



Welcome Back to School!

Students return to the classroom on Tuesday, August 23, to begin a new school year at Kalida Local Schools. On behalf of the entire staff, I am happy to welcome everyone back as we look forward to productive partnerships to ensure our students achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. Strong partnerships make a great difference in your child's education.

There are several new employees to introduce. The district has hired Mrs. Wendy Stechschulte to teach fifth grade; Mr. Neil Gerding to teach HS Social Studies; Mr. Jacob Litwiller as the band instructor; Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer to teach third grade; and Mrs. Adriene Swyers to head up the media center and assist with technology in the elementary. Check out more about each of these individuals and a few new assignments for other teachers later in this issue.

Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment for every student. We use multiple resources to stay in touch with our public and hope you feel informed about what is going on in your local schools. Between issues of the Paw Print, our district Facebook page, the elementary Facebook page, Ohio Alerts, teacher newsletters, and our district webpage, we want to share our news with you. Communications is a key to staying involved in our children's lives and we want to hear from you as well.

The wonderful Kalida Local Schools staff and I feel privileged to be part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to a great year. ~ **Karl Lammers, Superintendent**

Dates to Remember

September 5	Labor Day—No School
September 12	2 hour delay—Staff Development
October 28	Quarter Break—No School
November 21	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22	Parent Teacher Conference—No School
November 22-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 22	Christmas Break
January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
February 20	Presidents' Day—No School
April 14-17	Easter Break
May 23	Last Day of School

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 and check it out!



Kindergarten Orientation

Kalida Elementary
Thursday, August 18
5:30 PM—6:30 PM

Back to School Night

Kalida Elementary
Thursday August 18
7:00—8:00 PM

Meet your teacher, pay bookbills, make lunch payments and tour the school!



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)
WIMT (102.1 FM)	

Building Information

Superintendent's Office 419-532-3534
High School /Middle School Office 419-532-3529
HS Attendance 419-532-3543
Elementary School Office 419-532-3845

District Administration

Karl Lammers	Superintendent
Cindy Webken	Treasurer
Julie Kahle	Assistant Treasurer/EMIS
Chris Pfahler	Middle/High School Principal
Kathleen Verhoff	Elementary Principal (K-4)
Jeff Clement	Guidance Counselor
Adam Huber	Athletic Director
Jeremy Okuley	Director of Technology

Middle School/High School Staff

Carol Bockrath	Athletic Dept. Secretary/Study Hall
Brenda Burgei	HS Math
Kelly Dubé	Intervention Specialist
Mary Gerding	HS English
Neil Gerding	HS Social Studies
Mary Glick	Vocal Music
Kaylan Griffith	HS English
Beth Grime	HS/MS Science
Nancy Grote	Attendance Secretary, ASL
Adam Huber	JH/HS Math
Carol Kahle	Secretary
Stacy Knueve	Business/Computers/Yearbook
Dale Liebrecht	PLTW Engineering
Jacob Litwiller	Instrumental Music
Alison Luderman	5th/6th Grade Science
Emily Maag	7/8 Language Arts/Reading
Ryan McMichael	Vocational Agriculture
Scott Miller	HS/MS Social Studies
Steve Myers	Art
Ken Pothast	HS Science
Denise Scherer	Media Specialist
Robb Schultz	MS Science/HS Social Studies/Math
Roxanne Schumaker	HS Math
Mary Smith	5th/6th Grade Social Studies
Wendy Stechschulte	5th/6th Grade English/Language Arts
Danielle Storey	Spanish
Melanie Thorbahn	HS Intervention Specialist/MS Phys Ed
Blyth Turnwald	5th/6th Grade Math
Darla Warnecke	PLTW Bio Med, Health

Elementary Faculty & Staff

Julie Amstutz	Psychologist
Pat Broecker	1A
Deb Eickholt	2C
Gina Erhart	Paraprofessional
Lori Erhart	3A
Lori Fischer	Intervention Specialist
Mary Glick	Music
Mary Lou Hoffman	Library Aide
Darlene Imm	2B
Deb Kahle	Kindergarten B
Nancy Kaufman	Kindergarten A
Cheryl Koch	1B
Jill Laudick	2A
Laurie Lindeman	Speech
Jacob Litwiller	Band
Michele Niese	4A
Jessica Recker	Kindergarten C

Elementary Staff Continued

Denise Scherer	Media Specialist
Linda Schmenk	Paraprofessional
Chris Schroeder	Elementary Aide
Kelly Siefker	1C
Kayla Stechschulte	4B
Kristen Stechschulte	Physical Education
Adriene Swyers	ES Media/ ES Tech Assist.
Marcia Vennekotter	Secretary
Jessica Wischmeyer	3B

Maintenance/Custodial

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

Cafeteria

Sarah Neidert	District Cafeteria Manager
Doris Stechschulte	Elementary Head Cook
Jo Buss	High School Cashier/Cook
Sue Clementz	Elementary Cook
Mary Ann Hoersten	High School Cook
Carolyn Miller	High School Cook
Jean Smith	Elementary Cook

Transportation

Bev Berheide	Bus #2 Vantage Route
Linda Schmenk	Bus #3
Chris Schroeder	Bus #4
Bill Schulte	Bus #5 & F.J. Pre-School
Mary Siekfer	Bus #1 & Ottawa Route

Cafeteria Prices

There were no increases made in the cafeteria prices this year. Students in grades K through 6 will pay \$2.35 for lunch and .50 cents for extra milk. (This is the only change this year by lowering the 6th grade price.) Students in grades 7 through 12 will pay \$ 2.60 for lunch and .50 cents for extra milk. Ala Carte items can be purchased for \$1.50. Adult lunches are \$3.40 and .60 for extra milk. Deposits to the students lunch accounts can be made prior to the start of school in each office. During the school year, Middle and High School students are asked to drop off any payments at the office and not in the serving line.



Free and Reduced Lunches

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 of school 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.

District Financial Report

These definitions are provided to help you better understand the Income and Expense Statement below. 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 and Athletic Funds. The Kalida Board of Education and Administration are committed to financial responsibility and accountability. We welcome your feedback on this information. Please feel free to contact the Treasurer's office at 419-532-3556 for more information.

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 included 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, contributions to employees Flex and HSA plans, and unemployment, workers compensation, and medicare tax 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				
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
INCOME:				
Local Real Estate Taxes	\$1,574,931	\$1,502,113	\$1,363,274	\$1,305,892
Local Public Utility Personal Property Taxes	177,292	124,174	91,613	89,281
Local Income Taxes	1,441,682	2,210,890	1,538,114	1,515,146
Other Local Sources:				
Open Enrollment Receipts	277,450	295,369	298,942	263,532
Interest Earned	12,655	7,015	4,199	4,952
Pay to Participate Receipts	0	0	19,360	19,910
iPad Insurance Receipts	3,150	13,200	13,950	14,253
Bookbill Receipts	28,784	26,464	27,363	30,059
Building & Property Rental Receipts	11,115	8,335	9,565	8,569
Tax Abatement Compensation Agreements	8,957	6,848	7,866	11,977
Transportation Services Provided To Other Schools	4,961	11,674	14,526	1,986
BWC Billion Back Revenue	0	13,132	7,501	0
REAP Grant Revenue (Federal flowthru)	21,320	46,775	48,678	41,074
Medicaid Revenue (Federal flowthru)	15,319	12,488	1,793	0
Miscellaneous Local Revenue	9,773	8,654	6,195	10,985
State School Foundation	2,762,122	2,502,214	2,507,714	2,442,747
State Homestead & Rollback Revenue	227,489	211,833	187,698	184,245
Other State Sources:				
Casino Tax Revenue	31,731	31,432	31,703	13,072
Poverty Based Assistance Revenue	1,425	651	1,140	0
Career/Vocational Tech Revenue	39,415	37,071	31,430	36,372
Miscellaneous State Revenue	0	6,863	0	0
Technology Fund	75,000	75,000	0	0
School Bus Purchase Fund	60,000	100,000	77,800	60,000
Cash Advances Returned From Other Funds	15,116	0	6,335	0
Total Revenue	\$6,799,688	\$7,252,195	\$6,296,758	\$6,054,051
EXPENSES:				
Salaries	3,191,320	\$3,231,975	3,039,095	3,064,693
Benefits				
Retirement Contributions	527,907	488,055	502,776	483,339
Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	568,932	551,268	537,319	551,345
Miscellaneous Benefits	121,763	140,220	124,389	117,216
Purchased Services				
Spec. Education Services from Putnam County ESC	240,608	273,425	192,112	79,759
Open Enrollment Fees paid to Other Districts	140,643	119,157	112,550	97,356
Open Enrollment Fees paid to Community Schools	46,683	46,593	58,857	44,822
Electricity	105,507	109,908	101,050	105,978
Natural Gas	17,051	40,268	30,446	29,811
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	223,775	242,742	241,170	197,317
Supplies & Textbooks	249,128	199,407	179,807	141,211
Equipment	132,633	119,305	139,054	182,722
Miscellaneous Expenditures	111,019	100,356	106,356	107,768
Cash Advances Given To Other Funds	12,400	3,266	0	6,335
Transfers to:				
Elementary Loan Payment Fund	37,500	395,162	70,000	70,000
Athletic Fund	4,000	0	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	100,000	77,800	60,000
Severance Fund	26,430	58,449	26,074	31,281
Technology Fund	75,000	75,000	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$5,993,380	\$6,395,635	\$5,639,935	\$5,472,032
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures:	\$806,308	\$856,560	\$656,824	\$582,019
General Fund Ending Cash Balance:	\$4,480,572	\$3,674,264	\$2,817,704	\$2,160,880

Superintendent Karl Lammers

419-532-3534

High School Principal Chris Pfahler

Elementary Principal Kathleen J. Verhoff

School Board Members

Greg von der Embse, President

Emily Peck- 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

Dick Kortokrax

Steve & Carolyn Miller

Chris & Linda Hoffman

Dennis Kapcar

July \$50 Winners

Dan Rambo

Stacy Knueve

Sean & Adriene Swyers

Andrea Burgei

August \$50 Winners

Chris Recker

Tom Steffan

Gary & Connie Krouse

Deb Knueve

Congratulations to Jessica and Kyle Recker on the birth of their daughter Anne Marie. Mrs. Recker teaches kindergarten in the elementary building.



Congratulations to Danielle Storey and

Zack Fletcher on their marriage on June 4 this past summer.

Senorita Storey is the high school Spanish teacher.



New Staff Notes

Mrs. Wendy (Hanneman) Stechschulte is our new fifth grade teacher and is the Auxiliary Band Director. She is a 2000 graduate of Kalida High School and graduated from BGSU in 2004. Mrs. Stechschulte previously taught at Leipsic, Columbus Grove St. Anthony's and Holy Name in Indianapolis. She and her husband, Kevin, have three daughters - Ella, Abby, and Katie.

Mrs. Adriene (Unverferth) Swyers is the assistant technology person in the elementary as well as the media aide in the library. She will replace Mrs. Mary Lou Hoffman as she retires this fall. Mrs. Swyers is a 2001 graduate of KHS and a graduate of BGSU. Prior to coming to Kalida Schools she has worked at the Sylvan Learning Center in Ottawa. She has also obtained her Pre-K reading certification. She and her husband, Sean, have 4 children - Jakob, Izzy, Gabby and Addy.

Mrs. Jessica (Beutler) Wischmeyer is the new third grade teacher in the elementary. She is a graduate of OSU and Bluffton University. Prior to coming to Kalida she taught in the Lincolnview school system. Mrs. Wischmeyer lives in Bluffton with her husband Scott, but did grow up in Ottawa. This will be her fifth year teaching. Mrs. Wischmeyer says, "I'm VERY excited to be a Wildcat!"

Mr. Jacob Litwiller is our new band teacher at Kalida. He will be teaching in the elementary and high school buildings. He comes to us from LCC where he has taught for the last four years. Mr. Litwiller is a 2011 graduate of Bluffton University. "I've been married to my wife Stephanie for just over a year," says Mr. Litwiller. "Outside of music and teaching, I enjoy running and watching soccer."

Mr. Neil Gerding is a 2012 graduate of KHS and a 2016 graduate of BGSU. He will teach AP Government, AP U.S. History, and Government. Mr. Gerding is very passionate about Social Studies and looks forward to teaching the excellent students of Kalida High School. "I am excited to be coming back to Kalida High School," says Mr. Gerding. "When it comes to quality of school districts, you can't ask for any better than the students and parents from Kalida."