



March
2024

Gator News

Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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@ A Glance

March 7-9
School Musical—Singin' In
The Rain, Jr.
7:00 PM March 7-9
2:00 PM March 9

March 8
Early Release—11:20

March 10
Daylight Saving Time
Begins—turn clocks forward 1
hour

March 15
Uncle Mike's Fundraiser
Pickup—3:00-5:00

March 19-21
Forward Exam

March 22
End of Quarter 3

ROCKS Dance and
Dodgeball—3:15-5:30

March 25
Track Begins—3:10-4:30

March 29-April 5
No School

April 9
Spring Tennis Informational
Meeting—3:10, room 215

May 2
New Student Orientation—
6:00-7:15

May 10
Early Release—11:20

May 14
Band Concert
7th Grade—6:30 PM
8th Grade—7:30 PM

April 16-17
Forward Exam

April 30
ROCKS Timber Rattler
Game—4:15-9:00 PM

May 20
Choir Concert at KHS—7:00
PM

May 27
No School

June 4
8th Grade Recognition—6:00-
8:00 PM

Dear Gator Families,

Welcome to yet another warm greeting in these continued warm days of Winter and Spring! In recent weeks, we have been very fortunate and honored to have several reasons to celebrate our Gators! Once again, our school and district's mission to help students reach their potential in the arts has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as a Best Community for Music Education. We thank Mr. Leih, Mr. Hietpas, and Mrs. Bolden as exceptional educators, and our families for your continued support of the arts. JRG hosted the CESA 6 Spelling Bee for the second year in a row, with one of our students moving on to regional competition. For the first time ever, our Student Council received the prestigious honor of the Spirit of Excellence Award. Every Student Council member contributed to this award-winning portfolio containing all of the wonderful opportunities afforded to students in our school and district. In another first, our Creativity Lab students shared their diverse robotics skills to members of our School board, even having one robot pass out the meeting agendas! We are certainly proud to be Gators!

Later this month, and again in April, our students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their growth in learning during the course of the year. As a school and school district, the Forward provides us with valuable information to ensure our students are learning and growing and gives us a chance to adjust our practices to best meet kids' learning needs. *I would once again like to share with you the same message we share with our students in regard to all assessments here at JRG. Assessments not only indicate we are growing, but they also reinforce several key life lessons:*

- **The importance of showing up and doing your best.** We want students to be confident in themselves and in their knowledge to do well in any situation life throws at them. Whether an exam, an interview, a promposal, a difficult conversation, etc, there are times when we need to know what we know and be ready to share that.

- **Exams can hold the keys to success and opportunity.** Our students have taken and will continue to take several exams as they progress through their educational and vocational journeys. Swimming test, drivers tests, babysitter class, Eagle Scout Review boards, try-outs and the list goes on and on. The ASVAB, ACCUPLACER, ACT, SAT are all exams that open the doors to post-high school success and choices for our kids. We want our kids to be ready in skill, knowledge and confidence to unlock any doors through which they want to pass.

And lastly, and as equally as important to the preceding points...

- **You are more than just a number.** Exam scores are one set of data points that describe the rich and wonderful people our students are. Although exams can give us an idea of where we are in terms of academic progress, they pale in comparison to the qualities that make us compassionate, creative, honest, responsible, respectful, and most of all...kind.

At the end of March, our students will also help us understand the overall health and wellness of our school through the annual YRBS Survey. This anonymous questionnaire provides valuable information to our school and district to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Take care, Gator Families, and thanks again for all you do to support us in our mission to help all students find success. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us or 920.788.7905.

Student-Staff Basketball Game—March 8th

The JRG Student Council is hosting our annual student-staff basketball game on March 8th to benefit Harbor House and Alex's Peace/Love Cancer Walk. Every year, our goal is to raise over \$1,000 to benefit these local charities which help many of our students in need and their families. The baskets will be raffled off during the game on Friday. Raffle tickets can be purchased the week of March 4th at lunch. The cost is 3/\$1 or 20/\$5. All proceeds will be donated. Please ask your son/daughter about his/her basket theme. Thank you in advance for your support of the local charities!

[Raffle Basket Slide Show](#)

JRGMusical—Singin' In The Rain, Jr.

Please join us in celebrating the performances of "Singin' In The Rain, Jr." this weekend. Students have been working tirelessly on this show and you will not be disappointed. Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#) or at the door.

Showtimes are:

Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 PM

Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

JRGM Student Council Winning Portfolio

JRG's Student Council won a prestigious award! They created a portfolio that displayed our school's exceptional leadership, service to others, sportsmanship, and school culture. This portfolio was then judged by the WASC Board and was determined to win both the best in the region as well as in the state. This is an extremely high honor to be considered the best middle school in the state regarding programming. The Student Council was honored at the Milwaukee Bucks game on Monday, March 4th. The council received both a banner and a trophy to display at the school.

[Click here](#) to view the portfolio and the amazing work our Student Council has done.



8th Grade Opportunity in April

On April 25th, we have an exciting opportunity for our 8th grade students and All Abilities Club members to attend the KHS production called *Much Like You*, a play about disability awareness. This play helps build understanding and belonging within our community and aligns directly to our [KASD Plan for Excellence Belonging Statement](#). This production was last offered to our students back in 2018 and we are fortunate to provide our students with the same experience years later. This event is free of cost. Students will attend the production in the morning and return in time for their regularly scheduled lunch. Permission slips for this event will be handed out on Monday, April 8th due no later than Friday, April 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal, Emily Behnke: ebehnke@kimberly.k12.wi.us or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4110.

NAMI Presentation

This year we were given the opportunity to create a partnership with the Fox Valley National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). A representative from NAMI will be presenting the definition of a mental health condition, warning signs of mental health conditions, and the importance of seeking help and early treatment during 7th grade health classes on March 7.

We are looking forward to this partnership and the education it will provide to the students. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Berger at (920) 788-7905 ext 21131 or mberger@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Microsoft Girls Who Code Event

All 5th -8th grade girls are welcome to participate in a Microsoft Girls Who Code event sponsored by Kimberly-Clark! This hands-on computer science workshop will be Wednesday, April 17th at JRG Middle School from 4:00-6:00 P.M. The evening includes a pizza dinner and Adafruit circuit boards for all girls who attend!



Watch for the sign up that will be coming out in a few weeks.

Computer Care and Safety

Student Chromebooks play a vital part of the JRG daily learning experience. Because of this, Chromebook care is of utmost importance so that students are able to have the devices in class to aid in their learning. It is possible that minor damage may occur due to normal use and wear, almost all of which is covered by the parent-elected insurance. Other significant damage that is caused by accidental or intentional misuse may not be covered by this insurance. Remember that these devices are the District's property, and our IT works diligently with outside vendors to make sure they are functioning every day.

Even more importantly, JRG and the Kimberly Area District invest heavily in internet safety and security to keep our kids safe. Our safety nets protect our students from harmful websites and keep our internet up and running to provide our students with a safe and secure learning experience. Students found trying to evade or dismantle the internet safety on their Chromebooks are in violation of the district's safe use policy and can be subject to consequences for their actions.

JRG Students Showcase Innovative VEX V5 Robots to Kimberly Area School District School Board

In a remarkable display of innovation and talent, students of JRG had the distinct honor of presenting their VEX V5 robots to the Kimberly School Board. The event, held on Monday, March 26, served as a testament to the dedication and ingenuity of these young minds in the realm of robotics and technology. The robots, equipped with cutting-edge technology and customized functionality.

The presentations provided a unique opportunity for the students to articulate their design processes, programming algorithms, and the real-world applications of their robotic creations.

The showcase of VEX V5 robots by JRG students was a success. Their dedication, perseverance, and enthusiasm serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the limitless potential that lies within the next generation of scientists, engineers, and technologists.



Jacob Ostermann



Ian Feucht and
Owen Handschke



Kaylee Behnke



Adrian Bouruc



Micah Driessen



Kaylee Skarda and
Stella Campbell



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Kimberly Area School District

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2023 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION**


ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
I AM PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON BEING RECOGNIZED
BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSIC MERCHANTS AS A
2023 BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION.

I COMMEND ALL THE STUDENTS, STAFF, EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS,
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION
MADE THIS ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBLE.

I EXTEND MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING
EACH STUDENT HAS ACCESS TO A QUALITY MUSIC CURRICULUM AND A WELL-
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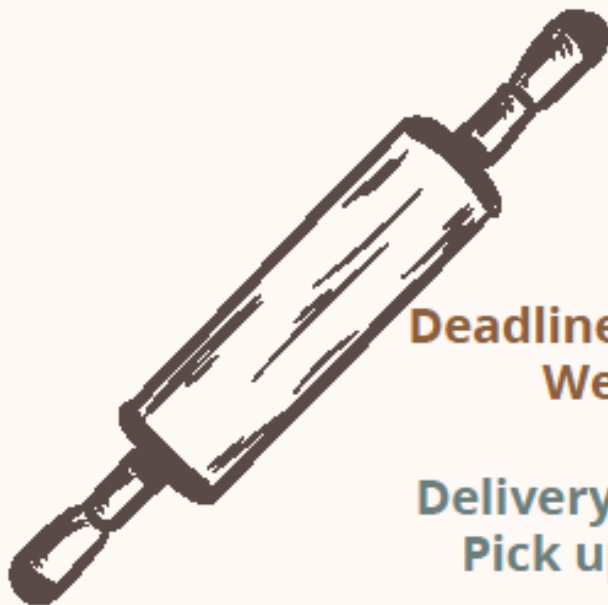

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STUDENT SERVICES FUNDRAISER

Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe
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Order Forms will be coming home Wednesday, February 21. All proceeds will fund Student Activities - VIP rewards, group pizza parties, small group activities and much more!



Deadline to return Forms and Money:
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Delivery Date: Friday, March 15, 2024
Pick up in Commons 3:00-5:00 PM

KHS Upcoming Dates: Class of 2028



Welcome to Kimberly High School!

As a follow up to the 8th grade transition night, we would like the Class of 2028 families to have upcoming dates as they prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. As each date approaches, more details will be shared on the events.

April:

April 30, 2024: High school counselors and current high school students talk with 8th graders about the transition from JRG to high school.

May:

May 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm: Fall sports meeting

End of May: Student schedules are released to students/parents. Students will have 1 week to request a change if there is an issue with your schedule.

June:

Summer school dates: June 10- June 28 (recommendation only)

July:

Mid- July: Incoming 9th graders will receive an email and phone call from their Link Crew leader.

August:

Early August: Registration and final student schedules are released in Infinite Campus.

Students who are interested in walking their schedule, please contact their Link Crew leader.

School Supplies List: Read your teacher [Web Welcome Letters](#) for needed supplies.

Early August: Link Crew Meet and Greet

Incoming 9th graders get to meet their Link Leader at KHS. This is an opportunity for 9th grade students to ask questions and begin feeling comfortable in the building.

End of August: Link Crew Kick Off Event including Club/Activity Fair

Incoming 9th graders attend a kickoff event that introduces them to teachers, building schedules, and other logistics.

Mid- September: Link Crew Dance at KHS

After a home football game, 9th grade students and Link Leaders return to KHS for a casual-dress dance.

KHS Contacts

Link Crew

Tammy Buchinger- tbuchinger@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Laura Wierschke- lwierschke@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Phil Yunk- pyunk@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Student Services

(920) 687-3024 Option 3

Tracie Halfmann (last names: A-E)- thalfmann@kimberly.k12.wi.us

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Athletics

(920) 687-3024 Option 4

Ryan McGinnis- mcginnis@kimberly.k12.wi.us

YRBS Opt Out Form

Our school is taking part in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about health behaviors that keep young people healthy, as well as behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about bullying, sexual risk behaviors (mostly for high school students), online risk behaviors, stress and anxiety, self-harm, dietary behavior and physical activity. It also focuses on positive things like strong connections to the school and to other people.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online questionnaire that takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey and it does not ask for student IDs or any other individual identifiers. The classroom setting will be set up like a test so that students' answers remain private. The school will only not have access to individual students' answers and no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey do help students by providing schools and the community with information that is used to improve health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. If you have questions about the survey, you may ask your child's teacher or school counselor. If they cannot answer your questions, they can direct you to the proper person at the Department of Public Instruction.

Please read the section below. If you **do not** want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to the school no later than Thursday, March 28. Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

[☐] I do not want my child to participate in the YRBS Survey

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

JRG ACP News



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What is Career Planning ?

Career Planning, or CP, is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills.

Throughout their time at JRG, students will have a variety of opportunities to thoughtfully consider who they are as people and how that relates to future career options. Within the TLC time, students will complete interest inventories, career research, set academic and personal goals and reflect throughout the year with the support of their TLC teacher. Likewise, students will be exposed to a variety of hands-on experiences to help them begin narrowing the focus of possible career options.

Career Planning is based upon career clusters which bundles all jobs into 16 different categories. This year, we will be focusing on eight career clusters, with the remaining eight to follow next year.

Career Planning 2023-2025 Career Cluster Plan		
	Year 1	Year 2
SEPT	Hospitality & Tourism	Health Sciences
OCT	Human Services	Arts, Audio/Visual, Technology, & Communication
NOV	Government & Public Administration	Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
DEC	Manufacturing	Finance
JAN	Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	Architecture & Construction
FEB	Marketing	Education
MAR	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Information Technology
APR	STEM	Business
MAY	Final Reflection	

This month's focus cluster:

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

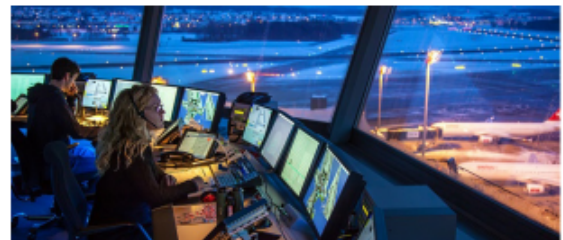
A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Air Traffic Controller
- Auto Dealer
- Civil Engineer
- Commercial Diver
- Machinist
- Mover
- Pilot
- Road Construction & Maintenance Worker
- Ship's Crew
- Tow Truck Driver



Questions to ask your middle school student about this career cluster:

- Where do we see examples of these careers in our community?
- What personality traits would best fit this career cluster?
- What family members or friends are involved in a career in this cluster?
- What level of interest do you have in this career cluster?



Is your career in Transportation, Distribution and Logistics?

We have an exciting opportunity for families to get involved with career planning. JR Gerritts is looking for parent volunteers to present their line of work to help the students gain a greater awareness of local occupations. On May 10, parents/guest speakers will present their occupation to 8 different groups of students for 15

minutes each. Speakers will be expected to do the following within each 15 minute rotation:

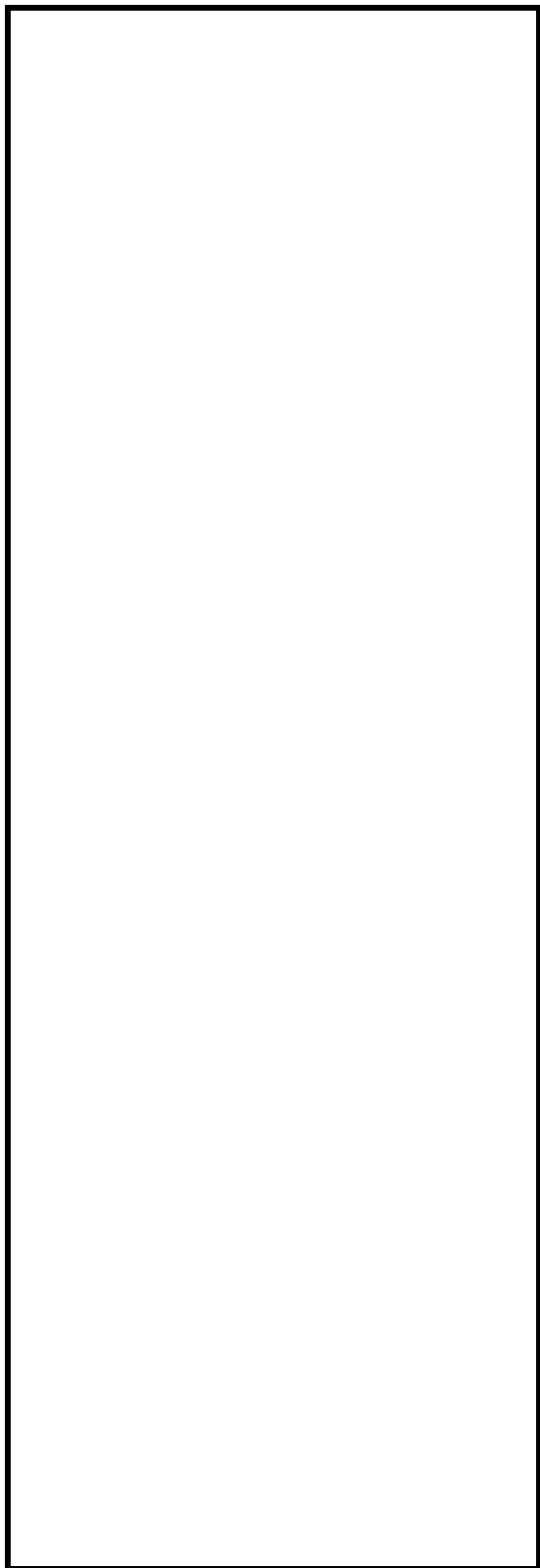
- Discuss their job description
- Present props/visuals related to their job (optional)
- Answer student questions

If your career is in Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

and you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Brad Demmin bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or (920)788-7905 ext.4103. We are also looking for volunteers from our other Year 1 clusters. Contact Brad if interested.

Create Your Own Bookmark During Youth Art Month

March is Youth Art Month, and the Library is holding a "Create a Bookmark" Contest. Winning entries will be reprinted for all of our school's students to enjoy. A small prize will also be awarded to submissions that are chosen. All entries need to be returned to the LMC before Spring Break. Ask your Language Arts teacher for a copy of the submission form or stop in the LMC to pick one up.



First and Last Name

Grade _____

March is Youth Art Month!

Create a bookmark for your school library. A panel of judges will decide which bookmarks from each school are their favorites and those will be reprinted for all of our school's students to enjoy. A small prize will also be awarded to submissions that are chosen.

Open to KASD students in grades K-8.

Multiple designs can be created and submitted, but a student can only win once.

Bookmark designs can be submitted to your school library by March 28, 2024.

SOS-ROCKS-STUDENT COUNCIL

DODGEBALL AND DANCE AGAIN

Sign up for the free event on the **Google Form** linked below.

Monday, 2/26 through Friday, 3/15.

Dodgeball sign-up is due by Friday, 3/15.

Pick up and turn the dodgeball team sign-up forms in Student Services



- There will be “Just Dance” in the small gym. The Dodgeball tournament will be in the large gym and a movie will run in the auditorium.
- Student Council will be selling concessions.
- Students are expected to stay at JRG for the entire event. If a student has to leave or chooses to leave, they may NOT return to the event.

WHEN:
FRIDAY, 3/22/24
3:15-5:30
AT JRG
COST: FREE

ALL STUDENTS MUST
REGISTER ON THE
GOOGLE FORM
LINKED BELOW AND
BE A ROCKS
MEMBER

ONCE YOU REGISTER AND
SUBMIT THE GOOGLE
FORM, PICK UP A
DODGEBALL
REGISTRATION PAPER
FROM STUDENT SERVICES

PLEASE REGISTER ON THIS GOOGLE FORM

April ROCKS Event



Recognizing Our Committed Kid\$
To
Keep JRG Drug and Alcohol Free!



JRG WI Timber Rattlers Night Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Where: Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium; 2400 N Casaloma Dr, Appleton, WI 54913

When: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Time: Students will meet in the JRG Commons at 4:15 pm. Buses will depart JRG South Parking Lot at 4:30 pm SHARP and return to JRG around 9:00 pm (maybe earlier depending on the game).

JRG's own Soundscape Choir will be performing the National Anthem

The cost is **\$25.00** for busing, an all-you-can-eat dinner at the stadium, and a ticket to the game.

If desired, students can bring extra money to purchase concessions.

**** Students do not need to bring or print the Eventbrite "ticket."**

****If the cost of the event is a barrier for your child, please reach out to Krista Zacher (kzacher@kimberly.k12.wi.us) so we can support with our Project Starfish Finds.**

Please Register at [Eventbrite](#) link

Ticket sales run from Monday, March 18 at 7:30 am until Monday, April 15 at 11:59 pm or are sold out.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2324-rocks-wi-timber-rattlers-tickets-856030539387>

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Wild, Mrs. Hermus, or Mrs. Kramer.

**** Note:** For safety and planning purposes, no late registrations will be accepted for any reason. No exceptions. Additionally, you must be in school and be in good disciplinary standing on the day of the event to attend. Any requests for exemption must be addressed before the event to be considered for approval by the administration. If your student is registered for this event but does not show up, we will not issue a refund.



Recognizing Our Committed KidS

ROCKS (Recognizing Our Committed KidS) is a group of students who are making the promise to keep themselves and JRG drug and alcohol free. By keeping this promise, not only are you keeping yourself safe and healthy, you are also entitled to attend a variety of fun ROCKS activities throughout the school year.

Please read through each part of this pledge with your parent or guardian, and commit to keeping yourself and JRG drug and alcohol free by making the following promises. Please check all of the boxes:

STUDENT PLEDGE

- ☐ I am committed to remaining alcohol, drug and tobacco / vaping products free.
- ☐ I am committed to taking positive steps in creating a school environment where my peers and I can feel comfortable making good choices.
- ☐ I want to remain alcohol, drug and tobacco / vaping products free for me, my family and my community!

PARENT PLEDGE

- ☐ I /We support my/ our student's choice to be alcohol, drug and tobacco/vaping products free.
- ☐ I /We will support my / our student's commitment by regularly discussing their promise to remain substance free.

Student Name: _____ **Student Grade:** _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Student TLC Teacher: _____

Student T-Shirt Size: _____

Congratulations on becoming a member of ROCKS!
Thanks for doing your part to keep JRG drug and alcohol free!

Athletic Corner

Sporting Events and Event Locations can be found on the [Athletic](#) calendar

Track Begins March 25, Tennis Begins April 9

Boys and Girls Track will begin on Monday, March 25th. The sign up form can be found on the next page. All athletes will need to have a [Physical](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) form on file in the office prior to the start of practice. Practice will be 3:10-4:30, meeting in the large gym. Please contact Ms. Hammen with any questions at (920) 284-4217.

An informational meeting for Spring Tennis will be held Tuesday, April 9 in Ms. Nji's room 216 at 3:10. See the next page to sign up for tennis.

Mini Maker Volleyball League

Please see the attached flyer for information concerning girls volleyball.

[Mini Maker Flyer](#)

Health Physicals and Concussion Forms

Please note that all physicals and concussion forms must be turned in prior to the 1st practice. Physicals are good for 2 years. If you are unsure of the date of your child's last physical, please call the Main Office for assistance.

The forms can be found on the Athletic tab of our website as well as here:

[Physical Form](#)

[Concussion/Code of Conduct Form](#)

Contacting Our Athletic Director, Mary Hammen

Mary Hammen, our Athletic Director retired as a teacher at the end of last year, but has agreed to continue on as Athletic Director for JRG. While she is no longer in the building full days, she is still accessible via email at mhammen@kimberly.k12.wi.us or by phone, extension 4106.

Please see the
[Athletic Calendar](#) on
our website for event
addresses



2024 JRG Tennis Sign-up



Use the QR Code above to sign-up for Tennis at JRG. See Ms. Nji with any questions.



2024 JRG Track Sign-up

SCAN ME



Use the QR Code above to sign-up for Track at JRG. See Mr. Chalupny with any questions.

Clubs and Activities

*Sporting Events can be found on the Athletic page of this newsletter and on the [Athletic](#) calendar on the JRG website.
All other clubs and activities can be found here and will be posted on the [School Events](#) calendar*

Alliance Club—3:05-3:45 **Contact: Ms. Barlow, Student Services, or Ms. Startup, rm 231**
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Art Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Dagesse, rm 436**
March: 11, 18 April: 8, 15, 22, 29 May: 6, 13

Computer Science Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Knaus, rm 101**
March: 11, 18 April: 8, 15, 22, 29 May: 6, 13, 20

Dungeons and Dragons/Chess Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Mr. Kortenhof, rm. 126**
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

Gator Strength—3:05-4:10 **Contact: Mr. Chalupny**
8th Grade Boys: Mondays and Wednesdays
8th Grade Girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Junk Box Wars—3:00-4:00 **Contact: Mr. Jansen, rm 217**
March: 11, 12

Math Olympiad—3:00-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Baetke, rm 214 or Ms. Fellner, rm 216**
March: 7, 21

School Store—during lunch hours **Contact: Ms. Schultz, rm 235, or Ms. Benzinger, rm 120**
Will be open Wednesdays during lunch and recess



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Dear J.R. Gerritts Parent or Guardian:

JR Gerritts students will be participating in the Wisconsin State Forward Exam this Spring. All students will take the Language Arts and Math assessments. 8th grade students also take the Science and Social Studies Exams.

The JRG Forward Exam Schedule for the 2023 2024 School Year will be as follows:

- March 19th: 8th Grade Social Studies
- March 20th: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- March 21st: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- April 16th: 7th and 8th Grade Math
- April 17th: 8th Grade Science

NEW FOR 2023-24

All students will have access to a Text-to-Speech feature on this year's Forward Exam. Students will need to bring in a pair of **plug-in** headphones or earbuds for the Forward Exam this year. This was a required school supply for the year, so please be sure your child has a pair for testing.

The results from state testing, along with local measures such as report cards, classroom assessments and teacher feedback, provide meaningful information about students' academic achievement to parents, students, teachers and the school district.

Additional information about the Forward Exam can be found in the accompanying resource. If you have questions about the Forward Exam, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rob DeLain - JRG Principal



Forward Exam

2023-24 Information for Families

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year for students in:

- grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in science, and
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies.

Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and English learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



What does this mean for my child?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that gauges your child's achievement in the content areas tested in relation to grade-level standards. It provides a broad measure of achievement that should be used along with

local measures such as report cards, school-wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school.

When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam will be given in schools between March 18 and April 26, 2024. Schools are permitted to select their own testing dates within this window.



The estimated time for test administration in each grade is approximately:

- 115 minutes for ELA,
- 90-115 minutes for mathematics,
- 105 minutes for science, and
- 70 minutes for social studies.

These estimated times are for the purpose of scheduling, as the **Forward Exam is not a timed test**. It is important to note that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

What type of scores will be provided?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students receive a score for each content area in which they are tested. These scores will be associated with one of four performance levels that defines the student's understanding and ability to apply grade-level knowledge and skills.



Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

The Forward Exam Practice Test provides student, families, and educators, with a sample of the type of content and questions students will encounter on the Forward Exam. It also allows students to familiarize themselves with the question formats and online testing platform including the tools available to them



during testing. The Practice Test is not scored and does not cover the full range of content on the exam. The Practice Test is approximately two-thirds the length of the actual Forward Exam and is intended to provide all students with the opportunity to become comfortable with the Forward Exam platform prior to testing.

The Forward Exam Practice Test is available for student use online, in the classroom or at home at <http://doi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>.

For more information about the Forward Exam contact the Office of Educational Accountability at osamail@doi.wi.gov or visit <https://doi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.



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SUMMER SCHOOL

At The Kimberly Area School District

www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school

ACCOUNT SET-UP:

Account set-up starts **March 6th**. Everyone will need to **create a new account**. They do not carry over from year to year. We encourage you to set up your account up prior to registration.

WOODLAND (ENTERING GRADES 4K-9):

Ng085 North Coop Road, Appleton

June 10-July 5 *No Classes July 4 (Mon. through Fri.)

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Most classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

Summer School: 920-423-4117

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL (ENTERING GRADES 10-12):

1662 East Kennedy Avenue, Kimberly

June 10-June 28 (Mon. through Fri.)

Summer School Attendance: 920-687-3024

Watch for registration information and links in the KHS newsletters

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:

General Registration Information:

The District Office (425 S. Washington St., Combined Locks) will be open from 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

Computers will also be available at Kimberly's

Administration Office starting Thursday, March 21.

Classes fill fast! We recommend that you find an alternative class in case your first choice is full. There is **no waiting list**.

Should a child drop from a class an opening will automatically be created.

REGISTRATION DATES

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Account Set-up begins at 9 a.m.

***EVERYONE WILL NEED TO SETUP A NEW ACCOUNT**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Camps: Sports, JRG, and Band

(with the exception of Grade 5 Band)

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Woodland Summer School Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Summer School Registration closes at 9 a.m.

Material Fees:

We will not be accepting payment at the time of registration

- A reminder email to pay for classes will be sent on April 8 once the payment option is added.
- If you would like to pay by cash or check, you can pay at the District Office (425 S. Washington St., Combined Locks)

Refunds:

Full refund of material fees will be available until Friday, May 24. After May 24, material fees will not be refunded.



SUMMER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

KHS Student Attendance:

Absences jeopardize earning credit for high school classes.
Call the KHS office at 920-687-3024 for absences

Woodland Student Absences:

Call the Woodland Summer School office at 920-730-0924.

WOODLAND SUMMER SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION:

Registration:

Bussing location and times are limited. Registration is required to reserve a spot on the bus.

Registration for bussing will open March 20th at 5:30 pm
Parents can register for bussing the same way they register for summer school classes.

Bussing Options:

Specific locations, times and pick-up/drop-off locations can be found online at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school (scroll down to Transportation)

SUMMER SCHOOL CATALOG:

Go to www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school to view class offerings, descriptions, dates, and times.

SUMMER CAMPS:

Specific dates and locations can be found online at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school

CLASS CANCELLATIONS:

A course may be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment. You will be notified by email if a course is cancelled.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any child whose legal residence is within the boundaries of the Kimberly Area School District may enroll in the Kimberly Summer School Program. With the approval of a student's home school district, enrollment is also open to any student who legally resides in any of the school districts belonging to the Fox Valley Summer School Consortium (Appleton, Freedom, Hilbert, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, and Shiocton).



FOR MORE INFORMATION

on setting up your account or how to register for classes, visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school

or contact

Summer School at 920-423-4117 or summerschool@kimberly.k12.wi.us

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!



Alcohol, Drug and Vaping Awareness

JR Gerritts and the Kimberly Area School district are dedicated to helping all students stay drug, alcohol and tobacco free. Our district website contains several valuable awareness resources to help parents and families keep kids safe from chemical use and addiction. More information can be found [here](#).

Safety Reminder For Visitors

For the safety of our students and staff, we would like to remind all parents and visitors to sign in and receive a visitor badge in our Main Office prior to entering the building. The visitor badge must be visible and worn at all times while in the building.

Thank you for your help in keeping our school a safe place!

A Reminder From Lamers Bus

Bus students may not ride on a bus that is not their designated bus route. Non-bus students may not ride on any bus route. Please see page 3 in the [Transportation Handbook](#) for details. If you have further questions, please call Lamers Bus Lines at (920) 832-8800.

Attendance Messages

Your child's safety is our top priority. For this reason, we send a message home via phone, email and text if a student has been marked absent for 2 or more periods. This is not intended to be a negative message, but rather a verification that your student is safe. At times, our voicemail system has been known to drop, or not save messages properly which may be why we try to contact you even though you have called in prior to the start of the school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 788-7905.

Appointments and Forgotten Item Drop-Off

Attendance is managed through the Main Office at JRG. If your student will be arriving late to school, please call the Main Office so we can update attendance as soon as possible. We also understand that students need to leave school during the day for various reasons. **If you are aware that your student will be leaving during the day, please call or have them stop in the Main Office with a note in the morning to get a pass.** Your student's teachers are notified through Infinite Campus of any absences. If you know that someone other than yourself is picking up your student, please let the office know in advance. For safety purposes, we cannot allow a student to leave with someone other than a parent, guardian, emergency contact or an individual you have specified. A staff member will need to contact you prior to allowing entry into the building if someone other than one listed above arrives to pick up your student.

If you are dropping off a forgotten item for your student, we have a cart located in the Main Office for your convenience. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly with your student's name. We will email the student to let them know something has arrived for them.

Thank you for your help in making JRG a safe place for our students.

Work Permits

The Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division has developed a new online work permit application tool. The Division decided to pursue an online application that would be available to the parents of minors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer, tablet, smartphone, or similar device.

The application is live now. A parent can access the site [using these instructions](#). Payment is made directly to the department through the application, using a credit or debit card or by ACH direct withdrawal. Once the permit application process is complete, the Department mails a paper copy of the permit directly to the employer.

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/laborstandards/workpermit/>

Agendas Available to Purchase

If you would like to purchase an agenda for your student, you can do so in a couple of ways:

- * Add the Agenda Fee from the optional fees dropdown menu on your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and pay online.
Have your student stop in the Main Office to pick it up once paid.
- * Have your student bring \$3 to the Main Office.

Cell Phone Usage

We pride ourselves on providing a high quality learning experience for all students. To ensure optimal learning and minimal distractions, all students will be required to put their cell phones in a cell phone pocket holder in each of their classrooms or leave it in their locker. If a student needs their cell phone during class time, they must communicate and get permission from their teacher.

Students will be allowed to use their cell phones before school, during passing times, during lunch, and after school. Students who fail to comply with these expectations will have the situation addressed with administration.

No Parking in the Circle Driveway

We ask that parents **do not park or stand** in the circle driveway in front of JRG when picking up students after school.

This area is intended for Emergency vehicles, deliveries, and space for students needing assistance to their parent vehicles due to medical reasons (e.g. students on crutches...).

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Traffic Flow at Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up— WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JRG experiences a high traffic volume every morning when students are getting dropped off at school. This can lead to congestion in our front circle drive parking lot and a good portion of John Street in front of school. You can help us clear this congestion and allow more kids to get dropped up quickly and safely by doing a few simple things:

- Pull all the way forward to the main office door before letting your child out. This allows us to get more cars in at a time and more kids dropped off.
- Consider dropping your child off on a nearby street and have them walk the rest of the way when possible.
- Keep inside the coned area.
- For safety reasons, parents may not pick their child up in the south lot by the stadium. This area is reserved for buses only.
- Also for safety reasons, parents may not pick their child up in the driveway on the north side of the building or in the rear staff lot.



Thanks for your cooperation in helping keep our kids safe and on time for school.

Walk Your Wheels

For safety reasons, **Do Not Ride on School Property.**

If you ride your bike, skateboard, or any other form of "wheels" to school, please note that you may not ride them before and after school - you must walk them on the school grounds. There are signs at all entry points to the property informing students of when they need to "Walk Their Wheels." Once a student reaches campus, they will need to walk their bike, pick up their skateboard, etc. This is for the safety of the entire student and staff population.

Bike racks are located near the South Parking Lot and near the Main Office entrance.

Safety First

Please remember to use the sidewalks when riding bikes to the tunnel under CE connecting the YMCA and US Venture. Do not ride through the YMCA parking lot or over the berm. Once on school property, students should "walk their wheels" and no longer ride their bikes, skateboards, etc.

As part of our safety preparedness, JRG staff and students regularly participate in safety drills, and in the first several weeks we practice several of those drills. Staff are trained in how to respond in each circumstance, and receive refresher training at least annually.

Drills we practice early in the school year include: Fire Drills, Severe Weather/Tornado Drills and Secure Classroom Drills.

For more information about school safety, see our Student/Parent Handbook, or feel free to contact Ryan Hermus, our building safety coordinator, or Assistant Principal, Ashley Duda if you have questions or concerns.

Chromebook Cases & Chargers

The District provides cases to help protect the Chromebook. We encourage students not to remove the Chromebooks from these cases, including when charging the device. To charge the Chromebook, open the case so you are able to see the screen and plug it in. When you are done charging the Chromebook you should put the charger in the front pouch so you have it with you at all times.

Chromebooks are the property of KASD and students are expected to treat them with care. Students are not allowed to decorate or personalize Chromebooks such as adding stickers, drawings, personal cases, etc.



Texting Home When Not Feeling Well

Please remind your student that they should go to the Health Room located in the Main Office if they are not feeling well. There, staff will evaluate symptoms and provide assistance as needed. If symptoms dictate, students will always be allowed to contact home.

We respectfully request that students do not text home prior to visiting the health room.

My Child Doesn't Feel Well While at School—What Should They Do?

If your child is at school and does not feel well, our health room is located in the Main Office. Students will then be evaluated by the Health Assistant or an office staff member. We ask that students not contact home on their own without first being evaluated in the health room. For most concerns, 10-15 minutes of rest helps tremendously and the student is able to return to class for the remainder of the day. All students are encouraged to carry a water bottle with them to stay hydrated throughout the day.

JRG is equipped to offer certain stock medications in pill form only. These medications include regular and extra strength acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and Benadryl. To dispense these medications to a student, we need to have a form completed by a parent indicating which medications we can provide as well as the dosage. This form was included in this year's Annual Update. If your student needs cough drops, Tums, or non-pill forms of pain relieving medications, you may provide them from home in their original containers. They will be kept in the health room for those times your student needs them.

Our main goal is to help students return to class and continue learning. If their temperature is over 100 degrees or other symptoms dictate, parents will be contacted by the health assistant, office staff, or permission will be given to the student to call.

Please take a moment to discuss this process with your student. If you have any questions about this process, please call the office at 788-7905.

Collecting Homework Due to Illness

If your student is missing school days due to illness and you would like to gather their homework, please have your student check their Google Classroom for assignments or have them email their teachers directly. Teacher email addresses consist of the teacher's first initial, last name@kimberly.k12.wi.us (eg. Joe Smith would be jsmith@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

If you expect books or paperwork to be brought to the office by your student's teachers, please call the office first to ensure the work is available.

A Note From The Health Room—Inhalers

If your student is carrying their own inhaler to school, please make sure it has their name or initials on the inhaler itself. Throughout the year, inhalers are a common item left behind and having initials on it will allow us to return it to the proper person.

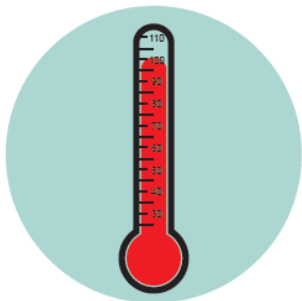
Emergency Medications

Please be aware that emergency medications that are provided for use during the school day will not be accessible after school hours. Parents and students plan ahead to have emergency medication available during after school activities such as clubs and sports. If an emergency arises and a student does not have their emergency medication available, 911 will be called.

Covid Protocols

Please see the District's Covid guidelines, including information on [when to keep your child at home](#) by following [this link](#) which will take you to the District's Health Service page.

When to Keep Your Child Home



FEVER

An oral temperature of 100.4 or higher indicates a fever. If your child has a temp of 100.4 or higher at school he/she will be sent home. Your child will be excluded from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



SORE THROAT

If a fever is accompanied by a sore throat, stomach ache or headache it may be strep throat. Strep throat is diagnosed by a throat culture obtained at a medical clinic. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, your child will be excluded from school for 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotic and fever free without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



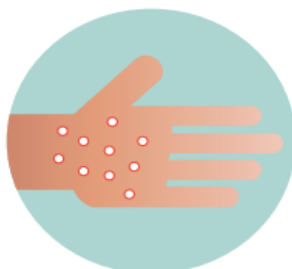
VOMITING/DIARRHEA

If your child has an episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea at school, he/she will be sent home. Anyone with these symptoms will be excluded from school until symptom free for 24 hours.



COUGH

A cough may be a sign of many different illnesses. If a cough is accompanied by a fever, you should keep your child home. Any cough that lasts for more than several days should be discussed with a doctor.



SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Rashes and infected sores needed to be diagnosed by a medical provider. Many skin rashes such as impetigo, scabies, chicken pox, Fifth disease or Hand Foot and Mouth disease are very contagious. Students may return to school once the rash has been diagnosed and treated for 24 hours or cleared by a doctor. Open sores from illnesses such as chicken pox and impetigo may need to be covered at school with bandages for several days.



COVID-19

If your child is POSITIVE for COVID, keep your child home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer. Household members can continue to attend school but should monitor their symptoms. Masks are optional.

Resource: State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, Childhood Communicable Disease Chart

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

A CLICKABLE COMPILATION OF RESOURCES
CREATED BY NAMI FOX VALLEY



**Support for Kids,
Teens & Young
Adults**

Compilation of information & resources intended to help young people get the mental health support they need.



NAMI Helpline

If you or someone you know needs help, contact NAMI Helpline Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-9 PM CT.

Call 1-800-950-NAMI | Text: 62640



NAMI Wisconsin: Family & Consumer Resource Guide
Guide created to help people living with mental illness, and those supporting them, navigate the mental health care system.



NAMI Fox Valley

Local NAMI affiliate offering free support groups & education classes to those living with mental illness, and

their family members; serving Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and northern Winnebago counties.



NAMI Basics OnDemand

A free online program for parents/caregivers of youth who are experiencing mental health symptoms. [NAMI Fox Valley](#) also offers a version of this program that includes discussion groups with other parents.



Family Resource Center

Find information to help you support children who are struggling with mental health, behavior or learning challenges.



Navigating Emotions & Behaviors

Helpful resource to better understand and navigate your child's emotions and behavior.

[MyConnectionNEW.org](#)



Network of Care for Mental/Behavioral Health

Mental health & substance use information, resources & service navigation tool for Brown, Calumet, Outagamie & Winnebago counties.



CDC Children's Mental Health

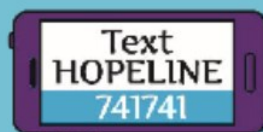
This helpful web page includes links to various articles, research studies & resources to help support mental health in childhood.



National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) - Children and Mental Health: Is this Just a Stage?

A document to better understand how to tell the difference between challenging behaviors and emotions that are a normal part of growing up and those that could be cause for concern.

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County Crisis Lines

Outagamie: 920-832-4646

Winnebago: 920-233-7707

Calumet: 920-849-9317

Waupaca: 715-258-6300

Follow JRG on Instagram, 'Like' Us on Facebook

JRG can be found on Facebook at Facebook.com/JRGerritts.
In addition, JRG is now on Instagram at JRGMSOfficial.

These resources are used to provide occasional school-wide updates and for reminders about various upcoming events. Families also find it's fun to check out the hundreds of pictures of students participating in events, activities and other learning experiences at JRG.

Additional Opportunities Available on the KASD Community Events Page

While many community opportunities are included in our weekly newsletters, additional events and opportunities are also posted on the District webpage under Community Events, or by clicking [here](#). Links to items such as Park and Rec opportunities, community dances, educational opportunities, speakers, and local festivals can be found there.

Are you on our mailing list?

We want to ensure parents of young children (age 0-5) in our District are on our mailing list, so you can receive information relative to your child's age group, such as early childhood screening information or 4K and 5K registration information. We also need to have information for all children age 0-21 for state reporting. Click on this link <https://goo.gl/DFjSne> to complete the census form, or complete and mail the census form found here <https://goo.gl/TkNvX6>. If you know of other families with children in our District that may not be in our system, please help us by sharing this information with them.

Project Starfish Intended to Help Families in Financial Need

Limited Financial Assistance is available for activities, events and programs at JRG Middle School through Project Starfish.

In partnership with U. S. Ventures, Inc., JRG is proud to Continue its participation with Project Starfish. Project Starfish provides an opportunity for students to develop a plan to volunteer within the school community and "pay it forward" in an effort to make a difference to others. This could be anything from helping clean up school property; helping in the office, weeding, or an approved project the student may self select. Participants in Project Starfish remain confidential, must demonstrate financial hardship and must complete their volunteer work prior to the activity.

Forms to participate in Project Starfish can be picked up in the Student Services office. Submission of a request does not guarantee assistance.

Family Move - Outside of the Kimberly Area School District

When a family moves outside of the Kimberly Area School District, students may continue to attend the school where they are currently enrolled if they qualify for a Tuition Waiver (obtained from the district office). Students who qualify for a Tuition Waiver are entitled to continue their enrollment through the waiver period. However, they are required to apply for Open Enrollment during the next Open Enrollment application period if they want to remain in the Kimberly Area School District after the Tuition Waiver has expired.

For additional information, please contact Christina Vander Zanden (cvanderzanden@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

Family Move - Within the Kimberly Area School District

When a family move occurs within the Kimberly Area School District, students may continue to attend the school where they are currently enrolled even though their residence has changed to another Kimberly Area School District attendance area.

Parents who wish to have their student(s) remain in the same school after a move within the school district must complete the School Request Form located on the district website under Student & Parents>Enrollment>Attendance and return it to the district office Attn: Sara Vogel.

For additional information regarding school request contact Sara Vogel at (920)423-4122.

IF YOU



SEE SOMETHING

SAY SOMETHING



IF YOU

See something
Read something
Hear something
Know something
Then you should
SAY SOMETHING



TELL YOUR
Parent
Teacher
Principal
School Counselor
School Secretary
Librarian
Any Trusted Adult
***Or Call 911 for
Emergencies***

We are encouraging school and community members to become the eyes and ears of the Kimberly Area School District in order to provide information that keeps our students, staff and schools safe.

It sometimes can be difficult to define:

- Take your time to pay attention to your surroundings and to the behaviors of others around you.
- Know what suspicious or concerning behaviors look like.
- Does the activity look strange to you?
- Are you worried someone you know is thinking about hurting others or themselves?

Report it, don't just repeat it.



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*See Something, Say Something® is modeled after
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School-Based Counseling for Students in 5K – 12th Grade

The [Kimberly Area School District](#) and [United Way's PATH \(Providing Access to Healing\) for Students](#) program are working together to provide students in the District with the opportunity to receive outpatient [mental health](#) services within their school.

New for this school year:

- Opportunity for school-based counseling services expanded to students in 5-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade.
(Previously only available for grades 7-12.)
- These services are designed to meet the needs of students and families who would otherwise be unable to access mental health therapy.



Counseling is an excellent way to:

- Learn new skills
- Develop self-confidence
- Become more aware of others' views and experiences
- Practice new behaviors
- Better understand how to deal with the problems life presents



If you are a parent and think your child may benefit, or if you are a student and feel you may benefit from counseling, you are invited to contact your [school counselor](#) for further screening.

If you have any questions about mental health resources for students, you can also contact Tim Fosshage, Director of Pupil Services, at (920) 788-7900.

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison
Emily Behnke
KASD Homeless Liaison
920.788.7905

State Coordinator
Kristine Nadolski
608.267.7338

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche



Join OUR TEAM!

Kimberly Area School District is seeking support from our community. Make a difference and consider becoming a **substitute teacher** or a ***substitute paraprofessional***.

APPLY NOW AT
kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers



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FLEXIBLE & REWARDING

-  Earn extra income while your child is at school.
-  Turn your volunteer hours into a paid position.
-  No prior teaching experience needed.
-  Maintain a flexible work schedule.
-  Help students succeed.