



Welcome Back!

Kalida Local Schools start the new school year on **August 20, 2014**. I would like to welcome everyone back for another year of challenges and opportunities. Each year brings changes and this one is no different, starting with my own change of jobs. Moving to the superintendent's office is no doubt a challenge, but one I look forward to tackling. I want to thank Mr. Horstman for assisting in the transition and wish him luck at Ottawa-Glandorf. Mrs. Webken and Ms. Recker have also helped tremendously in getting me settled in.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great team at Kalida Elementary for making the past fifteen years so memorable. I look forward to many more in my new role and now I get to include the high school in my daily passion of educating our youngsters.

There are several other new faces in our district this year. The district has hired Mrs. Kathy Verhoff as our elementary principal, Mrs. Darla Warnecke as our *Project Lead The Way* Biomed instructor, and Miss Kaylan Griffith as our high school English teacher. Check out more about each of these individuals in other sections of this Paw Print.

The upcoming school year is also filled with changes. State testing, graduation requirements, teacher evaluations and state learning standards are all evolving. We will keep the public informed of these issues in upcoming Paw Print articles.

On the local front, Kalida Schools are ready for the challenges of a new year. Sound financial planning and ongoing community support have put us on solid ground. We are entering the 2014-2015 school year with optimism and pride. Let's all work together for a great year!

Karl Lammers, Superintendent



Welcome New Elementary Principal

Mrs. Kathy Verhoff has been hired as the new elementary principal. Mrs. Verhoff is a graduate of Miller City High School and attended Bowling Green State University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and her Master's Degree in Educational Administration.

She comes to us from Fort Jennings where she served as elementary principal. She says, "I am grateful and honored to be chosen to join this dedicated team and to work with such a supportive community. I am very excited about this opportunity and truly look forward to serving the children and families of the Kalida School District."

Kathy and her husband, Joe, are residents of Kalida along with their 3 children: Sarah, Noah and Joshua.

Welcome New Staff!



Mrs. Darla Warnecke will be taking Mr. Gordon's place teaching HS/JH Science and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Science. Darla, her husband Bret and their 3 children: Ayden, Ethan and Camdyn are residents of the Kalida School District. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Medicine, Health and

Physical Education. She earned a Masters of Education with a science focus from the University of Findlay. Mrs. Warnecke has been teaching for sixteen years in the Miller City School District.

Darla is a Master Teacher for PLTW, traveling to a variety of colleges and universities during the summer instructing High School teachers. She is excited about joining the excellent staff and working with the dedicated students and supportive families of Kalida.



Ms. Kaylan Griffith is the new high school English teacher here at Kalida. The classes Kaylan will be teaching this year include 8th grade Language Arts, English 9, English 11, and Honors English 11. Kaylan is a 2008 graduate from Columbus Grove. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree

and then went on to attend the University of Findlay where she received her teaching license in English/Language Arts. Kaylan taught high school English last year at Miller City. She began coaching cheerleading here in 2012 and currently serves as our high school cheer advisor. Kaylan is excited to start the school year, and she looks forward to working with the staff, students, and community of Kalida.



School Garden Produces Bumper Crop

During its first year, the FFA garden, located at the high school, has been producing a bountiful harvest of produce for the upcoming school year. The garden, built in the last school days of May, has been maintained by FFA members and Agricultural Education instructor Ryan McMichael. So far the biggest producer has been cucumber plants, which have been processed into pickles and stored fresh to use for the school lunches. Most of the vegetables were planted later in the season so that the peak harvest would not start until school was in session. The garden will continue to be utilized until winter and FFA members will begin to plan for next year's crops. The entire project was funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

Bus Driver Retirement

A special thanks to Roger Luersman who has dedicated many years to Kalida Local as a teacher and bus driver. When he retired from teaching in 2008, he continued to substitute teach and drive as a substitute driver but after 40 years he has now decided to hang up the bus driving keys. Roger will continue to sub in the school system as a teacher but plans on spending more time off the road.

We are always looking for extra-curricular drivers for games and student activities. Anyone interested in becoming a substitute driver should call Nancy Grote, 419-532-3529, for more information. Classes for new drivers will be held evenings in Van Wert beginning September 8.

Lunch Prices

We are keeping the same prices for lunch again this year. No changes are planned as of this time. Payments for lunches should be made in the school office **prior** to the lunch period. No payments will be collected in line.

Elementary Student Lunch	\$2.25	Extra Milk	50C
High School Student Lunch	\$2.50	Extra Milk	50C
Adult Lunch/Salad meal	\$3.40	Extra Milk	50C

Free Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Lunch applications will be distributed to the youngest in the family on the first day of school. If you feel your income falls in the qualifying categories, please fill out a form and return it to the school office by August 27 with attention to Nancy Grote. This is a confidential procedure and with the Meals Plus program your child's meal and financial status remains protected. Reduced lunch prices are 40C.



School Transportation

Bus routes for this year will remain same as last year. Please be prepared to board the bus promptly. Many of the buses leave the bus barn at 6:45 AM. Students must have prior authorization from the school office to take a different bus home other than their assigned bus. The drivers and corresponding bus numbers are listed below.

Bus # 1	Jan Schroeder
Bus # 2	Bill Schulte
Bus # 4	Chris Schroeder
Bus # 5	Dick Hoffman
Bus # 8	Linda Schmenk
Bus # 7 and # 9	(Spare Buses)

Kalida Local

Staff 2014—2015



Karl Lammers	Superintendent	Kathleen Verhoff	Elementary Principal
Cindy Webken	Treasurer	Marcia Vennekotter	Secretary
Julie Recker	Assistant Treasurer/Superintendent's Secretary	Beth Birkemeier	3rd Grade
Jeff Clement	Guidance	Pat Broecker	1st Grade
Jeremy Okuley	Tech Director	Lori Erhart	3rd Grade
Chris Pfähler	High School Principal	Deb Eickholt	5th Grade
Nancy Grote	Secretary/ASL	Keith Fischer	Physical Education
Carol Kahle	Secretary	Lori Fischer	Intervention Specialist
Brenda Burgei	Math	Mary Glick	Vocal Music
Kelly Dubé	Intervention Specialist	Darlene Imm	2nd Grade
Robert Gasser	Social Studies	Deb Kahle	Kindergarten
Mary Gerding	English	Nancy Kaufman	Kindergarten
Kaylan Griffith	English	Kayla King	4th Grade
Beth Grime	Science	Cheryl Koch	1st Grade
Adam Huber	Math/Athletic Director	Jessica Recker	Kindergarten
Lori Klausing	Instrumental Band	Jill Laudick	2nd Grade
Stacy Kneuve	Computer/Business	Alison Luderman	4th Grade
Dale Liebrecht	Engineering	Michele Niese	5th Grade
Ryan McMichael	Vocational Agriculture	Kelly Siefker	1st Grade
Scott Miller	Social Studies	Megan Heitmeyer	Para Professional
Steven Myers	Art	Mary Lou Hoffman	Library Aide
Ken Pothast	Science	Dick Hoffman	Bus Driver
Denise Scherer	Librarian	Linda Schmenk	Cook/Bus driver
Pam Schroeder	Language Arts	Chris Schroeder	Teacher Aide/ Bus Driver
Robb Schultz	Science/Social Studies	Jan Schroeder	Bus Driver
Roxanne Schumacher	Math	Bill Schulte	Bus Driver
Mary Smith	6th Grade	Sue Clementz	Cook
Kristen Stechschulte	Physical Education	Doris Stechschulte	Head cook
Danielle Storey	Spanish	Ken Stechschulte	Head Maintenance
Melanie Thorbahn	Intervention Specialist	Dan Bellmann	Maintenance
Blyth Turnwald	6th Grade	Gary Vorst	Custodian
Darla Warnecke	Biomed/Science		
Carol Bockrath	Café Monitor/ AD Secretary		
Sarah Neidert	Café Manager		
Carolyn Miller	Cook		
Mary A. Hoersten	Cook		
Joyce Buss	Cook/Cashier		

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Chris Pfahler

Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

School Board Members

Sue M. Gerdeman-President

Gerry Vorst-Vice President

Nicole Niemeyer

Emily Peck

Greg von der Embse

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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June, July, August

\$50 Music Booster Winners

Tony & Sandy Vorst

Lily Krouse

John & Ruth Smith

Dorothy VonderEmbse

Denny & Marge Heitmeyer

Mary Kay Unverferth

Mike Knueve

Roger & Mary Siefker

Karl Lammers

Amy Edwards

Ryan & Erin Kerner

Shelly Hopkins

Bookbills: Book fees for students in grades 9 - 12 will be issued on September 4 after student schedules are finalized.

Payments are due by September 12.

School Delays and Closings

Sign up for text alerts at <http://www.ohioalerts.org/kalida>. You can also find more information for school closings or delays on the following local radio and TV stations:

TELEVISION STATIONS

WTOL - Channel 11

WTVG - Channel 13

WNWO - Channel 24

WLIO - Channel 35

RADIO STATIONS

WDOH (107.1 FM), WIMA (1150 AM), WIMT (102.1 FM), The Frog (92.1 FM), The Eagle (104.9 FM), WBUK (106.3 FM)

In conjunction with The Union Bank Company, we will now use Re\$ubmittit®, an electronic check recovery service, to collect checks returned to Kalida Local Schools due to non-sufficient funds (NSF). ~ *Treasurer Cindy Webken*



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