



Facebook Finds Kalida Elementary

In response to the overwhelming success of the Kalida Local School District Facebook page, I am pleased to announce that Kalida Elementary School now has its own Facebook page. We are very excited about implementing one of the most powerful communication devices since the telephone and look forward to connecting with our parents and community in a whole new way. Research shows that 70% of the population between the ages of 15 to 65 is using Facebook. We also know that over 80% of those Facebook users log in every day. I know, at times, Facebook can seem a bit daunting. However, when used effectively, it can provide our school with an excellent opportunity to engage the community, show students and the community how to use social media in the proper way, and act as a key component in our school's online presence.

Our Facebook page is a great place to share what's happening around our school, and it is an easy way to keep families informed and up-to-date. We also hope that our Facebook page will be a place where we build our community by building school spirit. We will accentuate the positives and bring to everyone's attention the little things that make our school community great. For anyone wishing to use our Facebook page and to receive the updates, please visit Kalida Elementary School on Facebook and press the thumbs up 'Like' button. This way when we post updates, you will receive them in your page. This action will also allow you to comment and 'Like' our posts.

To make this a positive experience for our community, please note, we will be implementing a number of controls which means the page will not be as open, as say, the way a personal user/teenager may use Facebook. Even with controls, it does rely on all those using the page to do so in a tone and spirit that helps us to build a strong and connected school community. We want everyone to be good social media role models for our children.

Of course, while our Facebook Page is an excellent opportunity for families and community to connect with our school, it will not replace our district website or be an alternative to the Elementary Newsletter. So, if you haven't been on Facebook lately, you may want to check us out. *Kathy Verhoff, Elementary Principal*

Enhancement Committee

Check out the newest enhancement project the next time you get to the high school. Honor boards are on display outside the science rooms recognizing three groups – current National Honor Society members, alumni with 32+ on their ACT scores and all-time high scorers on AP exams. The enhancement committee met on November 20 to consider additional trees and landscaping around Kalida High School, improved lighting in a couple of outside spaces and other smaller improvement projects. Enhancement money is generated from generous individuals and businesses, upgrades of reserve basketball seats and donor brick proceeds.

3 in a Row! Leading County Schools in United Way Donations Again!



United Way

Congratulations and thanks to our staff on being recognized as leaders in raising money for the United Way of Putnam County.

Our generous staff raised more money per employee than any other school district in the county for the third year in a row and once again received the honored United Way plaque.

Project Lead the Way Summit

The 2014 PLTW Summit took place in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2-5, and included more than 1,300 educators and leaders in the corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors who are dedicated to helping students develop the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. The national event served as a catalyst for collaboration and strategies to help solve the education and workforce development challenges facing the U.S. The PLTW Summit featured presentations by PLTW students from across the nation, approximately 100 workshop sessions, and tours of Indianapolis businesses such as the NCAA Headquarters, HP, Rolls-Royce, and DeveloperTown to showcase the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) behind our country's top business and industry.

Mrs. Darla Warnecke, Kalida High School's PLTW Biomedical Science teacher attended the Summit and participated in many learning sessions. Mrs. Warnecke is a Master Teacher for PLTW, spending her summers teaching at a variety of colleges and universities around the country.

During these summer Core Training experiences, she teaches High School teachers the Human Body Systems curriculum and following their certification they can take the curriculum into their classrooms. A small group of Human Body Systems' Master Teachers, including Mrs. Warnecke, met and discussed the HBS course. This collaboration focused on the advancement of curriculum, assessment methods and strengthening summer Core Training. This group also provided PLTW with enhancement suggestions to support the curriculum.

Cheering for Kalida

The KHS cheerleaders kicked off their winter competition season at the Nancy Leaser Invitational in Oak Harbor on November 15. The girls had an outstanding performance and placed first in the Large Varsity Division. The members of the squad include Lindsey Erhart, Erin Kohls, Olivia Schmenk, Megan Vine, Sarah Hovest, Samantha Recker, Taylor Siefker, Allison Siebeneck, Sidney White, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Jenna Siefker, Keara Hopkins, Kelsi Hipsher, and Anna Berheide. A special thanks to all that made the trip to support the cheerleaders. Congratulations, ladies!!

Vex Robotics—Three teams from Kalida High School participated in a robotics contest held at Tri-Rivers Career Center located in Marion, Ohio on October 23, 2014.

Students include Ben Burkhart, Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Jacob Dunn, Brent Hovest, Mitchell Kerner, Cole Miller, Austin Vorst, and Grant Zeller.



The students are participating in the worldwide VEX Robotics contest. The

game this year is called Skyrise, where student teams design and build a robot that will pick up cubes and stack them on posts to score points. Students competed with 36 teams from other Ohio schools during the event. The student team of Jacob Dunn, Cole Miller, and Grant Zeller advanced during the tournament round of the competition with an alliance of two other teams. Their alliance won the tournament and earned a spot in the VEX Robotics state championship in February. Our next competition is scheduled for December 5 in Marion, Ohio with the goal of having more teams qualify for the state championship.

The robotics students are looking for any individuals or companies that may be interested in becoming a sponsor to help the students pay for their competition entrance fees. If you are interested, please contact teacher Dale Liebrecht at ka_liebrecht@kalida.k12.oh.us or call the high school.

CATS WHO CARE UPDATE

The KHS Cats Who Care Service Organization is off to a great start so far this year. The group has new leadership this year as Mrs. Stacy Kneuve and Mrs. Darla Warnecke have stepped forward to guide the group's activities. The goal of the Cats Who Care is to provide service to fellow students, their families and their community. Students are encouraged to volunteer service wherever they might be needed. If you are in need of student volunteers, feel free to contact Mrs. Kneuve or Mrs. Warnecke by calling the High School Office at 419-532-3529.

Cats Who Care Poinsettia Sale

There are several options available: 6" pots in your choice of Red, White, or Pink are \$8.00 each or 7-1/2" pots in Red only are \$12.00 each. This is the group's only fundraiser for the year so your support is greatly appreciated. Orders are being taken now through December 1. If you would like to place an order feel free to contact any Cats Who Care member or you can contact the High School Office. Poinsettias will be delivered on December 15.

Kalida High School First Quarter

All A Honor Roll

Freshmen-Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Taylor Lucke, Kierstan Siebeneck, Taylor Zeller.

Sophomores-Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Caleb Siebeneck, Jade Zeller.

Juniors-Cathy Basinger, Sarah Hovest, Joni Kaufman, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Alex von der Embse, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke, Allison Wurth.

Seniors-Mariah Doepker, Molly Ellerbrock, Brent Hovest, Erin Knueve, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Casey Wehri.

AB Honor Roll

Freshmen-Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Josh Klausung, Sarah Klausung, Alex Meyers, Tori Niese, Kara Siefker, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Kamryn Webken.

Sophomores - Kelly Doepker, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Keara Hopkins, Hannah Kahle, Layne Keefer, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Collin Nartker, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Trent Siebeneck, Jenna Siefker, Adam von der Embse.

Juniors-Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Brandon Erhart, Trent Gerding, Adam Goergens, Drew Hovest, Jordan Kortokrax, Danni Maag, Trevor Maag, Samantha Nagy, Nathan Nordhaus, Kylie Osterhage, Kaleb Selhorst, Taylor Siefker, Grant Unverferth, Trey Webken.

Seniors-Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhardt, Katey Buss, Jacob Dunn, Lindsey Erhart, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Melissa Jorrey, Ericka Kimball, Devin Kortokrax, Taylor Lamb, Cole Miller, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Brad Siebeneck, Aaron Tenwalde, Megan Vine, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Grant Zeller.

Junior High All A's

6th Grade - Olivia Decker, Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jill Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

7th Grade - McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Kaitlyn Keefer, Tyler Klausung, Madison Langhals, Abby Maag, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, Brayden Recker, Evan Roebke, Zachary von der Embse, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

8th Grade-Tara Gerding, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Makenna Niese, Ethan Schmenk, Cameron Siebeneck, Trevor Vorst, Midge Westrick, Allison Wurth, Jack Zeller.

Junior High AB Honors

6th Grade - Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Paige Helmke, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausung, Reagan Klausung, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Melanie Meyers, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Dayna Schimmoeller, Jada Siebeneck, Ayden Warnecke.

7th Grade-Clay Bellmann, Alec Edelbrock, Colin Erhart, Rieley Hanneman, Claudia Hopkins, Gabe Hovest, Ella Kaufman, Matthew Kehres, Mason Kerner, Noah Miller, David Peck, Carlie Rampe, Lydia Remlinger, Larissa Schnipke, Trevor Siefker, Tori Travis.

8th grade-Sami Backus, Keith Doepker, Melissa Erhart, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Makenna Hoyt, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Treyton Martin, Owen Recker, Megan Schulte, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff, Paul von der Embse.

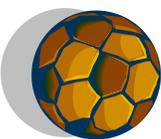
5th Grade Honor Roll

All A's—Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausung, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Brooke Vennekotter, Samantha Westrick, Peyton Wurth.

AB—Grant Knapke, Grace Niemeyer, Gabe Roof, Tyler Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Tyson Siefker, Jakob Swyers, Amanda Unverferth, AJ Verhoff, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri, Molly Westrick, Zoey Westrick.

Honors to Coach Kehres

Congratulations to the KHS Girls' Soccer Coach David Kehres on being named the *Ohio Coach of the Year Division III* by his peers in the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association. He was also named the *Putnam County Coach of the Year* as well.



Welcome Baby Luderman!



Congratulations to Mrs. Alison Luderman and her husband Rob on the birth of their son Robert "Bo" Albert Luderman, IV. He was born November 2 and weighed 7lbs 4oz and 22 inches long. Alison is a 4th grade teacher at Kalida Elementary.



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Music Booster October Winners

\$150 Irma Kahle

\$100 Roger Siefker

\$100 Jen Edelbrock

\$75 John & Sue Gerdeman

\$75 Dan Honigfort

\$50 Jason & Erin Hoffman

\$50 Jim Unverferth

\$50 Adam Knueve

\$50 Tricia Loveland

\$50 Mindi Maag

\$50 Beth & Dave Nienberg

November Winners

\$50 Doug & Kim Zeller

\$50 Dan & Ginny Wehri

\$50 Helen & Bob Unverferth

\$50 Ron & Nancy Knapke

Music Notes

 Putnam County Honors Band and Choir will perform on March 15 at 2:00 PM at Pandora-Gilboa High School.

Putnam County Honors Choir members include: Laine Laudick, Anna Berheide, Danica Basinger, Becca Brinkman, Taylor Lamb, Olivia Schmenk, Brady Decker, Brandon Erhart, Westin Basinger, Jacob Kahle, Carter Moore, Michael Schroeder Alex von der Embse, Nathan Vorst and Spencer Vorst.

Putnam County Honors Band members are Austin Vorst, Erica Honigfort, Morgan Niese, Hannah Kahle, Renee Vorst, Paige Roller, Andrea Rall, Dana Knueve, Erin Knueve, Brad Siebeneck, Rachel Rall, and Danielle Maag. Junior Renee Vorst also qualified for the **District III Honors Band**. She will perform on January 11 at 3:00 PM at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert with the other District III Honors Band and Choir students.

 The **Kalida High School Chorale** will attend a taping for the Holiday Music Festival at WTLW TV-44 on December 12. The taping will air on December 24 - December 25 along with twenty-six other area high school choirs. The viewing schedule will be posted to the school website once it becomes available.

 Kalida's newest performance ensemble, the **Showcats**, made its first public performance at the Fall Concert. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Glick, the new show choir will make an appearance at Christmas in Kalida on Dec. 5 and at the upcoming Christmas Concert on December 8. Stay tuned for more performances coming in the spring!

SCRIP ORDERS - The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on December 1 and again on December 12. Delivery is approximately one week from the order date. SCRIP is a great way to buy all of your gift cards in one place and at the same time support the Kalida Elementary PTO. Order forms are available in the school office or on the school's website at <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/File/PTO/>

Ready for Kindergarten? - Kalida Elementary School is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Please return the completed registration form with a certified birth certificate before December 18. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2015, in order to register. For additional information, please contact the school office at 419-532-3845.