



# The Paw Print



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**January 2021**

## Happy Retirement Coach!

Mark Czubik is retiring after 32 years as the only boys' varsity soccer coach in Kalida High School history. He compiled a 406-127-79 record, winning 12 Putnam County League titles, eight PCL coach of the year awards, 12 district championships and a pair of regional titles, resulting in state final four berths in 2001 and 2002. In addition, Coach Czubik was district and state Coach of the Year in 2001, and has earned numerous awards for his integrity and sportsmanship over the years.



"I have enjoyed the experience immensely," Coach Czubik said. "I couldn't have asked for a better situation."

The entire Kalida community wants to congratulate Coach Czubik for his years of service and commitment to building up and maintaining the level of excellence in the soccer program at Kalida. Coach Czubik set high standards each season for his teams and the consistency and winning his teams did over the years shows how respected he was by his players. A ceremony will be held during soccer season later this year to commemorate his many accomplishments.

## In Appreciation

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Kalida Local Schools recognizes and thanks our current members for all they do to oversee district operations.

During the annual organization meeting Mr. Greg von der Embse was voted in as President. Mr. Craig Schmenk was voted Vice-President for this year. Other members are Mr. Gerry Vorst, Ms. Emily Peck and Mr. Brad Niemeyer.

School Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Kalida School Board Room.

## Calendar Dates

- February 15** Presidents' Day **No School**
- April 1-5** Spring Break **No School**
- May 25** Last day of School
- May 30** Graduation Class of 2021
- August 24** School Begins 2021-2022



## Congratulations to the 2021 KHS Homecoming Court

Freshmen: Jon Luersman and Whitney Unverferth  
Sophomores: Dominic Bockrath and Kierstan Remlinger  
Juniors: Grant Vorst and Amanda Unverferth  
Seniors King Candidates-Luke Erhart, Mitch Langhals, Will Zeller,  
And Queen Candidates - Hannah Berheide, Dara Lewis, and Casey Rosselit

This year the Queen/King crowning will take place on February 13 during the boys' basketball home game vs. Van Buren. There will not be a homecoming dance this year due to Covid restrictions.

## Book Bills Past Due

Have you paid you child's book bill for the 2020-2021 school year yet? For some reason, payments for book bills are running way behind this year in grades 5-12. About 35% of the payments have not been made. Perhaps you set it aside and forgot. If you are not sure, call the high school office at 419-532-3529 to verify if your child's book bill is still unpaid. We appreciate your attention to this issue.

## Gene Stechschulte Award

Richard Kortokrax is the 2021 recipient of the Gene Stechschulte Award. The Stechschulte family will present Mr. Kortokrax the award on January 30 during the Wayne Trace boys' basketball game. Former player and student, Ryan Kerner, nominated Coach Kortokrax for his many contributions to Kalida



Schools over the years. Mr. Kortokrax touched the lives of many Kalida students as a principal, athletic director, and most notably, as a coach. Ryan's nomination summary and a brief biography of Mr. Kortokrax can be found on the school webpage.

## Strawberries, BBQ Sauce & Popcorn

The Kalida FFA Chapter will be selling Florida Strawberries, D.B. Yummers BBQ Sauce, and Metzger Popcorn as a part of their spring fundraiser until February 5. Items will be delivered TENTATIVELY the week of February 22. If you are interested in purchasing items, please contact any student from the Kalida FFA Chapter or call Mrs. Bluhm at the high school 419-532-3529.

## Annual Detergent Sale

The Kalida Softball team is once again selling laundry detergent. The order deadline is February 19.

Order forms are available in the high school office and also at the Kalida post office. Contact any softball player or call Randy Buss at 419-532-2208 .

## Kindergarten Screening April 7

If you have not registered your youngster for kindergarten for next school year 2021-2022, please call the elementary office. Kindergarten screening will take place on April 7 at the elementary.

## Book Fair Summary

Thank you for your support of our annual book fair. Although it had to be held online this year, we were still able to earn money for the KES library. The students always enjoy when new books are added to the library. Thank you for your continued support.

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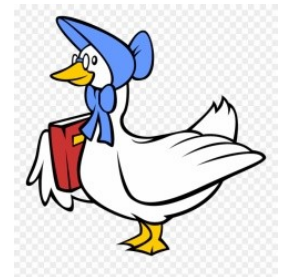
# *How Can We Help Our Children Learn to Read?*

*Guest Columnist – Reading Specialist Mrs. Tammy Schroeder*

This question is often asked by parents and educators. We all know how important it is to learn to read and to learn at an early age. The best way to begin is to make sure we are reading to our children. How early should we start? The answer is as infants. It is never too early. (However if your child is older, now is better than never starting.) One of the best pieces of literature to read to young children is the nursery rhymes. The nursery rhymes have gotten somewhat lost in the hustle and bustle of our modern society. Their value, however, cannot be duplicated. Experience and research show that nursery rhymes can benefit children in these ways:

- Introduce the child to language patterns
- Help learn easy recall
- Develop speech (language) and articulation
- Develop phonemic awareness
- Build memory
- Understanding basic concepts such as position words
- Encourages creativity and listening skills

Numerous research studies have shown that children who know and can say or sing nursery rhymes by the age of 4 are usually the best at reading and spelling by age 8.



## Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen orientation will be held the evening of February 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school for parents and students of this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class – the class of 2025. It is important that you and your child attend this event so that information can be given to you that is relevant for your child's academic future and success. Graduation requirements which will impact this class, course scheduling, and exciting programs for high school students will be discussed.

## High School Scheduling

Registration for course scheduling for students entering grades 10-12 next year will take place February 25-26 during the school day. A parent signature is required on the student's scheduling form. Completed schedule forms must be given to each student's respective English teacher by March 5.

## College Credit Plus/AP Meetings Scheduled

On Monday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a meeting for the parents of high school students who may be interested in taking college level courses during next school year. There are two main options at Kalida High School for students to take college level courses. One option is that students can take a few at Kalida High School. These courses are either taught by a college instructor or members of our KHS staff who have been approved by James A. Rhodes State College to teach respective courses.

**The following courses at Kalida High School are high school courses which can be taken for college credit through Rhodes State College: Psychology, Computer Applications, Introduction to Engineering, Digital Electronics, and Computer Aided Drafting. It is important for parents of students planning to take any of these courses for college credit attend the meeting at 6:00. If parents have attended this session in a previous year, then, there is no need to attend again.** The other main method by which high school students can take college level courses is for them to take them on a college campus or online during the summer or school calendar year. A representative from James A. Rhodes State College and other local colleges will be present to explain the options of the College Credit Plus program and answer questions. Parents who attended this meeting in the past do not have to attend again, but certainly can for a refresher.

## Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates

In the next few weeks juniors will have the opportunity to complete applications if interested for Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State. Young men and women around Ohio will be learning about city, county and state government processes. At American Legion Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. High School juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts and Units to attend the weeklong event. Buckeye Boys State is held on the campus of Miami University and Girls State is held at the University of Mount Union.

## Vantage Information for Sophomores

The field trip for sophomores to Vantage, which is normally held in late January, has been postponed until the week of March 22. Prior to this field trip, Vantage will be hosting a virtual student/parent meet and greet and question/answer sessions on the evening of February 22. More information on accessing this virtual meeting will be released a few days before the event.

Vantage representatives were present at KHS on Wednesday, January 20 and made a presentation to all sophomores. Any sophomore who wishes to be considered for enrollment at Vantage for the 2021-22 school year should complete the application. Applications must be completed online. More details can be obtained from Mr. Clement.

## HOBY Selection

Congratulations to Chloe Mitchell and Kayla Nartker who were selected to represent the sophomore class at this summer's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Ohio Northern University. Chloe is the daughter of Mandi Jones. Kayla is the daughter of Keith Nartker and Beth Kortokrax. Interested sophomores submitted essays in November which were, then, anonymously judged by faculty members. A special thank you to the Kalida Lion's Club and Mr. Dean Brinkman (Kalida H.S. Principal) for funding the fee to attend the conference.

## AP Course Sessions

There will be meetings on Monday, March 1 at 6:45 pm at Kalida High School for students and parents of the students who will be taking any Advanced Placement (AP) course next year. These are courses which can also earn students college credit upon completion of the AP exams which are given at the end of each school year. AP courses offered at Kalida include the following with the grade level required for participation in parenthesis:  
American History (10, 11, 12),  
Government (11, 12), and English (12).

*For convenience, these meetings will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. and will follow the above mentioned College Credit Plus session since many parents may need to attend both.*

The schedule for the meetings is as follows pending the completion of College Credit Plus meeting:

AP American History & AP Government  
(6:45 p.m.) - Room 106 /Mr. Gerding

AP English Literature and Composition  
(7:00 p.m.) - Room 108/Mrs. Gerding



**Superintendent Karl Lammers**  
419-532-3534  
High School Principal Dean Brinkman  
Elementary Principal Kayla Stechschulte

**School Board Meetings**  
Second Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Kalida School Board Room

**School Board Members**  
Greg von der Embse, President  
Craig Schmenk, Vice President  
Brad Niemeyer  
Emily Peck, Gerry Vorst

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### Music Booster Drawings

#### November \$50 Winners

Brian Recker, Jack Buell  
Andrea Knueve, Alan Miller  
Wyatt Lehman, Dick Kortokrax

#### December Winners

\$200 Dave Siefker  
\$150 Ron & Jan vanderEmbse  
\$100 Heather Shiningier  
\$100 Maya Wehri  
\$75 Greg & Lisa Siefker  
\$75 Jo Buss  
\$50 Diane Kerner  
\$50 MarianVerhoff  
\$50 Wendy Stechschulte  
\$50 Joe Sellhorst  
\$50 Ken & Cindy Landwehr  
\$50 Pat Broecker

#### January \$50 Winners

Eric & Lisa Rampe  
Larry Peck  
Dave Warnecke  
Garrett Jerwers  
Diane Recker  
Karen Kerner

**Testing Times** -State Proficiency/End of Course Exams will be given again this spring for our students in grades 5-12. The testing window at Kalida MS/HS will begin on March 31 and end April 30. AP Exams will be given during the week of May 3. In the Elementary testing will be April 13-14 for third and fourth grade ELS and May 4-5 for the third and fourth grade Math tests. A copy of the testing schedule will be put on the Parent Course page in Schoology for parents to see exactly when their children will be tested. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or vacations during this time.

### All A Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Brant Bockrath, Kallie Bockrath, Ella Brinkman, Levi Grime, Grady Houck, Taylor Nienberg, C. Leo Parisi, Christopher Rall, Lucas Schroeder, Emma Shiningier, Brady Unverferth, Madison Verhoff, Lincoln Warnecke.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Hannah Bendele, Adam Bockrath, Morgan Bockrath, Sophia Meyer, Amber Moore, Cody Recker, Kennedy Simon, Isabelle Swyers, Zachary Unverferth, Maya Wehri.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Mallorie Barnhart, Adam Buell, Jack Buell, Katelyn Foppe, Cole Goubeaux, Kyla Grime, Logan Kerner, Grady Kuhlman, Kara Lammers, Caden Looser, Isabel Recker, Ryan Schnipke, Grace Schroeder, Owen Siebeneck, Ella Siefer, Landon Verhoff, Emma von der Embse, Camdyn Warnecke.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Gabrielle Brinkman, Laura Doepker, Grant Fortman, Madelyn Houck, Katherine Krouse, Allie Kuhlman, Alison Landwehr, Ethan Langhals, Olivia Meyer, Connor Nartker, Makenna Peck, Emerson Schnipke, Jacob Siebeneck, Braylon Smith, Reese Strauer, Madison Unverferth, Ryan Verhoff.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** Hannah Basinger, Andrea Burgei, Maria Gerding, Collin Heitmeyer, Riley Nienberg, Ella Schumacher, Sara Siebeneck.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Nicholas Foppe, Grant Helmke, Joel Horstman, Camille Hovest, Kayla Nartker, Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker, Gabriel von der Embse, Kenzie White.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** Brandt Brinkman, Blake Eickholt, Kenzie Fortman, Madison Kahle, Ryan Klausing, Cole Nienberg, Justin Siebeneck, Jakob Swyers, Brooke Vennekotter, Molly Westrick, Zoey Westrick, Peyton Wurth.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** Olivia Decker, Luke Erhart, Jayce Horstman, Katelyn Kahle, Grace Klausing, Jillian Knueve, Kevin Lammers, Marcy Landwehr, Mitchell Langhals, Dara Lewis, Ryan Lucke, Brandon Miller, Jennifer Rall, Kathryn Siebeneck, Brenna Smith, Tyler Unverferth, Jasmine Vorst, Will Zeller.

### AB Honor Roll 2nd Quarter

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Tobin Anspach, Addelyn Brinkman, Corinne Brinkman, Emerson Burgei, Isabelle Buss, Kendyl Klima, Brylie Krouse, Olivia Landwehr, Gavin Leis, Avery Miller, Sophia Potts, Paul Stechschulte, Penny Vandercook, Ross Zeller.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Nataly Calvelage, Bryn Casper, Cody Decker, Cooper Horstman, Jax Horstman, Riley Horstman, Gemmah Knott, Max Langhals, Enna Meyers, Jagger Miller, Kylie Peck, Blake Remlinger, Bryce Remlinger, Makenzie Remlinger, Josh Schulte, Kendall Schultz, Anna Schumacher, Aubree Sickles, Nicole Siebeneck, Carlie Siefker, Ruby Vandercook, Nathan Wannemacher.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Lauren Bockrath, Faith Feldman, Lana Grime, Karlie Heitmeyer, Jaxon Hoffman, Aiden Hundley, Nathaniel Kahle, Griffin Klausing, Kendal Krouse, Lauren Laudick, Jason Luersman, Claire Nartker, Elijah Patrick, Annelise Price, Mylie Rampe, Madison Ricker, Malia Romes, Alexander Shiningier, Parker Vorst.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Tucker Anspach, Maddix Calvelage, Alexandria Gardner, Carson Kahle, Drew Meyer, Adyson Miller, Reese Miller, Grace Rall, Lane Rellinger, Lauren Schulte, Dylan Siefker, Ella Stechschulte, Jack Stechschulte, Avrie Unverferth, Drake Zeller.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** Katherine Bendele, Rebekah Bowers, Raegan Gerdeman, Audra Hovest, Erica Kahle, Kyle Lammers, Olivia Olzak, Noah Recker, Carson Remlinger, Ethan Remlinger, Katelyn Roof, Austin Schnipke, Carly Webken, Ethan Wehri.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** Dyllan Bendele, Paige Broussard, Garrett Decker, Ella Hoffman, Carson Klausing, Evan Klausing, Jeret Landwehr, Wyatt Lehman, Haley Looser, Heath Miller, Malie Miller, Leo Rafaniello, Kierstan Remlinger, Dawson Schultz, Kevin Schumaker, Jaden Smith, Aric Snipes, Allison Stechschulte, Evan Stechschulte, Jordyn Vandemark.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade** Logan Bockrath, Marcus Cox, Alysén Hoyt, Landyn Knott, Catherine Lehman, Grace Niemeyer, Leah Schnipke, Nathan Schroeder, Adam Siefker, Tyson Siefker, A.J. Verhoff, Noah Verhoff, Amanda Unverferth, Grant Vorst, Samantha Westrick.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade** Hannah Berheide, Emily Buss, Anthony Butler, Ben Doepker, Connor Erhart, Abby Martin, Melanie Meyers, Casey Rosselit, Dayna Schimmoeller, Ayden Warnecke.