



## Greetings from the Superintendent

We've made it through the first nine weeks of school and into November. Not a day goes by that we aren't impacted by the world of COVID-19. It has consumed us at times; and on occasion, has occupied the greater portion of the work week. To date, we have had eleven positive cases among students and eleven on our staff. Over 20% of our students have missed days of school due to positive tests, quarantining, or symptoms monitoring.

It's natural to get complacent over time and we have all been guilty of letting our guard down. Constant reminders are issued to wear masks, social distance, sanitize, monitor symptoms and to avoid long periods of time gathering in groups. The guidelines have not changed since the "Return to School" letter was issued back in August. Putnam County is the hotspot in Ohio and we must continue to be diligent with our guidelines for the sake of everyone. Even then, an outbreak may be unavoidable. Multiple school districts in the county have switched to a different delivery format out of necessity and we are also prepared to move in that direction. However, the staff and I are dedicated to stay with in person instruction as long as it is possible.

On a couple other fronts, the 'Free Meals for All' program has been extended through the school year. On October 9, the USDA announced extensions of the national waiver operations through June. I want to publicly recognize our cafeteria manager, Sarah Neidert, and her crew for serving great meals while fiscally and efficiently operating a top-notch food service program.

Kalida Local Schools, in conjunction with The Putnam County ADAMHS Board, are making an effort to shed light on adolescent and adult mental health. Suicide awareness is critical. Recognizing someone struggling or behaving differently is an important step to intervention and possibly saving a life. Sometimes, just asking someone if they are OK is enough to get them back on track. While we haven't met in large groups this year because of the circumstances, we are still providing support and care for each other. This week, each student will receive a small pack of disinfecting wet wipes with the simple message of R U OK? We will build on that throughout the year to promote both physical and mental health well-being.

As the holiday season approaches, uncertainty continues to hover over each day. Thank you all for the extra effort and on behalf of everyone at Kalida Local Schools, may you have a blessed and healthy end to 2020.

*Karl Lammers, Superintendent*

Congratulations to the 2020 Pioneer Queen Dayna Schimmoeller. Seniors Casey Rosselot and Emily Buss were the runners up. Kyla Fortman, Queen of 2019, did the crowning honors.



**Kalida Pioneer Court 2020**

## Calendar Notes for 2020-21

- November 18** Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 PM
- November 23** No school /Parent Teacher Conferences 1 –8 PM
- November 24-27** Thanksgiving Break- No School
- December 23** Christmas Break Begins - No School
- January 4, 2021** Classes Resume
- January 18** Martin Luther King Day - No School
- February 15** Presidents' Day - No School
- April 1** Spring Break Begins - No School
- April 6** Classes Resume
- May 25** Last Day for Students
- May 30** Graduation - Class of 2021

## Kalida All A Honor Roll

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Brant Bockrath, Kallie Bockrath, Corinne Brinkman, Ella Brinkman, Grady Houck, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Taylor Nienberg, Leo Parisi, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shining, Paul Stechschulte, Brady Unverferth, Lincoln Warnecke.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Sophia Meyer, Cody Recker, Aubree Sickles, Maya Wehri.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Mallorie Barnhart, Adam Buell, Jack Buell, Faith Feldman, Katelyn Foppe, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Kara Lammers, Claire Nartker, Elijah Patrick, Mylie Rampe, Isabel Recker, Ryan Schnipke, Grace Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck, Ella Siefer, Landon Verhoff, Camdyn Warnecke.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Alexandria Gardner, Madelyn Houck, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Drew Meyer, Olivia Meyer, Adyson Miller, Connor Nartker, Emerson Schnipke, Lauren Schulte, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff. **Freshmen** Hannah Basinger, Katherine Bendele, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Erica Kahle, Riley Nienberg, Noah Recker, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck. **Sophomores** Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Camille Hovest, Wyatt Lehman, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Gabriel von der Embse, Ethan Warnecke, Kenzie White.

**Juniors** Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Adam Siefker, Jacob Swyers, Brooke Vennekotter, Abraham (AJ) Verhoff, Molly Westrick, Samantha Westrick, Zoey Westrick, Peyton Wurth. **Seniors** Anthony Butler, Olivia Decker, Connor Erhart, Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Brandon Miller, Kathryn Siebeneck, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

## Kalida AB Honors

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Tobin Anspach, Addelyn Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Madelyn Cattell, Jayce Frye, Levi Grime, Kendyl Klima, Griffon Langhals, Avery Miller, Sophia Potts, Christopher Rall, Logan Rampe, Lillian Schnipke, Leah Unverferth, Penny Vandercook, Grace Verhoff, Madison Verhoff, Jackson Wynne-Gray, Ross Zeller. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Kenadi Bockrath, Bryn Casper, Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Riley Horstman, Max Langhals, Enna Meyers, Jagger Miller, Amber Moore, Zoe Pothast, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Anna Schumacher, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Ruby Vandercook, Nathan Wannemacher. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Lauren Bockrath, Grace Fortman, Cole Goubeaux, Lana Grime, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Nathaniel Kahle, Griffin Klausing, Kendal Krouse, Lauren Laudick, Caden Looser, Jason Luersman, Annelise Price, Malia Romes, Alexander Shining, Emma von der Embse, Parker Vorst. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Bailey Basinger, Carson Kahle, Reese Miller, Makenna Peck, Grace Rall, Brady Rampe, Lane Rellinger, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Avrie Unverferth, Drake Zeller.

**Freshmen** Rebekah Bowers, Audra Hovest, Kyle Lammers, Camryn Recker, Carson Remlinger, Ethan Remlinger, Elyse Romes, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Collett Starbuck, Whitney Unverferth, Carly Webken, Ethan Wehri. **Sophomores** Dyllan Bendele, Kendal Bockrath, Paige Broussard, Andrew Buss, Garrett Decker, Regan Hanneman, Colin Hoffman, Ella Hoffman, Joel Horstman, Carson Klausing, Jeret Landwehr, Sean Maag, Evan Miller, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Chloe Mitchell, Livia Recker, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Jaden Smith, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark.

**Juniors** Marcus Cox, Kylie Creller, Alysen Hoyt, Landyn Knott, Gabriel Roof, Leah Schnipke, Nathan Schroeder, Tyson Siefker, Amanda Unverferth, Noah Verhoff, Grant Vorst, Ella Wehri. **Seniors** Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Ben Doepker, Paige Helmke, Stephanie Kahle, Grace Klausing, Melanie Meyers, Jennifer Rall, Casey Rosselit, Dayna Schimmoeller, Brooke Siefker, Brenna Smith, Ayden Warnecke.

## Fall Sports Round-Up

Congratulations to the following Coaches and Players for a Grand Season:

**Girls Soccer First Team**– Brenna Smith, Allie Stechschulte

**Girls Soccer Second Team**– Dayna Schimmoeller, Kenzie Fortman, Livia Recker

**Honorable Mention Girls Soccer** Kathryn Siebeneck, Kassidy Hipsher, Melanie Meyers

**Scholar Athletes**– Kathryn Siebeneck, Dayna Schimmoeller, Melanie Meyers, Brenna Smith

**Boys Soccer First Team** Brandon Miller

**Boys Soccer Second Team** Grant Vorst, Adam Siefker, Drew Fersch

**Honorable Mention Boys Soccer** EJ Miller, Dawson Schultz, Adam Basinger

**Boys Soccer Scholar Athlete** Brandon Miller, Tanner Schultz

**Volleyball Second Team** Grace Klausing

**Volleyball Honorable Mention** Brooke Vennekotter, Brooke Siefker

**Volleyball Scholastic Team** Katelyn Kahle, Emily Buss, Grace Klausing

**Golf PCL Champs** –9th year in a Row

**Golf Player of the Year** Ryan Klausing

**Golf Coach of the Year** Ken Schnipke

**Golf First Team PCL** Ryan Klausing, Justin Siebeneck

**Golf Second Team PCL** Kayla Nartker

**PCL Cross Country First Team:** Ryan Lucke, Will Zeller, and Andrea Burgei.

**Boys Cross Country** earned Runner-up distinction at District .

**The Boys Cross Country Team** First squad to qualify for Regionals as a team,

**Girls Cross Country** Andrea Burgei individual qualifier for Regionals.

## Basketball Season Ticket Update

Due to COVID-19 and the current 15% capacity limitations placed on spectators at sporting events, the Kalida Athletic Department will not be selling any basketball season passes or reserved seating this year. All tickets for home Varsity/ JV boys and girls basketball games will be sold pre-sale only for \$6 each and will be offered only to players and participants of the event and are meant for family members and loved ones only. There will be no tickets available at the gate for any home boys or girls basketball game this season. Fans that have had reserved seats at boys basketball games in the past will have the opportunity to purchase the same seats in future seasons.

Tickets for home freshman and JH basketball games this season will be available at the door for \$4 each and we ask that you limit the attendance to family members and loved ones only. All spectators at home events will be required to self-assess before attending the game, wear a mask at all times, and sit in family pods socially distanced from others. Kalida HS and the Kalida Athletic Department thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



**Congratulations** to Kaylan and Ross Unverferth who welcomed their daughter Liv Marie on August 24. Mrs. Unverferth is an Reading/English teacher at KHS.

**Congratulations** to our band teacher Jacob Litwiller and his wife Stephanie on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Ann on October 6.

**Congratulations** to Kalida Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte and her husband Adam, on the birth of their son Vonn Gerald on October 22.



Presenting the Kalida High School FFA Squad

### PTO Gift Cards (SCRIP) Give the Gift Twice

Kalida Elementary PTO is once again doing the SCRIP card order for this year. Deadline to place an order is December 1. Forms are available online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Gift cards will be returned approximately one week after the order is placed. See more details under the PTO tab on the Kalida Elementary webpage. For more information about the program or any questions, please contact Sherry Unverferth: [sunverferth@bright.net](mailto:sunverferth@bright.net).

### Successful Blood Drive!

“Thanks to everyone that donated blood November 2 at KHS. Due to Covid, the need for blood is exceptionally high right now. The Red Cross has been working overtime for months to meet the need for blood. We had a very successful blood drive and collected 89 units for the hospitals in our region. If you donated blood, you will receive your Covid antibody test results in 10-14 days. If you weren’t able to donate blood, please consider donating at another local blood drive. St. Anthony’s in Columbus Grove has a drive on Friday 11/13/20, from noon till 6pm. I would also like to send a special thank-you to **1820 BrewWorks** for treating the Red Cross Staff and our Bloodmobile Committee to some delicious pizza and cheesy bread at the end of the day. It was a very nice surprise. Great job everyone!”

*Beth Grime*

### Gene Stechschulte Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Gene Stechschulte Award. This award honors Gene’s lifetime contributions to youth and recognizes those who have made a positive impact on our children.



Past recipients were Fr. Mark Hoying, Roger Hanneman, Greg Kneuve, Mary Grote and Roger Luersman. Information on the qualifications and the nomination process can be found on the district’s webpage or picked up in any of the school offices. The nomination deadline is **January 1, 2021**.

**FFA News**—Despite the current circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Kalida FFA Chapter have found new ways to remain engaged in various activities. On September 30, eight students participated in a socially distanced, virtual Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference. Utilizing the Zoom video chat software, the FFA members spoke with senators and representatives live from the statehouse in Columbus and participated in small, break-out group workshops led by Ohio FFA State Officers. Pictured are Nick Foppe, Catie Lehman, Kevin Schumaker, Aden Siefker, Brooke Siefker, Regan Hanneman and Marcy Landwehr. (Not pictured are Lydia Vorst and Autumn Starbuck.)

In the week of October 26, several of the agricultural education courses were able to view sessions of the digital 2020 National FFA Convention. These sessions included keynote speakers, retiring National FFA Officer addresses, and award recognition for chapters across the country. More than 75,000 FFA members registered for this digital event.



Just as a reminder, the Kalida FFA Chapter will be taking orders for their annual strawberries and BBQ sauce in the months of January and February of 2021!

### Toys for Tots Campaign

The annual Toys for Tots campaign has begun. Boxes are located in the high school lobby. Pick up deadline is by December 14. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys and other useful items such as: Backpacks, Combs & Brushes, Winter Gloves, Bath Sets, Winter Hats, Scarves, Earbuds, Pajamas Slippers, Children sized blankets, Flashlights, Socks and Underwear. Thanks for supporting the needy children of Putnam County.



**Superintendent Karl Lammers**  
419-532-3534  
High School Principal Dean Brinkman  
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte

**School Board Meetings**  
Second Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Kalida School Board Room

**School Board Members**  
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## Electronic Issue

### November, 2020

## Music Booster Drawings

### September Winners

\$200 Dan & Ginny Wehri  
\$150 John & Theresa Dunlap  
\$100 Scott & Angie Meyer  
\$100 Diana Recker  
\$75 Chris & Linda Hoffman  
\$75 Jen Meyer  
\$50 Cooper Nienberg  
\$50 Tessa & Andy Wehri  
\$50 Keith Nartker  
\$50 Tom & Beth Casper  
\$50 Craig & Jill Kuhlman  
\$50 Irma Kahle

### October Winners

\$200 Brian & Jill Smith  
\$150 Steve Miller  
\$100 Joyce Wurth  
\$100 Dennis Siebeneck  
\$75 Josh Wehri  
\$75 Bob & Annette Meyer  
\$50 Erik & Lisa Rampe  
\$50 Elaine Laudick  
\$50 Amy Unverferth  
\$50 Rylan Unverferth  
\$50 Larry Unverferth  
\$50 Kylie Siebeneck

## Kalida National Honor Society

The Kalida Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS) recently finished its application and admissions process for new members. Students applying must hold a 3.30 cumulative GPA, submit a video response of a time they demonstrated leadership or service, and must be approved by the anonymous Faculty Council. Mr. Gerding, the Faculty Advisor of NHS, is proud to admit the newly accepted applicants into National Honor Society: Hannah Berheide, Brenna Smith, Logan Bockrath, Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Ryan Klausung, Justin Siebeneck, Amanda Unverferth, Brooke Vennekotter, and Peyton Wurth. The induction ceremony date will be determined at a later date. Congratulations to the new inductees!

## KES's Annual Book Fair is Coming!

Our 2020 book fair will be online this year. Any money earned goes directly back to the KES library. Access the book fair through this website: [www.efairs.follettbookfairs.com](http://www.efairs.follettbookfairs.com) AND enter code ME4L7. Books will be shipped to the school and delivered to your student. If you wish to purchase any as gifts, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Adriene Swyers at [adriene.swyers@kalidaschools.org](mailto:adriene.swyers@kalidaschools.org). Thank you in advance for your support of our fair!

## Practice ACT Test for Juniors

Kalida High School and Sylvan Learning Center will again be sponsoring this year a practice ACT for all KHS juniors. The assessment will be administered at KHS on **Thursday, January 7** and will cost \$10. Students can register and pay in the high school office. Payment should be made in cash or check made payable to **Sylvan Learning Center**. This practice test - which will precede the state sponsored ACT in February - will enable students to get the experience of taking the assessment before the state sponsored ACT in February. Students will receive a score report upon completion as well as a 30-day individualized code for the Sylvan website from which they can access their test scores and view review tutorials on how missed questions should have been answered.

Kalida High School in conjunction with Ft. Jennings and Ottoville will be sponsoring an ACT prep camp next spring on various dates in late May/early June. More details will follow at a later date.

## POINSETTIA SALE

Orders for the annual poinsettias sale are now being collected by the Cats Who Care Service Club. Choose from Red, White or Variegated Jingle Bell style plants.



**\$8.50 for a 6 1/2" pot**

**\$12.50 for a 8 1/2" pot**

Call the high school at 419-532-3529 to place an order. Delivery will be December 14-15.