



Gator News

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2018

Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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September 10-Oct. 5
Map Testing Window

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

Lagoons 7—Oct. 3-4

October 10
Homecoming Parade—
5:15

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 19
ROCKS Zoo Boo—3:15-
9:00 PM
****Pickup at US Venture
at 9:00****

October 25-26
No School

Seeing Our Gaps

The first month of the school year has come and gone, and from what I have seen it has been a smooth start. I got to spend a day at Camp Nan A Bo Sho last week with some of our 7th graders and came away amazed at their ideas, energy, kindness and sense of fun!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are focusing this year on helping students understand what they need to learn, recognize where they are compared to where they need to be, make a plan to get there, and then reflect on their successes and future opportunities. We typically use the word "gap" when we talk about students knowing where they are now compared to where they need to be. It's the unfilled space between what a student currently knows or what they can currently do, and what they either want to know or should know. I've been spending a lot of time in our Language Arts classrooms, and I see simple examples of this all the time when a teacher meets with a student and together they compare their reading goal to their progress so far. If there's a gap, they then discuss a plan to fill in that gap before the next time they meet.

This time of year, we as parents might also be recognizing some gaps in our student's lives. I use the word "we", because even though my own children have moved on from JRG, I can clearly remember some of the struggles that occurred during their middle school years. I thought it might be helpful to share two common gaps that often arise this time of year, and what we as parents can do to help our children close them.

The I-Can't-Keep-Up Gap

This gap might show up in the form of lots of missing or late assignments, or in low performance on tests, papers and other assessments. There can be a lot of causes, so it helps to get the perspectives of both your child and their teachers about why that gap might be occurring. If the gap is due to organizational issues, parents and students can access tools like Parent Portal and Google Classroom to help your child recognize gaps early and stay on top of their work. We also want all of our students to use a system (paper or electronic) to organize their homework. As parents, you can ask your child to show you what system they are using to stay organized, and how they are using it. For other students, the gap may come from a mismatch between what they are being asked to do, and the skills they currently have. As a rule of thumb for parents, if you see your child spending more than an hour each night on homework, or consistently getting frustrated or upset because they don't know what to do, reach out to their teacher so that we can develop a plan to help them.

The I-Don't-Know-Where-I-Fit-In Gap

The social and emotional landscape of middle school can be challenging for students to navigate. Understanding who they are and who they want to be, while all of their friends are doing the same thing, can lead to challenges. If you see your student struggling to find their place at JRG, one of the first things we recommend is getting involved in a club, activity or sport beyond the classroom. JRG has a lot of [club options](#) along with a range of [sports](#), and our goal is to continue to expand those options. If there is a club that your child wishes we had, have him or her visit Student Services to see if we can develop something. Our counselors also offer many groups that occur during the school day over the course of the year, focusing on issues ranging from family change, to anxiety, to getting ready for the world of work, to hot topics in the lives of our middle school students. Perhaps most importantly, if your child seems to be struggling in ways that go beyond the normal ups and downs of early adolescence and needs some support, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor. We are also fortunate to be able to offer mental health counseling to students who need it through the PATH program sponsored by the United Way. See the information later in this newsletter to learn more about PATH.

School Safety

Finally, as educators, we make school safety a top priority and work to identify and close gaps that will help make our students safer while they are at school. In the coming weeks, we'll be working to close a gap we've been aware of for some time: While we have trained our staff in active intruder safety practices, we have deliberately not talked with students about this while we made sure that all staff were clear on how they can react in those situations. In the coming weeks, our teachers will be sharing more with our students about our Run, Hide, Fight decision-making model.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this information, or anything in your child's JRG experience, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you for all you do to help your child see their gaps, close their gaps, and have a great learning experience at JRG!

Annual Gator Olympics Crowns the 7th Grade with the Spirit Stick

Congratulations to our JRG staff and students on another successful Gator Olympics last Friday! The winning 7th Grade TLC was Dab Today, It's SJ's Way, and the winning 8th Grade TLC was Ott's AstronOttis. Great job to all TLC groups in their efforts and sportsmanship during the games.

The Spirit Stick ultimately went to the 7th Grade class who displayed the greatest volume in the "yell-off"!



Yearbook Staff Attends Workshop at Carroll College

Our 8th Grade JRG Yearbook Staff had the opportunity to go to Josten's 2018 Fall Yearbook Workshop at Carroll University in Waukesha last week. While learning more about yearbook design, photography and the yearbook software, these students also met other students from around the state, gathered many fresh ideas for our 2018-19 Yearbook and represented JRG well!

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.

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

National School Lunch Week

Please take a moment during the week of October 15-19 to thank our food service staff for their efforts in providing nutritious, well-balanced meals for our students.

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

Theme: Nature/Animals

Congratulations to this week's winner:

Jaden Head



Thank You To Our Families and Volunteers

Student Services and JRG would like to say Thank You to all of the families who participated in this year's Entertainment Book Fundraiser. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who came in to help distribute the books.

Outagamie County 2019 Conservation Awareness Poster Contest

The Outagamie County Land Conservation Department is sponsoring a Conservation Poster Contest which provides an opportunity for young people to become more aware of the conservation of our natural resources through artistic design. The theme for this year's posters is "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper" with a deadline of Friday, January 11.

For detailed contest information please click [here](#), or call (920) 832-5073.

The Importance of a Good Breakfast

The power of breakfast is an amazing thing. It provides a strong start to the day and helps students remain energized and focused. A missed morning meal or snack can often have adverse effects such as headache, upset stomach, and fatigue. JRG offers a breakfast program each morning beginning at 7:00AM for \$1.55 (no cost for free and reduced). Click [here](#) for September's breakfast and lunch menus.

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.



Boys Basketball Begins in October

Boys Basketball begins Monday, October 22. Tryouts are October 22-24 and the boys must participate in all 3 days. 8th grade tryouts will be from 3:10-4:30. 7th grade tryouts will be from 4:30-6:00. Please see the letter below for detailed information.

Please make sure you have all of the proper paperwork on file in the office. You can find the athletic form on our website under Forms and Documents or Student Activities-Athletics.

Interested students can sign up on the forms located outside the Large Gym doors.

Letter From our Athletic Director Concerning Basketball Tryouts

Dear Parents and Athletes:

Tryouts for the boys basketball program will be held soon, and we would like to share more information about the process. This is an exciting time, but can also be a time of high emotions and tensions for parents, players, and coaches. JRG offers two teams at each grade level, but because the numbers of boys interested are usually high, we must use a tryout system for this sport. We hope to answer some of the questions you may have about this process.

The tryout period will last 2 to 3 days and will be held in the large gym at JRG. The 8th graders will practice 3:10-4:30 and 7th graders 4:30-6:00. Players must attend all tryout dates.

Tryout dates:

Monday, Oct. 22nd, 1st day of tryouts

Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, 2nd day of tryouts (some cuts will be made this day)

Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 3rd day of tryouts (final cuts will be made)

Each practice session will last about 1 ½ hours. We will keep a total of 30 players. Once the teams have been decided the coaches will divide the players into 2 equal teams.

Many factors will go into the decision on whether or not a player makes the teams. Our coaches do the best they can to fairly evaluate all the players. Coaches use the same rating system for all students, and we often bring in additional coaches from middle and high school to help us evaluate players. Some of the factors considered are:

1. The player's fundamental basketball skills including shooting, dribbling, passing, defense and court awareness.
2. How the player functions as a teammate and leader.
3. The player's attitude and effort.

Students who do not make the team are encouraged to continue working on their skills and to tryout again next year.. Almost every year, we have students who make the team in grade 8 who did not make the team in grade 7 because they continued to play and work on their skills. There are many ways to improve, such as playing in other organized leagues or by attending one of the many camps that are offered in our area.

Feedback Available To Players Who Do Not Make The Team

If a player wants to know what they could work on to better their chances next year we encourage them to ask the coaches. They can either approach the coach after practice or set up a time to meet with them the next day at school. We encourage you to allow the athlete to have this discussion, as it is a great life skill. If you have questions about this process, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Mary Hammen
Athletic Director/Physical Education Teacher
(920) 423-4106

Pom and Dance Begins Monday, October 22

The 7th and 8th grade Pom and Dance Season will begin on Monday, Oct. 22. The first practice will run from 3:10-4:30 on Oct. 22 in the JRG Commons.

Following this practice, there will be a PARENT MEETING for all parents and dancers from 4:30-5:00 in the JRG commons on Oct. 22. The 2018 Dance Season will run from Oct. 22 thru Dec. 17 and will include multiple performances for the 8th grade boys' basketball teams during half time of home games.

If you are interested in joining this year's Pom and Dance team please sign up on the Gym Doors BEFORE Oct. 22.

If you have any questions please contact Althea Vanevenhoven (Rm 133) ext. 2827, or Ashley Appleton (Rm 103) ext. 2880.

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)

October: 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: 8, 15, 29

November: 5, 12, 26

December: 3, 17

Emergency Medications

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

JRG No Longer Accepting Ink and Toner Cartridges For Recycling

JRG's ink and toner cartridge recycling program began in 2006 and has earned over \$6,770 in technology equipment for JRG! Due to program changes, restrictions and policy changes over the last year or so, the program is no longer a profitable venture for JRG.

We would like to thank all families and businesses that have generously and continuously sent their used cartridges over the years!

Follow JRG on Instagram, 'Like' Us on Facebook

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.

Saturday, October 6th - Kimberly Fire Department [Open House](#)

October and November Kimberly-Little Chute Library [STEAM ROLLER activities](#)

Saturday, November 10th - Kimberly [Tennis Pro day](#) for those interested in club tennis

Tuesday, November 13th - Kimberly Wrestling Club [Parent Meeting](#)

Outagamie County [4-H Opportunities](#) for all ages





Yankee Candle & Cherrydale Catalog Sale

Daily cash drawing for participating students! Pizza party for the top selling TLC in each grade! Fun catalog prizes based on items sold! Additional prize opportunities for online sales!

JRG FALL FUNDRAISER

Sale Begins: Thursday, October 11

Orders Due: Monday, October 22

Product Delivery: Tuesday, December 4

Online purchasing available now!

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com School Code: 990082861

www.cherrydale.com/FRJRGKW

Fundraisers have helped the school to fund: The new JRG sign, sound system in the gym, Annual Veteran's Day Celebration, student talent show, Project Starfish, decrease camp costs for students, Safe Student Ambassadors just to name a few!



NEW Zoo Boo

Friday, October 19, 2018

Leave JRG via bus @ 3:15 P.M.

➔ Return to US Venture parking lot via bus @ 9:00 P.M.



Come join us at the NEW Zoo for their annual Zoo Boo.

The Zoo will be filled with festive decorations, inflatables, live Swamp Monsters, and for the brave: a horse-drawn, haunted wagon ride through our Freaky Forest! You are encouraged to come in costume appropriate for school (no weapons, blood, face paint or temporary hair color and trick-or-treat throughout the NEW Zoo. Don't forget your treat bag! Visit www.newzoo.org for more event information.

Students have 2 options for this event:

1. NEW Zoo Boo only : \$8.00 includes entrance to NEW Zoo Boo and bus transportation
2. NEW Zoo Boo and Zipline : \$20.00 includes entrance to NEW Zoo Boo, zipline experience, and bus transportation

Launch yourself from the top of the 50-foot-tall historic fire tower, fly 1000 feet, and land on the 12-foot landing deck near the entrance of the zoo. Both the tower and the landing pad will be lit, but it will be a dark and scary ride all the way down. These tickets are limited and will sell out quickly.

[Students must have signed waiver form printed, signed, and submitted to participate in zipline.](#)

If desired, students will need to bring extra money to purchase from concessions.

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

Tickets will be sold online at rockszoo Boo.eventbrite.com starting Wednesday, October 3rd at 3:15 PM until sold out or Friday, October 12th at 11:59 PM.

**** 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 prior to the event in order to be considered for approval by administration. No refunds will be given for this event.



Brown County Visitor Agreement, Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless, Indemnification and Release of Liability

Please read this document carefully. It must be signed by all adult visitors (18 years of age and older) to the Adventure Park premises, including participants, trainees, group and individual chaperones and others. If a visitor is a minor (under 18 years of age), or dependent, (hereinafter collectively "dependent") his or her parent or legal guardian (each referred to in this agreement as "Parent/Guardian") must sign, for himself or herself and on behalf of the dependent.

In consideration of the services of Brown County, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and doing business as the NEW Zoo ("Operator"), I, adult visitor, or Parent/Guardian, for myself and, to the maximum extent allowed by law, on behalf of my dependent visitor, acknowledge and agree as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES: This agreement applies to all aspects of a visit to the premises of the Adventure Park, including, but not limited to, enrollment, observer or participation in the Adventure Park itself and related events or services provided, sponsored, authorized or allowed by the Operator. Visitors are allowed to move about the premises on which the Adventure Park is located and in and around buildings, and to hike on designated trails, complying with all posted signage, placards and instructions given by the Operator's staff. Assisted by personal protective equipment, including but not limited to such items as harnesses, lanyards, auto belays pulleys and methods approved by the Operator, visitors may move across uneven terrain, climb stairs or ladders or other structures to access high platforms, and enjoy the activities of the park which include but are not limited to traversing from platform to platform by means of high ropes, course elements; zip lines, climbing towers and rappelling using the auto belay system from the climbing tower.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS: Adventure Park will expose visitors to risks, many of which are inherently dangerous to the premises and cannot be eliminated without changing the nature, value and appeal of the park. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to: emotional risks, including hurt feelings, panic, or psychological trauma; and physical risks, including, but not limited to: property loss or damage, falls, collision with other persons and fixed objects, scrapes, bruises, stings, broken bones, sprains, neurological damage, shock, and, in extraordinary cases, death. Injuries or loss may be the result of environmental hazards. Injuries or loss may occur in spite of efforts taken by the Operator and staff to prevent them.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS: I, an adult visitor, am knowingly and willingly choosing to participate in the activities of the Adventure Park. I acknowledge and voluntarily assume all the risks including but not limited to, injury, loss, property damage, liability of every kind and death associated with these activities, inherent or otherwise, and whether or not they are described above. I understand that visitors may engage in other activities, supervised and not supervised. If the visitor is a dependent, I, Parent/Guardian, have discussed the activities and risks with my dependent who understands and wishes to participate in the visit and activities nevertheless, and I consent to such participation.

PARTICIPANT PRE-SCREENING: Our Adventure Park is designed so most anyone should be able to participate; however, certain limitations that will ban anyone from participating include, but are not limited to: Pregnancy, Epilepsy, Weight Limitations, Age Limitations, Shoulder Dislocations, Severe Asthma and Other Medications That Could Impair Judgment. Please carefully consider your situation and that of your dependent including physical limitations and emotional status prior to participation in the Park activities.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: I, an adult visitor or Parent/Guardian of a dependent visitor for myself and, to the maximum extent allowed by law, on behalf of the dependent for whom I sign, hereby agree as follows: I release Brown County, its officials, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, independent contractors, representatives and owners of the Adventure Park property ("Brown County") from any and all liability, and agree not to sue or make any claim of any kind, for any loss, damage, expense, liability or injury, including death, that I, or my dependent, may have or suffer, arising from or in any way related to my or my dependent's presence on the Adventure Park premises or facilities, or participation in the Adventure Park activities. I further agree to assume all risk, defend, hold harmless and indemnify and pay, all costs including attorneys' fees arising from, directly or indirectly any

~~claim or cause of action resulting therefrom, and thereby releases Brown County and each of them from liability for any claim, including damage to property or personal injury and death, by whomsoever it might be brought, including me, my dependent, a member of my or the dependent's family, heir, estate representative and or a co-participant or otherwise, arising from or in any way related to my or my dependent's presence on Adventure Park premises or facilities, or participation in the Adventure Park activities. This Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless and obligation to defend and indemnification includes all claims of any kind and nature resulting directly or indirectly from my or my dependent's presence on the Adventure Park premises or facilities and/or participation in the Park's,~~

OTHER: I, an adult visitor or Parent/Guardian of a dependent in my care, for myself and on behalf of a dependent for whom I sign, further agree as follows:

1. Chaperones, either individually appointed or accompanying groups of visitors, are responsible for supervision of those in their care, and must be immediately available to provide comfort and assurance to those in their care who might need emotional support and to make medical decisions on behalf of those under their care. Operator is not responsible for the acts or omissions of these persons in providing such supervision and assistance. If an individual who is chaperoned or the chaperone withdraws from the Adventure Park the other must withdraw. By signing below, Chaperone acknowledges his or her agreement to these responsibilities.
2. Visitor, or Parent/Guardian, hereby consents to Operator either administering or obtaining medical care for visitor in the event of an injury, illness or accident requiring medical attention while on the Adventure Park's premises. Visitor or Parent/Guardian authorizes Operator to exchange with any third-party medical caregiver such information regarding visitor's medical history as may be deemed important to either of them. Visitor, if an adult, or Parent/Guardian, agrees to be solely responsible for any hospital, medical or other costs arising out of an injury or other loss arising out of visitor's visit to the premises, including but not limited to enrollment or participation in activities of Operator.
3. I hereby grant permission to the Operator to use any photographs or video taken of myself, my dependent or the person in my care at the Adventure Park for any promotional purpose, without compensation.
4. I have read, understand and will comply with the Participant Requirements displayed and furnished to me by the Operator and have correctly responded to all requests for information.
5. I agree that the substantive laws of the state of Wisconsin shall govern this agreement and that the courts of proper jurisdiction shall be those having jurisdiction in Brown County, Wisconsin over any dispute that may arise as a result of the presence or use of the Adventure Park.
6. I agree that should any part of this agreement be determined to be invalid by a court with proper jurisdiction, all other portions of this agreement not so determined shall nevertheless remain valid and in full force and effect.
7. I have read, and fully understand this agreement. I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving and giving up certain rights that may exist for myself or for the dependent or person in my care on whose behalf I sign and all heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives for myself, my dependent or person in my care, and intend by my signature this to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.
8. This Agreement will apply to the visit occurring on the date provided below.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED FIELDS:

FULL NAME OF THE VISITOR: _____
 DATE OF BIRTH: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

Please List the Following:

Medications needed at a moment's notice (such meds must accompany the visitor (or the chaperone) at all times.)

Office Use Only:

Signature of Adult Visitor, or Parent/Guardian	Date	Tour Time: _____
		Res #: _____
		Weight: _____
Signature of Chaperone (if applicable)	Date	

J.R. Gerritts Middle School

MAKER LAB



October 9-11, 2018 Session:

Pumpkin Art

Help make JRG a festive place this fall! During this session, students will be teamed up and provided a pumpkin which they will then decorate. Student pumpkins will be displayed throughout JRG. No artistic skills are necessary, but teamwork and creativity are required.

- Pumpkin Art takes place October 9, 10, and 11 in the LMC during students' recess.
- Sign up to participate October 1-7 using the Google form sent in school email. Space is limited so please sign up only if you plan to attend all 3 dates.
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Wedemeier



RECESS IN THE LMC



Ask a teacher to sign you up today!

Project Starfish Intended to Help Families in Financial Need

Limited Financial Assistance is available for activities, events and programs at JRG Middle School through Project Starfish.

In partnership with U. S. Ventures, Inc., JRG is proud to Continue its participation with Project Starfish. Project Starfish provides an opportunity for students to develop a plan to volunteer within the school community and "pay it forward" in an effort to make a difference to others. This could be anything from helping clean up school property; helping in the office, weeding, or an approved project the student may self select. Participants in Project Starfish remain confidential, must demonstrate financial hardship and must complete their volunteer work prior to the activity.

Forms to participate in Project Starfish can be picked up in the Student Services office and can be found later in this newsletter. Submission of a request does not guarantee assistance.

Family Move and Change of Information

If you have moved, or are planning to move during the school year, please complete the information sheet found on page 16 of this newsletter. Having the correct information in Infinite Campus ensures that families receive all notices and information throughout the year.

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, homelessness status, sex, including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity, disability, age (except as authorized by law), military status or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability in any of its student programs or activities.

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\$15.00

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The logo for Jostens, featuring the word "Jostens" in a stylized, cursive font with a blue and white color scheme.

Kimberly Area School District



September 13, 2018

Dear Kimberly Area School District Families,

We are committed to promoting the social and emotional well-being of our students. By working together with United Way's PATH (Providing Access to Healing) for Students, we are now able to provide the opportunity for school-based counseling services to students in 5-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade. *New for this year - services have been expanded to be available to students younger than seventh grade. We believe this will fill an important need for some students and families.*



The United Way's PATH for Students is a partnership between United Way Fox Cities, Catalpa Health, Family Services of Northeast WI, Inc., Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and the Kimberly Area School District. The purpose of this collaborative partnership is to offer mental health outreach and treatment services to the students in our schools.

Counseling is an excellent way to learn new skills, develop self-confidence, become more aware of others' views and experiences, practice new behaviors, and better understand how to deal with the problems life presents.

It is our belief that the combined commitment and expertise of our respective agencies, the knowledge and services provided to youth throughout Northeast Wisconsin, the credentialing of our programs, and the strong history of quality outcomes will allow for improved access to quality mental health services for students and families in our District.

If you are a parent and think your child may benefit, or if you are a student and feel you may benefit from counseling, you are invited to contact your school counselor for further screening.

If you have any questions about mental health resources for students, you can also contact me at (920) 788-7900.

Sincerely,

Tim Fosshage
Director of Pupil Services

YOU are invited to our **Kimberly** **Tennis PRO DAY**



Valley Fitness & Racquet



Kimberly Tennis

Invite you to our 2nd Annual PRO DAY

What is it?

Valley Racquet has invited Kimberly students for a fantastic and **FREE** opportunity to see what Club Tennis is like. It will be a day of food, fun, games, and four courts run by Valley Racquet Pros.

Why Attend?

This is a fantastic and **FREE** opportunity to see the opportunities of club tennis first hand, socialize with other players, and enjoy a family day on the courts.

Who should attend?

Players and Parents of any 5th-8th grade student interested in getting a feel for Club tennis.

PARENTS are strongly encouraged (but not required) to bring a racquet and participate

Where is it?

Valley Fitness and Racquet
720 E. Shady Ln
Neenah

Saturday, Nov. 10th

2-3^{PM}

9th-12th Grade Students

3-4^{PM}

5th-8th Grade Students

RSVP: tiny.cc/kimberlytennis

Contact Coach Holschuh with questions: jholschuh@kimberly.k12.wi.us

J.R. Gerritts Red/White Calendar (Working Document) 2018-2019

September 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
NS	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	Gator Olympics

October 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	NS	NS
29	30	31		

November 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	Q	8	9
12	13	14	15	7 Academy 8 Care
19	20	21	NS	NS
26	27	28	29	30

December 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	7 Care (Health Fair) 8 Academy
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
NS				

January 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
	NS	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	Quarter End/ 7 & 8 Care
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

February 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	NS
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

March 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14 PT Conf	Student Staff Ball
18	19	20	21	22
Q	26	27	28	29

April 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	7 Care 8 Academy
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
NS	28	29	30	31

June 2019

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	

NS No School

Q End of quarter

Q1 Red - 22
White-22

Q2 Red - 21
White-21

Q3 Red - 21
White-21

Q4 Red - 23
White-23

Family Move and Change of Information Notification

Kimberly Area School District

Attn: Lesli Simon

P.O. Box 159

Combined Locks, WI 54113

The changes below apply to the following children in the family. Please list all children in school and those not yet in school.

Name	School	Name	School

Please List New Information Below

Date of Move _____

Student address or phone change _____

Legal Parent or Guardian Name _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____ Work Hours _____ Email _____	Legal Parent or Guardian Name _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Employer _____ Work Phone _____ Work Hours _____ Email _____	Child lives with: (circle) Both Parents Mother Father Other Marital Status: (circle) Married Separated Divorced Living together Other
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Stepmother or Stepfather (circle one) Name _____ Phone _____	Doctor _____ Phone _____ Dentist _____ Phone _____ Health Conditions _____ Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
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Parent or Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____



PROJECT STARFISH

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J.R. GERRITTS MIDDLE SCHOOL Grant Application

Date _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Student Team: Everglades Swampies Lagoons Bayous

Activity/Event: _____

Your request (Describe in detail how much money is needed and what you hope to learn.)

Amount requested \$ _____

(Project Starfish can be used for Mini-courses for ½ of the total amount due, to a maximum of \$20. Please note that Project Starfish will not give money directly to students. Items will be purchased for the student or forwarded directly to supplier/program administrator on behalf of student recipient).

Please review some of the opportunities for volunteering below and check how you would like to fulfill your volunteer hours.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LMC | <input type="checkbox"/> display cases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grounds clean-up | <input type="checkbox"/> hall clean-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sweep the gym | <input type="checkbox"/> clean lunch tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clean Student Services | <input type="checkbox"/> hang posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clean kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> clean computer labs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | |

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Amount Approved \$ _____

Principal Signature _____ Date _____

ALL COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STUDENT

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison
Rob DeLain
KASD Homeless Liaison
920.788.7905

State Coordinator
Kristine Nadolski
608.267.7338

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche



Be a Sub!



Join our team as a Sub!

Do you enjoy working with children while maintaining a flexible work schedule? Have you considered becoming a substitute teacher?

The Kimberly Area School District is seeking talented Substitute Teachers who want to join a team of ambitious professionals who help all students succeed. Sometimes, our educators are away from their classrooms for things like professional development or when they are ill. That's when we need talented individuals to continue providing a high-quality education to our students.



Qualifications:

- **Current Wisconsin Educator License**
- **-Or- Substitute Teacher Permit.**
- **Have an Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree but not a Substitute Teacher Permit? Contact us at (920) 788-7900 to learn more about pursuing training to obtain a Substitute Teacher Permit.**

Substitute Teachers new to KASD are supported by helpful District staff at each building. The District uses an online Substitute Teacher System (AESOP) where you can view and customize subbing

positions you are most interested in for your subbing career. *KASD offers a competitive daily pay rate for our substitute teachers.*

Are you ready to join a team of talented professionals who help students become community, college and career ready? Complete an application through WECAN (Wisconsin's K-12 hiring website) by visiting <https://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan>.

Learn more about the Kimberly Area School District at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate against candidates on the basis of race, color, creed, marital status, sex (including transgender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender transition, gender identity or sexual identity), pregnancy, ancestry, political belief or activity, military or veteran's status, arrest or conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products, religion, national origin, age, disability, or any other status protected by law. Concerns or questions should be directed to the District's Compliance Officer, the Director of Human Resources, at Kimberly Area School District, 425 S Washington Street, Combined Locks WI 54113. We are an equal opportunity employer.