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Back to School - August, 2022

Welcome Back to School!

On behalf of the staff at Kalida Local Schools, I'd like to welcome students back to the classroom on Tuesday, August 23. Our incoming class of 41 kindergarten students begins on August 25. We are anticipating just over 600 students this year.

There are many new employees to introduce. Joining our awesome team this year will be two new bus drivers; Andrew Wehri and Carl Luersman. Cody Wagner has been on the job since June and will take over evening custodial duties. In the elementary, we've hired Lori Goedde and Keysha Wiler as paraprofessionals for classroom support. Mitch Gable has been hired as our vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. Gracyn Schwieterman is our new K-12 vocal music teacher and Paige Sarka will be a new middle school intervention specialist. Cheryl Simon joined us in the spring and takes over as our assistant treasurer/EMIS coordinator in the central office.

We've also moved a few of our people into new positions. Mary Siefker is our new high school administrative assistant and transportation director. Dan 'Red' Bellmann takes over the head of maintenance position and Gary Vorst has moved to the elementary. Jessica Recker is back teaching grade 3, Natasha Verhoff has returned to her kindergarten position, and Marsha Hohenbrink is now teaching grade 3. Finally, Jenny Goubeaux will be our new lead cook in the elementary cafeteria. I feel we have assembled a fabulous student-centered team of educators and support staff to make this another outstanding school year.

Communications is a key to staying involved in our children's lives and we want everyone to share in their growth. Our goal is always to provide a safe 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, Remind, Schoology, teacher newsletters, and our district webpage, we are happy to share our news with you. The 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

State Mandated Immunization Updates

Remember that all students currently in the 12th grade must have the Meningococcal Vaccine prior to the start of school this year.

Also, all 7th graders 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 Department at 419-523-5608.



Enrollment Numbers

The Kalida Local School welcomes **41 kindergarten** students into the *Wildcat Pride*. There are 233 students in grades K-4 in the elementary. The middle school and high school, grades 5-12, have 385 students enrolled. Twenty-three Kalida students will be attending a vocational school.

Kalida Local School Staff List 2022-23

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 Kneuve	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
Paige Sarka	Intervention Specialist
Gracyn Schwieterman	HS Vocal Music
Robb Schultz	JH Science/ Social Studies
Roxie Schumacher	HS Mathematics
Kristen Sebenoler	Spanish
Mary Siefker	Attendance/Transportation Supervisor
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
Beth Wolke	Psychologist

Elementary

419-532-3845

Jill Leis	Kindergarten A
Deb Kahle	Kindergarten B
Natasha Verhoff	Kindergarten C
Cheryl Koch	1B
Kelly Siefker	1C
Jill Laudick	2A
Darlene Imm	2B
Deb Eickholt	2C
Jessica Recker	3A
Chelsea Recker	3B
Marsha Hohenbrink	3C
Michele Niese	4A
Jessica Wischmeyer	4B
Gina Erhart	Paraprofessional
Linda Schmenk	Paraprofessional
Lori Goedde	Paraprofessional
Makeysha Wiler	Paraprofessional
Lori Fischer	Elementary Intervention
Jan Howell	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,
Scott Vorst, Andrew Wehri

Final Forms Reminder

We are asking that ALL parents of students use FinalForms prior to the start of school.

We have partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service that is replacing paper forms. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign enrollment, back-to-school and athletic participation forms for your students (ONLINE). The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! FinalForms also pre-populates information wherever possible, for each of your students, saving you time.

You may review and update your data online at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update.

Click on the Parent Playbook (on our website) to get started in FinalForms. If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click "Use Support".

Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork processes at Kalida Local Schools.

Now- Parents completion of the FinalForms must be finished NOW for the upcoming school year. Most paperwork normally sent home on the first day of school can now be processed.

Free and Reduced Applications for the lunch program are now available online in the FinalForms site. The federal program providing free lunches for everyone has ended. Those eligible for free/reduced lunches must re-apply. Please print off the form, fill in the needed information and return to the school office in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Mary Siefker. Paper copies can also be picked up in the offices.

Cafeteria Prices

This year we are returning to the family paid lunches in both buildings. Prices are the following:

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



Kalida All Sports Passes

Kalida Schools are selling the Sports Passes in the Superintendent's office during the week from 7:30 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 in the PCL were raised to \$7 last year for adults and \$5 for students at the door for soccer, volleyball and girls' basketball games. Pre-sale tickets are offered for home boys' basketball games for \$7/\$5. All tickets at the door are \$7. JH and freshmen game prices are \$4/\$3.

Current Covid Rules

The Ohio Department of Health has updated its guidance for Ohio K-12 schools and recommending the CDC's general guidance to best protect Ohio's students in the school setting.

Because contact tracing and case investigation has shifted to focus on high-risk environments, such as long-term care facilities and healthcare settings, ODH is no longer recommending the *Mask to Stay, Test to Play* quarantine alternative for schools. Instead, ODH recommends schools follow **general isolation procedures** from the CDC for confirmed cases.

If students or staff feel sick or suspect they might have COVID-19, they should stay home and take a rapid test. If positive, students and staff should **stay home from school for at least 5 days and longer if necessary until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.** Additionally, after isolation ends, students and staff should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for 5 days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart).

Kalida Local will work closely with the health department to monitor community spread and make decisions about the best measures to protect students and staff based on what is happening in our community.

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

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Music Booster Drawings

July \$50 Winners

Joe Decker, Teresa Knueve, Chloe Nienberg, Matt Houck,
Brian Hoffman, Peter Rafaniello, Mary Kay Unverferth,
Kelley Recker

August \$50 Winners

Beth Myers, Grace Haselman, Brian//Emily Wehri,
Laurie schnipke, Keith Nartker, Paul Nienberg,
Phil Karhoff, Mark Warnecke

Kalida Music Boosters 50/50 Club

Tickets are now on sale for the Kalida Music Boosters Monthly 50/50 drawings. Tickets are \$30 each. There are monthly drawings with 4 guaranteed \$50 winners. Additional drawings are held for Pioneer Days, Fall Concert, Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert. To purchase a ticket, please contact any band or choir member, Kathy Lammers at 419-890-6564, or Emily Wehri at 419-796-9022. Thank you for your continued support of the Music Program!

New Baby!

Congratulations to Kaylan and Ross Unverferth on the birth of their son Blake Gregory. Blake was born June 14, 2022. Mrs. Unverferth is a high school Language Arts teacher.



REMIND Messaging System

Kalida Schools uses the REMIND messaging system as our text messaging and notification system. You will be able to receive school delay information, athletic announcements, or other school-wide notices. REMIND is free to use and you will be able to receive messages on any device. Messages can be received via text, email or the REMIND APP. Go to the school webpage and sign up today!



Calendar 2022-23

8/23/22	Back To School
9/5	Labor Day– No School
9/12	Staff Development - 2 hour Delay
10/21	First Quarter Ends
10/28	Fall Break– No School
11/17	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00 -8:00 PM
11/21	Conferences Continue - 1:00 -8:00 PM No School
11/22-11/25	Thanksgiving Break -No School
12/23	Christmas Break-No School
1/3/23	Classes Resume
1/11	Second Quarter Ends
1/16	Martin Luther King Day– No School
2/20	Presidents' Day—No School
3/17	Third Quarter Ends
4/6	Spring Break– No School
4/11	Classes Resume
5/24	Last Day for Students
5/28	Graduation