



**This Just In!**  
**No School**  
**September 11**  
**Staff InService Day**

**Welcome Back to School!**

Kalida Local Schools will be back in session on Tuesday, August 22. I am pleased to welcome everyone back to continue the tradition of success in our district. We appreciate the partnership we have in place between school and home to work towards high levels of achievement for our students. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment for every student. There are several new employees to introduce. The district welcomes Mr. Dean Brinkman as high school principal; Mrs. Jill Leis to teach kindergarten; Mr. Blake Walker as a third grade teacher; Miss Tricia Schoen as our vocational agriculture teacher; Mr. Kevin Deitering returns as our Spanish teacher; Mike Unverferth as a route and Vantage bus driver; and Mrs. Sue Wehri and Mrs. Mandy Anspach will be new cooks in the cafeteria. Check out more about these new employees on the last page of this issue. Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to an awesome year.

*Karl Lammers, Superintendent*



“*A Tradition of Excellence* were the words that I first saw when I walked into the high school office at Kalida Schools; and I couldn’t agree more. Kalida Local Schools has a history of providing extraordinary academic, athletic, musical, and artistic opportunities for their students. The students have a reputation of being hard-working and showing grit and determination to be the best they can be. I am extremely proud and excited to be part of such a tradition.

“I am sure I am not alone in feeling the mix of nervousness and excitement as the school year approaches. I am nervous about meeting new teachers, students, and to start a new chapter in my personal and professional life at Kalida. However, I have become more relaxed and certainly more excited as I have met with various stakeholders in the community. Everyone that I have met from the staff and faculty, administration, board of education, parents and students have truly left a positive impression on me.

“I am excited to get started at Kalida. I have a diverse background of working at Lima Central Catholic High School for nine years as a teacher and administrator to working the past five years as principal at the kindergarten through eighth grade Ottawa Elementary building. I believe these experiences have prepared me well for the current position as principal of the middle school and high school here at Kalida. I hope to continue and build upon the *‘tradition of excellence’* at Kalida Local Schools. Welcome Back!”

*Mr. Dean Brinkman, Principal*



**KHS All Sports Passes**

Sport Passes are now available for purchase in the Treasurer’s Office. Home games begin August 19.

Prices have not increased:

- Family - \$325                      Adult - \$115
- Sr. Citizen (60 +) \$85              Student - \$85

**CALENDAR NOTES FOR 2017-18**

**August 22, 2017 First Day of School**

September 4—Labor Day	No School
<b>September 11—All Day Inservice</b>	No School
October 27—Quarter Break	No School
November 20-21 Parent Teacher Conferences	Scheduled appointments
November 21-24 Thanksgiving Break	No School
December 21– January 1 Christmas/New Year’s Break	
January 2, 2018 —Classes Resume	
January 15– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No School
February 19– Presidents’ Day	No School
March 29—April 2 Spring Break/Easter	No School
May 23—Last Day for Students	
May 27—Graduation Class of 2018	

# 2017-18 Staff Roster

## Karl Lammers, Superintendent 419-532-3534

Cindy Webken, Treasurer  
Julie Kahle, Assistant Treasurer, EMIS Coordinator  
Julie Amstutz-Psychologist  
Jeff Clement-Guidance  
Jeremy Okuley-Director of Technology

## Middle/High School Staff 419-532-3529

Dean Brinkman-Principal  
Carol Bockrath- Athletic Secretary/Study Hall  
Brenda Burgei- HS Math  
Kevin Deitering-Spanish  
Kelly Dube-Intervention Specialist  
Mary Gerding- English  
Neil Gerding—HS Social Studies  
Kaylan Griffith-English  
Beth Grime-Science, Chemistry  
Nancy Grote-ASL Monitor, Attendance Secretary  
Adam Huber- Math, Athletic Director  
Carol Kahle- HS Secretary  
Stacy Knueve- Business, Computers, Yearbook  
Dale Liebrecht-Technology, Engineering, PLTW  
Jacob Litwiller-Elementary/HS Band  
Alison Luderman-Grade 5  
Emily Maag-Reading, Language Arts  
Scott Miller-Social Studies  
Steve Myers-Art  
Ken Pothast- Science  
Denise Scherer-Media Specialist  
Tricia Schoen- Vocational Agriculture  
Robb Schultz-Science, Social Studies  
Roxie Schumacher-HS Math  
Mary Smith-Grade 6  
Wendy Stechschulte- Grade 5  
Melanie Thorbahn-Intervention Specialist/Phys. Ed  
Blyth Turnwald- Grade 6  
Dara Warnecke-Science, Biomedical, PLTW



## Elementary Staff 419-532-3845

Kathleen J. Verhoff- Elementary Principal  
Deb Eickholt-Grade 2  
Gina Erhart-Paraprofessional  
Lori Erhart-Grade 3  
Lori Fischer- Developmentally Handicapped  
Mary Glick-Vocal Music Elementary/HS  
Darlene Imm- Grade 2  
Deb Kahle-Kindergarten  
Nancy Kaufman-Kindergarten  
Cheryl Koch-Grade 1  
Jill Laudick-Grade 2  
Jill Leis- Kindergarten  
Megan Westenbarger- Speech  
Michele Niese-Grade 4  
Jessica Recker-Grade 1  
Linda Schmenk-Paraprofessional  
Chris Schroeder-Elementary Aide  
Kelly Siefker-Grade 1  
Kayla Stechschulte-Grade 4  
Kristen Stechschulte-Physical Education K-8  
Adriene Swyers- Media Specialist  
Marcia Vennekotter- Secretary  
Blake Walker-Grade 3  
Jessica Wischmeyer-Grade 3

## Cafeteria Staff

Sarah Neidert-District Café Manager  
Doris Stechschulte-Elementary Lead Cook  
Jo Buss-HS Cook/Cashier  
Carolyn Miller-HS Cook  
Mandy Anspach-Elementary Cook  
Jean Smith-Elementary Cook  
Sue Wehri-HS Cook

## Maintenance Department

Ken Stechschulte-Head of Maintenance  
Dan Bellmann-Elementary Custodian  
Gary Vorst-High School Custodian

## Route Bus Drivers

Bev Berheide  
Mary Siefker  
Mike Unverferth  
Chris Schroeder  
Linda Schmenk



## Did You Know?

The *Daily School Announcements* and current *Lunch Menus* can be found at the school's website. Parents you can also check the balance on your child's lunch account there under Resources/Parent/Meals Plus. Go to [kalidaschools.org](http://kalidaschools.org) and check it out! As always, payments to the lunch accounts can be dropped off at either school office or now online through the Meals Plus site.

## 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:

WLIO -TV Channel 35	The Frog (92.1 FM)
WDOH—Radio (107.1 FM)	The Eagle (104.9 FM)
WIMA (1150 AM)	WBUK (106.3 FM)

**Congratulations** to Alison and Rob Luderman on the birth of their daughter, Larkin Lee, on May 16, 2017. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long! Larkin joins older brother Bo at their home near Hamler.

Mrs. Luderman is a 5th/6th grade teacher at Kalida Middle School.

## Senior Magazine Sales Begin September 1!

If you need to re-order or order new subscriptions, please call the high school office and we will get you in contact with a senior class member. (419-532-3529) Profits from this sale help with funding the senior class trip.

# District Financial Report

The Kalida Board of Education and Administration are committed to financial responsibility and accountability. We welcome your feedback on this information. This statement is for the General Fund only, so it does not include, for example, revenue and expenditures for the Bond Retirement, Permanent Improvement, Student Activity or Athletic Funds. Definitions are provided to help you better understand the Income and Expense Statement below. Please feel free to contact the Treasurer's office at 419-532-3556 for more information.

Cynthia Webken, Treasurer

## Income

**Real Estate Taxes** – These are the property taxes paid by our district landowners, both residential and commercial.

**Public Utility Personal Property Taxes** – This money is paid by utility and telecommunication companies on the value of their stations, towers, poles, etc. This is not to be confused with Tangible Personal Property Taxes that businesses use to pay on the value of their inventory and machinery. That tax was eliminated in 2009 by the State of Ohio and replaced with a C.A.T. tax and Kalida Schools does not receive any C.A.T. tax money.

**Income Tax** – Kalida School District has a 1% continuing school district income tax. This tax is paid by district residents on their income.

**Misc. Local Revenue** – This includes student supplemental reading material sales, recorder sales and library fines, donations to the general fund, copies and laminating fees, sale of equipment, etc.

**School Foundation** – This is revenue from the State of Ohio that is designated for the general operation of our school district. Driving factors for this money is the number of students we serve and value of our district real estate property.

**Homestead & Rollback** – Each property taxpayer received a 12.5% reduction on their property tax bill for their primary residence. The state reimburses school districts for this reduction.

**Misc. State Revenue** – Misc. State grants are included on this line.

## Expenses

**Salaries** – This expense is the salaries of all employees, including substitutes, severance payments, and misc. income. This report is for the general fund only, so does not include employees paid out of other funds, such as the cafeteria workers who are paid out of cafeteria funds.

**Misc. Benefits** - This line includes life and vision insurance expenses, FICA, medicare, and unemployment taxes, and worker's compensation payments.

**Misc. Purchase Services** – This expense includes all services we receive from our internet provider, costs for our students being educated in other districts, property, fleet and liability insurance and all other utilities not broken out.

**Supplies and Textbooks** – This expense is for all supplies for the district. This includes instructional supplies and textbooks, as well as diesel fuel and tires for the busses and other consumable items such as paper, janitorial supplies, etc.

**Equipment** – This expense is mostly for new computers and other technology equipment and new busses since both of these funds are within the general fund. Other equipment expenses are paid for out of the Permanent Improvement Fund.

**Miscellaneous Expenses** – This includes fees paid to our county auditor's office for collecting property taxes, fees paid to the state for collecting our income taxes, financial audit fees, and legal advice for board policies.

**Cash Advances** – Funds that are advanced to another fund from the general fund, but are paid back to the general fund when the other fund has the funds available.

**Transfers** – This line records funds that are permanently transferred from the general fund to another fund.

Kalida Local School District				
General Fund Income & Expense 5-Year Statement Comparison				
July 1 to June 30				
	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Local Real Estate Taxes	\$1,622,832	\$1,574,931	\$1,502,113	\$1,363,274
Local Public Utility Personal Property Taxes	232,971	177,292	124,174	91,613
Local Income Taxes	1,371,250	1,357,910	2,210,890	1,538,114
Other Local Sources:				
Open Enrollment Receipts	312,533	328,400	295,369	298,942
Interest Earned	32,450	12,655	7,015	4,199
Pay to Participate Receipts	0	0	0	19,360
iPad Insurance Receipts	7,750	3,150	13,200	13,950
Bookbill Receipts	30,277	28,784	26,464	27,363
Building & Property Rental Receipts	9,730	11,115	8,335	9,565
Tax Abatement Compensation Agreements	8,952	8,957	6,848	7,866
Transportation Services Provided To Other Schools	3,563	4,961	11,674	14,526
BWC (including Billion Back) Refunds	2,771	0	13,132	7,501
REAP Grant Revenue (Federal flow thru)	24,274	21,320	46,775	48,678
eRate Reimbursement Revenue (Federal flow thru)	36,052	0	0	0
Medicaid Revenue (Federal flow thru)	15,497	15,319	12,488	1,793
Miscellaneous Local Revenue	9,014	9,773	8,654	6,195
State School Foundation	2,958,554	2,762,122	2,502,214	2,507,714
State Homestead & Rollback Revenue	223,238	227,489	211,833	187,698
Other State Sources:				
Casino Tax Revenue	30,523	31,731	31,432	31,703
Poverty Based Assistance Revenue	747.53	1,425	651	1,140
Career/Vocational Tech Revenue	48,466	39,415	37,071	31,430
Miscellaneous State Revenue	0	0	6,863	0
Technology Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	0
School Bus Purchase Fund	60,000	60,000	100,000	77,800
Cash Advances Returned From Other Funds	550	3,266	0	6,335
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,116,995</b>	<b>\$6,755,016</b>	<b>\$7,252,195</b>	<b>\$6,296,758</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Salaries	3,240,043	3,191,320	\$3,231,975	3,039,095
Benefits				
Retirement Contributions	536,196	527,907	488,055	502,776
Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	604,712	568,932	551,268	537,319
HSA and FLEX Plan Employer Contributions	88,994	70,747	66,600	61,287
Miscellaneous Benefits	63,199	51,016	73,620	63,102
Purchased Services				
Spec. Education Services from Putnam County ESC	364,120	240,608	273,425	192,112
Open Enrollment Fees paid to Other Districts	153,509	140,643	119,157	112,550
Open Enrollment Fees paid to Community Schools	42,705	46,683	46,593	58,857
Electricity	126,009	105,507	109,908	101,050
Natural Gas	12,250	17,051	40,268	30,446
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	135,519	223,775	242,742	241,170
Supplies & Textbooks	151,960	249,128	199,407	179,807
Equipment	194,160	132,633	119,305	139,054
Miscellaneous Expenditures	98,653	111,019	100,356	106,356
Cash Advances Given To Other Funds	0	550	3,266	0
Transfers to:				
Elementary Loan Payment Fund	37,500	37,500	395,162	70,000
Athletic Fund	4,000	4,000	0	0
OSFC Building Maintenance Fund	33,080	33,080	33,080	33,080
Permanent Improvement Fund	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
School Bus Purchase Fund	60,000	60,000	100,000	77,800
Severance Fund	29,069	26,430	58,449	26,074
Technology Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,118,678</b>	<b>\$5,981,530</b>	<b>\$6,395,635</b>	<b>\$5,639,935</b>
<b>Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$998,317</b>	<b>\$773,486</b>	<b>\$856,560</b>	<b>\$656,824</b>
<b>General Fund Ending Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,446,037</b>	<b>\$4,447,720</b>	<b>\$3,674,234</b>	<b>\$2,817,674</b>

**Superintendent Karl Lammers**

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

Emily Peck, President

Gerry Vorst, Vice President

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**School Board Meetings**

Second Wednesday 7:00 PM

Kalida School Board Room

Kalida Board of Education

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**Music Boosters****June \$50 Winners**— Mary Jane Miller,  
Bret Warnecke, Kim Bockath, Barb Neidert,  
Barry/Ann Woodward**July \$50 Winners**— Jane/Mike Merschman,  
Jeffrey Knueve, Andrea Burgei,  
Randy/Kelly Buss, Dorothy Kahle**August \$50 Winners**— Dick/Irma Hoffman,  
Gary/Jan Schroeder, John/Ruth Smith,  
Greg/Jane Giessler, Robb/Jill Recker*We are currently selling tickets for this year's  
drawings that begin on Pioneer Sunday.  
Anyone interested in tickets may call  
419-890-6564 or 419-615-8579.*

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Kalida, OH 45853

**Lunch Prices/Free & Reduced Lunches**Meal prices this year will be **\$2.45 for grades K-5**  
and **\$2.60 for grades 6-12.**Families that qualify for free  
or reduced lunches may fill  
out the necessary papers to  
get their children a free, warm  
lunch daily, or at a reduced  
price of .40 cents. Papers will  
be sent home the first day ofschool with the youngest in the family. Please  
return the paperwork quickly to the school office  
and we can confirm eligibility and put the child  
immediately on the program.**Farewell Srta.Storey!** - Former KHS Spanish  
teacher Danielle Storey has accepted a teaching position  
in Findlay. She writes, "I would like to send my sincere  
thanks to the staff and students of KHS for six wonder-  
ful years! It has been beyond rewarding. You all have  
had a great impact on my evolution as an educator. I  
hope my Spanish program has had a positive influence  
in your lives and community. I hope you continue to  
learn about this beautiful language and its rich culture  
in high school and beyond!"I know Mr. Deitering will do a great job continuing to  
teach and inspire. I wish you all the best and I hope to  
keep in touch! Muchísimas gracias por todo y buena  
suerte en sus futuros brillantes! ¡Muchas gracias KHS!"

~Srta. Storey

**Best Wishes to Danielle on this new  
teaching venture!****Welcome New Staff****Mr. Kevin Deitering** has returned to Kalida after an 11 year hiatus  
to teach Spanish at Kalida High School. Kevin and his wife Rebekah  
have six children. Until recently, they have been missionaries in  
Ecuador. They now reside in rural Ottawa. Kevin is a graduate of Ohio  
University with a Masters from Findlay University. Bienvenido!**Mrs. Jill (Rampe) Leis** is the new Kindergarten teacher. She and her  
husband Jason reside in Kalida with their three children. Jill is a  
graduate of KHS and the University of Cincinnati. She taught at Ottawa  
Elementary prior to coming here. "I am so excited to start this next  
chapter in my career in my hometown!" says Mrs. Leis.**Ms. Tricia Schoen** has been hired as the new Vo-Ag teacher at KHS.  
Ms. Schoen was born and raised in Bellevue, Ohio. She is a 2017  
graduate of The Ohio State University. She is also the 8th grade volley  
ball coach this year.**Mr. Blake Walker** is the new 3C teacher. He is a graduate from The  
Ohio State University where he received both his bachelors and master  
degrees. "I have been married to Andrea for two years now," says  
Mr. Walker. "We live in Glandorf with our Labradoodle Sophie!"**Mr. Mike Unverferth** will now be driving bus full time and will be  
doing the Vantage route and short-run trips. Mike and his wife Norma  
raised their three sons in Kalida.**Mrs. Mandy (Buss) Anspach** and **Mrs. Sue (Warnecke) Wehri** have  
joined our cafeteria staff. Mandy is married to Brian and they have three  
children. Sue is married to Mark and they have four children. Sue also  
will be doing custodial work evenings in the elementary.