



Kalida High School
Class of 2018



Graduation Ceremony

**Sunday,
May 27,
2018**

2:00 PM

**High School
Gymnasium**

Valedictorians: Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck

Salutatorian: Alecia Dunn

Class Flower– White Rose

Class Song– *Don't Blink* by Kenny Chesney

Class Motto– “We didn't realize we were making memories. We were just having fun.”

Honor Graduates: Anna Berheide, Nicholas Cleemput, Braden Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Chandler Hopkins, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Joshua Klausung, Sarah Klausung, Taylor Lucke, Alexander Meyers, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Kierstan Siebeneck, Jaylen Vandemark, Taylor Zeller.

Parting Words ~ In the upcoming weeks, the Class of 2018 will be walking out the doors of Kalida High School one last time before starting a new chapter of our lives. Although the next chapter might include struggles and hardships, our morals and abilities will forever be shaped by the halls of Kalida Local Schools. Everything from character, intelligence, and determination to be the best, can be traced back to the lessons learned from our parents, teachers, coaches and administration. Our days of learning to excel beyond expectations have not only helped us achieve great success, but will continue to define our futures. The last thirteen years have not only prepared us for a prosperous future, but have given us precedence for how we want the next generation to be. Our experiences throughout our years in Kalida will continue to define the Class of 2018's future as we step beyond our school memories and into the rest of our lives.

Jacob Kahle, Class President of 2018

Senior Summary -This year's senior class is a small but mighty one in terms of class size (34 graduates) and the contributions they have made to the student body of Kalida High School the last four years. Their spirit, energy, and enthusiasm have been uplifting to the student body as well as the KHS staff. The potential of this group along with their infectious charisma will positively influence their future destinations. KHS graduates from the class of 2018 will be attending the following colleges or universities next year: Aveda (Columbus), Bowling Green State University, the University of Cincinnati, Grob Industries Apprenticeship Program (in conjunction with James A. Rhodes State College), James A. Rhodes State College, the University of Northwestern Ohio, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Owens Community College, Toledo University, and Wright St. University. Other graduates will be using their learned skills and trades from Vantage Career Center to seek full-time employment as well as continuing their education at related technical colleges.

We are confident that their education/training at KHS and Vantage Career Center has prepared all of our grads to meet the challenges of the new millennium in terms of the job market. In addition, their families, the strong support the community and the Kalida Local Schools has prepared them to be a positive influence in the community, our nation, and the world. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and that Kalida will always be home no matter where their journeys take them. ~ **Mr. Jeff Clement, Guidance**

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Kaufman!!

“Mrs. Nancy Kaufman will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has been teaching at Kalida for almost 35 years. While at Kalida, she has touched the lives of hundreds of children and has given our youngsters a positive start to their formal education. We truly appreciate her dedication and wish her all the best as she begins a new adventure in her life.”

~**Mrs. Kathy Verhoff, Elementary Principal**



Mrs. Nancy Kaufman

“For over 34 years I have been employed by Kalida Local Schools,” says Mrs. Kaufman. “While many would call it my job, I have not thought of it as a job. Teaching, for me, has been a calling and I have loved every minute! I have been blessed to work with wonderful colleagues and terrific families and students! Thank you all for blessing me with this wonderful opportunity. I’m so grateful. I’ll miss you all.” ~ **Mrs. Nancy Kaufman**

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| <p>2018-19 Calendar Notes</p> <p>Teacher Workday 8/16/18</p> <p>School Begins 8/21/18</p> <p>Labor Day 9/3/18 –No School</p> <p>Quarter Break 10/26/18 –No School</p> |
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Walking To Fitness

Recently, the **Kalida Local Schools Wellness Committee** invited all staff members to participate in a STEPS CHALLENGE to coincide with the April NFL draft. The three week contest consists of four teams, competing against a different team each week in a round-robin format. To participate, staff members declared themselves eligible for the draft and were then selected by a captain. Fifty-six of our employees entered and the competition has been fun and fierce.

Each week’s matchup begins on a Friday and ends at midnight the next Thursday. Mrs. Niese, Mrs. Eickholt, Mrs. Maag and Mr. Litwiller are the captains of the fourteen person teams and they have been motivating their squads to hit the trail hard each day. The buy in has been tremendous and the results impressive thus far. So if you see Kalida Local School employees hitting their stride in the school hallways or around town, it’s all in the name of good health!



**Buckeye Girls and Boys State Attendees
Cassidy Decker, Tara Gerding, Treyton Martin**

Buckeye Girls and Boys State

Congratulations to KHS Juniors Cassidy Decker and Tara Gerding for being selected to the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State and to Junior Treyton Martin on his selection to Buckeye Boys State. These three will be learning about city, county and state government processes as part of an intensive education program this summer. They were selected by American Legion Post and Unit #63 to attend the week-long event in June. Also, thanks to the Kalida CLC, Dennis Hanneman family, and the Kalida Lions Club, along with others, for their support. We are sure they will proudly represent Kalida High School.



Baby Congrats!

Warmest wishes to Kelly and Jay Siefker on the birth of their daughter, Maggie Sue. She was born on February 13 and weighed in at 8lbs. 12oz. Mrs. Siefker teaches 1st grade at KES. Welcome Maggie Sue!!

Congratulations to Adriene and Shawn Swyers on the birth of their daughter, Lauryn Grace. She was born on April 10 and weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Mrs. Swyers is the Elementary Tech-Media Assistant.

A Newbery Challenge for all 6th Graders

The Newbery Medal has been awarded annually since 1922. This award is given to the author of the book that has made "the most distinguished contribution to literature for children." This year the sixth graders at KHS were challenged at the start of the school year to read as many Newbery Medal books as possible. Of the nearly 100 Newbery Medal books, KHS 6th grade students have collectively read over half of them. Newbery Medal books span generations of readers and expose students to styles of writing, vocabulary, and plots that they might otherwise not experience. Top readers of this challenge were: Hannah Basinger, Andrea Burgei, Meredyth Horstman, Erica Kahle, Jon Luersman, Gabi Monroe, and Emerson Ricker!



KHS Summer Reading

Challenge

High School Readers: Avoid the summer slide! Keep your reading skills in shape! There's a big world out there to explore and it can begin with books! This summer, Miss Griffith and Mrs. Gerding are challenging you to continue to read and be part of the **KHS Summer Reading Challenge**. The program is for KHS students in grades 9 – 12 (including Honors and AP English) and runs from June 1 to August 15, 2018.

Read what interests you, whether it's a favorite subject, person, or genre! Students will receive an email about how to register and log their reading. Students who meet certain goals will be eligible for prizes!

KHS One of the BEST

As another school year ends, it is with great pleasure to announce that Kalida High School has once again been recognized as one of the "**Best High Schools**" for the 2017-18 school year by US News and World Report. Kalida was **one of only nineteen schools in Ohio** to earn a **GOLD** designation this year. To earn **GOLD**, a school has to rank in the top 500 High Schools nationally. Kalida ranked **18th overall in Ohio** and **419th nationally** in this year's publication.

What a remarkable accomplishment for Kalida! This recognition helps confirm the commitment to excellence by our students, teachers, parents, support staff, board, and administration. This is not just a recognition for Kalida High School. Everyone involved in the formation of our students has played an important role in their overall success. The teachers and students at Kalida Elementary and Kalida High School should take great pride in the skills they helped nurture and develop.

Thank you for your continued support of Kalida Local Schools. A popular proverb wisely states, "It takes a village to raise a child". This is evident in Kalida. I hope all of you have a blessed summer break. Rest up, have fun, and get ready to go for the GOLD again in 2018-19.

Wildcat PRIDE! ~ Principal Dean Brinkman

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/hs/districts/hs/hs-15690>

Summer Food Programs

The Ohio Department of Education Summer Food Program information map is available online at <http://education.ohio.gov> then search for Summer-Food Service-Program. Please Contact the USDA National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY for more information. The hot-lines are available 8:00 AM—8:00 PM.

Library Donations 2017-18 Total Over \$650

Donations to our school libraries can be made as memorials or gifted in honor of special occasions like birthday milestones or anniversaries. Thanks to the following people for their generous donations to the Kalida Local Schools' libraries this school year.

Elementary Library Memorial Book Donations

Jim & Diane Recker, Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Dorothy Verhoff, Susie Burgei, Cheryl Koch, KES Staff, Deb Kahle, Jill Leis, Nancy Smith and Jess Recker, Dick & Angela Schroeder, Sunday Morning Coffee Group

Kalida High School Library Memorial Book Donations

Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Jim & Diane Recker & family, KHS Faculty & Staff, Mike & Jane Merschman & family, Mark & Deb Kahle & family, Sunday Morning Coffee Group

Kalida Middle School General Donations

Andrea Burgei in Honor of 5th & 6th Grade Teachers

Prom Notes

◆ Congratulations to the 2018 Prom Queen Jaylen Vandemark and Prom King Nick Cleemput!

◆ Thanks to Mrs. Erin Hoffman, her committee and all the people involved in making this prom, **A Night at the Oscars**, a grand evening to remember. Thanks especially to Tony and Sandy Vorst and the Knights of Columbus of Kalida for the donation of the hall rental and the refreshments throughout the evening. Thanks also to Mrs. Brooke Schroeder of **Decorations for Celebrations** in Kalida for all her help with decorating ideas and the use of her inventory.

◆ The 2018 Post Prom Committee extends "A Big Thank You" to all the Junior Class members and their parents who helped make 2018 Post Prom, **Cinco de Mayo**, a success. They were able to give the students a fun evening with many prizes at the end of the night.

We've Got Heart Recognition - Last fall, Battelle Research Lab and The American Heart Association posted a challenge to students across the state of Ohio. The mission of the design challenge: Work as a team to fight heart disease and help your community become heart healthy. The Kalida students did just that! The students' **We've Got Heart!** design challenge was selected from over 200 submissions as finalists for the Student Solutions Showcase. Battelle and the Ohio Department of Education chose to highlight the work of the Kalida students, by featuring information on the Ohio Department of Education's, Ohio Stem Learning Network (osl.n.org) blog in April.

On May 15, the PLTW Biomedical Innovations class traveled to Battelle in Columbus to share **We've Got Heart!** event information. The students talked about the Congenital Heart Disease Awareness and Fundraising event they had planned, coordinated, and executed. The Kalida students were one of the twenty schools selected to present their project for scientists, legislators, biomedical professionals, and representatives of higher education. Students involved in this project are Taylor Lucke, Morgan Mock, Kamryn Webken, Taylor Zeller, Sarah Klausung, Chandler Hopkins, and Jacob Kahle. Mrs. Darla Warnecke is the instructor of the Biomed class.

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

**High School Principal Dean Brinkman
Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff
School Board Members**

Emily Peck

Gerry Vorst, President

Brad Niemeyer

Craig Schmenk, Vice 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

April Winners

- \$100 Pat Schnipke
- \$75 Marge & Denny Heitmeyer
- \$75 Keith Meyer
- \$75 Rob & Amy Edwards
- \$75 Duane & Rose Lammers
- \$50 Lori Recker
- \$50 Mary Jane Miller
- \$50 Raegan Gerdeman
- \$50 Karl Lammers
- \$50 Maximilian Siefker

May Winners

- \$100 Ron Knueve
- \$75 Vickie Goedde
- \$75 Lisa Unverferth
- \$75 Chris & Linda Hoffman
- \$50 Jean Smith
- \$50 Cheryl Fortman
- \$50 Tina Siebeneck
- \$50 Brian Anspach
- \$50 Kelly & Greg von der Embse

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Kalida Ladycats' Basketball Camp

May 29-May 31 Kalida High School Gym

Girls entering Grades 6-8 will attend 9:00 –11:30 AM Cost \$35

Girls entering Grades 3-5 will attend 12:00-1:30 PM Cost \$30

Contact Adam Huber at adam.huber @kalidaschools.org or call 419-653-4497 for more information.



The Fourth Quarter Honor Roll will be published on the school website soon after final grades are handed out. Check the site for our academic honor students.

Lists will also be in

The Lima News, The Delphos Herald and Putnam County Sentinel.

Kalida Wildcats Mini Cheer Camp

June 18-21 5:00-6:00 PM



Girls age 4 through grade 6 (for the 2018-19 school year) can attend a mini cheer camp at Kalida. Cost is only \$30. Participants will receive a t-shirt and a cheer bow as part of the camp cost. Applicants have until June 4 to register to guarantee receiving a t-shirt. Forms are available through the school office. Contact Wendy Stechschulte at 419-532-3223 or email at wendy.stechschulte@kalidaschools.org for more information.

American Sign Language Honor Society

Congratulations to Alecia Dunn, Noah Hermiller, Makenna Hoyt and Taylor Zeller upon their acceptance into the ASL Honor Society. These students had to carry a 3.5 GPA in ASL courses for two years and an overall GPA of 3.2 in all other classes. They completed the community service requirement by teaching sign language to students in grades K-6 for a total of 27 hours collectively.

Noah Hermiller Receives State FFA Degree

This May, the Ohio FFA Association awarded over 800 State FFA Degrees to members from all across the state. Kalida FFA proudly had our president and KHS senior, Noah Hermiller, receive this honor.

The State FFA Degree requires a member have at least 25 hours of community service, participate in at least 8 different FFA activities above the chapter level, compete in at least two Career Development Events, have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, and productively invest or earn \$2,500 in their respective Supervised Agricultural Experience project. This is the highest degree a FFA member can earn at the state level and we extremely proud to add Noah to our list of prestigious members with this honor.