time**

Kalida High School will present *Annie Get Your Gun* April 19 – 21 at the KHS Auditoria. Tickets can be purchased at the Treasurer’s Office. Tickets are \$6 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission. Performance dates are:

- Friday, April 19 - 7:30 PM
- Saturday, April 20 - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, April 21 - 2:00 PM