

JRG Events At A Glance



March

- 19-21:** Forward Exam—**All students will need plug in headphones/earbuds**
- 22:** End of Quarter 3
- 22:** ROCKS Dance and Dodgeball—3:15-5:30
- 25:** Boys and Girls Track Begins—3:10-4:30 (see page 7 to sign up)
- 28:** RBS Survey
- 29:** No School

April

- 1-5:** No School
- 9:** Spring Tennis Begins—3:10-4:00
Informational Meeting in room 215 with Ms. Nji (see page 6 to sign up)
- 16-17:** Forward Exam—**All students will need plug in headphones/earbuds**
- 17:** Microsoft Girls Who Code Event—4:00-6:00 PM (see page 2)
- 30:** ROCKS Timber Rattler Game—4:15-9:00 PM (see page 5)

May

- 2:** New Student Orientation—6:00-7:15 PM
- 10:** Early Release—11:20
- 14:** Band Concert
 - 6:30—7th grade
 - 7:30—8th grade
- 20:** Choir Concert—7:00 PM at KHS
- 27:** No School

June

- 4:** 8th Grade Recognition—6:00-8:00 PM
- 6:** Class Trips/Last Day of School
 - 7th Grade—Bay Beach (during school hours)
 - 8th Grade—Great America



BE BRAVE, NOT PERFECT

MICROSOFT GIRLS WHO CODE EVENT

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 PM

J.R.Gerritts Middle School LMC

All 5th through 8th grade girls are invited to participate in our third annual WIT Wisconsin - Microsoft Girls Workshop! This event is sponsored by Kimberly-Clark who has generously offered to provide Adafruit and a pizza dinner for all participants. Girls who attend will discover new technology through the use of the Adafruit Playground Express circuit boards, as well as hear from female role models in the tech world who are excited to share their passion for computer science!

If you have an enthusiasm for computer science or are interested in learning more, we encourage you to join us! To register, complete the [WIT Girls Who Code Sign-Up](#).

Registration is due Thursday, March 28th. Due to a limited number of Adafruit, the first 40 girls to sign up will receive their own Adafruit.

Participants will need to bring their Chromebooks with them to the middle school to complete the activities.

Questions about this event? Please contact:

Aimee Knaus (J.R.G.): aknaus@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Emily Berndt (Woodland/Mapleview): eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us



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Dear J.R. Gerritts Parent or Guardian:

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

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

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

NEW FOR 2023-24

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Rob DeLain - JRG Principal

Risk Behavior Survey Opt Out Form

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

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

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

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

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

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

I do not want my child to participate in the Risk Behavior Survey

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

April ROCKS Event



JRG WI Timber Rattlers Night Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

When: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Register at [Eventbrite](#) link

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

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

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

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



2024 JRG Tennis Sign-up



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



2024 JRG Track Sign-up

SCAN ME



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

Clubs and Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLOR GUARD TRYOUTS

May 9th, 14th & 16th 4:00-6:00 at Janssen Elementary

No Experience Necessary.

We welcome students who are willing to work hard and try their best.

Color Guard is a summer & fall sport that works as an extension of the band by performing routines with flags. We perform at each home varsity football game, the homecoming parade and the Appleton Christmas Parade. Practices are typically Tuesday and Thursday after school from July through November. For more information:

- visit <https://kcolorguard.weebly.com> or
- email coach Laura Airis at kcolorguard@gmail.com

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JR Gerritts/KHS Summer Camps



LAUNCH TO SUCCESS

Entering Grade 9

Fee: \$0.00

Excited for high school but unsure of what to expect? If so, this class is for you! This one week course will engage students in discussions and activities centered around high school life. Students will focus on and build habits that will launch them towards a successful high school academic and social experience. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Registration:

Information on how to Register for Launch to Success will be sent from J.R. Gerritts Middle School.

Location: Kimberly High School

Dates: August 19 to August 23 (M-F)

Section 1: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Section 2: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Section 3: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Entering Grade 7

Fee: \$10.00

Let's take the mystery out of middle school together! Whether you are excited or a little nervous about your leap to Middle School, we will help empower you with a great head-start as you prepare for your new adventure. Areas covered will include: how much time you'll have between classes, what materials to use to strengthen your organization, what a schedule might look like with several different teachers, productive ways to deal with new & old peer relations, & more. What is Bayous, Lagoon, Swampie or an Everglade anyway? What is ROCKs? Join this class and become a confident Gator...with leadership, love and laughter and...without the mystery of middle school!

Registration:

Begins March 13 at 9:00 a.m.

<http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school>

Location: JR Gerritts Middle School

Dates: August 5 to August 9 (M-F)

Section 1: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Section 2: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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All proceeds contribute to funding student activities at the school.

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