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A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to this edition of Papermaker News. Our students and staff had a very successful school year. Awards and recognition poured in for local, state and national accomplishments. The recognition is well deserved and it is a joy to celebrate their success.

Looking forward, I believe that we should never settle for what we have accomplished in the past. Tomorrow is a new day and we must continuously improve. In the words of a wise fourth grader at Westside Elementary School, "It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday."

Inside this edition are two stories about how our staff is using continuous improvement practices to better help students. This year, each Kimberly school piloted continuous improvement processes aimed at increasing student achievement and the cover story highlights a few examples of this work.

You can also read more about how we are improving our programming to address a growing demand for information technology (IT) professionals in our community. Many students are interested in the field. Starting this fall, they will have even more opportunities to reach their potential in computer science through a partnership with Microsoft's TEALS program.

These are just two examples of our efforts to better serve each and every child that attends our schools. When I reflect on what our schools have accomplished and the new ideas they will bring to their classrooms this September, it is easy to say that I am a "Proud Papermaker."

If you have any questions or concerns about the District, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,



Robert Mayfield, Ed.D.
Superintendent

OUR MISSION is to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities.



Third grade teachers at Janssen Elementary School collaborating to help students improve their math skills.

Business Model Making a Difference Every Day in Education

For those familiar with continuous improvement (Lean), you might be surprised to learn that our District uses these business improvement concepts to better serve our students. We now have two model schools fully engaged in continuous improvement - Mapleview and Woodland Intermediate Schools. All other schools in our District are seeing early success with their pilot projects.

Our staff has presented nationally on their continuous improvement work and are having articles published on the topic. Continuous improvement itself does not solve problems, rather, it is changing our culture and empowering staff to recognize opportunities for improvement.

At Woodland Intermediate School, their goal was to reduce the number of students considered at-risk of not meeting grade level expectations in reading or math by 20 students. Through the focused continuous improvement work of students and staff, they greatly exceeded their goal by having 90 students no longer considered at-risk of not meeting grade level expectations.

Continuous Improvement Business Concepts Lead to Student Success:

- Set specific goals
- Track data visually
- Teachers meet daily
- Discuss each student's progress
- Collaborate on problem solving
- Involve students in the process

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NATIONAL CHAMPION RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE TEAM APPEARED ON JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!

The National Champion Rube Goldberg Machine team from Kimberly High School was invited to appear with their award-winning “Kimberly Kitchen” machine on the Jimmy Kimmel LIVE! show.

The engineering team spoke about their kitchen-themed Rube Goldberg Machine that completes a simple task through a complicated process. This year’s challenge was to apply a Band-Aid and their machine does that in 69 steps.

Students Sam Barwick, Kyle Downham, Carter Eckes, Rachel Foster, Logan Hartman, Stephen Littrell, Logan Paalman, Chris Thompson and Grant Zorowski along with Mr. Kevin Janota, their team advisor and teacher, all did a great job representing our schools and community.

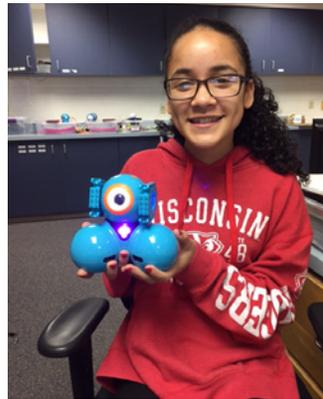
The team advanced from the regional competition earlier this spring to compete at Nationals. The team swept the National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, bringing home first place overall in the competition, as well as the Creative Spark Award, the Teamwork Award and the Spirit of Rube Award. A second team from KHS also took home third place at regionals with their “Barbershop” themed machine. Rube Goldberg Machine competitions are an engaging hands-on way for our students to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).



The Rube Goldberg Team won the national championship with their machine that applies a Band-Aid in 69 steps.

Partnering with Microsoft’s TEALS Program to Close the Computer Science Gap

The role of computer science is rapidly expanding in modern society and, accordingly, so are information technology (IT) career opportunities. By 2020, there will be about 4,000 unfilled IT jobs in northeast Wisconsin.



District educators recognized an opportunity to improve their curriculum to prepare students for this high-demand field. Starting this fall, Kimberly High School (KHS) will partner with Microsoft’s TEALS program to expand its computer science offerings.

TEALS is an industry-wide initiative for high school students that pairs local expert volunteers with school district educators to co-teach computer science classes. Students will gain access to higher level computer science coursework and benefit from the real-life expertise of people working in the field.

We have many students who have developed a curiosity to learn more about the computer science field. Maplevie Intermediate and J.R. Gerritts Middle School have even created Coding Clubs based on student interest.

As students progress to the high school level, the new partnership with TEALS will address the gap between student interest, available coursework and careers in the IT field. It’s an exciting new program that will help our students reach their potential academically while they prepare for future careers in a growing field.

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At Janssen Elementary School, math was the focus of a pilot for third grade teachers. Math proficiency levels among third grade students at Janssen increased significantly in all targets this school year compared to last year. One example was a 33% proficiency level that jumped to 77% year-over-year.

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The future of continuous improvement in our District is a world where it enhances our culture of giving students what they need, when they need it. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to reach their potential, and that means always looking for better ways to help each student.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Kimberly Students + Math Problem Contest = Success!

The J.R. Gerritts team was named the Top Performing Middle School at the first ever Mathematical Problem Solving Contest at UW-Oshkosh. A well-earned achievement for these mathematicians.

Sunrise Students Learn About Careers



As part of our efforts to better prepare students for their future through Academic and Career Planning (ACP), Sunrise Elementary School held a Career Day. Students learned from professionals working in the fields of engineering, nursing, veterinary medicine, marketing and manufacturing.



Two Young Authors Recognized

Fourth graders Colton P. and Megan K. are pursuing their talent in writing. Both received literary awards for their "Narrative Fiction Storybooks" in the statewide Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial Library Competition.

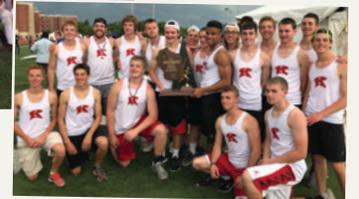
Two National Merit Scholars

Will Wegner and Max Lom, both Class of 2017 graduates, received prestigious National Merit Scholarships. In addition to their impressive academic success, both were involved in many co-curricular activities such as Key Club, Link Crew, Life Force and National Honor Society. Will was actively involved in many musical and theatrical productions. Max, an avid soccer player, earned a perfect 36 on the ACT.



Students Receive Standing Ovation at Kimberly Choral Festival

At the first ever Kimberly Choral Festival, nearly 500 chorus students in 5th through 12th grade put on a great show to a packed house at the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel. They received a standing ovation for their phenomenal performances.



Pursuing Excellence on the Field and in the Classroom

This school year, 253 KHS students were named Scholar Athletes. These students have to maintain at least a 3.4 GPA and earn a varsity letter during their sport season. This school year, 22 sports had teams or individuals advance to State competitions. The Boys Track & Field, Baseball and Football teams all brought home State Championships.

VOLUNTEERS DOROTHY DIETZEN AND MARK KAUFMAN RECOGNIZED FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

Two longtime District volunteers, Dorothy Dietzen and Mark Kaufman, were each presented with Bert Grover Child Advocacy Certificates of Recognition for 2017 from the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators by the Kimberly Area School District's Board of Education.

For more than 15 years, Dorothy has helped first graders strengthen their literacy skills as a reading tutor through Sunrise Elementary School's Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Mark Kaufman has been the "Unofficial Photographer" for the Kimberly High School Theatre program for more than 15 years. He was recognized for his lengthy support of students and the arts.

This recognition honors the ongoing support Dorothy and Mark have made on behalf of children in the Kimberly Area School District and Wisconsin.



Thank You!



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START HERE, EXCEL HERE – ENROLL YOUR PAPERMAKERS

New to our District? Kimberly students are excelling in academics, the arts, athletics and clubs. Enroll your Papermakers for the 2017-18 school year.

- 4K and 5K Resident Enrollment – There’s still time! We are accepting kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year.
- New Resident Enrollment (4K -12) – Welcome to our community! To help us plan for your child, please register for school as soon as possible.
- Open Enrollment – To provide your child with the opportunity to reach their potential in our District, please contact our main office for more information (920) 788-7900.

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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 DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER

SHOW YOUR PAPERMAKER PRIDE WITH A DECAL!

Ever wondered how to get your own “Proud to be a Papermaker” vehicle decal? Here’s your opportunity to get one for FREE! They were created by students learning about printing technology at Kimberly High School.

Pick yours up at our Administration Building – 425 S. Washington Street, Combined Locks. *The decals are available on a first come, first serve basis.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5 First Day of School
- 18-23 Homecoming Week

OCTOBER

- 27 No School

NOVEMBER

- 23-26 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- Dec.23-Jan.1 Winter Break

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for August 14, August 28, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 (also the Annual Meeting). View upcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes online at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/boe.

- Ammie Ebben
- Dr. Montgomery Elmer, PRESIDENT
- Penny Hoh, TREASURER
- Mary Pribbenow
- Debbie Roberts, CLERK
- Chuck Rundquist
- Brad Siebers, VICE PRESIDENT



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