



# PAPERMAKER NEWS

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome to this edition of Papermaker News. In our efforts to continually improve our work, we recently conducted surveys to seek feedback from the people closest to our District and schools – parents, staff and

community members. The responses were overwhelmingly positive. Of course, like most organizations, we have things to improve upon. The survey responses will help us to shape our focus areas for the future. The areas where we were rated as doing the best are delivering a high-quality educational experience, spending tax dollars wisely and building pride in our community. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to participate and share their thoughts. There are valuable insights in the results and we will continue to study them as we plan for the future.

Sincerely,

Robert Mayfield, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## DISTRICT SURVEY RESPONSES

We recently conducted a community survey as part of our continuous improvement work. The survey was conducted by an independent firm and open to parents, staff and community members. We believe that the people closest to our District know what we are doing well and where we can improve.

The response rate and results were overwhelmingly positive. Typically the firm sees a response rate of about 13%, the KASD survey garnered a response rate of 35%. The District was fortunate to have thousands of community members and staff respond to our survey with strong support of our schools.

Our community believes we are delivering a high-quality educational experience and spending tax dollars wisely. When parents and staff were asked if they would recommend Kimberly Schools to a friend or family member, we ranked in the top 2% of all schools surveyed across the country.

In addition to the positive feedback, areas of improvement were also identified. Parents shared concerns about parent/teacher communication as well as students' mental health and behavior. We remain committed to our continuous improvement work and will make adjustments based on the feedback received and continuing to provide students with what they need, when they need it.



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- *Delivering a high-quality educational experience.*
- *Spending tax dollars wisely.*
- *Parents and staff would recommend Kimberly Schools to a friend or family member.*
- *KASD staff members feel the District provides them the resources and tools to be successful.*
- *Areas of improvement include teacher/parent communication, students mental health and behavior.*

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



# INCUBATOR PROGRAM PRODUCES WINNING PRODUCT

## KHS Students to Appear on Season 7 of Project Pitch It!



Three Kimberly High School students, Riley Schmidt, Kade Dunham, and Ryan Halada, have achieved an impressive feat by landing a spot on Season 7 of Project Pitch

It! Their product, a heated hoodie named Huva, was created as a part of their INCubator class. The team has already made waves by winning a high school entrepreneurship competition at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh last spring.

The Kimberly students learned a lot from the competition, particularly what it is like to make a presentation in front of people. They are focusing now on a double pocket for a battery pack that may double as a phone charger.

"We learned from research that you lose most of your heat through your neck area so we came up with the idea because we have all had the problem of walking into school and wearing a hat and then our hair was ruined for the rest of the day," said Riley, a sophomore who serves as marketing officer.

"We came up the idea to add a heated hood because then you stay in style

and you keep all your heat. You are adding heat to the hood so your heat does not leave."

"When we found out we were the winners I was really shocked, but when they were telling us why we won it all made sense: that we were ahead of the game and that we were the first on the market ... which is a big factor why we won," Riley added.

The appearance of Huva on Project Pitch It! is a significant milestone for the team and we wish them the best of luck. We look forward to watching their presentation on June 3rd at 11:00 a.m. or the replay on July 29th at 11:00 a.m. (Schedule subject to change visit [www.projectpitchit.com](http://www.projectpitchit.com) for more information).



## STUDENTS HONORED WITH 40 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

A total of 24 Kimberly High School students have earned 40 Scholastic Art Awards: 6 Gold Key, 15 Silver Key and 19 Honorable Mention. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers recognizes teenagers with exceptional artistic talent through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.



## MAPLEVIEW STUDENTS DONATE TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Maplevue's Student Council extends its sincerest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our fundraisers this year! With the community's support, students were able to donate \$1,100 to programs including United Way's PATH for Students and Family Services of NE Wisconsin.



## ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL RETURNS Grades 5-12 Showcase Musical Talents

After a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Choir Festival Concert returned to Kimberly High School Gymnasium on Monday, February 20, 2023, filling the air with the sweet sounds of music. The return of the Choir Festival Concert was a much-needed reminder of the importance of the arts and the role they play in bringing people together.

The concert showcased students in grades 5-12 from Woodland Intermediate, Mapleview Intermediate, J.R. Gerritts, and Kimberly High School choirs and concluded with a grand finale of over 350 students singing together, which left the audience in awe.

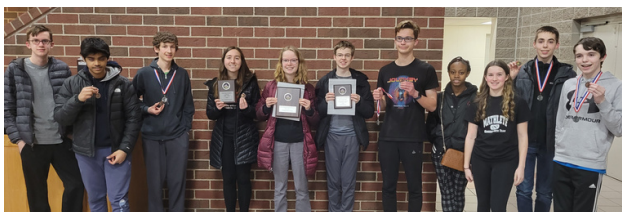
The performances were a testament to the students' dedication and hard work, with beautiful harmonies and breathtaking solos that showcased their incredible vocal range and artistry. The audience was treated to an unforgettable night of fun and celebration, and the talented young performers inspired the entire community with their music.



"I'm so proud of our students," said Bob Mayfield, Superintendent of Kimberly Area School District. "Their passion and dedication to music have been incredible, and they have put in a lot of hard work to make this concert a success."



The Choir Festival Concert is an annual tradition in Kimberly bringing together students, teachers, and community members to celebrate the power of music. Being unable to host the event the past three years made this year's concert all the more special because of it.



### FIRST PLACE FOR KHS MATH LEAGUE

We did the math and the result is in! Kimberly Math Team recently took home 1st place in the Fox Valley Math League for the first time ever! Congrats to this amazing team of problem-solvers!

### STUDENTS ADVANCE IN THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to KHS Seniors Allison Weiher (left) and Nina Tremble (right)! They have advanced as Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program competition as part of a nationwide group representing less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors.



### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Big congratulations to our Accounting students for their impressive performance at the Junior Achievement Business Challenge! Shoutout to Hayden Kind & Michael Critter for securing second place and \$500 each. We can't wait to see them take on the state competition in May!



### JANSSEN HOLDS ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Students from kindergarten to fourth grade presented their scientific research at the annual Janssen Elementary Science Fair. The project-based learning allowed students to explore the scientific method while integrating topics of interest.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

KASD community members ages 55 and over join us at Community Connections!

What you'd miss!

- Breakfast
- Bingo
- District News
- Guest Speakers, Performances & more

*Requires reservations to attend.*

*Dates below subject to change.*

*Learn more at <http://bit.ly/40aEL1m>*

## SAVE THE DATE

September 22, 2023

December 15, 2023

February 16, 2024

April 19, 2024





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## ENROLL YOUR NEWEST PAPERMAKER FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

Is your child going to be 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2023? Kindergarten registration for Kimberly residents is now open. At Kimberly schools, every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and cocurricular activities. Our 4-year old kindergarten students have their own full-service 4K Center (including a wrap-around daycare option). Registration is quick and easy! Visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) for more information.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Kell Bales
- Ammie Ebben
- Tim Handrich
- Penny Hoh
- Mary Pribbenow
- Deb Roberts
- Brad Siebers

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 8, June 12, and July 10 2023.

View upcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes online at [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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