



Graduation
Sunday,
May 26,
2019
2:00 PM

KHS
Gymnasium



Mr. Karl Lammers Superintendent
 Grant Laudick President
 Lauren Langhals Vice President
 Allison Wurth Secretary
 Connor Krouse Treasurer
 Mr. Dean Brinkman Principal



Samantha Backus
 Bernadette Basinger
 Racheal Basinger
 Faith Burget

Kalida High School
 Class of 2019



Michael Cox
 Cassidy Decker
 Keith Doepker
 Morgan Edelbrock



Brian Edwards
 Melissa Erhart
 Adam Fitzgerald
 Collin Fortman
 Nicole Fortman
 Jonah Gerding
 Tara Gerding
 Camryn Hoffman
 Makenna Hoyt
 Halie Kaufman
 Trevor Lambert
 Daley Lewis



Treyton Martin
 Hayden McKee
 Alexis Meyer
 Clay Meyer
 Morgan Mock
 Maclerin Morrissey
 Christian Nartker
 Owen Niemeyer
 Makenna Niese
 Owen Recker
 Dakota Rosselt
 Ethan Schmenk



Alyssa Schulte
 Megan Schulte
 Cameron Siebeneck
 Bradley Stieffer
 Hannah Smith
 Adam Snipes
 Joshua Verhoff
 Paul von der Embse
 Trevor Vorst
 Midge Westrick
 Jack Zeller

Class Song: "I Lived" by One Republic

Class Flower: Black Magic Rose

Class Motto: "Chase your Dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again."

Valedictorians: Tara Gerding, Trevor Lambert, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst

Salutatorian: Midge Westrick

Twenty-One Honor Grads

Samantha Backus, Racheal Basinger, Cassidy Decker, Keith Doepker, Nicole Fortman, Tara Gerding, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Makenna Niese, Owen Recker, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Midge Westrick, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller.

Parting Words- "As the Class of 2019 high school days are coming to a close, we cherish these last few weeks together. The bumps along the way have pushed and strengthened us as we journey to the next part of our lives. Although we may go our separate ways, the memories and friendships made will last forever. While we have been known as the class to drive many teachers to retirement throughout our elementary and junior high days, we are finally retiring from Kalida High School ourselves. From start to finish, we thank everyone from our parents to teachers and everyone in between for helping us get to where we are today. The Class of 2019 is without a doubt ready to take on the world, but is the world ready for us? " ~ **Grant Laudick, Class President**



Final Thoughts

“A slice of educational heaven; yes, that's often the phrase I use when I refer to Kalida Elementary. Great kids, outstanding teachers, engaged parents and a supportive community are the ingredients of this incredible slice. As the days are being counted down, I am adding up my blessings on the opportunities this community has given me for the last 5 years.

“I truly love what I do. It’s never the same day twice. Seriously! The changes in education that I've seen in the last 31 years have been many. However, the development of the child is still pretty much the same. They still find wonder and awe in the simple things, and, of course, tell it like it is. Again, seriously!

“I will always have a special place in my heart for the children who have touched my life. I have and will continue to enjoy watching them grow and make life choices. Yes, even the little ones who push the envelope, step outside the box and at times are a bit ornery. They are the future movers and shakers. May they lead us well.

“At this time, I want thank the school board, administration, staff, students and parents for the opportunity to be a part of this truly, extraordinary school system. The memories... I will treasure forever.”

~ Mrs. Kathy Verhoff, Elementary Principal

Introducing our Elementary’s New Principal

Mrs. Kayla Stechschulte was hired in April by the Kalida Local Schools’ Board of Education to replace Mrs. Verhoff as Kalida Elementary Principal.



Mrs. Stechschulte is currently teaching fourth grade at Kalida, a position she has held

for the past seven years. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Education from Ashland University in 2010 and her Masters from Concordia University in 2016. She has also coached cross country, track and basketball for our schools. Mrs. Stechschulte and her husband Adam currently reside in Columbus Grove with their daughter, Viviana.

Mrs. Stechschulte is thrilled to begin her new administrative role in the district and had these comments regarding the change, “I feel extremely blessed for the opportunity to continue working with such a supportive community, dedicated staff, and students who love to learn here at Kalida Elementary School. I am excited for this new journey as I transition roles and look forward to continuing our success at KES in the future.”

Mrs. Stechschulte will become the fourth elementary principal in the past thirty-eight years at Kalida when she begins her duties on August 1.



Congratulations to Prom Queen Alexis Meyer and Prom King Keith Doepker who were crowned during festivities on May 4. Keith is the son of Brian and Michele Doepker. Alexis is the daughter of Keith and Lisa Meyer.

Congratulations to Junior Trevor Siefker and Senior Sami Backus who recently took home top prizes at the State Skills USA Championships. Sami took Gold in CNC Turning and Trevor took Gold in Precision Machining. Sami is the daughter of Steve and Suellen Backus. Trevor is the son of Mary and Roger Siefker. Nationals will be held in June. Both students attend the Vantage Career Center.



Congratulations to Senior Nicole Fortman who has earned acceptance into the American Sign Language Honor Society. Nicole completed two years of ASL and carried a 3.5 GPA or higher each year. She volunteered 5 hours of community service by teaching sign language to students in the elementary. Nicole joins senior Makenna Hoyt who earned this honor last year and who has completed 3 years of ASL classes.

Congratulations to Clara Elkins and Kyla Fortman who have been chosen to attend Buckeye Girls State this summer. Clara is the daughter of Doug and C. Darcy Elkins. Kyla is the daughter of Chris and Karen Fortman.

Buckeye Girls State is a week-long program designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, rights, and responsibilities of good citizenship. BGS delegates learn more about city, county, and state government in one week than they will in an entire semester of high school.

Kalida Wildcats Mini Cheer Camp

June 24-27

5:00 – 6:00 PM

High School Gymnasium

Children from AGE 4 through GRADE 6. The event is run by the 2019-2020 KHS Varsity & Reserve Cheerleaders. Cost is \$30. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and a spirit item as part of the camp cost if submitted by Monday, June 10. Late registrations will be accepted; however, shirts cannot be guaranteed with a late registration. Our goal is to have fun while instructing the fundamentals of this sport. There will be a special program held on Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 PM in the high school gymnasium.



~ *Wendy Stechschulte, Cheer Advisor*



Kalida Ladycats' Basketball Camp

May 29 - May 31

Kalida High School Gym

Girls entering Grades 6-8

9:00-11:30 AM Wednesday-Friday Cost \$35

Girls entering Grades 3-5

12:00 – 1:30 PM Wednesday-Friday Cost \$30

For more information, contact Adam Huber by email at adam.huber@kalidaschools.org or by phone at 419-532-3529 (School) or 419-653-4497 (Home).

Prom Thanks - Thanks to the parents and the staff of KHS for their involvement with this year's prom - **A Night Of Travels**. Thanks to the Kalida K of C for the sponsoring the hall and beverages. Thanks also to Brooke Schroeder's **Decorations For Celebrations** in Kalida. Everyone helped make the prom a great success.
~ *Erin Hoffman, Prom Advisor*

KHS Summer Reading Program

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 continuing the Summer Reading Challenge, challenging students to take part and read during the summer months. The program is for KHS students in grades 9 – 12 and runs from June 3 to August 16, 2019. Read what interests you, whether it's a favorite subject, person, or genre! Summer reading novels for classes count as well! Students will receive an email about how to register and log their reading. Students who meet certain goals will be eligible for prizes!

High School Day of Service

On May 13, our high school students took part in the first annual "Day of Service". The idea came from Junior Evan Roebke who wanted to promote service in our community. Our Freshmen and Sophomores were fully trained in CPR and received a certification from the American Heart Association.

Our Juniors and Seniors helped local businesses and organizations with "spring cleaning". They worked at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Kalida Meadows, Kahle Supply, and the Putnam County Historical Society. We also had a group of students help with the **COSI on Wheels** program at the elementary as well as help organize books in the KHS library. Another group of kids stayed back and help set up for field day and cook a delicious lunch for the entire school.

Thanks to all who helped make this unique learning opportunity possible. It was a wonderful and worthwhile day. Also, thank you to the Kalida community for your continued support of Kalida Local Schools.

~ *Dean Brinkman, Principal*

Recruiting Volunteers for your KHS Alumni

Do you value the purpose behind a scholarship program? Are you proud of Kalida Schools? Can you offer up fresh ideas and a few hours of time twice a year?

The Alumni Association is looking to bring on 2-3 new Committee members. There is a successful fundraiser and scholarship program in place and several experienced member volunteers who are willing to show the ropes to some new recruits. Consider your personal commitment to the tradition, achievements and award winning reputation alive within the walls of KHS.

Happy to field questions and share more info! amy@bridgewaypro.com or cell 419-303-5874.

~ *Amy Recker*

Baby News - Warmest wishes to Mr. Blake and Andrea Walker on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Jeanette. She was born on February 14, 2019. Mr. Walker teaches third grade at KES.

Congratulations to Chelsea and Kyle Recker on the birth of their son, Vincent James Recker. He was born on April 16, 2019. Mrs. Recker is also a third grade teacher at KES.



Did you know? Free lunches are available to our students during the summer.

LIMA CITY SCHOOLS 2019

Summer

LUNCH PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN AGES 1 YEAR TO 18 YEARS (No Adults)

Served at:
Heritage Elementary
Independence Elementary
Liberty Arts Magnet
South Sci-Tech Magnet
Unity Elementary

*meals must be eaten on site - leftovers may not be removed from eating area

June 10th thru August 1st ★ Monday thru Thursday ★ 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
USDA is an equal opportunity employer Questions? 419-996-3437

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

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

Emily Peck

Gerry Vorst

Brad Niemeyer, Vice President

Craig Schmenk, President

Greg von der Embse

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

Box 269

Kalida, OH 45853

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Music Boosters

April Winners

- \$100 Michelle Doepker
- \$75 Dick & Jane Schulte
- \$75 Greg & Trisha Klausing
- \$75 Leroy & Mary Jane Wehri
- \$75 Brian Anspach
- \$50 Brenda Aversch
- \$50 Tim Meyers
- \$50 Dave & Becky Unverferth
- \$50 Pat Kohls
- \$50 Lori Fischer

May Winners

- \$100 Bill & Beth Rieman
- \$75 Terry Kahle
- \$75 Tim Meyers
- \$75 Austin & Rylee Schnipke
- \$50 Matthew Bockrath
- \$50 Ron & Dorothy Kerner
- \$50 Marilyn & Denny McCollum
- \$50 Barb Niese
- \$50 Rob & Amy Edwards

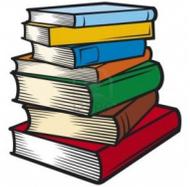
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Date Change: The June Board of Education meeting will be held on June 26 at 7:00 PM.

Kalida Schools Library Memorial Book Donations

A sincere "thank you" to the following people for their generous donations to our school libraries this past 2018-19 school year.



In Memory

- Bob Schmenk
- Dr. Ronald Fessler
- Eva Swyers

Elementary Library Donations

- KES Staff
- Nancy Kaufman
- Sean & Adri Swyers Family, Rick & Mary Kay Unverferth, Alison & Andy Niemeyer Family, Matt & Angela Schnipke, KES Staff
- Kalida Board of Education, KES Staff, Joni Unverferth Family, Jim & Susie Burgei Family
- Kalida Board of Education, KES Staff, Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Dorothy Verhoff, Renee Slocum, Joan Fons, Erin Hirko, Ginda Heckler
- Gretchen & Karl Lammers
- Ryan & Nikki Birkemeier
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- Krouse Grandkids, Great Grandkids, Nancy Kaufman, Mark & Deb Kahle
- Morning Coffee Club
- Jim & Susie Burgei Family
- Nancy Kaufman, Pat Broecker, Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Norbert Hoffman, Kenneth & Dorothy Lammers, The von der Embse Cousins, Sarah & Anne Blanford, Dennis & Jane Gerdeman, Louis & Lorene Jettinghoff, Carl & Ida Meyer, Mark & Ann Warnecke, Jim & Diane Recker, Julie & Daryl Amstutz, Jennifer Allen, Judith E. Nienberg, Al & Ruth Hoffman, Dale & Deborah Evers, Jeremy & Erin McGuire, Kalida CLC Council, Kalida St. Michael's, KES Staff

In Memory

Library Donations

- Paul & Pauline Wank
- Frank Gardner
- Jim Unverferth
- Bob Schmenk
- Lois Recker

Middle/HS

- Greg & Denise Scherer
- Class of 2025
- KHS, Kalida Board of Education
- Kalida Board of Education
- Kalida HS Faculty & Staff

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.

