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# Gator News

*Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey*

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## @ A Glance

### November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends—  
Turn clocks back 1 hour

### November 8

Quarter 1 ends

### November 10

Reception—9:00-10:00

Veterans Day Program—

10:00-11:20

### November 13-17

Book Fair—LMC

### November 15

Early Release—2:00

### November 15-16

Parent-Teacher Conference—

5:00-8:00 PM

(see page 3 for details)

### November 17

Early Release—11:20

### November 20

ROCKS Bowling—4:30-8:45  
PM

### November 23-24

No School

### November 27

Choir Concert—7:00 PM

### December 5

7th Grade Vision Screening

### December 7

Fall Fundraiser Delivery—3:00  
-5:00 in the Commons

### December 7-8

Fall Play—7:00 PM

### December 9

Fall Play—2:00 & 7:00 PM

### December 12

Band Concert  
7th Grade—6:30  
8th Grade—7:30

### December 15

Early Release—11:20

### December 25-January 1

No School

Hello, Gator Families

I began my November greeting last year by expressing my disbelief that at the time, it was 70 degrees. A year later, we are enjoying our first snowfall of the year. Although the weather in Wisconsin remains unpredictable, the only thing that remains true this time of year is the season to give thanks.

First and foremost, we want to thank our Veterans for their selfless sacrifices to their country so that we may all be free. I invite all of our family and community members to recognize our Veterans at our annual JRG Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10th at 10:00am. More information can be found further in this newsletter.

We are thankful for our upcoming opportunity to come together for our in-person JRG Parent-Teacher conferences on November 15th and 16th. For our teachers and families, these valuable conversations provide us an opportunity to understand how we can best meet each student's needs. At JRG, we have been working on engaging our students' minds and voices to understand their unique needs to help them achieve the next level of success. Just this past week, I had the fortune of sitting down with a group of our students to discuss together how we could better understand what we're doing well and what we can do better to help them find success every day at JRG. It was a great reminder that our student's heads are always filled with rich insight, solutions, and fantastic questions. I look forward to having these conversations again soon.

Thanks to our Student Council and the students of JRG who collected 2095 food items through our recent annual food drive. These items will be donated to St. Joe's Food Pantry, serving families across the Fox Cities, and right here at JRG.

Thanks to all of our students and our community members working together to keep JRG drug and alcohol free. Last week we recognized students' commitment to being drug and alcohol free by hosting 300 students at Urban Air for our October ROCKS outing. As part of our continued commitment to student safety and well-being, we held our first drug dog search, and I am very proud to say nothing was found as a result. This is proof that our school and community are working together to help keep our students safe.

And, as always, a huge thanks to you, our families and community members for a great first quarter of the school year. We can not do the work we do every day without your support to help every student reach their potential every day. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time should you ever have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or 920.788.7905

Thanks, and Be Kind

Rob DeLain,  
Principal

### **Veterans Day Ceremony: Friday, November 10, 2023**

On Friday, November 10, 2023 JRG will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the large gym. There will be a short reception for veterans and their families starting at 9:00 in the small gym until the start of the ceremony. As always, we welcome our community members to attend this special event to honor our veterans. Those attending are asked to check in through the main office before going to the program. During this ceremony, our band and choir will perform and our top finalists from Patriot's Pen Essay Contest will present their writing. We hope you will join us!

### ***Penny War: November 6th - 10th***

JRG Student Council is putting together its first penny war. Starting Monday, November 6th, all TLCs are competing to raise the most money to adopt a local family this holiday season.

The top TLC from both 7th and 8th grade will earn a prize. This penny war also includes a sabotage element! Students can bring in any form of money for their TLC. However, if a student brings in quarters, they can go into other TLCs before school and during passing time to add them to other TLCs. Quarters will subtract \$0.25 from the TLC's total.

The final day that all money must be in the TLC bins is Friday, November 10th. Happy Collecting!

Thank you for helping those in need this holiday season!

### ***Trick or Can Food Drive A Success***

The Trick or Can food drive raised 2,095 items for St Joe's Food Pantry.

Congratulations Mr. Chalupny, for making the best sculpture, and Mr Leih and Mrs Heinritz for bringing in the most cans.

Thank you to all of the students who were able to donate food items.



### ***Our School Store Is Open!***

Get ready to show your Gator pride with our latest and greatest collection of spirited gear. From classic tees to cozy hoodies, we've got something for everyone. Missed out on past Gator apparel? No worries! Dive into nostalgia with our Vintage Gator Apparel page and relive those unforgettable moments.

Visit the [School Store](#) and gear up to make a splash in style! The store can also be accessed from the main page of our website.



## J.R.G. Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ November 15th, 16th

### Things to know about Conferences at JRG:

- We are offering two evenings of in-person conferences on November 15<sup>th</sup> & November 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM.
- Conferences are held with individual teachers for Core and Academy classes.
- Conferences are on a first come, first served basis. Please consider prioritizing which teacher(s) you would like to meet with first as lines can be lengthy.
- Location of staff:
  - Grade 7 Core Teachers (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies)– Large Gym
  - Grade 8 Core Teachers (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies)– Small Gym
  - Academy Teachers (Art, Computer, World Language, Music, Phy Ed, Health and Tech Ed)– Commons
  - Resource Teachers– in the teacher's classroom
- Touch base with your student and review their schedule in Infinite Campus to make sure you are meeting with the correct teachers.
- Park in the stadium parking lot at JRG and enter the building through the gym doors (17S). As you enter, we'll provide a copy of your child's first quarter grades, maps will also be available.
- Please feel free to bring your student along to conferences!
- Please limit your conferences to five minutes when other parents or families are waiting. Remember that longer, more involved conversations work better when parents and teachers set up a separate meeting when more time is available.
- Don't forget to visit our Book Fair in the LMC!

In hopes of limiting overcrowding and longer lines, we are *suggesting* you attend as follows:

#### Wednesday, November 15:

**Last names A through K:**

5:00 to 6:30 PM

**Last names L through Z:**

6:30 to 8:00 PM

**\*\* Students are dismissed at 2:00 PM this day. \*\***

#### Thursday, November 16:

**Last names L through Z:**

5:00 to 6:30 PM

**Last names A through K:**

6:30 to 8:00 PM

**\*\* This is a full day for the students. \*\***

*These dates and times are suggestions only to help balance our attendance numbers. However, if the suggested date or time does not work, please feel free to attend on the date and time that works for you.*



# ***SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR***

## ***NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023***

Dear JRG Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite your child to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our library staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

Here's what you need to know about this year's fair:

- Students will preview the book fair during scheduled library visits.
- Parents and students can shop the book fair during our in-person conference nights: **Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 16 from 5-8pm.**
- At the middle school, we accept the following forms of payment:
  - Cash, check, charge (please account for sales tax)
  - a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too! Please note: KASD staff is not responsible for what your child chooses to purchase with their e-wallet money. Please be sure to plan this with your child ahead of time. Also note Scholastic's policy regarding deposited e-wallet money that is not spent. No returns or refunds will be issued.
- To use a leftover eWallet balance from a previous school year, please access our school's homepage link below and click "Get Started" to create a new eWallet for our current fair. After your eWallet is created, you will have a chance to select your leftover balance (listed as an eGift card) and click "Fund" to roll it over to our current fair. Feel free to add more funds to the eWallet and/or share to others using Scholastics Friends and Family share feature.

Another shopping option for this year's fair is online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gerrittsmiddleschool>

Happy reading!

Erin Wedemeier

4K-8 library media specialist

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J.R. Gerritts Middle School Theatre Announces...



Directed by: Danna Scherer

Assisted by: Samantha Moritz

### Show Details:

Thursday, December 7	7:00PM	JRG Auditorium
Friday, December 8	7:00PM	JRG Auditorium
Saturday, December 9	2:00PM	JRG Auditorium
Saturday, December 9	7:00PM	JRG Auditorium

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Look out for ticket information in the Events at a Glance!

# JRG Career Planning



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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.

CP 2023-2023 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:*

## Government & Public Administration

A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Building Inspector
- Climatologist
- Criminologist
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Mail Carrier
- Politician

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?



## 8th grade Conferences

Parents of 8th graders: 8th Grade Conferences are in full swing! Please follow this link or QR code to the Sign Up Genius online registration site.  
<https://shorturl.at/opqsY>

Choose a date that works for both you and your child's schedule. Questions? Call Krista Zachor at (920) 788-7905



## Is your career in Human Services?

We have an exciting opportunity for families to get involved with CP. 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 the dates of Jan. 19 and 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

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

# ALCOHOL, DRUG, & VAPING AWARENESS



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**Discussion questions for  
parents to have with  
children**

Here is a [discussion guide](#) made specifically for parents which includes facts about vape/e-cigarettes and young people.

**Side Effects:**      **Parents Might Notice:**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| • Increased risk of using other drugs and alcohol | • Dry mouth  |
| • Addiction                                       | • Dizziness  |
| • Increased risk of heart attacks                 | • Cough      |
| • Reduced impulse control                         | • Dry Skin   |
| • Increased risk of mood disorders                | • Itchiness  |
|   | • Dry Eyes   |
| • Lung injury                                     | • Nosebleeds |

***What students can do when they hear about others vaping***

Report to school administration or Police School Liaison Officer Stahmann – we look out for each other's safety and well being at JRG. Make sure to do your part to keep our school and community safe and healthy.

*This quarter's focus*

November 2023

## Teaching Students About The Risks of Alcohol, Nicotine and Other Drug Abuse

JRG will hold quarterly mini-lessons in TLC regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) as a way to bring awareness to the risks of using harmful substances. The first mini-lesson takes place in November and will cover the topic of Vaping. With the support of families, we can help build healthy habits within our school and our community.

### Information about Vaping/E-Cigarettes

- They are battery powered devices that provide nicotine through vapor that is inhaled into the lungs.
- Also known as "Mods," "Vapes," or "Juuls"
- Nicotine gets absorbed into the brain and can be harmful for development
- Vapor that comes from Vapes can also get into the lungs of others around you
- Just as addictive as traditional cigarettes
- Contains chemicals that are found in antifreeze as well as other harmful chemicals

### For More Information:

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/5-truths-you-need-to-know-about-vaping>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eR1VkbDJArQ>

<https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/vaping-addiction/side-effects/>

<https://www.nm.org/healthbeat/healthy-tips/emotional-health/vaping-4-risks-for-kids>

<https://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/departments/mental-health-resources/alcohol-drug->



# ROCKS Bowling!



Recognizing our Committed KidS  
To Keep JRG Drug and Alcohol Free

## Join us for our November ROCKS event

**Where:** Buzz Social (2310 Lineville Road, Green Bay)

**When:** Monday, November 20, 2023

**Time:**

- Arrive at the JRG Commons at 4:30 pm
- Buses will depart for bowling at 4:45 p.m. sharp
- Buses will return to JRG at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Limited concessions will be available for purchase.

*Students are encouraged to eat dinner BEFORE the event.*

Due to the size of the group, there will not be enough rental shoes available. Students are being asked to wear light-colored soled athletic shoes. Dress shoes, heels, boots, slides, crocs, Hey Dudes, and flip-flops ARE NOT allowed. Students will not be able to bowl in socks or slippers for their safety.

## The cost is \$11 for two hours of bowling

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



Space is limited to the first 250 online tickets.

Tickets will be sold online starting **Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 AM** until sold out **or Monday, November 13th at 11:59 PM.**

## Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jrg-rocks-bowling-at-buzz-social-tickets-739340847377?aff=oddtcreator>

**\*\* 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.

# 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**  
November: 6, 13, 20, 27      December: 4, 11, 18

**Computer Science Club—3:05-4:00**      **Contact: Ms. Knaus, rm 101**  
November: 13, 20, 27      December: 4, 11, 18  
January: 8, 15, 22, 29      February: 5, 12, 19, 26      March: 4, 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

**Girls Who Code—3:00-4:00**      **Contact: Ms. Knaus, room 101**  
November: 7, 14

**Math Olympiad—3:00-4:00**      **Contact: Ms. Baetke, rm 214 or Ms. Fellner, rm 216**  
Informational Meeting in Room 216: Thursday, November 2

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

# Athletic Corner

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

## **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](mailto:mhammen@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or by phone, extension 4106.

## **Boys Basketball**

Games begin at 4:00 unless otherwise noted  
Game order and Location Addresses can be found on the  
[Athletic Page Calendar](#)

### **Red November**

2: at Kimberly  
7: at Kimberly  
13: at Kimberly  
20: at Kimberly  
21: at Kimberly  
28: at Woodworth  
29: at Neenah (**3:45 game time**)  
30: at Kimberly

### **December**

4: at Theisen  
12: at Neenah

### **White November**

2: at Woodworth  
6: at Menasha  
7: at Neenah  
9: at Menasha  
14: at Kimberly  
20: at Theisen  
28: at Kimberly  
30: at Kaukauna

### **December**

5: at Kimberly  
7: at Kimberly

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

### **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.





## ***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!

***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.

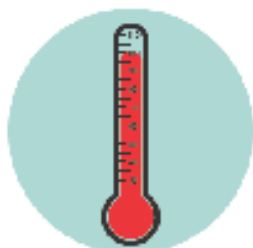
***Emergency Medications***

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 for 5 days after symptoms begin, and 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.



**Child Mind  
Institute**

## **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.

[MyConnectionNE.org](http://MyConnectionNE.org)



Connect to **LOCAL**  
mental health  
services & supports

## **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.

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE



## **County Crisis Lines**

Outagamie: 920-832-4646

Winnebago: 920-233-7707

Calumet: 920-849-9317

Waupaca: 715-258-6300



## **Kimberly Area School District**

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September 6, 2023

### **RE: Public Nature of School Events**

Dear District Families:

The Kimberly Area School District strives to offer a broad array of opportunities for student enrichment. As part of this effort, students have the opportunity to engage in many activities, through both the District's regular curriculum and co-curricular offerings, which allow students to share their talents with the broader school community. Examples include concerts, theatrical performances, academic and athletic competitions, and many similar events. These events, often held on District property during or after regular school hours, are generally open to family, friends, and members of the public.

While the District takes measures to ensure the safety of its events, it does not typically regulate who may attend. Nor does the District regulate the use of photography or video/audio recording at such events. As a result, it is possible that members of the public, including media, will take photographs or recordings of those attending the events. Such photography and recordings are generally for the purposes of celebrating and/or reporting on the events. However, the District recognizes that there may be occasions when this type of attention is unwanted by some families based on safety concerns particular to their family situation, or for other reasons.

If, for any reason, you or your student have concerns regarding participation in District events because of the event's public nature, please contact your school's administration to discuss whether your student may need to opt out of participation in the event, or if there are other measures that can be taken to address your concerns.

Sincerely,

Rob DeLain  
Principal, JRG Middle School

Emily Behnke  
Assistant Principal, JRG Middle School

***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](mailto: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  
the Department of Homeland Security's program.*

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# Kimberly Area School District



## ***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](mailto:homeless@serve.org) \* [www.serve.org/nche](http://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](http://kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers)



**Kimberly Area  
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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.