

Kalida Elementary

August 2017

Get Ready, Set, Go! Welcome Back

The 2017-2018 school year will begin Tuesday, August 22. The first day of school is often an exciting time for everyone. As summer winds down, please know that the staff at Kalida is getting ready for a fantastic school year. The office is now open and the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2016-17 State Testing Results

Congratulations to the students, parents and staff. Our scores across the district were “Crazy Good!!!” Many scores were the highest in the area. This success may be difficult to maintain, but I know we are up for the challenge.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to an orientation session on Thursday, August 17, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This will begin in the child’s homeroom.

Who’s Who

Please join me in welcoming a few new faces to Kalida Elementary. This year Mr. Blake Walker will be joining our 3rd grade team (Mrs. Lori Erhart and Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer). He is an OSU grad, lives with his wife in Glandorf and has been teaching third grade for 3 years at Liberty Benton. Mrs. Jill Leis is the latest addition to our kindergarten team. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati, lives with her husband and children in Kalida and taught in the OG system. In the Speech Department, we will be welcoming Ms. Megan Westenbarger, and Mrs. Amanda Anspach will be the new face in our cafeteria. The only other change we have in staffing, is Mrs. Jessica Recker will now be teaching 1st grade.

Kindergarten – First Week Schedule

Kindergarten classes will begin on a phase-in schedule: some students attend the first day, some students attend the second day, all students attend the third day.

Back to School Event

Our annual Back to School Event will be Thursday, August 17, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to meet their teacher, drop off school supplies and check out their classroom. The office will also be open to allow parents to pay book fees and lunch money, and purchase recorders for music, if necessary. Forms that are usually distributed the first day of school will also be available so parents have more time to complete them.

**First Day of School 2017-18
Tuesday, August 22**

Drop Offs and Pickups

As in the past, we will use the front entrance (Fourth Street) for our drop off and pick up procedures. It is extremely important to use only the curb side nearest the elementary building when dropping off students in the morning. This is to ensure your child’s safety so they do not have to cross in front of oncoming traffic. All students must enter the main doors by the office or the gym doors. Students being picked up at the end of the day are dismissed at 2:50. Cars must be gone by 2:55 so our 2nd round of buses may take their loading positions at that time.

Busing Information

A drivers’ meeting was recently held to finalize routes. You will be contacted by your child’s bus driver as to the pick-up time this year. Only bus drop off will be allowed at the gym entrance. If you have questions or have made changes to your child’s busing schedule, please call the school.

Release Time

Kalida Elementary will continue to grant release time for elementary students during morning hours. For any student to participate, a parent permission form must be completed and on file in the office.

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Handbooks, Newsletters, Other Information

The Elementary Handbook can be found on our school web page. A Handbook Sign-off sheet indicating that you reviewed the handbook with your child will be sent home at the Back to School Event or on the first day of classes. If you need a hard copy, please let us know. Monthly newsletters and other information can be found on our home page: www.kalida.k12.oh.us Additional information, especially classroom information can be found on Schoology. Information on Schoology will be distributed at the Back to School Event.

Back to School Event
Thursday, August 17
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Cafeteria

Daily elementary lunches cost \$2.45, extra milk is \$0.50 and an extra entrée is \$1.50. Money should be sent in a sealed envelope with the child's name, PIN#, and amount written on the outside of the envelope. Account balances may be checked online. Free and reduced meal applications will be distributed at the Back to School Event or sent home on the first day of school. The reduced lunch price is \$0.40.

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Thursday, August 17
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Headphones/Earbuds

As our students continue to utilize technology on a regular basis, we are asking each student K-12 to bring in their own set of headphones/earbuds. This is for sanitary purposes, as well as for a comfortable fit for the student.

Many Thanks to...

-the awesome summer crew that has our building shining and ready to go: Mr. Ken Stechschulte, Mr. Dan Bellmann, Mr. Gary Vorst, Taylor Lucke, Kara Siefker, Brady Decker, Jack Zeller, Morgan Mock, Ethan Schmenk, Cassidy Decker, Halie Kaufman, Adam Fitzgerald and Nicole Fortman.



Calendar of Events

Aug 7	Elementary Office is open
Aug 17	Back to School Event, 4:00-5:00 pm
Aug 17	Kindergarten Orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm
Aug 22	First Day of School
Sept 11	No School /Teacher In-service
Sept 27	Picture Day

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2017-18 CALENDAR

August

- 17 Kindergarten Orientation
- 17 Back to School Event
- 22 First Day for Students

September

- 4 No Classes-Labor Day
- 11 No Classes – Staff Development
- 22 Mid Term Reports
- 27 School Pictures

October

- 26 End of First Nine Weeks
- 27 Quarter Break – No Classes

November

- 1 Picture Retakes
- 3 Report Cards Distributed
- 6-10 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up
- 20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences - No Classes
- 22 No Classes
- 23-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes

December

- 1 Mid-term Reports
- 4-8 Kindergarten Registration
- 20 Last Day for 2017

January

- 2 Classes Resume for 2018
- 12 End of Second Nine Weeks
- 15 Martin Luther King Day - No Classes
- 19 Report Cards Distributed

February

- 16 Mid-term Reports
- 19 Presidents' Day - No Classes

March

- 16 End of Third Nine Weeks
- 23 Report Cards Distributed
- 29 Spring Break Begins

April

- 3 Classes Resume
- 20 Mid-term Reports

May

- 23 Last Day of Classes for 2017-18
- 27 KHS Graduation – Class of 2018

Faculty and Staff 2017-18

Superintendent, Mr. Karl Lammers
Principal, Mrs. Kathleen J. Verhoff
Secretary, Mrs. Marcia Vennekotter
4A Mrs. Michele Niese
4B Mrs. Kayla Stechschulte
3A Mrs. Lori Erhart
3B Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer
3C Mr. Blake Walker
2A Mrs. Jill Laudick
2B Mrs. Darlene Imm
2C Mrs. Deb Eickholt
1A Mrs. Jessica Recker
1B Mrs. Cheryl Koch
1C Mrs. Kelly Siefker
Kg.A Mrs. Nancy Kaufman
Kg.B Mrs. Deb Kahle
Kg.C Mrs. Jill Leis
I.S. Mrs. Lori Fischer
P.E. Mrs. Kristen Stechschulte
Music Mrs. Mary Glick
Band Mr. Jacob Litwiller
Paraprofessional, Mrs. Linda Schmenk
Paraprofessional, Mrs. Gina Erhart
Guidance, Mr. Jeff Clement
HS Tech/Media Assistant, Mrs. Denise Scherer
ES Tech/Media Assistant, Mrs. Adriene Swyers
School Psychologist, Mrs. Julie Amstutz
Speech, Miss Megan Westenbarger
Technology Coordinator, Mr. Jeremy Okuley
Maintenance, Mr. Ken Stechschulte
Maintenance, Mr. Dan Bellmann
Cafeteria, Mrs. Doris Stechschulte
Cafeteria, Mrs. Amanda Anspach
Cafeteria, Mrs. Jean Smith
Teacher Aide, Mrs. Chris Schroeder