



Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to school! To our 55 incoming kindergarten students, we are so happy to have you here for the first time. Things get started for most of our students on August 22, but our juniors attending Vantage begin August 21, and our kindergarten students won't fully assemble as a class until Thursday, August 24.

We also want to welcome a few new employees joining our staff this year: Lauren Langhals as a fourth grade teacher, Morgan Sealts as a middle school intervention teacher and Melissa Wurst as a new bus driver. We also want to welcome two new school nurses, Danielle Oliver and Deanna Brunet. As usual, there is some internal movement. Deb Eickholt will be moving from second grade to first grade; Jenny Goubeaux will take on some paraprofessional duties after her cafeteria duties each day; and Gina Erhart will become a full time fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Erhart has split her day between fourth grade teaching and paraprofessional work in recent years.

I'm beginning my tenth year as superintendent of Kalida Local Schools and my 25th year in the district. While there have been many changes over those years from an educational standpoint, it pales in comparison to the social issues today's teachers and students deal with on a daily basis. Our goal is to always provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for everyone.

This year, a primary focus will be on bullying awareness. We already have a solid campaign strategy and hope to bring more mindfulness to this issue so no child has to feel the pain of being bullied. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide prevention strategy, and it begins with awareness and communication.

On behalf of the Kalida Local Schools staff, we feel fortunate to be part of this school district and this community. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a great school year.

Karl Lammers, Superintendent



Please log in to FinalForms to complete and

sign all forms for 23-24 school year. There are a few changes and additions from last year. **Parents please re-view all information and sign all forms as soon as possible.** Students in grades 7-12 will log into final forms with their school email address and password to complete and sign their forms. Additional information is located on the school district's website, under the Resources Tab: <http://kalidaschools.org>

Enrollment Numbers



The Kalida Local School welcomes **55 kindergarten** students into the **Wildcat Pride**. There are 241 students in grades K-4 in the elementary. The middle school and high school, grades 5-12, have 378 students enrolled. Twenty-two Kalida students will be attending a vocational school.



Welcome Ms. Lauren Langhals

Hello! I am the new fourth grade Science and Language Arts teacher at Kalida Elementary School. I grew up in Kalida and graduated from KHS in 2019. This past spring I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Middle Childhood Education degree. I completed my student teaching in May at Holgate Elementary School in a fifth grade classroom. I am very excited to be back at Kalida Elementary School where it all started for me as a student! WILDCAT PRIDE!

Welcome Ms. Morgan Sealts



I am a graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High School in 2019 and a graduate from Bowling Green State University with my Bachelor's of Education in December of 2022. I have 2 brothers with the oldest being deaf. This is why I chose education because I have always loved helping him with his school work when we were kids! I am getting married this November and we are so excited.

I am very thankful to be apart of the Kalida Local Schools for the 2023-2024 school year and I am looking forward to making connections with my students and working with them to become better learners!

Kalida Local School Staff List 2023-24

District Administration 419-532-3534

Karl Lammers	Superintendent
Michelle Buss	Treasurer
Cheryl Simon	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
Carol Bockrath	Athletic Dept./ Study Hall Monitor
Tristine Bockrath	HS Science
Brenda Burgei	HS Mathematics
Jeff Clement	Guidance Counselor
Lachlan Clymer	JH Reading/Language Arts
Kelly Dube	Intervention Specialist
Mitch Gable	Vocational Agriculture
Neil Gerding	HS Social Studies
Beth Grime	JH/HS Science
Nancy Grote	Administrative Assistant
Molly Haberman	Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Adam Huber	JH/HS Mathematics/Athletic Director
Stacy Knueve	Business/Computers/Tech Support
Dale Liebrecht	JH/HS Technology/ Engineering
Jacob Litwiller	Band
Emily Maag	HS Language Arts
Scott Miller	JH/HS Social Studies
Steve Myers	Art
Robb Schultz	JH Science/Social Studies/JH Phys. Ed
Roxie Schumacher	HS Mathematics
Gracyn Schwieterman	HS Vocal Music
Morgan Sealts	Intervention Specialist
Kristen Sebenoler	Spanish
Mary Siefker	Attendance/ASL Moderator/ Assistant Transportation Supervisor
Mary Smith	Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Wendy Stechschulte	Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Melanie Thorbahn	HS Intervention
Blyth Turnwald	Grade 5/6 Team Teacher
Kaylan Unverferth	HS Language Arts
Darla Warnecke	HS Science/ BioMed
Beth Wolke	Psychologist

Elementary 419-532-3845

Jill Leis	Kindergarten A
Deb Kahle	Kindergarten B
Natasha Verhoff	Kindergarten C
Deb Eickholt	1A
Cheryl Koch	1B
Kelly Siefker	1C
Jill Laudick	2A
Darlene Imm	2B
Jessica Recker	3A
Chelsea Recker	3B
Marsha Hohenbrink	3C
Michele Niese	4A
Lauren Langhals	4B
Gina Erhart	4C
Jenny Goubeaux	Paraprofessional
Linda Schmenk	Paraprofessional
Lori Goedde	Paraprofessional
Makeysha Wiler	Paraprofessional
Lori Fischer	Elementary Intervention
Jan Powell	Psychologist
Jacob Litwiller	Band
Paulette Schnipke	Guidance
Gracyn Schwieterman	Music
Kristen Stechschulte	Physical Education
Andriene Swyers	Library/Tech
Marcia Vennekotter	Administrative Assistant
Megan Westenbarger	Speech

Maintenance/Custodial

Dan Bellmann	Head of Maintenance
Gary Vorst	Elementary Custodian
Cody Wagner	HS Custodian

Cafeteria

Sarah Neidert	District Cafeteria Manager
Jenny Goubeaux	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

Mary Siefker-Transportation Supervisor,
Bev Berheide, Carl Luersman, Linda Schmenk,
Andrew Wehri, Melissa Wurst

Kalida All Sports Passes

Kalida Schools are selling the Sports Passes in the Superintendent's office during the week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Family All-Sports Pass

Adult \$125, Student/Sr. Citizen \$90, Family \$350

Fall Only Pass

Adult \$70 or Student/Sr. Citizen \$50

Winter Only Pass

Adult \$80 or Student/Sr. Citizen \$50

Varsity ticket prices will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for soccer, volleyball and girls' basketball games. Pre-sale tickets are offered for home boys' basketball games: Adults-\$7, Students/Senior Citizens-\$5. All tickets at the door are \$7.

JH and Freshmen games price are \$5.



Elementary Open House

August 17th from 4-5 p.m. Come bring your supplies, meet your teacher, & check out your classroom for the year! Lunch money & book bills can be paid in the office on open house night as well.

Elementary Transportation Reminders



Parent drop-off begins at **7:30 a.m.** each day.

Parent drop-off and pick-up: For student safety, will take place **ONLY** on North Fourth St. along the school side curb.

BUS ONLY - arrival & dismissal: will continue to take place by the gym doors on E. Price Street.

7th & 12th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Prior to August 22, 2023, 7th graders are required to have both the Tdap and Meningitis (MCV4) vaccine and 12th graders are required to have two doses of the Meningitis vaccine. Upload the shot record into FinalForms OR drop off a copy at the school. Schedule an appointment at the Putnam County Health Department (419-523-5608) or with your family physician.

Remind



It is time to review your Remind App preferences for the upcoming school year. You can access the

information from the Remind app on your cell phone or visit our **Remind App link** on the school district's website under the Resources Tab:

<http://kalidaschools.org/cms/index.php?page=remind-notifications>



In May we implemented PaySchools Central payment portal for lunch accounts. This program allows you to monitor the student's lunch purchases & balance, limit spending, add money to their lunch account, transfer money between siblings, sign up for low account text alerts and enter an online Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application. If you have not already created an account with www.payschoolscentral.com, we encourage you to create your account.

Convenience and Processing Fees —The following fees will be incurred for each PaySchools Central Transaction:

- Paid with Checking-account transfer: \$1.75
- Paid with debit or credit card: 4.50%

You may continue to send cash or check to the school in an envelope with the student's name, ID/lunch account number and amount enclosed for your child's lunch account to avoid the processing fees.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

With the implementation of PaySchools Central in May, we have online Free and Reduced Meal Applications. If you have not already created a PaySchools Central account, please follow the directions above to create your account and apply. Those eligible for free/reduced lunches must re-apply. Once you complete the application you will receive immediate notification if you qualify for the program.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Mary Siefker at 419-532-3543.

Cafeteria Prices

Prices are the following:



Elementary lunches (K-5)	\$2.50
JH/HS lunches (6-12)	\$2.65
Ala Carte	\$2.00
Adult lunches	\$3.50
Extra milks-students	\$.50

K-5 students may substitute the entrée for a peanut butter sandwich.

Superintendent Karl Lammers 419-532-3534
High School Principal Dean Brinkman 419-532-3529
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte 419-532-3845
Treasurer Michelle Buss 419-532-3556

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

School Board Members
Emily Peck, President
Brad Niemeyer, Vice President
Brent Helmke, Craig Schmenk, Greg von der Embse

Kalida Board of Education
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Kalida, OH 45853
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Music Booster Drawings

July Winners

\$50 Winner

Keith Brinkman	Griffin Nienberg
Tara Verhoff	Barb Niese
Barb Horstman	Diane Warnecke
Stacey & Jason Birkemeier	

August Winners

\$50 Winner

Joan Schnipke	Lori Schmersal
Brayden Recker	Holly Warnecke
Duane Schroeder	Madison Verhoff
Kelly Fuerst	

Kalida Music Boosters 50/50 Club Tickets on Sale through August 25th

Tickets have been mailed to all families with a band or choir student. Tickets are \$30 again this year and get you entered into our monthly drawings where 4 lucky winners receive \$50! Additional drawings are held for Pioneer Days, Fall Concert, Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert. Don't have a band/choir student in your family but would still like a ticket? Please contact Kathy Lammers 419-890-6564 or Emily Wehri 419-796-9022 to get your ticket today! Ticket deadline is August 25th. And as always, thank you for your continued support of the music program at Kalida Local Schools.

School Nurses

Welcome Danielle Oliver and Deanna Brunet to our school as part-time nurses for the 2023-2024 school year. They join our current part-time nurses, Jenni Ricker and Kari Gray. We appreciate all they contribute to our school each day by monitoring the health of our students during the school day!



Blood Mobile

Thank you to all who donated blood on July 19. We collected 68 units. The next blood drive is November 2, 2023 from 12-6 p.m. at Kalida High School. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment: (below are scheduling options)



- log into your American Red Cross app
- go to redcrossblood.org
- call 1-800-REDCROSS

2023-24 Calendar Notes

8/14/23—5th Grade Orientation
8/17/23—Teacher Workday
8/22/23—First Day for Students
9/4/23—Labor Day—*No School*
9/11/23—Staff Development—*2 hour delay*
10/20/23—End of First Nine Weeks
10/27/23—Fall Break—*No School*
11/16/23—Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 p.m.
11/20/23—Parent Teacher Conferences 2-8 p.m.—*No School*
11/21/23 through 11/24/23—Thanksgiving Break—*No School*
12/22/23—2-Hour Early Dismissal—*Christmas Break Begins*
1/3/24—Classes Resume
1/10/24—End of Second Nine Weeks
1/15/24—Martin Luther King Day—*No School*
2/19/24—Presidents' Day—*No School*
3/15/24—End of Third Nine Weeks
3/28/24—Spring Break Begins—*No School*
4/2/24—Classes Resume
5/22/24—Last Day for Students
5/23/24—Teacher Workday
5/26/24—Graduation—Class of 2024
5/27/24—Memorial Day

Possible Make-Up Days:

March 28, April 1

Welcome our New Bus Driver

Melissa Wurst joins our team of full-time drivers. With over seven years of school bus driving experience, she will be driving our Vantage route along with a local route for students. Melissa replaces Scott Vorst. Melissa is married to Ryan. They reside in Ft. Jennings and have two sons, Nick and Jake.



We would like to thank Scott Vorst for driving a bus route for the past 3 years. Scott will continue as a substitute driver.