



October
2023

Gator News

Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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@ A Glance

October 2
Fundraiser Kickoff

October 4
Fall Sports Photos—after school

October 6
Fall Fundraiser Begins

October 10
Girls Who Code Begins—3:00-4:00

October 13
ROCKS Zoo Boo—4:15-8:45

October 16-20
Trick or Can Food Drive

October 18-20
Boys Basketball Tryouts
See page 14

October 20
KHS and JRG Band Nite—
Papermaker Stadium

October 23
Fall Fundraiser Ends

October 26-27
No School

November 5
Daylight Saving Time
Ends—Turn clocks back 1
hour

November 8
Quarter 1 ends

November 15
Early Release—2:00

November 15-16
Parent-Teacher Conference

November 17
Early Release—11:20

November 23-24
No School

November 27
Choir Concert

Hello, Gator Families,

We are off to a fantastic start to our year of learning, leadership and laughter at JRG! Students showed up this year ready to learn and our teachers were ready to help them on their journey to reach their potential. Outside of the classrooms, extracurriculars are now in full swing, giving kids the opportunity to explore some new interests and meet new friends. Our school community continues to build through a lot of fun and time-honored traditions like Gator Olympics, our school-wide ROCKS Kick Off and the well-attended inaugural ROCKS event- the Run for ROCKS.

The JRG ROCKs (Recognizing Our Committed KidS) program is an important part of many that work together to keep JRG drug and alcohol free. Currently, 87% of our students and parents have signed the ROCKS pledge. We can not thank you enough as parents and guardians who show your commitment to students and our community by helping our kids stay safe and make good choices. We can no longer think the issues are only outside our school walls and our community. Having you alongside us in the work is crucial and reassuring. The KASD District page has [resources](#) to help you help your child be free from alcohol, drugs and vapes at home. Another crucial partner in our work is our local law enforcement agencies that provide us with necessary tools and support every day. They provide staff training, student education and assist with our drug-dog searches, one of which will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks. We are truly appreciative of all of our partners in our work to help our students stay drug and alcohol free, allowing them to be the best versions of themselves.

I look forward to another great month of learning, leadership and laughter at JRG this October. Thanks for your continuing support of our students and our school community. If at any time you'd like to reach out to me, please do not hesitate to call 920.788.7905 or contact me at rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us.

Take care, and Be Kind!
Rob DeLain, Principal

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.

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 October 31.

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

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!

Run for ROCKS, Gator Olympics, Walk to School

The first weeks of the school year brought a lot of great opportunities for our students to come together and celebrate being a part of JRG. Thank you to all students who participated in the various events! Please take a moment to enjoy some photos from all of these events.





Mark your calendar

FUNRAISER

Kick-off Starts **OCTOBER 6, 2023**
Sale Ends **OCTOBER 23, 2023**
Delivered on **DECEMBER 7, 2023**

HOW TO HELP?

1

JOIN

The clubhouse by simply registering online. See the packet and/or the message you'll receive on our Kick-off Day to get set up in minutes.

2

SHARE

10 messages from The Clubhouse and/or the catalog(s) you'll receive in your packet. Supporters may shop, share or donate to support this important fundraising campaign!

3

EARN

Amazing awards! As a bonus for spreading the word, everyone who sends 10 messages from The Clubhouse will earn a money draw for an **Amazon Gift Card worth \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50.**

Make Checks Payable to:

JRG

Our School Code is:

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Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.

DECA and Student Council Trick or Can Food Drive



Trick or Can consists of collecting food items to donate to St. Joseph's Food Pantry! We want students to think about giving back to their community as the holidays start to roll in. Although the drive is named "Trick-or-Can" we welcome more than just canned goods! Any non-perishable goods are perfect.

Examples include but are not limited to:

Cereal & Oatmeal

Canned Vegetables, including low sodium

Canned Fruit, including "No Sugar" or in water

Canned Tuna & Chicken

Peanut Butter & Jelly, including sugar free

Meal Mixes & Sides

Soup

Rice & Pasta

Sugar Free, Low Sodium, and Gluten Free items for Food Farmacy

We will be collecting food items in TLC from Monday, October 16–Friday, October 20, 2023. Prizes will be awarded to the 7th grade and 8th grade TLC that collects the most items. More information will be shared in TLC.



- Report to the JRG Commons at 4:15 pm
- Buses depart JRG at 4:30 pm SHARP
- Return to JRG at approximately 8:45 pm

Get ready to celebrate the Halloween season with spooktacular, family-friendly fun! The NEW Zoo & Adventure Park is proud to partner again with North Shore Bank to present North Shore Bank Zoo Boo 2023. JRG will be going to the Zoo Boo on October 13th. Students are encouraged to come in a costume appropriate for school (no weapons, blood, face paint, or temporary hair color). We will meet at the JRG Commons at 4:15 PM for a pre-departure meeting, and the buses will depart at 4:30 PM sharp. Enjoy all treats and no tricks: every guest over the age of 1 can receive a bag of candy on arrival! The Zoo will be filled with festive, family-friendly Halloween decorations, so enjoy all the fun of Halloween while visiting the animals. Be sure to ride the carousel and walk through the Happy Haunted Maze in the Children's Zoo. For the bravest guests: take a walk through the Haunted Zoo Zone – if you dare! We now have a haunted Zoo Zone inside the Zoo and a little bit scarier than the displays around the Zoo. We will return to JRG via bus at 8:45 PM.

Tickets are \$20 and include admission to the event and discounted cost for bussing.

Tickets can be purchased at

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sbsbs.2020.100001>

Tickets

or Tuesday, 10/10 at 8:00 AM. Sign up quickly.

**** Note:** For safety and planning purposes, no late registrations will be accepted for any reason. No exceptions. Additionally, you must be in school for at least a half-day on the day of the event and be in good disciplinary standing to attend. Any requests for exemption must be addressed before the event to be considered for approval by the administration. No refunds will be given for this event. Funding may be available through Project Starfish.

Please see Student Services for more information.

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](#).

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.

JRG CP News



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What is CP ?

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.

CP 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 2023-2025 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:

Human Services

A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Abuse/Crisis Counselor
- Adoption Counselor
- Career Counselor
- Clergy
- Florist
- Funeral Director
- Hairstylist
- Humanitarian Aid Worker
- Midwife
- Optician
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

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. Once you've watched the Group Conference Video, you will be able to schedule your Individual Conference. Questions? Call Krista Zachor at (920) 788-7905 x 21179.



Is your career in Human Services?

We have an exciting opportunity for families to get involved with CP. JR Gerrits 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 Human

Services, and you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Brad Demmin 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.

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.



What's Cooking JRG?!

Join the JRG LMC in
celebrating National
Cookbook Month



All students who participate by completing all of the following, will be entered in a drawing for cooking/baking themed prizes:

- 1) Check out a cookbook from the LMC
- 2) Cook/Bake something following a recipe from that cookbook
- 3) Snap photos of each of the following:
 - the cover of the cookbook
 - the recipe
 - a selfie of you with your creation
- 4) Email these pictures to Mrs. Laundrie
jlaundrie@kimberly.k12.wi.us
- 5) Last day to submit photos for drawing entry is
Wednesday, Nov 1 / Prizes will be drawn on Nov 2



Pictures will be posted in the LMC so our
JRG Community can see "What's Cooking!"

See Ms. Laundrie or Ms. Beverlin in the LMC if you have any questions



**COME LEARN TO
CODE AND CHANGE
THE WORLD...
JOIN A GIRLS WHO
CODE CLUB!**

WHAT IS A GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB?

Girls Who Code Clubs are meant for girls to join our sisterhood of supportive peers and role models, and use Computer Science to change the world. When you join a Club, you will be able to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities, and learn about inspiring role models.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our middle school Clubs encourage you to impact your community in a positive way through code. In order to build the skills you need to make an impact, you will learn how to code from our fun online tutorials and activities that will help you build animations, games, apps, and other things that you dream up! We have tutorials in Scratch, Python, Swift, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

CAN I JOIN?

Yes! Whether you're a beginner or a computer master, you're invited to join the movement!

DATES: Tuesdays: October 10, 17, 24 and November 7, 14

TIMES: 3:00 - 4:00

HOW TO SIGN UP: Sign up on HQ (see page 2)

POINT OF CONTACT: Mrs. Aimee Knaus



ATTENTION CLUB PARTICIPANT, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!

WHAT ARE GIRLS WHO CODE CLUBS?

Girls Who Code is a non-profit organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology.

The **Club** is Girls Who Code's FREE after-school computer science program!

WHAT IS GIRLS WHO CODE HQ?

Girls Who Code HQ (generally just called "HQ") is the official platform for all Girls Who Code programs where we provide resources to our members, including our unique curriculum, coding activities, and more.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD ON GIRLS WHO CODE HQ WITH A USERNAME:



Step 1: Go to hq.girlswhocode.com and click **Sign up**. Select **"United States"** from the **dropdown** and enter your child's birth date. Then agree to the **Terms of Use** and **Privacy Policy**.



Step 2: Enter your email address to receive an email with parent/guardian information about HQ.



Step 3: Enter your child's full name and create a unique username (ie **gwccoder1**) and a password.



Step 4: You will be redirected to **Join Your Program** and enter your child's **Club Code**.

YOUR CHILD'S CLUB CODE IS: **WI49419**



Step 5: Confirm that your child's Club details are correct, fill out demographic information, and complete your registration.

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, room 231**
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Art Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Dagesse, room 436**
October: 2, 9, 16, 23 November: 6, 13, 20, 27 December: 4, 11, 18

Computer Science Club—3:05-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Knaus, room 101**
October: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November: 6, 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

Girls Who Code—3:00-4:00 **Contact: Ms. Knaus, room 101**
October: 10, 17, 24 November: 7, 14

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

Tennis: **Contact: Ms. Nji**
See next page

JRG Tennis Schedule Fall 2023

**** Practices will go from 3:05-4:15 unless otherwise noted**

****Please note that in the event of rain, practice may have to be canceled for that day.**

There will be an announcement made at the end of the day if tennis is canceled.

*****Please wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle to each practice. I will have a few extra tennis rackets, but if you have your own, you should be bringing it each day.**

******Note that there are no longer 7th grade and 8th grade days. All students should come to each practice, but different skill levels may be working at different skills at various times.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 4 XXXXXXXXXX	September 5 Organizational meeting on the courts (3:05-3:45)	September 6 Regular practice	September 7 Regular practice	September 8 Optional matches plus 1 activity court
September 11 Regular practice	September 12 Regular practice	September 13 Regular practice	September 14 Regular practice	September 15 Optional matches plus 1 activity court
September 18 Regular practice	September 19 Regular practice	September 20 NO PRACTICE (Run for Rocks)	September 21 Regular practice	September 22 NO PRACTICE (½ day)
September 25 Regular practice	September 26 Regular practice	September 27 Regular practice	September 28 Regular practice	September 29 Optional matches plus 1 activity court
October 2 Regular practice	October 3 Regular practice	October 4 Regular practice	October 5 Regular practice	October 6 Optional matches plus 1 activity court
October 9 Regular practice	October 10 Regular practice	October 11 NO PRACTICE (High School Conferences)	October 12 LAST PRACTICE	XXXXXXXXXX

Boys Basketball Begins in October

Boys Basketball begins Wednesday, October 18. Tryouts are October 18-20 and the boys must participate in all 3 days. 8th grade tryouts will be from 3:10-4:30. 7th grade tryouts will be from 4:30-6:00 (Wednesday tryouts will be held 4:15-5:45). Please see the letter on page 10 for detailed tryout information. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

Please make sure you have all of the proper paperwork on file in the office. You can find the athletic form on our website under Forms and Documents or Student Activities-Athletics.

Boys Basketball Tryout: Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Athletes:

Tryouts for the Boy's basketball teams will be held soon, and we would like to share more information about the process. This is an exciting time, but can also be a time of high emotions and tensions for parents, players, and coaches. JRG offers two teams at each grade level, but because the numbers of boys interested are usually high, we must use a tryout system for this sport. We hope to answer some of the questions you may have about this process.

The tryout period will last 2 to 3 days and will be held in the large gym at JRG. The 8th graders will practice 3:10-4:30 and 7th graders 4:30-6:00 (Wednesday tryout for 7th grade will be 4:15-5:45). Players must attend all tryout dates.

Tryout dates:

Wednesday Oct 18th, 1st day of tryouts

Thursday, Oct. 19th, 2nd day of tryouts (some cuts will be made this day)

Friday, Oct. 20th, 3rd day of tryouts (final cuts will be made)

Each practice session will last about 1 ½ hours. We will keep a total of 30 players. Once the teams have been decided the coaches will divide the players into 2 equal teams.

Many factors will go into the decision on whether or not a player makes the teams. Our coaches do the best they can to fairly evaluate all the players. Coaches use the same rating system for all students, and we often bring in additional coaches from middle and high school to help us evaluate players. Some of the factors considered are:

1. The player's fundamental basketball skills include passing, ball handling, defensive positioning and court awareness.
2. How the player functions as a teammate and leader.
3. The player's attitude and effort.

Students who do not make the team are encouraged to continue working on their skills and to tryout again next year.. Almost every year, we have students who make the team in grade 8 who did not make the team in grade 7 because they continued to play and work on their skills. There are many ways to improve, such as playing in other organized leagues or by attending one of the many camps that are offered in our area.

Feedback Available To Players Who Do Not Make The Team

If a player wants to know what they could work on to better their chances next year we encourage them to ask the coaches. They can either approach the coach after practice or set up a time to meet with them the next day at school. We encourage you to allow the athlete to have this discussion, as it is a great life skill. If you have questions about this process, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Mary Hammen
Athletic Director
mhammen@kimberly.k12.wi.us
(920) 423-4106

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 or by phone, extension 4106.

Girls Volleyball

Games begin at 4:00

White Team

October 5: Kimberly at Kaukauna
October 9: Woodworth at Kimberly
October 10: Menasha at Kimberly
October 12: Kimberly at Theisen

Red Team

October 3: Neenah at Kimberly
October 5: Woodworth at Kimberly
October 9: Kimberly at Theisen
October 12: Neenah at Kimberly

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

2023 Kimberly Girls Volleyball



YOUTH NIGHT

Calling ALL grades PreK-8th

Thursday, October 12th vs. Appleton East

Wear your 2023 summer camp t-shirt for FREE ADMISSION into the JV/Varsity game! JV begins at 5:30pm with Varsity following at 7pm.

Our Influential Educators will be recognized between the JV and Varsity Games.

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.

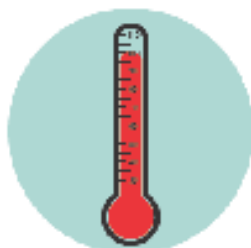
Emergency Medications

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



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!

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



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

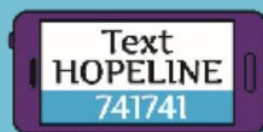
This helpful web page
includes links to various
articles, research studies &
resources to help support mental health in
childhood.



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



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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).

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.



**Kimberly Area
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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 * 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.