

# The PawPrint

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## **LEADING COUNTY SCHOOLS IN UNITED WAY DONATIONS AGAIN!**

We would like to thank and congratulate our staff on being recognized as a leader in raising money for the United Way of Putnam County. Our district staff raised more money per employee than any other school district in the county for the second year in a row. We had 100 percent certified and administrative staff participation, and 79 percent classified staff participation. The employees of the district donated a total of \$1,759 to United Way. Thanks to our staff members for giving back to the county and district residents by supporting the valuable services provided by United Way of Putnam County. Executive Director, Jeanne Beutler, presented the district with a plaque recognizing the efforts of our staff.

## **RACE TO THE TOP**

The district continues to work on new state initiatives as a part of the Race to the Top (RttT) grant program. Our Race to the Top Transformation Team recently met with Nancy Wood-Allison from the Ohio Department of Education to review district progress in implementing the initiatives outlined in our RttT Scope of Work.

The district staff has been making great strides in meeting the goals of the RttT Grant, and as a result of the progress review, our professional development for the remainder of the year will focus on three areas. The first area of focus will be preparing for implementation of the Common Core curriculum, and the resulting PARCC assessments our students will be taking. Our second area of focus will be exploring additional ways to build a collaborative culture among staff, students, parents, and the community. We will continue to investigate new ways to improve communication among all of these groups through the more efficient use of technology. The final area of focus will be training to help our teaching staff prepare for the implementation and use of Student Learning Objectives and Student Growth Measures.

This work is a part of an ongoing four year grant through the Ohio Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. The money from the grant has allowed the district to provide high quality professional development to prepare the staff and students for the curricular and assessment changes which are being implemented. The grant funding has also allowed the district to start our 1:1 iPad Initiative at the high school, with the goal of improving our student's access and familiarity with technology. This is especially important as the new assessments are implemented, because the Ohio Department of Education is planning to have these new assessments administered online. The hope is that these trainings and initiatives will give our students a leg up on many other students across Ohio as the new assessments are implemented.

## **THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BK TOOL**

Kalida Local Schools would like to congratulate BK Tool on their recent expansion, and we would also like to thank them for inviting the students in Mr. Liebrecht's *Project Lead The Way* engineering courses to tour their facility. BK Tool had an open house on November 8 to celebrate their expansion and showcase their products and the abilities of their business. Our engineering students were able to attend and see first-hand the relevance and connection between their classroom work and the real world applications of the *Project Lead The Way* engineering curriculum. We would especially like to thank the Kahle family, Jim Klausung, and Ryan Kerner for their help in setting up, scheduling, and conducting the tours for our staff and students.

*Superintendent Don Horstman*

## Order your Gift Cards Through the PTO

The Kalida Elementary PTO is once again taking orders for gift cards through their SCRIP program. SCRIP is a wonderful way to do your shopping and at the same time support the efforts of the students and teachers at Kalida Elementary. Ordering is easy! Pick up an order form in the Kalida Elementary office or go to this link and print one. <http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/PTO-Scrip1314.pdf>

Return the order form and payment to the Elementary School Office. Gift cards will be available approximately one week after the orders are placed. Orders will be placed on December 13 for delivery before Christmas. Thank you for helping to support the Kalida PTO and the students and teachers that work so hard to make our school successful. Please contact the Elementary office at 419-532-3845 with questions.

## THE AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TEST PROGRAM



is an opportunity for the high school student to evaluate himself, or herself, in American government and history through this statewide test program.

Over 90,000 students participate annually in this project, which is jointly sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations to the Kalida High School Americanism test winners as follows:  
Freshmen Collin Wurth and Bailey Eickholt  
Sophomores Nathan Meyers and Paige Roller  
Juniors Ben Burkhart and Katey Buss  
Seniors Derek Verhoff and Justine Verhoff.

Ben Burkhart, Katey Buss, Derek Verhoff and Justine Verhoff were also named the American Legion Post #63 winners. Great job students!

## Twenty-Five Years of KHS Boys Soccer

This year marks the 25th year of Kalida High School Boys Soccer. To commemorate this event a special booklet was published. This booklet includes photos of all 25 teams, along with stats, KHS record holders and individual team accomplishments as well as action shots from different years. If anyone is interested in purchasing this anniversary program, the cost is \$2. Please call Mark Czubik at 419-532-3841 or contact the high school at 419-532-3529.

## *To all of the faculty, staff, students and community of Kalida,*

*Thank you all for the amazing support shown to our family! We are so humbled and grateful for each of you. This school is the most generous, kind, thoughtful group of people we've ever met. Many people have said to us that they would rather be on the giving end than the receiving end of this situation.*

*Please know that we have never felt more loved, or more cared for than we do this week. Luke has been a very resilient kid his entire life, and having the prayers and support of this community really gives him strength!*

*We will never forget the kindness shown to us and will continue to keep every one of you in our prayers in return!*

*Love, Kathy, Darren, Ben and Luke Kaufman*

## Become An Athletic Booster

General membership for the Kalida Athletic Boosters can be obtained at any boys' or girls' home basketball games. Your annual membership payment of \$10 puts your name into a monthly drawing while supporting the athletic program for our student athletes.

## Seniors: Don't Forget the FAFSA!!

Parents of seniors who will be attending college next fall are reminded to complete the Free Application for Student Assistance (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds or scholarships that the respective schools distribute. Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent must have a pin number. You can obtain this at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) A good goal for completion of the FAFSA is mid-February. Parents and students are highly encouraged to call a college's financial aid office or check their websites for these dates.

# Kalida Local Schools Honor Roll 1st Quarter

## High School All A's

**Freshmen** - Kelly Doepker, Bailey Eickholt, Brianna Good, Brooke Kimball, Jeffrey Knueve, Caleb Siebeneck, Jade Zeller.

**Sophomores** - Sarah Hovest, Brady Laudick, Brooke Lucke, Allison Siebeneck, Grant Unverferth.

**Juniors** - Katey Buss, Mariah Doepker, Molly Ellerbock, Erin Knueve, Devin Kortokrax, Luke Langhals, Nicole Recker, Logan Roebke, Derek Schroeder.

**Seniors** - Alexis Decker, Kiersten Recker, Kylie Siebeneck, Elizabeth Turnwald.



## AB Honor Roll

**Freshmen** - Derek Buss, Erica Edwards, Ryan Ellerbrock, Kristen Fortman, Hannah Kahle, Dana Knueve, Noah Lambert, Abby Langhals, Samantha Langhals, Tyler Lehman, Carlee Miller, Griffin Recker, Alexis Schroeder, Sierra Schroeder, Trent Siebeneck, Adam von der Embse, Collin Wurth.

**Sophomores** - Cathy Basinger, Kylie Buss, Maddison Edelbrock, Alexa Ellerbrock, Trent Gerding, Adam Goergens, Joni Kaufman, Laine Laudick, Trevor Maag, Samantha Nagy, Kylie Osterhage, Allison Recker, Paige Roller, Kaleb Selhorst, Katelyn Siebeneck, Austin Swift, Alex von der Embse, Renee Vorst, Kassie Warnecke, Sidney White, Allison Wurth.

**Juniors** - Rebecca Brinkman, Ben Burkhart, Jacob Dunn, Lindsey Erhart, Zach Erhart, Jacquelyn Gardner, Tori Gerding, Kennedy Hoffman, Trevor Holtkamp, Auston Hosler, Brent Hovest, Melissa Jorrey, Ericka Kimball, Taylor Lamb, Morgan Niese, Olivia Schmenk, Austin Schulte, Brad Siebeneck, Sierra Snyder, Caitlin Stechschulte, Aaron Tenwalde, Megan Vine, Alexis Vorst, Austin Vorst, Makenna Vorst, Casey Wehri, Grant Zeller.

**Seniors** - Tadd Backus, Dana Cattell, Trevor Guisinger, Dylan Hoffman, Kyle Honigfort, Ryan Kahle, Katelyn Kortokrax, Meredith Kromer, Andrew Krouse, Brooke Loveland, Devin Merschman, Pat Millott, Nicole Reindel, Whitney Smith, Justine Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Randy Zeller.

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## Junior High All A's

**6th Grade** - McKenna Bockrath, Danielle Buss, Clara Elkins, Kyla Fortman, Tyler Klausing, Abby Maag, Carlie Rampe, Lydia Remlinger, Evan Roebke, Zachary von der Embse, Kamryn Wurth, Sydney Wurth.

**7th Grade** - Sami Backus, Keith Doepker, Nicole Fortman, Tara Gerding, Grant Laudick, Christian Nartker, Owen Niemeyer, Ethan Schmenk, Trevor Vorst, Eliza Whitling, Jack Zeller.

**8th Grade** - Anna Berheide, Nick Cleemput, Brady Decker, Alecia Dunn, Kevin Hamburg, Jacob Kahle, Josh Klausing, Sarah Klausing, Kierstan Siebeneck, Taylor Zeller.

## AB Honor Roll

**6th Grade** - Colin Erhart, Kaylee Heitmeyer, Gabe Hovest, Kaitlyn Keefer, Matthew Kehres, Madison Langhals, McKayla Maag, Grace Miller, David Peck, Brayden Recker, Josh Recker, Larissa Schnipke, Trevor Siefker.

**7th Grade** - Racheal Basinger, Faith Burgei, Cassidy Decker, Melissa Erhart, Adam Fitzgerald, Collin Fortman, Camryn Hoffman, Makenna Hoyt, Halie Kaufman, Connor Krouse, Trevor Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Treyton Martin, Morgan Mock, Makenna Niese, Owen Recker, Megan Schulte, Cameron Siebeneck, Hannah Smith, Josh Verhoff, Paul von der Embse, Allison Wurth.

**8th Grade** - Noah Hermiller, Chandler Hopkins, Rachel Kahle, Taylor Lucke, Connor Niese, Tori Niese, Jaylen Vandemark, Hannah Warn, Trevor Wurth.

## Superintendent Don Horstman

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HS. Principal Chris Pfahler  
Elem. Principal Karl Lammers



### School Board Members:

Sue M. Gerdeman - VP  
Nicole Niemeyer  
Dennis Turnwald  
Greg von der Embse -President  
Gerry Vorst

### School Board Meetings

Second Wednesday  
7:00 PM - Kalida School Board Room

PawPrint Editor: Nancy Grote

## October Music Boosters

\$150 Rita Iliff  
\$100 Kevin/Dee Hanneman  
\$100 Bernice Heitmeyer  
\$75 Mark Miller  
\$75 Jeff Blanford  
\$50 Scott/Brenda Vorst  
\$50 Tammy/Scott Royer  
\$50 Gregg/Jane Giessler  
\$50 Dennis Kapcar  
\$50 Diane Schroeder  
\$50 Sue Felkey

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## Christmas in Kalida

The Kalida Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring *Christmas in Kalida* on Friday, December 6. Hours for the event will be 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the New Kalida Community Park. There are several activities planned for the evening.:

Christmas Lighting Ceremony, Pony Rides  
Horse and Trolley Rides, Live Music  
Live Nativity and Singing  
An Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest  
Cookie Decorating, A Coloring Contest  
Face Painting, Food and Drinks  
Free Admission and Free Parking

Santa is coming to Kalida and will be there too! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the festivities as we usher in the Holiday Season.

## Juniors: Don't Forget the ACT!!

Parents of juniors are encouraged to remind their students to register and take the ACT at least 2 – 3 times before their senior year. The ACT is one of the two college entrance exams – the other being the SAT - required by most schools for admission. The ACT is the more dominant of the two for schools in Ohio and the Midwest. However, colleges will accept either test. The ACT is offered 6 times a year Remaining tests for this school year are in February, April, and June. The deadline to register for the test in February is January 10. Students must register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Fee waivers for the ACT are available in the guidance office for students who may qualify because of financial need. One new requirement which began year is that each student must upload a picture of himself or herself into the online account. Upon completing the registration, a student must print out a registration ticket with his or her photo on it. This form along with another form of picture ID (driver's license, etc.) must be taken to the test site in order to be permitted to test.

## Recycling at KHS

This year, Foreign Language Club has taken the initiative to start KHS Recycles at the high school. They have purchased blue bins to go in every classroom, the library, teacher's lounge and cafeteria. The high school will begin recycling paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and metal cans (in the kitchen) starting late December. Members from the *Foreign Language Club* and *Cats Who Care* have volunteered to collect the recyclables every Wednesday during activity period as well as transport the recyclables to the Putnam County recycling bins on Rt. 114 at the beginning of each month. With the help of FLC & CWC members as well as the staff and students, the KHS Recycles program is expected to be a great success and divert a lot of trash from the landfill.

We hope this program will educate our students and community about the benefits and importance of recycling as well as encourage our staff and students to work together to make this a success. On December 18, a short video created on the school iPads by FLC & CWC members, will air at the high school to explain exactly how the program will work. We hope to make this video available on the KHS Facebook page for community members to view as well! Go Green!

## College Career Day

On Friday, December 13 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to choose to attend three informational sessions from over 60 career areas that have been listed for the day.

## PSAT and PLAN Results

Results for the PSAT and PLAN (Pre-ACT for sophomores) assessments will be arriving soon. These results will be shared with students in late December or early January.