

The PawPrint

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WELCOME BACK

Kalida Local Schools started the new school year on August 21, 2013. We have had a very good first week of school, and we would like to thank the students, parents, and staff for getting off to a good start.

As the year kicks off, the district will have a number of new faces on the staff. The district has hired Kristen Stechschulte as a full time physical education teacher, and Keith Fischer as a half-time physical education teacher. Ryan McMichael is our new Vocational Agriculture Instructor at the high school. We also have two other new faces at the elementary. Mrs. Kelly Siefker is teaching third grade, and Ms. Megan Heitmeyer is working as a paraprofessional at the elementary. Ms. Heitmeyer's position combines two classroom aide/tutor positions into one new position. She will be working with teachers and individual students to provide additional instructional support.

The district will also continue to work on new state initiatives as a part of the Race to the Top grant program. A team of teachers and administrators will work on improving instruction, enhancing our curriculum, implementing new accountability measures, and developing new evaluation tools for staff members. This work is a part of an ongoing four year grant through the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Kalida Local Schools would like to thank our Enhancement Committee members for a number of projects they are funding. The committee has funded additional landscaping at the high school, and this work was completed the first full week of school. The committee will also be adding a number of trees in areas around the high school to help beautify the school grounds. The trees will be planted yet this fall. The committee also provided funding for additional restroom signage in the high school gymnasium, additional wood work in the gymnasium, and they will be installing new Wildcat mascot logo panels on the scoreboards at the high school.

Meet the New Teachers

Keith Fischer ~ "I am a 2001 graduate of Delphos St. Johns.



I earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2006 from BGSU with a Physical Education Major. I received my Masters Degree in Educational Technology from the University of Findlay in 2013. Prior to coming to Kalida, I taught at Toledo and Defiance Schools.

I currently work as a technology coordinator at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Ottawa. I work half time here in the elementary as a physical education teacher and teach keyboarding to the students. My wife, April, and I have three children. They are Cooper (5), Kendal (2) and Kipton (9 months). We live in Ottawa where I am also an assistant football coach for the Ottawa Glandorf High School Titans."

Kristen Stechschulte ~ "I am a 1999 graduate of Kalida High School. I graduated from the University of Findlay with a Bachelor Degree in science with a major in physical and health education. I received my Master of Arts in Education from there as well.



I am married to Ryan Stechschulte who was originally from Fort Jennings. We have been married 5 years. We have a son, Paul (4), daughter Gwen (2), and one due in November. I teach health classes and physical education. I am also the varsity volleyball coach."

Meet the New Teachers, Continued

Ryan McMichael ~ “I am a graduate of Spencerville High School and graduated from OSU in 2008 with a degree in Agricultural Education. I am the VoAg teacher now at KHS and FFA advisor.

I have taught for three years at Jackson High School in Massillon, Ohio and two years at Portage Lakes Career Center in Akron.

My wife, Stephanie, and I have a 10 month old daughter named Brelyn. We currently live in rural Beaverdam.”



Kelly Siefker ~ “I grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio and attended Baldwin-Wallace College for both my undergrad and graduate degrees. I taught first and second grade at West Park Lutheran School in Cleveland, Ohio.

My husband, Jay, and I then moved to Columbus. I spent a year as an Education Consultant, helping schools implement literacy initiatives. I have spent the last three years working as an Intervention Specialist at a charter school in Columbus.



We have two children. Our son Sam is 3 and our daughter Avery is 1 ½ . We are thrilled to be back in Putnam County and I am enjoying third grade at Kalida Elementary.”

Megan Heitmeyer ~ “I grew up in Kalida with one older sister and one younger brother. I am also the 24th grandchild of 40, so being around many kids and helping them has always been a big part of my life.

I graduated from Kalida High School in 2008 and attended college at The University of Toledo where I majored in early childhood education. In December of 2012, I graduated with my teaching license and moved back to Kalida. I began subbing in Putnam county area schools in January. In August, I accepted the paraprofessional position with Kalida elementary.”



What's Changing in Elementary Education?

Kalida Elementary Principal Karl Lammers

Changes are taking place everywhere in education in Ohio and Kalida Elementary is right in the midst of them. In future editions of The Paw Print, I would like to address several areas of change in more detail and how they impact our elementary students, including New Learning Standards, Educator Evaluations, Next Generation Assessments, Third Grade Reading Guarantee and Early Childhood Improvement.

In some cases, these changes are in the third year of development and are expected to be fully implemented this year. For other areas of change, 2013 is the kickoff year and full implementation is expected by 2017.

Superintendent Horstman has already introduced the A-F School and District Report Card information to district residents. Assessments that were taken by grades 3-8 students last April impacted those reports and we performed fairly well as a building and as a district. Over the next three years, the report card will expand to 18 measures, adding mostly information derived from high school statistics.

In the next issue, I will speak in depth on the New Learning Standards and Next Generation Assessments and how they affect students in grades kindergarten through eight.

Kalida Local Staff for 2013-14



<i>Don Horstman</i>	<i>Superintendent</i>		
<i>Cindy Webken</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>		
<i>Julie Recker</i>	<i>Assistant Treasure/ Superintendant's Secretary</i>		
<i>Jeff Clement</i>	<i>Guidance</i>		
<i>Jeremy Okuley</i>	<i>Tech Director</i>		
<i>Chris Pfahler</i>	<i>High School Principal</i>	<i>Karl Lammers</i>	<i>Elementary Principal</i>
<i>Nancy Grote</i>	<i>Secretary/ASL</i>	<i>Marcia Vennekotter</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Carol Kahle</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Beth Birkemeier</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>
<i>Brenda Burgei</i>	<i>9-12 Math</i>	<i>Pat Broecker</i>	<i>1st Grade</i>
<i>Kelly Dube</i>	<i>Special Education</i>	<i>Lori Erhart</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>
<i>Robert Gasser</i>	<i>US History/ Government</i>	<i>Deb Eickholt</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Mary Gerding</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Keith Fischer</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>
<i>David Gordon</i>	<i>Biomed/Sciences</i>	<i>Lori Fischer</i>	<i>Special Education</i>
<i>Beth Grime</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Mary Glick</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Adam Huber</i>	<i>Math/Athletic Director</i>	<i>Darlene Imm</i>	<i>1st Grade</i>
<i>Denaya Hyatt</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Deb Kahle</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Lori Klausing</i>	<i>Band</i>	<i>Nancy Kaufman</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Stacy Knueve</i>	<i>Computer</i>	<i>Kayla King</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Dale Liebrecht</i>	<i>Industrial Technology</i>	<i>Cheryl Koch</i>	<i>1st Grade</i>
<i>Ryan McMichael</i>	<i>Vocational Education</i>	<i>Jessica Recker</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Scott Miller</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Jill Laudick</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>
<i>Steven Myers</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Alison Meyer</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Ken Pothast</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Michele Niese</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Denise Scherer</i>	<i>Librarian</i>	<i>Kelly Siefker</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>
<i>Pam Schroeder</i>	<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>Mary Lou Hoffman</i>	<i>Library Aid</i>
<i>Robb Schultz</i>	<i>JH Science/History</i>	<i>Bill Schulte</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>
<i>Roxanne Schumacher</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Chris Schroeder</i>	<i>Teacher Aide/Bus Driver</i>
<i>Mary Smith</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>	<i>Megan Heitmeyer</i>	<i>Para Professional</i>
<i>Kristen Stechschulte</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>Linda Schmenk</i>	<i>Cook/Bus driver</i>
<i>Danielle Storey</i>	<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Sue Clementz</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<i>Melanie Thorbahn</i>	<i>Special Education</i>	<i>Doris Stechschulte</i>	<i>Head cook</i>
<i>Blyth Turnwald</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>	<i>Ken Stechschulte</i>	<i>Head maintenance</i>
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Superintendent Don Horstman

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Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



School Board Members:

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Dennis Turnwald
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Gerry Vorst

School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday
7:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

Music Boosters

July \$50 Winners

Martha Berheide
Dan & Carol Ellerbrock
Bob & Sue Karhoff
Connie (Tom) Miller

August \$50 Winners

Jeff Blanford
Mary Phillips
Dennis & Darlene Hanneman
Ken & Gale Bellmann

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Are you Recycling?

We have made it very easy for you to recycle steel, aluminum, cardboard and paper. The Kalida drop off site is open 24-7 at the town's maintenance facility (West of Kalida on State Route 114.) Do it at your convenience. Just follow instructions on signs and place items in semi trailers or steel in roll-off container.

All profits benefit the New Kalida Park! Yes, it does add up. The more of us that recycle, the more money we can raise. Please do your part. Not only are you helping the environment, you are helping raise money for the New Kalida Park. Glass and food plastics can be recycled in the county's blue roll off containers the first full week of every month. Steel food cans (washed) can also be recycled. Or place them in the Steel recycling bin as mentioned above.

The Kalida Lions and Kalida Athletic Boosters Thank you for supporting our efforts to develop the New Kalida Park.

Lunch Prices

- Grades K-5* \$2.25
- Grades 6 -12* \$2.50
- Ala Carte* \$1.50
- Milk* \$.60
- Adult Lunch/Salad* \$3.40

Free and Reduced Lunches

Applications for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program are available in each school office. Forms were sent home with the oldest child in each family on the first day of school. Any questions? Please call Mrs. Grote at 419-532-3543.

**Senior Magazine Sales Now
September 7 through September 19**

Please think of KHS when those magazine renewal notices arrive in the mail. You can renew current subscriptions or buy new and gift subscriptions through our school. This is a fund raiser for the Senior Class and helps with the cost of the Senior Class trip to NYC in the Spring. You can order online today and get your subscription earlier. Go to: GASCHOOLSTORE.COM, Kalida High School, Account #2526333. If you need to connect with a senior for a purchase, call the office at 419-532-3529 and we will help you help them reach their sales goal.



Book Bag Donation ~ A group of third graders display book bags donated by The Huntington Bank. Kalida Branch Manager Jay Siefker presented Kalida Elementary with ten book bags to distribute to students. Some will be held back as needed and some will be raffled off to six lucky winners. This year, Huntington Bank has donated thousands of book bags to students across Ohio.