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Welcome Back

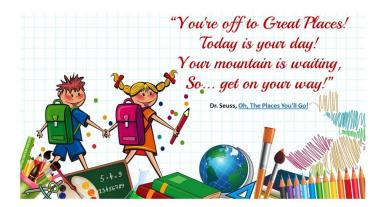
It is gratifying to welcome everyone back for the 2020-2021 school year. The Class of 2020 has moved on to bigger things, leaving behind some awesome accomplishments and some interesting memories. Their paths forward were paved through a focus on academics and career initiatives, all while displaying an attitude of caring for others. They were an awesome group! Despite the challenges, they turned out excellent GPA's and a sixth straight PCL All Sports Award. It will be fun following their futures.

As the calendar flipped to September, the theme for this school year holds steady: **Let's do what we can to stay in school**. The staff and students have been wonderful adhering to the guidelines of monitoring health symptoms, social distancing, face coverings and sanitation. While it is natural to become complacent in addressing any crisis, it is crucial to continue our unwavering attention to controlling virus spread if we want to continue what we are doing. Thank you for doing your part.

There are a couple of new employees at the high school this year. The district welcomes Mrs. Tristine Bockrath as our new Biology, Physics and PEC Science teacher; and Ms. Kristen Rohdes as our new Spanish teacher. More information on both ladies can be found in this Paw Print. We also welcome a new route bus driver, Mr. Scott Vorst.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get us back in school and to keep us here. I reiterate how fortunate I am to be surrounded by great people who care deeply about our students. The efforts begin at home with an emphasis on solid foundations and great work ethic. Let's make this another awesome year as we turn student leadership over to the Class of 2021.

Karl Lammers, Superintendent



Enrollment Numbers

The Kalida Local School system currently has 623 students attending classes this school year. We welcome 56 kindergarten students into the *Wildcat Pride*. There are 204 students in grades 1-4 in the elementary. In the middle school, grades 5-8, we have 194 students. Our high school, grades 9-12, have 149 students in house with an additional 20 students attending the Vantage Career Center.

Calendar Notes for 2020-21

October 30 Quarter Break – No School

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

Welcome Mrs. Tristine Bockrath and Ms. Kristen Rohdes

Mrs. Tristine Bockrath is a 2001 graduate of Kalida High School and Defiance College. She had been teaching at Allen East High School prior to coming back home to Kalida. She has replaced Mr. Pothast in the Science Department. Mrs. Bockrath is married to Nick and has three children - Brock, Beau and Morgan. She is a country girl at heart and is most anxious to teach the students at Kalida. Welcome!





Ms. Kristen Rohdes graduated from Bluffton University in 2013 with a degree in Mathematics. She then lived in Bolivia, South America, for almost two years doing mission work. While there she grew to love the language and the culture and realized her calling to teach Spanish. Ms. Rohdes had been teaching at Lima Senior since 2015. She is replacing Kevin Deitering, the former Spanish teacher, at KHS. We welcome Ms. Rohdes as she enters a new chapter in her life here at Kalida Local Schools.

School Delays, Closings and Event Information

Sign up for most current text alerts at www.ohioalerts.org/kalida.

Information on school closings or delays will also be announced via these stations:

WLIO-TV The FROG (92.1 FM radio)

WDOH (107.1 FM radio) The EAGLE (104.9 FM)

WIMA (1150 AM) WBUK (106.3 FM)



Congratulations to our Vo-Ag teacher, Ms. Samantha Norman, who was married this August. Best Wishes to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Samantha & Jaz Bluhm.

State Mandated Immunization Updates

All students currently in the <u>12th grade</u> must have the Meningococcal Vaccine. All <u>7th graders</u> must have the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines. Upon completion, the documentation of said immunizations must be submitted to the school office.

Students not in compliance with this state mandate are subject to a health violation and consequences that follow. Any questions? Please call your family doctor or the Putnam County Health Depart. at 419-523-5608.

District Administration 419-532-3534

Karl Lammers Superintendent Cindy Webken Treasurer

Julie Kahle Assistant Treasurer,

EMIS Coordinator

Dean Brinkman Middle/High School

Principal

Kayla Stechschulte Elementary Principal

Jeremy Okuley Director of Technology



Middle School/High School 419-532-3529

Bev Berheide Paraprofessional

Samantha Bluhm Vocational Agriculture

Carol Bockrath Athletic Dept./ Study Hall Monitor

Tristine Bockrath HS Science
Brenda Burgei HS Mathematics
Jeff Clement Guidance Counselor
Kelly Dube Intervention Specialist
Mary Gerding HS Language Arts
Neil Gerding HS Social Studies
Mary Glick HS Vocal Music

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Beth Grime JH/HS Science

Nancy Grote Attendance/ American Sign Language

Molly Haberman Grade 5/6 Team Teacher

Adam Huber JH/HS Mathematics/ Athletic Director

Carol Kahle HS Secretary

Stacy Knueve Business/Computers/Yearbook
Dale Liebrecht JH/HS Technology/ Engineering

Jacob Litwiller Band

Emily Maag JH Reading/Language Arts

Scott Miller JH/HS Social Studies

Steve Myers Art Kristen Rohdes Spanish

Denise Scherer Media Specialist

Robb Schultz JH Science/ Social Studies

Roxie Schumacher HS Mathematics

Mary Smith Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Wendy Stechschulte Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Melanie Thorbahn HS Intervention/ JH Phys. Ed
Blyth Turnwald Grade 5/6 Team Teacher

Kaylan Unverferth HS Language Arts Darla Warnecke HS Science/ BioMed

Elementary 419-532-3845

Julie Amstutz Psychologist
Tanya Best Guidance
Deb Eickholt Grade 2

Gina Erhart Paraprofessional

Lori Erhart Grade 3

Lori Fischer Developmentally Handicapped

Mary Glick Music
Darlene Imm Grade 2
Deb Kahle Kindergarten
Cheryl Koch Grade 1
Jill Laudick Grade 2
Jill Leis Kindergarten

Jacob Litwiller Band
Michele Niese Grade 4
Chelsea Recker Grade 3
Jessica Recker Grade 1

Linda Schmenk Paraprofessional Chris Schroeder Elementary Aide

Kelly Siefker Grade 1

Kristen Stechschulte Physical Education Andriene Swyers Tech/Media Specialist

Marcia Vennekotter Secretary
Natasha Verhoff Kindergarten
Blake Walker Grade 4
Megan Westenbarger Speech
Jessica Wischmeyer Grade 3

Maintenance/Custodial

Ken Stechschulte Head of Maintenance Dan Bellmann Elementary Custodian

Gary Vorst HS Custodian

Cafeteria

Sarah Neidert District Cafeteria Manager
Doris Stechschulte Elementary Lead Cook

Mandy Anspach HS Cook/Cashier

Carolyn Miller HS Cook Sue Wehri HS Cook

Sarah Bendele Elementary Cook Jean Smith Elementary Cook

Transportation

Bev Berheide, Linda Schmenk,

Mary Siefker, Mike Unverferth, Scott Vorst

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

Brad Niemeyer, President Greg von der Embse, Vice President Craig Schmenk, Emily Peck, Gerry Vorst

Music Booster Drawings

July \$50 Winners

Kevin Deitering Ruth Gerdeman Andrea Burgei Ron & Nancy Knapke Mary Jane Miller

August \$50 Winners

Jeff Clement Becky Fanger Mike & Jane Fortman Angela Hanneman Craig & Jill Kuhlman

Lunch Account Payments

Parents can access their student lunch accounts and make payments via a payment system in place at Kalida Schools. <u>K12PaymentCenter.com</u> is a secure, easy and convenient way to apply funds directly to your student's account.

If you do choose to make a payment through this site, there are fees per transaction by the K12 PaymentCenter website. This fee is not collected or deposited with Kalida Local Schools. However, you do not need to use this to put money on your students lunch account. You can always go to the school offices to deposit money on your account.

Go to the site: www.K12PaymentCenter.com and register to create an account. Once established you are able to make payments, check child's activity, set up alerts for low balances and more. You do not have to pay anything for the ability to see your balance, meal purchase history and get low balance alerts. You may

choose to deposit money into your student's accounts using a credit or debit card, but it is not required to use this site. Kalida Board of Education Box 269 Kalida, OH 45853 Address Service Requested NON-PROFIT US POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #4 KALIDA, OH 45853

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SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

High School Student (Grades 6-12)

Meal or Salad \$2.60,

Ala Carte \$1.50, Extra Milk .50 cents

High School Students may substitute the entree for a sub sandwich.

<u>Elementary School Student</u> (Grades K-5) Meal \$2.45,

Extra Milk .50 cents Elementary students may substitute the entree for a peanut butter sandwich.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

New applications for this school year were sent home the first day of school. If you feel you and your family qualify, please fill in the application and return it to the school office in an envelope addressed to Nancy Grote/Lunch Program. Qualifying Reduced Price lunches can be purchased for .40 cents a meal.