# Kalida Elementary January, 2018

#### Pen Pal Visit

In late December, our first graders visited their pen pals at Unverferth Manufacturing. The purpose of the program is to enhance letter writing in the school curriculum, expose the students to a variety of careers, and create an awareness of the community. Pen pals write letters once a month throughout the school year. This particular pen pal program is in its 23rd year and still going strong. Thank you UM!!

## No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 15

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#### **State Testing**

Testing dates by grade level and content area are as follows. Please avoid scheduling appointments on these dates.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading/LA April 24 & 25 Math – May 8 & 9
- 4<sup>th</sup> Reading/LA April 24 & 25 Math – May 8 & 9

The Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) will be taken on-line, and students will be testing approximately 1 hour per day. If you have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to call the Elementary office.

#### **PRIDE Program**

This month the PRIDE essential is Expectations and Creativity. We will be working on not expecting rewards, paying attention when another person is talking, and thinking 'outside the box'. We can do it!

### The Scholastic Book Fair – Way to Go!

With your help, we are able to add over \$1,307 of new books and materials for our library. We'd like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time to assist during P/T Conferences and a big thank you to Mrs. Scherer and Mrs. Swyers for organizing this event.

#### 2018-19 Kindergarten Registration

We currently have 46 youngsters registered for kindergarten this fall. If you know of anyone who is still interested in registering, please let them know there are registration forms available in the elementary office. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2018, to register for the 2018-19 school year. If you have any questions, please call the elementary office at 419-532-3845.

#### Kalida Elem Facebook Page

Check out what is happening in our school. We have 528 'Likes' and still growing.

#### A BIG Thank you to...

- our Pen Pals at Unverferth Manufacturing.
- all who bring in Box Tops. We will be receiving a check for \$470.60 from General Mills. Every little bit adds up!
- Maria Remlinger, Box Tops Program coordinator.
- the Kalida Lions Club for providing treats and a visit from Santa after the Christmas Program.
- -the PTO for providing a trip to the Shannon Theatre.
- Mr. Brinkman and teachers for the wonderful Polar Express experience.



### Calendar of **Events**

Jan 10 – School Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Jan 12 – End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Jan 15 – No School/Martin Luther King Day

Jan 19 – School Lunch Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Jan 19 - Grade cards sent home

Jan 22-24 – Personal Safety program, 1st, 3rd & 5th

Jan 23-24 - DIBELS Assessment K-2