

Kalida Elementary

August 2018

Get Ready, Set, Go! Welcome Back

The 2018-2019 school year will begin Tuesday, August 21. 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.

2017-18 State Testing Results

Congratulations to the students, parents and staff. Once again, 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 Tuesday, August 14, at 10:00 a.m. This will begin in the cafeteria.



Who's Who

Please join me in welcoming a few new faces to Kalida Elementary. This year, Mrs. Chelsea Recker will be joining our 3rd grade team (Mrs. Lori Erhart and Mr. Blake Walker) and is excited to begin the new school year. She graduated from The University of Findlay and has been teaching third grade for 3 years at Leipsic Elementary. She lives with her husband and son right here in Kalida. Miss Molly Habberman is eager and honored to begin her career at Kalida. She will be teaching 5th/6th grade science. She also graduated from the University of Findlay, is from the Port Clinton area and completed her student teaching at Glandorf Elementary. Also, this year, Mrs. Gina Erhart will be instructing 4th grade reading. The only other change we have in staffing, is Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer will now be teaching Kindergarten.

Kindergarten – First Week Schedule

Kindergarten classes will begin on a phase-in schedule for individual student meetings with the teacher. All kindergarten students attend the third day.

Open House

Our annual Open House will be Thursday, August 16, 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 2018-19 Tuesday, August 21

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

The bus routes are complete. 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. Car drop offs are to be at the front door. If you have questions or have made changes to your child's busing schedule, please call the school.

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Elementary Playground Structure

As we get ready to begin another exciting school year, we are also ready to kick-off the next step in our Elementary School Playground Project. It's time to finalize the structure plans and raise the last bit of money needed to make this dream a reality.

Our existing playground structure will soon be 25 years old. It's been maintained by the church, but is beginning to show its age. For the last 5 years, our PTO has been putting a portion of the money they raise toward a new playground structure for the students, and the Box Tops fund has also earmarked money for this endeavor. This structure will be built on the school owned property between the current structure and the elementary building.

In order to do this, we are putting together a Playground Grant Writing Committee to help with locating additional funds for the structure. If you are interested in being on this committee (grant writing and locating additional funds), please e-mail Kristen Stechschulte Kristen.stechschulte@kalidaschools.org. Two community members will be chosen to sit on the committee along with teachers, custodians and administration.

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.

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 Open House 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.

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.

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.

Open House
Thursday, August 16
4:00 – 5:00 pm

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, Cassidy Decker, Kyla Fortman, Tara Gerding, Abby Maag, McKayla Maag, Noah Miller, Carlie Rampe, Ethan Schmenk, Paul von der Embse, Zach von der Embse, Bailey White, Abby Wurth, Sydney Wurth.



Calendar of Events

Aug 14	KDG Orientation, 10:00 a.m.
Aug 16	Open House, 4:00-5:00 pm
Aug 21	First Day of School
Sept 10	2 Hour Delay /Teacher In-service
Sept 26	Picture Day

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2018-19 CALENDAR

August

14 Kindergarten Orientation
16 Back to School Night
21 First Day for Students

September

3 No Classes-Labor Day
10 2 Hour Delay – Staff Development
21 Mid Term Reports
26 School Pictures

October

25 End of First Nine Weeks
26 Quarter Break – No Classes
31 Picture Retakes

November

2 Report Cards Distributed
5-9 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up
19 P/T Conferences
20 P/T Conferences - No Classes
21 No Classes
22-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes
30 Mid-term Reports

December

3-7 Kindergarten Registration
20 Last Day for 2018

January

2 Classes Resume for 2019
11 End of Second Nine Weeks
18 Report Cards Distributed
21 Martin Luther King Day - No Classes

February

15 Mid-term Reports
18 Presidents' Day - No Classes

March

15 End of Third Nine Weeks
22 Report Cards Distributed

April

18 Spring Break Begins
23 Classes Resume
24 Mid-term Reports

May

22 Last Day of Classes for 2018-19
23 Teacher Record Day
26 KHS Graduation – Class of 2019

Kalida Elementary Faculty and Staff 2018-19

Superintendent, Mr. Karl Lammers
Principal, Mrs. Kathleen J. Verhoff
Secretary, Mrs. Marcia Vennekotter
4A Mrs. Michele Niese
4B Mrs. Kayla Stechschulte
4C Mrs. Gina Erhart
3A Mrs. Lori Erhart
3B Mrs. Chelsea Recker
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
KA Mrs. Jessica Wischmeyer
KB Mrs. Deb Kahle
KC 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
Teacher/Paraprofessional, Mrs. Gina Erhart
Guidance, Mr. Jeff Clement
Guidance, Mrs. Tanya Best
School Psychologist, Mrs. Julie Amstutz
ES Tech/Media Assistant, Mrs. Adriene Swyers
HS Tech/Media Assistant, Mrs. Denise Scherer
Speech, 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