PAPERMAKER NEWS

WELCOME

KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE

This fall, we kicked off a safety campaign around the concept of "See Something Say Something." 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 protects the wellbeing of students and staff. If you see something concerning, such as bullying, discrimination, mental health concerns or thoughts of self-harm, we are asking for your help to report it immediately so it can be addressed.

The culture we work on with our students is one built on respectful relationships and creating a space where students can have meaningful and impactful conversations about tolerance and diversity. We are reinforcing that our schools have no place for intolerance. I invite you to help us create an environment of kindness and respect for all.

If you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Robert Mayfield, Ed.D.
Superintendent

OUR VISION: Students will grow as problem solvers to reach their potential in academics, arts and co-curriculars.

Local firefighters taught students at the 4K Center for Literacy about fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week.

INCREASED FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN SCHOOLS

Kimberly Area School District is HIGH Achieving and LOW Spending

As a public school district, we strive to provide the best quality education to students while also being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds. Taxpayers' investment in the Kimberly Area School District helps the next generation prepare for life after graduation and positively impacts home values. Here are a few current details regarding the District's finances:

- After the significant state funding cut in 2012, per pupil spending will almost be restored to 2011 levels this school year ($9,700 versus $9,716).

- Since 2012, the mill rate (tax rate per $1,000 of home value) has been reduced from $10.52 to $7.53.

- Vouchers for private schools, which are paid by local taxpayers through the District's levy, totaled $756,599 over the last five years.

- The state is allowing low-revenue districts, such as KASD, to increase revenue limits in order to get closer to the state average. This revenue limit increase combined with private school voucher costs, which are deducted from our state aid, increased the tax levy from $15.2 million to $15.7 million.

- Student test scores are above State averages at all grade levels and in all subjects.

- Home values within the Kimberly Area School District remain strong.

We remain hopeful that we can continue to provide innovative opportunities for students by receiving funding through strong enrollment and the state allowing low-spending districts like ours to get closer to the state average.

Interested in reading more about District finances? Visit the Business Services website at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us

CREATING COMPUTER SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Information Technology (IT) field is poised to be one of the fastest growing job markets in our area with an estimated 3,000 new jobs in Northeast Wisconsin by 2021. It is important for all students, including those who are not pursuing an IT career, to learn about technology because it has an increasing role in all career pathways and modern society.
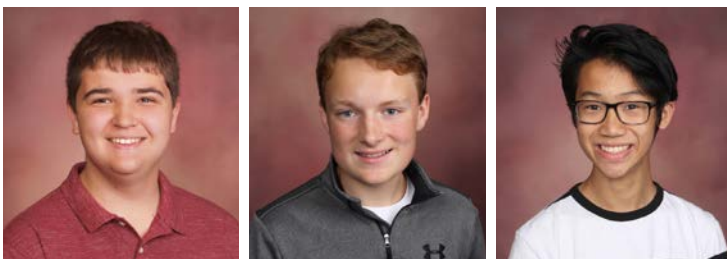

Madison Gunckel and Georgia Teske testing their VEX robot at JRG Middle School.

In order to better prepare students for their future, we continue to focus on enhancing our computer science offerings. Past editions of this publication have highlighted the importance of keeping technology up-to-date and available for use to students and staff, and the partnership with Microsoft's TEALS program, which pairs local experts with teachers to co-teach computer science classes at a higher level.

Kimberly High School (KHS) students are seeing success with higher level computer science coursework by earning awards at competitions and Advanced Placement credit. Recently, junior Jacob Farrell was involved in two different national computer science competitions where each team he was on earned a top place.

The KHS team, comprised of students Jacob Farrell, Gavin McGowan and Isaac Yang, participated in New York University's Tandon School of Engineering CSAW Red Team competition for high school students. CSAW Red is a Jeopardy-style capture the flag competition based on cybersecurity. The KHS team is one of only 11 finalist high school teams from the U.S. that advanced to compete at NYU in November.

The KHS team, comprised of students Jacob Farrell, Gavin McGowan and Isaac Yang, are finalists in NYU's CSAW Red Team competition for high school students.

Jacob also belongs to a picoCTF team with students from Tigard High School (Tigard, OR), Whitefish Bay High School (Whitefish Bay, WI) and Interlake High School (Bellevue, WA). The picoCTF competition is a free computer security game targeted at middle and high school students. It is a capture the flag style game with 121 challenges created by security experts at Carnegie Mellon University. With their win, these students will receive a paid trip to Carnegie Mellon for the awards ceremony and they will split the $6,000 prize among the team members.

Another KHS student also pursued a computer science opportunity created by a university. Senior Grace Guilette was selected for the It Girls Overnight Retreat at Syracuse University where she learned about the information studies field with other young women from across the country. Participants took faculty-led courses, participated in hands-on workshops and connected with professional women working in the IT field.

Grace Guilette participated in the It Girls Overnight Retreat program at Syracuse University.

Students in grades 5 through 8 are also benefitting from recent expansions of the computer science curriculum. At J.R. Gerritts Middle School, students are able to take elective classes such as App Creation, Web Development, Animation and Game Design, Physical Computing and Robotics.

Intermediate students, those in fifth and sixth grade, now have required computer science standards added to their current Computer Applications courses. The coursework is geared at introducing students to coding curriculum and enhancing their problem-solving skills.

One notable computer science achievement is that student interest has spurred the creation of computer science related clubs at every District school serving students in fifth through twelfth grade.

During Computer Science advisory meetings, the students, parents and industry leaders in attendance felt that hands-on experiences were especially beneficial to those considering this career field.

Examples of hands-on experiences beyond classes and clubs include job fairs, guest speakers, apprenticeships, competitions, job shadows and field trips. Providing more hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities for students requires creativity and additional resources from schools and local organizations.

Having the opportunity to experience computer science careers first-hand helps students to develop a better understanding of the career pathways that interest them. We are preparing students for the growing role computer science has within the Kimberly Area School District and in society.

Students Are Helping a Family Rehabilitate Their New Home

The Building Construction 2 Class (BC2) from Kimberly High School (KHS) is helping humanity through their community-based project this year. The class has partnered with Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate an older home in Kimberly. The home will be new to the family moving into it once the renovations are completed.

Spencer Stevens and Hannah Gegare working on the concrete form for a new sidewalk during their BC2 Class.

The Kimberly crew is working alongside Habitat for Humanity staff, volunteers and the home owners as they repair and improve the house. The 25 students in the BC2 class have been meeting at the worksite, rather than the classroom, to gain hands-on experience and learn from professionals working in the trades.

This experience is an example of how Academic and Career Planning helps students explore career pathways and have real-world experiences that help prepare them for college, careers and life.

"Community projects afford our students the opportunity to be part of something that is bigger than themselves," said Steve Masanz, the KHS Technology Education Teacher and ACE Academy Coordinator leading the class. "I can see the pride in their eyes when we finish each project." Read more about this project on our website at http://bit.ly/bc2-habitat.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

The District is 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. Through a variety of communications with students and families, we are asking for everyone's help in keeping our schools a safe place to learn and grow.

IF YOU
SEE something
READ something
HEAR something
KNOW something
THEN YOU SHOULD SAY SOMETHING

TELL YOUR
- Parent
- Teacher
- Principal
- Librarian
- School Counselor
- School Secretary
- Any Trusted Adult

Or Call 911 for Emergencies

It can sometimes 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.

See Something, Say Something® is modeled after the Department of Homeland Security's program.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

225 Scholar Athletes!

Students pursue excellence beyond academics and the arts. Last school year, seven sports teams and 39 individuals advanced to State competitions. The Girls Hockey Co-op Team and the Boys Track and Field team brought home State Championships. Nine teams won Conference Championships. Equally impressive is that 225 students earned Scholar Athlete recognition by maintaining at least a 3.4 GPA and receiving a varsity letter during their sport season.

Westside Elementary School Celebrates 50 Years

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Westside Elementary School. The students and staff created informational displays and held a special event for the community to celebrate this milestone.

Rube Goldberg Machine Team Takes Fourth Place at Nationals

The Kimberly High School Mechanical Design/Rube Goldberg team finished a great season by taking fourth place at the national engineering competition. The KHS' Super Mario Brothers themed machine put money in a piggy bank through 75 unique steps.

149 AP Scholars

For the 2018-19 school year, 149 KHS students were recognized by the Advanced Placement (AP) program. Seven students earned the highest level of accolades - National AP Scholar recognition.

Volunteer Michelle Werner Recognized for Child Advocacy

Michelle Werner, a parent volunteer, was recognized with a Bert Grover Child Advocacy Certificate of Recognition from the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators for her many years of service as a volunteer.

One of the Nation's Best for Music Education

KASD was named one of the Nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants.

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CONGRATS

Bob Mayfield Named 2020 Wisconsin Superintendent of the Year!

The Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators recently announced the selection of Bob Mayfield as the state's 2020 Superintendent of the Year. "I am truly humbled to receive this honor, which represents all the talent, hard work and commitment of our staff, school leaders, Board of Education, students and families throughout our District," said Mayfield. "I am proud to lead a school district in a community that embraces public education."

Will You Have a New 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Student in the Fall of 2020?

Are you on our kindergarten registration mailing list? We want to ensure parents of young children in our District are on our mailing list in order to receive kindergarten registration information for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you don't believe your child is in our system to receive kindergarten-aged mailings, please complete our "Census Form" online at http://bit.ly/kasd-census.

Do you know of other families with young children in our District? Please help us by sharing this information with them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
28-29 … Thanksgiving Break – No School

DECEMBER
20 … Senior Quest

21 to Jan. 1 … Winter Break – No School

JANUARY
9-11 … "26 Pebbles" Play at KHS

17 … Senior Quest

FEBRUARY
21 … Senior Quest

MARCH
20 … Senior Quest

March 27-April 4 … "Chicago" Musical at KHS

APRIL
10-14 … Spring Break – No School

17 … Senior Quest

MAY
15 … Senior Quest

View more upcoming event details online:
www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/calendars

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 9, 2019, and January 13, January 27, February 10, February 24, March 9, March 23, April 13, April 27, May 11 and June 8, 2020. View upcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes online at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.

- Ammie Ebben
- Dr. Montgomery Elmer
- Penny Hoh
- Mary Pribbenow
- Deb Roberts
- Chuck Rundquist
- Brad Siebers

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on celebrations and enrollment, visit our website www.kimberly.k12.wi.us or call the District office at (920) 788-7900.

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