Gator Bytes

Sept. 26 2018

Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

J.R. Gerritts Middle School * 545 S. John St. * Kimberly, WI * 920-788-7905

September 23-Oct. 4
Camp Nan-A-Bo-Sho

Glades 7—Sept. 26-27
Swampies 7—Oct. 1-2
Lagoons 7—Oct. 3-4

October 1
Fall Play Auditions—3:15-5:15

October 2
Fall Play Auditions—3:15-5:15

October 3
Student Council—7:00 AM in the Small Gym

October 11-22
Fall Fundraiser

October 15-24
Trick-or-Can Food Drive

October 17
Student Council—7:00 AM in the Commons

October 18
8th Grade Group Conference—6:00 PM in the auditorium

October 25-26
No School

JRG Choir Students Join Statewide Real Men Sing! Festival; Mr. Leih Directs

Congratulations to our JRG choir students: Matthew Burman, Dominick Copeland, Caleb Girard, Griffin Lamers, Caden Rauen, Ben Schmidt, Max Van Zeeland, Brayden Vera and our own Mr. Leih on their participation in the statewide Real Men Sing! Festival at UW-Milwaukee's Peck School of the Arts on Friday, September 21. Our students joined about 400 other boys from around the state in a day of learning, culminating in a performance at the end of the day.

JRG's Choir teacher, Eric Leih, was selected to direct this statewide group. The high school portion of the event, featuring many former JRG male singers currently at KHS, was directed by Dr. Zack Durlam, the UWM Director of Choral Activities.

8th Grade Planning Conference

If you have not signed your 8th grader up for a Group Conference, you still can! We have two more group night opportunities: Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 or Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00. Sign up by visiting this link, or contact Kim in Student Services at 423-4105

Papermaker Scamper 2018—October 10

The Papermaker Scamper is a short one-mile run that kicks off the Homecoming parade each year. Students in grades 1-8 are welcome to run this event. The run begins behind the bleachers of Papermaker Stadium and ends near Kwik Trip across from Kimberly High School. Students run by themselves with the support of a few Kimberly High School cross country runners and teachers. Please fill out this linked form to register your child for the 2018 Scamper.

JRG Un-Fundraiser Success

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the JRG Unfundraiser this year! We have raised over $1,075 in donations that will directly benefit students and school projects such as offsetting the cost for Camp, Mini-Courses, and ROCKS events; funding assemblies and guest speakers; as well as school beautification projects. We thank you for your continuing support on behalf of the students at JRG!

Celebrate Youth Volunteers Through Prestigious Award Program

Do you know a student at JRG who is making a difference through volunteering? Recognize their contributions and promote youth volunteerism in our school and community by encouraging them to apply for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Visit their website spirit.prudential.com or contact JRG Student Services for more information.

Mr. Hoerth's Ex. Tech Photo of the Week Winner

Theme: Food

Congratulations to this week's winner:

Audriana Zeuske

JRG Club Information

Student Must Be a ROCKS Member to participate

Coding Club—3:00-4:00

Contact: Ms. Froze, Room 111 (afroze@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

September: 27
October: 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 29
November: 1, 5, 8, 12,19, 26, 29

Art Club - 3:00-4:00

Contact: Ms. Dagesse, Room 436 (rdagesse@kimberly.k12.wi.us)
Sign up outside the Art Room by the Friday before if you plan to attend if possible for supply planning

October: 1, 8, 15, 29
November: 5, 12, 26
December: 3, 17

Cell Phone Usage During the School Day

Cell phones provide a great opportunity for friends and family to keep in touch at a moments notice. JRG phone policy allows students to use their phones before school, after school, during lunch, and between classes. Any other time of the day needs teacher or supervisor approval.

We find that the most common reason students contact their parents during the day is because they do not feel well, and would like to go home. If this happens, we ask that parents direct their student to the health room in the Main Office where our staff can evaluate their symptoms and provide assistance. In many cases, a few moments of quiet rest will allow students to return to class and continue on with their school day. Should symptoms dictate that the student go home, parents will be contacted by our office staff or permission will be granted to the student to call home.

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@(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.

Emergency Medications

Please be aware that emergency medications that are provided for use during the school day will not be accessible before or after school hours. Parents and students must plan ahead to have emergency medication available during 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.

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap in its educational programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion or handicap.

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AUDITIONS!

JRG Theatre presents:

One Act Play

and

One Act Musical

Directed by Mr. Engels
Assisted by Mrs. Gerhartz
Vocal Coached by Mr. Leih

Monday, October 1st	**3:15PM - 5:15PM**
Tuesday, October 2nd	**3:15PM - 5:15PM**

Audition packets will be available in the Choir Room or Student Services on **Tuesday, September 18**!

If your student is interested in auditioning, but is at camp Nan-A-Bo-Sho October 1 and 2, please see Mr. Leih for information

JRG LMC

What to know about JRG's Library Media Center

MATERIALS CHECKOUT

Students may borrow 5 library materials at a time. This does not include textbooks. The checkout period is 4 weeks for most materials, 2 weeks for newer, popular materials. A date due slip is located at the back of the book. Most books can be renewed if a student is not yet finished with it. Books that are on hold for other students cannot be renewed.

OVERDUE MATERIALS

Any material returned late will receive an overdue fine of $.10 per day per item. These fines must be paid by the student by the end of the year.
The LMC emails students weekly and reminds them of any books currently overdue and any current fines.

THE RIGHT BOOK AT THE RIGHT TIME

At this stage, JRG students are transitioning between "childhood" and the "teenage years." As a library for this population, we must then collect books that meet the intellectual, emotional, and social needs of students at any point in the transition. Please be cognizant of what your student is reading and have conversations about what is right for them at this time in their lives.

USING THE LMC

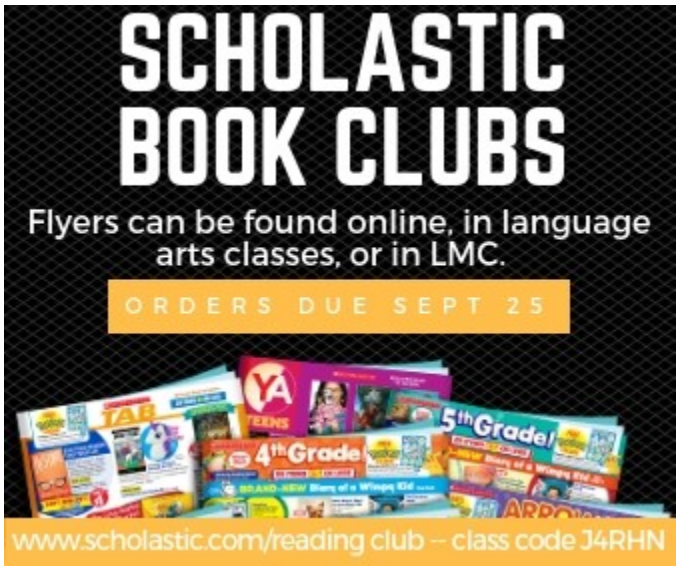
Students are invited to use the LMC before school, after school, during TLC, and starting in October, during recess. The LMC is open from 7:00-3:45 everyday except Wednesdays when we close at 3:15.
For students who can't make it to the LMC to return materials, there are book return bins conveniently located throughout the school.

Library Media Specialist
Erin Wedemeier | ewedemeier@kimberly.k12.wi.us | (920) 788-7905

JRG Textbook Fines

The following fines will be assessed based on the condition of the returned textbook. The student who the textbook is assigned to will be responsible for any damages.

Clear liquid stain	$5
Colored liquid stain	$10
Drawing (page edges)	$10
Drawing (interior)	$10
Broken binding	$10
Excessive Damage to corners or spine	$5-20, depending on extent of damages
Intentional etching in cover	$10-20, depending on extent of damage
Missing or excessively ripped pages	$20
Lost	$40
Replacement fee *If a textbook is deemed "unusable" based on damages, or is "lost," a replacement fee will be assessed for processing and purchasing costs.*	$10



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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.

Kimberly-Little Chute Library October and November STEAM ROLLER activities
Outagamie County 4-H Opportunities for all ages