



Gator News

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2019

Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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JRG At A Glance

October 3
1-Act Play Auditions—3:30-6:00 pm

October 4
Team & Individual Sports
Photos—3-4:30 pm

October 8
Battle of the Books —LMC during recess

October 11
ROCKS Zoo Boo

October 17
8th Grade Group
Conference—6:00 pm

October 21-23
Boys Basketball Tryouts:
8th Grade—3:10-4:30
7th Grade—4:30-6:00

October 24-25
No School

October 29
Pom and Dance Begins—
3:10-4:15.
Parent Meeting—4:15-5:00

November 3
Daylight Savings Ends—
turn clocks back 1 hour

November 11
Veterans Day Program

November 13-14
Parent-Teacher
Conferences—5:00-8:00

November 13
Early Release—2:00

November 15
Early Release—11:20

**Please See the JRG
Website Calendar of
Events for Specific
Sports and Club Dates
and Times**

What Is A Mistake You've Made Recently?

It has been a fantastic first month of the school year! Our recent Run for ROCKS event had the highest number of participants ever, with more than 400 kids running or walking to Sunset Park for a picnic. As I visit classrooms, I've been talking with students who are energized and focused on improving as learners. Thank you for all you are doing as parents to support your child at JRG.

As a staff this year, we are talking about how to create a culture of transparency in our classrooms, where students (and teachers) feel comfortable talking about where they are struggling and view their struggles as opportunities to grow and improve. Sometimes I stop to reflect on how different that is from the schools I attended growing up.

From my perspective as a student, most teachers and classmates were focused on grades instead of growth. I grew up in the dawn of the video game era (think original Atari, or even Pong), and I sometimes felt that school was a game. All you had to do was figure out the hacks and tricks, and you'd get the points you needed for the grade you wanted. Looking back, I realize that I had developed a mindset that a school year was just a level to be completed so that I could move on to the next level, with the goal of finishing the game. That's not what my teachers intended, and there were certainly kids who developed a learning-focused mindset on their own. But by making the focus about grades, the focus on learning and growth easily got lost in the day to day.

That's not our goal - we want all students, regardless of their strengths and growth areas - to focus on where they are now (their strengths and gaps) in order to build the knowledge and skills they'll need to be successful in life.

As a parent, I'm sometimes guilty of looking at my kids' grades and making the assumption that everything is fine (or not fine) based on what I see there. One thing we can all do as parents is talk with our students about their strengths, their mistakes, their struggles, and their gaps in a way that encourages students to see them as opportunities to learn and grow. Ask your child about a mistake they made in their learning, or about what they view as their strengths and their gaps. It can change the conversation and change their mindset.

We are looking forward to a great October. Please feel free to share your thoughts, concerns and questions with me, and thank you for sharing your children with us.



Ms. Hagmann participates in Fox Cities Book Festival

Author and 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher at JRG, Christina Hagmann, is presenting at this year's 12th annual Fox Cities Book Festival October 7-13. Her presentation "[Learning to See the World as a Writer](#)" takes place from 4pm -5pm on Thursday, October 10th at the Neenah Public Library. Ms. Hagmann will talk about learning to see the world as a writer and will read a chapter from her book, followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Copies of her YA novel, *Stratagem*, will be available for purchase and signing.

Important News for Kimberly Area School District Middle School Parents and Students

Kimberly High School events such as football games, basketball games, wrestling matches, concerts and plays are great ways for families to spend positive time together and enjoy the talents of our high school students. We want to see as many families as possible at these events. However, we specifically ask parents to not send pre-high school children to these events without proper adult supervision.

Thank you for helping the Kimberly Area School District maintain a safe and orderly environment at Kimberly High School events!

Walk to School, Run for ROCKS, Gator Olympics and Camp Nan-A-Bo-Sho

September brought a lot of great opportunities for our students to come together and celebrate being a part of JRG. Thank you to all students who participated in the various events! Please take a moment to enjoy some photos from all of these events





Boys Basketball Begins in October

Boys Basketball begins Monday, October 21. Tryouts are October 21-23 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. 21st, 1st day of tryouts

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, 2nd day of tryouts (some cuts will be made this day)

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, 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 October 29

7th and 8th grade Pom and Dance Season will begin on Tuesday, October 29.

The first practice will run from 3:10-4:15 on Oct. 29 in the JRG Commons. Following this practice, there will be a PARENT MEETING for all parents and dancers from 4:15-5:00 in the JRG commons.

The 2019 Dance Season will run from October 29 thru December 12 and will include multiple performances for the 8th grade boys' basketball teams during half time of home games.

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

8th Grade Planning Conference

An individual 8th Grade Conference is provided to 8th grade students and their parents between the months of October and January. At the individual conference, students will use their Career Cruising accounts to help discuss plans for their transition into high school. No final decisions will be made at the individual conference; however, information about post-secondary planning will be provided by the counselors and it will help parents/students think about potential high school pathways based on student interest.

In order to schedule an individual conference with one of the counselors, parents/students must attend an 8th Grade Group Conference. The group conference will provide a basic background on the high school process which will allow for the counselor, parent, and student to get into more specific detail during the individual conferences. After attending a group conference, you will receive an email from Student Services with directions for signing up for the individual conference. Please stop by the Student Services for more information or to talk with Brad Demmin (7th Grade Counselor) and Shannon Steif (8th Grade Counselor).

YMCA of the Fox Cities: Youth In Government Opportunities

Youth in Government is a national YMCA program for 7th-12th graders. Youth in Government take a hands-on approach to involving the delegates in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government, the program also includes a press corps.

Students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of roles such as Senators and Representatives where they will research and debate bills; Supreme Court attorneys where they will prepare, appeal and respond before the high court and act as a Supreme Court judge; and members of the Press Corps where participants will research, write and edit a newspaper, and are responsible for the program's social media.

The Fox Cities Delegation spends the months of October through early March working writing bills, developing briefs for court cases and writing press releases. All of the work the individual delegates do at our meetings comes full circle for one weekend in March where delegations all throughout the state of WI travel to the capitol building for our Model Government weekend. At Model Gov. the delegates bills are debated in chambers, the court cases are presented in the Supreme Court and the Press Corps is in and out of all of the areas working on press releases, creating social media posts, publishing news articles, filming and editing video projects.

You can find the local brochure or sign up at <https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/youth-government>, or visit the statewide program website: <http://www.wisconsinvig.org/> where you will find more program information.

Parking in the Circle Driveway

We ask that parents refrain from parking or standing in the circle driveway in front of JRG when picking up students after school. This area is intended for appointments during school hours, deliveries and emergency vehicles. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Attendance Messages

Your child's safety is our top priority. For this reason, we send a message home via phone, email and text if a student has been marked absent for 2 or more periods. This is not intended to be a negative message, but rather a verification that your student is safe.

At times, our voicemail system has been known to drop, or not save messages properly which may be why we try to contact you even though you have called in prior to the start of the school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at 788-7905.

Appointments, Item Drop-Off and the Buzz-In Entry System

We understand that students need to leave school during the day for various reasons. If you are aware that your student will be leaving during the day, please have them stop in the Main Office with a note in the morning to get a pass.

If the Main Office is aware ahead of time that a student is leaving, it will make the new "Buzz-In" entry process much quicker for you when you arrive.

If you know that someone other than yourself is picking up your student, please let the office know in advance. For safety purposes, we cannot allow a student to leave with someone other than a parent, guardian, emergency contact or an individual you have specified. A staff member will need to contact you prior to allowing entry into the building if someone other than one listed above arrives to pick up your student.

If you are dropping off a forgotten item for your student, we have a cart located in the Main Office vestibule for your convenience for items other than money and electronics. Please label the item using scrap paper and Sharpie in the tote on the cart, and we will get the item to your student.

Thank you for your help in making JRG a safe place for our students!

Please Help JRG Be Fragrance-Free: Fragrances, Essential Oils, CBD Oil

Due to student and staff health issues, JRG is attempting to limit fragrances in our school. We currently have approximately 130 students and at least one staff member with health conditions that can be negatively impacted by products with fragrances.

Fragrances such as cologne, aftershave, perfume, scented lotion, fragranced hair products, essential oils and/or similar products can be a trigger to debilitating health conditions for these students and staff. By reducing exposure to these triggers, symptoms will also be reduced. We are asking our families for any and all the help they can provide in reducing fragrances coming into JRG. Your assistance in minimizing or eliminating fragrances can help not only this teacher, but also other students who have sensitivities and allergies related to fragrances by improving indoor air quality (please see the [American Lung Association](#) for more information on indoor air quality).

In addition, essential oils and CBD oil continue to grow in popularity and are often perceived as having medical benefits. We discourage students from bringing these products to school, and they will be handled like any other non-essential, non-school related item if they become a distraction in the learning environment. If you feel strongly that your child needs these products at school, we ask that you work with our school nurse and your child's healthcare provider to develop a plan.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. We appreciate your support!

Eric Brinkmann, Principal
Kathy Verstegen, RN, District Nurse

My Child Doesn't Feel Well While at School—What Should They Do?

If your child is at school and does not feel well, our health room is located in the Main Office. There they will be asked to complete a brief form to indicate their concerns. Students will then be evaluated by the Health Assistant or an office staff member. **We ask that students not contact home on their own without first being evaluated in the health room.** For most concerns, 10-15 minutes of rest helps tremendously and the student is able to return to class for the remainder of the day. All students are encouraged to carry a water bottle with them to stay hydrated throughout the day.

JRG is equipped to offer certain stock medications in pill form only. These medications include regular and extra strength acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and Benadryl. To dispense these medications to a student, we need to have a form completed by a parent indicating which medications we can provide as well as the dosage. You can find this form on our website under Forms and Documents. If your student needs cough drops, Tums, or non-pill forms of pain relieving medications, you may provide them from home in their original containers. They will be kept in the health room for those times your student needs them.

Our main goal is to help students return to class and continue learning. If their temperature is over 100 degrees or other symptoms dictate, parents will be contacted by the health assistant, office staff, or permission will be given to the student to call. Please take a moment to discuss this process with your student. If you have any questions about this process, please call the office at 788-7905.

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@kimberly.k12.wi.us (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 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 ACP News



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What is ACP ?

Academic and Career Planning, or ACP, is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills.

Throughout their time at JRG, students will have a variety of opportunities to thoughtfully consider who they are as people and how that relates to future career options. Within the TLC time, students will complete interest inventories, career research, set academic and personal goals and reflect throughout the year with the support of their TLC teacher. Likewise, students will be exposed to a variety of hands-on experiences to help them begin narrowing the focus of possible career options.

ACP 2019-2020 Career Cluster Plan		
	Year 1	Year 2
SEPT	Hospitality &	Health Sciences
OCT	Human Services	Arts, Audio/Visual, Technology, & Communication
NOV	Government & Public Administration	Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security
DEC	Manufacturing	Finance
JAN	Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	Architecture & Construction
FEB	Marketing	Business Management & Administration
MAR	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Information Technology
APR	STEM	Education &
MAY	Final Reflection	

This month's focus cluster:

Human Services

A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Abuse/Crisis Counselor
- Adoption Counselor
- Career Counselor
- Clergy
- Florist
- Funeral Director
- Hairstylist
- Humanitarian Aid Worker
- Midwife
- Optician
- Psychologist

Questions to ask your middle school student about this career cluster:

- Where do we see examples of these careers in our community?
- What personality traits would best fit this career cluster?
- What family members or friends are involved in a career in this cluster?
- What level of interest do you have in this career cluster?

8th grade Conferences

Parents of 8th graders: 8th Grade Conferences are in full swing! If you have not attended a Group Conference, you can still do so! Please follow this link to the Sign Up Genius online registration site.

Choose a date that works for both you and your child's schedule. Once you've completed a Group Conference, you will be able to schedule your Individual Conference. Questions?

Call Kim Kane at



SignUpGenius

423-4105.



Is your career in Human Services?

We have an exciting opportunity for families to get involved with ACP. JR Gerritts is looking for parent volunteers to present their line of work to help the students gain a greater awareness of local occupations.

On the dates of January 19 and April

20, parents/guest speakers will present their occupation to 8 different groups of students for 15 minutes each. Speakers will be expected to do the following within each 15 minute rotation:

- Discuss their job description
- Present props/visuals

related to their job (optional)

- Answer student questions

If your career is in Human Services, and you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Bradley Demmin bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or 788-7905 ext. 4103.

**J.R. GERRITTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

► A Word about Small Groups.....

Once again this year, our counselors are offering each student the opportunity to participate in a small group. Students may choose from several topics, including:

- ◆ Friendship Groups— How to make and keep friends
- ◆ We're in this Together— Learn how to cope with divorce, separated families, and step-families
- ◆ Survivor—How to make good decisions
- ◆ Hot Topics—Let's talk about issues important to YOU!
- ◆ Living with Hope—Helps students with the emotional ups and downs of life! This group requires parent permission. See the Small Group spotlight for more information!
- ◆ Preparing for the Real World—Skills to prepare you for high school and beyond.
- ◆ Boot Camp— From note taking to studying, Learn from your peers the key to being successful academically.
- ◆ Stress Busters — Stress is a normal part of life. This group is all about helping you manage bad stress.

Group counseling offers students a great deal of benefits. It provides a safe place for them to try out new behaviors/strategies and share similar experiences with one another. This allows students to get to know each other more closely, cultivates a sense of belonging, and creates an opportunity for students to gain help from other students their own age. They also leave the group experience realizing they are not the only ones who have certain feelings related to the shared experiences students are going through. In addition, students build "soft skills" that increase personal/social and employability success: communication, listening, and decision making. Small groups also build self-confidence and self-awareness.

Depending on the group, no more than 10 students gather and meet for 4-8 sessions. We do our best to rotate group times so that students do not miss a particular class more than once. Students have the opportunity to sign up for groups early in the school year but we do limit students to one group per year in order to give everyone a chance to participate. Parents may call to request that their student be considered for any of the groups. Please keep in mind that all group participation is on a voluntary basis. If you do not wish your child to participate in any

2019/2020

If a note is not received by the Student Services Office, it will be assumed that permission is given for your child to participate in a small group.

If you have question about any of our groups, please feel free to call Mr. Demmin (7th grade) or Mrs. Steif (8th grade) at 423-4105.

7TH GRADE PARENTS

Your child will be given the opportunity to change lunches after we return from camp. Changes will be made at the end of October.

8TH GRADE PARENTS

Eighth graders were give the opportunity to switch lunches this week Tuesday and Wednesday. The students' lunch requests we are able to honor will begin late next week.

Please make sure you've signed up for an 8th Grade Planning Group Conference. Visit the [Sign Up Genius](#) website to choose a date. Contact Kim Kane at kkane@kimberly.k12.wi.us if you'd like to schedule a time.

Please contact our Student Services Office at 423-4105 with any questions.



8th Grade Individual Planning Conferences



1 Attend a group conference.

- Group Conferences cover basic information that every KHS freshman needs to know! Every student and a parent must attend a Group Conference before signing up for an Individual Conference.
- The week of Sept. 9 you will receive a Sign Up Genius invitation to schedule a group conference.
 - Monday, Sept. 23, 2:00 or 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:00 pm
 - Wed., Nov. 13, 6:00 pm (JRG Parent-Teacher Conferences night)



SignUpGenius

2 Sign up for an individual conference.

- After completing a group conference, you'll receive a Sign Up Genius Invitation for your individual conference.
- Individual conferences last for approximately 30 minutes. During this time you, your child and a counselor will discuss your child's:
 - Strengths and interests
 - Goals, hopes, dreams
 - Career Cruising Portfolio
 - Career interests
 - Transition to KHS

Every 8th grade student at JRG is offered an opportunity to participate in an Individual 8th Grade Planning Conference! 8th Grade Conferences are a two-fold process: Group Conferences and Individual Conferences.

Other information:

- Conferences are designed to help you and your child plan for life at KHS and beyond!
- Individual conferences will occur during regular school hours in the counselor's office.
- Following the conference, you will be asked to provide feedback in the form of a survey.
- Questions? Contact Student Services at 423-4105.

NEW Zoo Boo

Friday, October 11, 2019

Leave JRG via bus @ 4:15 P.M.

Return to JRG via bus @ 9:15 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 the 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.

NEW Zoo Boo: \$12.00 includes entrance to NEW Zoo Boo and bus transportation

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

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

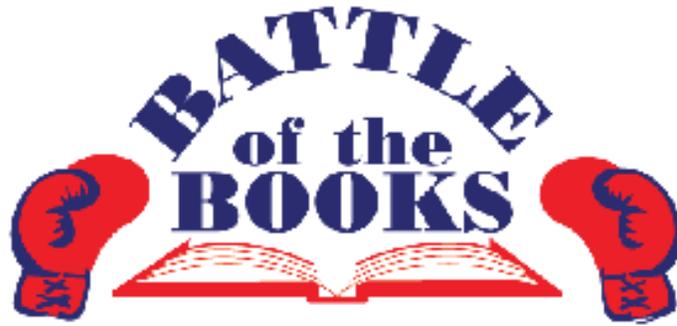
This event involves foods that may contain peanut butter and other nuts or nut products.

Tickets will be sold online at

rockszooboo19.eventbrite.com starting Wednesday, September 25th at 3:15 PM until sold out or Sunday, October 6th 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.**

Parents will **NOT** be contacted if their child signs up for this event but fails to participate the day of the event.



What is it?

- Battle of the Books is a competitive reading club organized in schools throughout the state of Wisconsin.
- Students work in teams to read a selected list of middle school titles.
- In January, competitors begin to prepare during recesses for their school battles.
- During battle, teams work together to answer trivia questions about the books on the list. The teams with the most answers correct win the battle.
- All battles take place here at JRG.
- **Informational meeting: Tuesday, October 8th during recess.** Can't make the meeting? Let Mrs. Wedemeier know you're interested in participating.

Middle Level Booklist: 2019-2020

1. *Bearwalker* by Joseph Bruchac
2. *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk
3. *Blended* by Sharon M. Draper
4. *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis
5. *Bystander* by James Preller
6. *Elephant Run* by Roland Smith
7. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly
8. *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Perez
9. *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen
10. *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
11. *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly (Young Readers' Edition)
12. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle
13. *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
14. *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson
15. *Left Out* by Tim Green
16. *March. Book One* by John Lewis
17. *On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer
18. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
19. *Restart* by Gordon Korman
20. *Sunny Side Up* by Jennifer L. Holm

JRG LMC Info

Using the LMC: Students are welcome 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.

Checkout period: 4 weeks; 2 weeks for newer, popular materials. A date due slip, located at the back of the book, records the date due.

Number of Checkouts: We allow students to have no more than 5 books checked out. This does not include textbooks, but does include book club books.

Late 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.

Renewals: 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.

Holds/Requests: If a book is not currently available, a student can put it on hold. Just ask for help at the checkout desk. If we don't own the book, a student can request it. If it's purchased, that student will have the option to borrow it first.

E-books: E-books are available for student use from the Wisconsin School Digital Library Collection (WSDLC). This link can be accessed from the JRG LMC homepage.

Email reminders: The LMC emails students weekly and notifies them of any books currently overdue and any current fines.

Collection Development: It goes without saying that 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 stage. Please be cognizant of what your student is reading and help them decide what is right for them at this exciting time in their lives.

Scholastic Reading Club: Each month, the LMC offers students the opportunity to be part of a program offering reduced prices for popular books.

Flyers are available in the LMC, but access to the catalog is even easier online at www.scholastic.com/readingclub. If your family chooses to order from Scholastic, orders can be completed in person by giving the order form and payment to any library staff member or by ordering online at scholastic.com/readingclub. Our school's "class code" is **J4RHN**.

**"Most of what makes
a book 'good' is that
we are reading it at
the right moment
for us."**

Alain de Botton

National
Trust for the
Reading

#NEQbooks

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
Total Loss (due to unknown location or substantial damage)	\$40
Additional replacement fee	\$10
<i>If a textbook is deemed "unusable" based on damages, or is "lost," a replacement fee will be assessed for processing and purchasing costs.</i>	

The Gator Art Club!!



Art Club is for anyone who enjoys using their imagination and creating!

We will meet on Mondays after school from 3:05 until 4:00 pm in the Art room.

- If you plan on attending, please try to sign up on the Art Club Attendance Form hanging up in the art room (room 436) the Friday before we meet. This helps me plan. If you don't get a chance to – just show up Monday.
- There is an open door policy: if you can not make it to art club, just come the next time you are available. If you are in a sport, the play or another activity after school already, join up after it's over.
- You will have the opportunity to create an art project that I plan or you can come up with your own art project ideas!
- You need to provide your own transportation home at **4:00**.

The Gator Art Club will meet the following dates for the first semester after school:

Sept. 30 (First meeting. If you can't make it, come next time.)

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16

If you have any questions I can be contacted at:
rdagesse@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Thank you for supporting the visual arts at JRG!!

Mrs. Dagesse



JRG ROCKS

Computer Science Club

Creating Sparks With Technology

For those who want to explore the world of Computer Science at their own level and pace, surrounded by others that want to also.

This is a 'come as you can' club. If you are interested in CS but cannot make the commitment for every meeting, that is OKAY!!

Come Check it Out!!

Prior experience is *not* required

{Meetings are typically Mondays and Thursdays, but check dates as they may change or be cancelled due to schedule conflicts}

September: ~~23, 26, 30~~

October: 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 28 (no meeting 10/24 or 10/31)

November: 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25 (no meeting 11/14 or 11/28)

December: 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 (no meeting 12/23, 12/26 or 12/30)

Computer Lab 111

See Ms. Froze in Room 111 if you have any questions!

Computer Science Club Classroom Code:
1vvaay0

```
// life motto
if (sad() === true) {
  sad().stop();
  beAwesome();
}
```

JRG Club Information

Student Must Be a ROCKS Member to participate
Dates are also listed on the [JRG Events Calendar](#)

Alliance Club—3:00-3:45

Contact: Ms. Startup, Room 105 (mstartup@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or Ms. Stupka (rstupka@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

October 8: introductory meeting in room 105. Meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Art Club—3:00-4:00

Contact: Ms. Dagesse, Room 436 (rdagesse@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

October: 7, 14, 21, 28
 November: 4, 11, 18, 25
 December: 2, 9, 16

Computer Science Club—3:00-4:00

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

October: 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 28
 November: 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25
 December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19

Tennis Club—3:00-4:15

Contact: Ms. Nji, Room 215 (jnji@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

7th Grade practices on Mondays and Wednesdays; 8th Grade practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Last day of Fall Tennis is October 10

JRG Athletics

Student Must Be a ROCKS Member to participate

Dates and locations are also listed on the [JRG Athletic Calendar](#)

Cross Country

(meets begin at 4:15 unless otherwise noted on Athletic Calendar):

October

1: At Kaukauna
 7: At Kaukauna Invite

Volleyball

(matches begin at 4:00 unless otherwise noted on Athletic Calendar):

October

3: White at Home
 7: Red at Home
 8: White at Home

Boys Basketball

Tryout dates: October 21-23

8th graders will practice 3:10-4:30
 7th graders 4:30-6:00

Players must attend all tryout dates

21: 1st day of tryouts
 22: 2nd day of tryouts (some cuts will be made this day)
 23: 3rd day of tryouts (final cuts will be made)

Game schedule will be available soon

Homecoming Shirts



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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 JRGMSoOfficial.



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.

Community Events will be posted here as they become available.

[Punt, Pass & Kick Competition](#) Saturday, September 28th
[Kimberly Fire Department Open House](#): Saturday, October 5th
[Homecoming Game Tailgate](#): Friday, October 18th
[Outagamie Feed the Hungry Event](#) Thursday, October 24th
[Papermaker Youth Wrestling Parent Meeting](#): Tuesday, November 12th

**Are you on our mailing list?**

We want to ensure parents of young children (age 0-5) in our District are on our mailing list, so you can receive information relative to your child's age group, such as early childhood screening information or 4K and 5K registration information. We also need to have information for all children age 0-21 for state reporting. Click on this link <https://goo.gl/DFjSne> to complete the census form, or complete and mail the census form found here <https://goo.gl/TkNvX6>. If you know of other families with children in our District that may not be in our system, please help us by sharing this information with them.

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. Submission of a request does not guarantee assistance.

Family Move - Outside of the Kimberly Area School District

When a family moves outside of the Kimberly Area School District, students may continue to attend the school where they are currently enrolled if they qualify for a Tuition Waiver (obtained from the district office). Students who qualify for a Tuition Waiver are entitled to continue their enrollment through the waiver period. However, they are required to apply for Open Enrollment during the next Open Enrollment application period if they want to remain in the Kimberly Area School District after the Tuition Waiver has expired.

For additional information, please contact Jen Bixler at (920)423-4166 or email her at jbixler@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Family Move - Within the Kimberly Area School District

When a family move occurs within the Kimberly Area School District, students may continue to attend the school where they are currently enrolled even though their residence has changed to another Kimberly Area School District attendance area.

Parents who wish to have their student(s) remain in the same school after a move within the school district must complete the School Request Form located on the district website under Student & Parents>Enrollment>Attendance and return it to the district office Attn: Sara Vogel.

For additional information regarding school request contact Sara Vogel at (920)423-4122.

Babysitting Certification Class



Are you interested in earning money by becoming a certified babysitter? Do your parents want you to feel more confident watching younger siblings? Want something fun to do during a day off from school? If so, this is the class for you! After completion of this course you will:

- Become certified in American Heart Association first aid , CPR/AED, and what to do if someone is choking, CPR certification will be valid for two years
- Earn babysitting certification
- Gain confidence needed to be an awesome babysitter
- Have fun and meet new people on your day off from school!

Instructed by Tanya R. CPR, LLC

For participants age 10 and older

October 25th OR December 30th

8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Village of Kimberly Municipal Complex

Aspen, Birch and Cedar Rooms

Pizza party lunch will be provided

Course fee—\$65

NEW for 2019—Register online any time!

<https://kimberly.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

or register in person at the Kimberly Parks &

Recreation Office, 426 W. Kimberly Avenue,

Kimberly, WI 54136 , Call 920-788-7507,

message us on Facebook, or email

hfemal@vokimberly.org with any questions! All

program participants will receive course

materials a week in advance via email.

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well at the conclusion of the class.



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J.R. Gerritts Red/White Calendar (Working Document) 2019-2020

September 2019				
M	T	W	TH	F
NS	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	Gator Olympics
30				

October 2019				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	SD	NS
28	29	30	31	

November 2019				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	Q	7	8
11	12	13 PT Conf	14 PT Conf	7 Core Academy 7th grade In 2 & 3rd
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	NS	NS

December 2019				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
NS				

January 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
		NS	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	Q End/ 7 & 8 Core, Community
27	28	29	30	31

February 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	SD	NS
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 PT Conf	13
16	17	18	19	Student Staff Ball
23	24	25	26	Q
30	31			

April 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	NS
NS	NS	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	Community Connections 7 Academy 8 Core
18	19	20	21	22 Talent Show
NS	26	27	28	29

June 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	Snow Make Up Day, if needed

- NS No School
- Q End of quarter
- Q1 Red - 21
White - 21
- Q2 Red - 23
White - 23
- Q3 Red - 20
White - 20
- Q4 Red - 22
White - 22

Kimberly Area School District



School-Based Counseling for Students in 5K – 12th Grade

The [Kimberly Area School District](#) and [United Way's PATH \(Providing Access to Healing\) for Students](#) program are working together to provide students in the District with the opportunity to receive outpatient [mental health](#) services within their school.

New for this school year:

- Opportunity for school-based counseling services expanded to students in 5-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade. *(Previously only available for grades 7-12.)*
- These services are designed to meet the needs of students and families who would otherwise be unable to access mental health therapy.



Counseling is an excellent way to:

- Learn new skills
- Develop self-confidence
- Become more aware of others' views and experiences
- Practice new behaviors
- Better understand how to deal with the problems life presents



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 Tim Fosshage, Director of Pupil Services, at (920) 788-7900.

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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.