



# Gator News

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2020

*Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey*

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## JRG At A Glance

### February 11

Regional Spelling Bee at  
Lawrence University

### February 11-12

Mini-Courses

### February 13-14

No School

### February 24

FVJML Meet

### February 29

District Solo Ensemble—  
Piano/Vocal

### March 7

District Solo Ensemble—  
Instrumental

### March 8

Daylight Saving Time  
Begins—Turn Clock Ahead  
1 Hour

### March 12

Parent-Teacher  
Conferences—4:00-7:00

### March 19-21

JRG Spring Musical

### March 20:

Early Release—11:20

### March 23:

WIT Wisconsin—Microsoft  
Girls Event—JRG LMC 4:00  
-6:00

### March 27

End of Quarter 3

### April 10-14

No School

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

### **Kindness And Character In Action**

Our new semester is off to a great start. I've had a lot of conversations with students who are excited to begin new classes, whether it be a core academic class like Science or Social Studies, or the wide range of Academy classes offered at JRG. I've also had conversations with teachers who are excited to start new classes. Those conversations usually include the changes and adjustments our teachers are making based on what they learned during first semester, and especially about how those changes can help students become better problem solvers.



We also recently celebrated the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., including a powerful message from Charles Butler, the parent of current and former JRG students and pastor of a local church. Mr. Butler's message included an overview of Dr. King's life and how the KASD values of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness are critical to success in life and to creating schools and communities that welcome and celebrate diversity and promote kindness. The assembly was entirely organized by our Student Council - a demonstration of their leadership. The same week, we celebrated No Name-Calling week, organized by our Alliance club, with the same focus on putting kindness into action. We live in a culture of strong and divided opinions on many topics. Starting with kindness and a

desire to understand others, while standing against things that divide us and promote inequality, is something we can all improve on.

We also closed out January with our first Community Connections event of the year. Students heard from over a dozen local presenters with careers that span the 16 career clusters that our students learn about as part of our ACP (Academic and Career Planning) curriculum. This event featured guests with careers in manufacturing, government, culinary arts, small business, human services and more. By the time students leave JRG, we want them to have some ideas about careers that might be a fit for their interests and strengths. We thank all of the parents and community members who gave their time and energy to our students to help in that process!

As I look back on the last several weeks, I'm reminded of a quote from Dr. King that graces one of our hallways: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." I can't think of a better goal for JRG. It's a process, and we want to continue to get better every day. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback about your child's experiences here. Feel free to contact me.

### **Chromebook Care and Responsibility**

Lost or misplaced Chromebooks have been on the rise recently. To help return Chromebook to their proper owners, we ask that students and parents help in a few ways:

- \* Ensure your student's name is on the Chromebook, the Chromebook case, and the charging cord.
- \* Students should not use a friend's Chromebook if they have misplaced or forgotten theirs.
- \* If a Chromebook is left behind in a classroom, please allow staff to turn it in to the LMC or Main Office, and they will return it to the proper person.

If your student is using a loaner Chromebook from the LMC at any time, please remember that they are not covered by your protection plan, so any damages while on loan to your student will be charged to you.

### **Yearbook Sale Open Through February**

Students who have not purchased a yearbook were given a notice during TLC as a reminder that books are still available to order. Yearbooks are only available for purchase through Jostens this year. Please see page 14 for detailed information and a link to Jostens website. Order deadline is February 28.

### ***Appointment and Extended Absence Procedures***

Students who have appointments during the day are asked to come to the main office in the morning to receive a pass. Please send them with a note in the morning indicating the time they will be picked up. We write the pass 5 minutes earlier than the indicated time to ensure your student is here to meet you when you arrive. It is then their responsibility to be aware of what time they are to come to the office to meet you.

With approximately 800 students at JRG we prefer not to interrupt learning any more than absolutely necessary by having to call a classroom to remind students of their appointment time once they have received a pass.

For safety purposes, we ask that a parent or guardian come in to the main office to sign their student out. When returning, we do not need a parent to accompany as students can sign themselves in.

If your student will be missing school for an extended period of time, please call or send a note for the Main Office. We will then provide a pre-arranged absence form for your student to gather any work that will be missed during that time. We ask that the top half of form is returned to the main office to keep attendance accurate.

Thank you for your support in creating a great learning environment at JRG

### ***JRG Mini Courses 2020: Everything You Need to Know***

Mini Courses are a two-day opportunity for your child to be exposed to and explore new and exciting experiences. Our staff will provide a variety of engaging courses revolving around various interests, hobbies and life skills for your child to choose from. Courses vary in length and location, allowing students to take up to three courses based on their choices! Mini Courses are both engaging and align with our ACP work around career, college and life exploration. Through this experience, students will be exposed to at least one career field or industry in a fun, exciting way.

We do not want the cost of some of the courses to be a deterrent or hardship for any student. Financial assistance is available through Project Starfish. Please click [here](#) for more information about Project Starfish or call Student Services with questions.

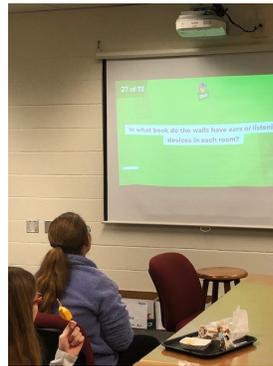
#### **Important Dates:**

- **2/7/20:** Mini Course Run-through day
- **2/11 - 2/12/20:** Mini Courses 2020!

#### **Mini Courses are a privilege**

While we want every child to experience Mini Courses in its entirety, Mini Courses are a **privilege**. Students who disrupt the learning environment will be removed from the mini course. If students on overnight courses do not follow our community values, the leader of that course will be contacting the child's parent/guardian to pick up the student from that course.

\*Contact Student Services at 423-4105 if you have any questions!



### ***Battle Of The Books***

JRG's Battle of the Books team, lead by Natalie Conrad, Allison Oleszak, Hayley Hagens, Karissa Kilishiek, Colton Pozniak, Gwen Hughes, Tyler Schmidt, and Kaitlyn Schmidt, has been practicing throughout January to memorize book trivia questions and match authors to books. They will compete this week to determine our four JRG competitors who will battle it out against other schools in the state. Best of luck to our book warriors!

### ***Student Council Hosts School Dance and Volleyball Tournament***

JRG's Student Council hosted a beach themed dance and volleyball tournament on Friday, January 24. Students enjoyed music, dancing and a little taste of summer to combat these dreary winter days.



## Community Connections: Thank You For Sharing your Expertise

On the morning of Friday, Jan. 24, JRG welcomed community members to present for our Community Connections Day. Community Connections day helps students to explore the world or work and see what career opportunities are available to them in career clusters that they have studied over the last few months during their ACP time. Presenters spoke on careers in the following fields: Hospitality and Tourism, Human Resources, Government and Public Administration, and Manufacturing. Thank you to all the presenters for taking time to come and share their experiences with our JRG students!

Please enjoy some photos of our presenters.



## Fox Valley Junior Math League: Greenville Meet, Jan.27, 2020

Once again 48 Kimberly students got on a bus after school to drive to Greenville Middle School to meet up with more than 150 mathletes from throughout the Fox River Valley. As always, the problems were tough but the students prevailed and used their little grey cells to solve them. Pizza and snacks were tasty and the excitement rivaled the Super Bowl.

### Grade 7, individual:

1. Jax Luedke
2. Sean Welsh
3. Evan Kruse
4. Tyler VanGompel+Gwen Hughes
6. Charlie Feyen + Owen Orioles



### Grade 8, individual:

1. Riley Matz
2. Owen Fries
3. Lance Doering
5. Jacob Behnke
6. Aubrey Woodrow



### 1. Team Award:

Riley Matz, Benjamin Jesse, Sonja Mau, Lance Doering, Owen Fries, Aubrey Woodrow



### 2. Team Award

Jax Luedke, Sean Welsh, Charlie Feyen, Tyler VanGompel, Evan Kruse, Colton Pozniak

### 3. Team Award

Alex Vanderloop, Jacob Behnke, Caiden Haynes, Sydney Schultz, Lexie Huss, Abby Lom



### 4. Team Award:

Hudson Lamers, Kaitlyn Schmidt, William Cote, Gwen Hughes, Owen Orioles

**Mr. Hoerth's  
Exploring Technology:  
Printing and Photo  
Photo of the Week Winner**

Jadyn Dietrich



**2020-21 KHS Scheduling Process for JRG 8th Grade Students**

On February 3, KHS Counselors met with all 8th graders at JRG. During this meeting, students were given a freshman scheduling form. The registration sheet consists of a list of all courses offered to freshmen and an area to list course requests for next year. The 2020-21 KHS Course Book is available on our website at:

<https://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/kimberly-high/student-services/scheduling>

**February 3-9** – Students and parents should fill out the scheduling form with the appropriate course selections and alternates. Students and parents enter requests into the Course Planner on Career Cruising. A parent/guardian must sign off on the bottom of the scheduling sheet to approve the courses selected. Please have your student return the completed scheduling form to their math teacher by February 10.

**February 17** – Students' course requests are reviewed and submitted in Career Cruising.

Thank you for your time and effort to help make this process successful and beneficial for your student. If your child does not receive the scheduling information or you have general questions concerning scheduling, please call KHS Student Services at (920) 423-4162 to speak with a counselor.

**District Notice Concerning The Public Nature of School Events**

The Kimberly Area School District strives to offer a broad array of opportunities for student enrichment. As part of this effort, students have the opportunity to engage in many activities, through both the District's regular curriculum and co-curricular offerings, which allow students to share their talents with the broader school community. Examples include concerts, theatrical performances, academic and athletic competitions, and many similar events. These events, often held on District property during or after regular school hours, are generally open to family, friends, and members of the public.

While the District takes measures to ensure the safety of its events, it does not typically regulate who may attend. Nor does the District regulate the use of photography or video/audio recording at such events. As a result, it is possible that members of the public, including media, will take photographs or recordings of those attending the events. Such photography and recordings are generally for the purposes of celebrating and/or reporting on the events. However, the District recognizes that there may be occasions when this type of attention is unwanted by some families based on safety concerns particular to their family situation, or for other reasons.

If, for any reason, you or your student have concerns regarding participation in District events because of the event's public nature, please contact your school's administration to discuss whether your student may need to opt out of participation in the event, or if there are other measures that can be taken to address your concerns.



**Does your student SELF-CARRY their inhaler?**

If yes, please make sure their name (or at least initials) is on the case and cartridge of medication. Every week inhalers are brought into the office that are left behind at school or school events, practice, etc.. With no name they get thrown away and I know how expensive they are.

Thank you, Nurse Kathy  
JRG and KHS school nurse

### **Les and Dar Stumpf Youth Arts Scholarships**

The Les and Dar Stumpf youth arts scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to area students in grades K12 interested in an art discipline. Scholarship applications are due April 1, 2020.

Recipients will be selected at the discretion of the Stumpf Scholarship Selection Committee. Award amounts will vary, but are limited to no more than \$500 per child per year. Scholarship checks are made payable to the provider of the service.

Please visit [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarship](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarship) for detailed scholarship information and application.

### **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.

### **Weather Cancellations and Delays**

If weather conditions dictate that there will be no school or a delayed start, a decision to keep the schools closed is usually made by 6:00 a.m. Parents with students in school receive a direct call, text and/or email from our auto-call system through Infinite Campus since that is the fastest way to communicate with thousands of parents at one time.

**As a reminder:** If you have a new phone number or email address, please update your information in the Infinite Campus parent portal or contact your school's secretary to update the portal.

Announcements are also sent to local T.V. and radio stations, please tune to local stations such as these rather than call the school directly: WAPL-105.7FM, WIXX-101.1FM, WHBY-1150AM, WKFX-104.9FM, WEMI-91.9 FM, WTAQ-97.5FM/1360AM, WWWX-96.9FM and WGEE-93.5FM; and WBAY-TV2, WFRV-TV5, WGBA-TV26, and WLUK-FOX11. If other school events, such as concerts or sporting events are also cancelled because of weather, they are typically communicated through these stations as well.

The District's website and Facebook page are not our primary way to communicate school closures, so we ask parents to listen to the auto-call messages or tune in to the radio and T.V. stations listed for the timeliest updates.

### **Weather Cancellations of Ski Club Trips**

The JRG Ski Club began in January. This is a great opportunity for students to experience the Wisconsin winter and have fun with friends. Ski trips will be held in most weather conditions, including significant cold, wind and snow, so students need to be prepared with clothing that will keep them warm and dry.

However, there are times when Ski Club may be cancelled. In general, Ski Club may be cancelled if predicted temperatures including wind-chill exceed -25 degrees, or if weather conditions are expected to make travel difficult or unsafe. If Ski Club is cancelled, students and parents will be notified as soon as possible. In many cases, this notification will occur on the day of the trip based on changing weather conditions. In those cases, students are allowed to call home and we will make a room available to store ski equipment overnight if students need to ride the bus home. We will use methods such as email and our school Facebook page to keep parents informed.

In the event of cancellation, we will attempt to reschedule the trip if possible. Because the fees charged for Ski Club are substantially reduced based on a package cost offered by Nordic Mountain, we are not able to offer refunds for cancellations for students who miss trips.

**WINTER IS ALMOST HERE.**  
Are your Infinite Campus settings up-to-date?



**General Notification:**  
Weather Alerts, School Closings,  
School or District Messages

Contact Information	Private	Delivery Device	Emergency	Attendance	Behavior Messenger	Staff	General	Food Service	Priority
Email [redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secondary Email [redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Household (920) [redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone (920) [redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Phone (920) [redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING**



**SAY SOMETHING**



**IF YOU**  
**See something**  
**Read something**  
**Hear something**  
**Know something**  
**Then you should**  
**SAY SOMETHING**

**TELL YOUR**  
**Parent**  
**Teacher**  
**Principal**  
**School Counselor**  
**School Secretary**  
**Librarian**  
**Any Trusted Adult**

***Or Call 911 for  
 Emergencies***

We are encouraging school and community members to become the eyes and ears of the Kimberly Area School District in order to provide information that keeps our students, staff and schools safe.

It sometimes can be difficult to define:

- Take your time to pay attention to your surroundings and to the behaviors of others around you.
- Know what suspicious or concerning behaviors look like.
- Does the activity look strange to you?
- Are you worried someone you know is thinking about hurting others or themselves?

**Report it, don't just repeat it.**



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 School District**

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## 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.



**Kimberly Area School District**  
**HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**  
**Grade 7-8**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is important that our youth have knowledge about human growth and development to understand body changes, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and make healthy, responsible decisions which fit with their personal values and yours. It is important for you to be the primary source for information and education, and our schools will provide support to assist your efforts.

4 year-old-kindergarten through twelfth grade human growth and development objectives guide learning in our schools. These objectives were designed by a committee of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to be developmentally appropriate and were approved by the Board of Education. The objectives for your child's grade level are printed here along with our philosophy for your review. Your child's teachers will provide opportunities throughout the school year for your child to learn these objectives. To provide the best learning situations, we connect this information with other things about which the child is learning. Because of this, human growth and development learning may occur throughout the year when it is most appropriate, but there may be times when the learning is more focused.

Films related to the physical and emotional changes that occur with puberty are used in grades 4, 5, and 6. When the class is viewing one of these films, the teacher or counselor will notify you in advance so that you can have the opportunity to preview the film. We encourage you to take time with your child to discuss the film together after it is shown in class. This discussion provides another opportunity for you to share your values and expectations and to understand your child's perspectives. We have additional resources to help parents connect and speak with their children about human growth and development issues. For more information about available resources, speak with your child's teacher or counselor.

If you have any questions or concerns about what your child will be learning, please talk with your child's teacher or counselor. If you prefer that your child not participate in human growth and development instruction, you need to make that request in writing to the teacher or school principal in advance and an alternative educational opportunity will be provided for your child during that time. Students whose parents exempt them from instruction related to human growth and development will still receive instruction on other health-related topics such as basic hygiene and sanitation, the effects of controlled substances and alcohol on the human body, symptoms of disease and the proper care of the body. Instruction is also provided for elementary students on effective means by which students may recognize, avoid, prevent and halt physically or psychologically abusive or intrusive situations, such as child abuse, child enticement and sexual abuse.

If you would like more information about the district's health curriculum, including the complete human growth and development curriculum, or the instructional materials, please contact me at (920) 788-7900, Extension 4181.

Sincerely,  
 John Schultz  
 Director of Student Improvement

## PHILOSOPHY

The Kimberly Area School District recognizes human growth and development as a lifelong educational process. The responsibility for this education belongs first and foremost to parents, church, and community. The district recognizes the obligation of the schools to support and supplement this aspect of education. Since students are in school for a large portion of their lives, it seems appropriate that the school offer to assist parents in these areas.

This human growth and development program has been planned with the active, constructive involvement of parents, teachers, students, community leaders, and administrators with approval by the School Board.

The Kimberly School District is committed to provide human growth and development instruction as part of a comprehensive education program. Human growth and development instruction refers to the process of growth in the intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, and social phases of individuals and their human relations.

Human growth and development should not be an isolated special facet of education. Sequential, well-planned units appropriate for developmental needs will be integrated through the 4K-12 curriculum. Our goal is to provide accurate information in a non-threatening environment which includes dialogue between parents, students, and teachers. This accurate information will allow students and educators to use correct terminology when referring to human growth and development topics.

The Kimberly Area School District recognizes its responsibility to promote in our students positive self-concepts, healthy interpersonal relationships, and responsible decision making. This curriculum will help students examine their own attitudes and behavior in relation to the norms and values of parents, church, and community.

## OBJECTIVES FOR GRADE 7

1. Apply the basic steps involved in the decision making process.
2. Recognize the alcohol and drug use can affect decision making.
3. Identify qualities/characteristics of a healthy relationship.
4. Know that family structures vary, explain ways that families change and describe the responsibilities of all family members to create social, physical and mentally healthy family members.
5. Explain the difference between acceptable, respectful physical contact and sexual harassment.
6. Know how to respond to situations involving sexual harassment or abuse.
7. Describe interrelationships of and disparities among physical, mental and social changes occurring at puberty.
8. Identify abstinence as the only responsible choice for teens to protect their social, mental and physical health.
9. Differentiate between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.
10. Communicate respectfully with and about people of all gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations.

## OBJECTIVES FOR GRADE 8

1. Apply the basic steps involved in the decision making process.
2. Explain qualities that make healthy relationships.
3. Identify the influence of personal values and beliefs (as well as other outside influences such as the media) that impact a healthy relationship.
4. Describe physical, mental, and social changes that occur as they mature physically and sexually through puberty.
5. Identify and explain the structure and function of male and female reproduction system.
6. Explain sexually transmitted infections, their potential impact on one's health, and prevention and treatment options.
7. Know why abstinence is the only responsible choice for teens to protect their social, mental and physical health.
8. Identify reliable community resources, including parents or other trusted adults, that they can go to for information or if they are or someone they know is being harassed, abused or assaulted.

# 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)

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)

February: 10, 17, 24  
 March: 2, 9, 16, 23  
 April: 6, 20, 27  
 May: 4, 11

## Junk Box Wars—3:00-4:00 (new members welcome at any time)

Contact: **Mr. Jansen** (jjansen@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

February 17-18; 24-25  
 March 2-3; 9-10; 16-17; 23-24

## Robotics Club—3:05-4:00

Contact: **Mr. Billings** (abillings@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or **Mr. Hoerth** (bhoerth@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

Meetings will be held each Tuesday thru February 25

## Strength Training—3:00-4:00

Contact: **Mr. Chalupny** (mchalupny@kimberly.12.wi.us) or **Mr. Jochimsen** (jjochimsen@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

8th Grade Boys will lift on Mondays and Wednesdays; 8th Grade Girls will lift on Tuesdays and Thursdays

# JRG Athletics

*Student Must Be a ROCKS Member to participate*

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

## Girls Basketball

### Red

February 6—Home  
 February 10—At Kaukauna  
 February 17—At Menasha  
 February 18—At Shattuck (7th only)

### White

February 6—at Theisen  
 February 10—at Menasha  
 February 18—Home

## Wrestling

February 8—at Pulaski Invite  
 February 9—at Kimberly Tournament  
 February 10— at Berlin  
 February 20—at Kaleidoscope  
 February 25—at Einstein  
 March 3—at Carl Traeger  
 March 7—at Appleton North Invite  
 March 10—at Menasha



# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

There is a new club starting at JRG! Fellowship of Christian Athletes ([FCA](#)) is a nationwide organization that brings students together for fun, growth, and fellowship. You do not need to be an athlete or a member of any specific faith group to join us for FCA! Come make new friends and learn more about what we're all about.

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FCA will be meeting in the Maker Lab during 7th and 8th grade lunch hours a few Wednesdays of every month. Students can bring their lunch to eat as we meet.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Wed. Feb 5

Wed. Feb 19

Wed. Mar 4

For questions or more information please contact Mr. Hoerth via email...  
[bhoerth@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:bhoerth@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

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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 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.

Community Events will be posted here as they become available.



[Kimberly Parks and Recreation Department is Hiring for Summer 2020](#)

[YMCA Father Daughter Dance](#): Friday February 7, 2020 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

[FREE Valentine's Family Festival](#) February 8, 2020 9:30 - Noon

[Frozen 2](#) Playing at Little Chute Public Library, February 29, 10:00 a.m.

[Babysitting Certification Class](#): February 13, 2020 or April 14, 2020, Village of Kimberly Municipal Complex

**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](mailto: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.

COMBINED LOCKS RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2020 Baseball/Softball/Tee Ball Registration

\*Registration for all the 2020 Recreation programs will be ONLINE!\*

Combined Locks offers the following summer programs:

\*\*\*Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis due to program limitations\*\*\*

**Baseball**

2020 <u>Boys</u> will register according to their <u>PRESENT GRADE</u>		<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Pee Wee League – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Thursday evenings	\$65.00	\$75.00
Junior League – 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Thursday evenings	\$70.00	\$80.00
Minor League – 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Monday & Wednesday	\$95.00	\$115.00

**Softball (NEW FOR 2020 Softball season)**

2020 <u>Girls</u> will register according to their <u>PRESENT GRADE</u>		<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Junior League – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Wednesday evenings	\$65.00	\$75.00
Minor League – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Thursday evenings	\$70.00	\$80.00
Classic League– 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Monday Evenings	\$75.00	\$85.00

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will have choice to move up or stay in present league. Classic league is more competitive.  
7<sup>th</sup> grader can't turn 14 before August 1<sup>st</sup> to play in this league.*

**Co- Ed Tee Ball** COST: Resident \$50.00 Non-Resident \$60.00

One night per week (Monday or Wednesday), alternates each week

2020 Tee Ball participants are eligible if they are in 5k (present grade) OR at least 5 years of age by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Any child who is not 5 years old by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 will NOT be eligible to play.

The online registration process will take place in two different sessions. The first one will be for all RETURNING players (Resident & Non-Resident) from the 2019 season AND any NEW PLAYERS who are COMBINED LOCKS RESIDENTS ONLY. This session opens on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at noon and will close Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> noon.

The second session will be for all NEW PLAYERS who are non-residents. This session will open on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and close Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

More information about registration will be posted on the Combined Locks village website [www.combinedlocks.org](http://www.combinedlocks.org) under the Recreation tab the last week of December.

Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis due to program limitations. Number of teams will be based on the number of coaches in each program.

If you are interested in coaching please contact the Recreation Department at 788-7745 or email the Recreation Director Barb Vanden Heuvel at [vandenheuvelb@combinedlocks.org](mailto:vandenheuvelb@combinedlocks.org)



# Appleton Little League 2020 Season Registration



## REGISTRATION OPEN

### Baseball & Girls Softball

Major/Minor Baseball - until February 16, 2020

All Softball & Rookie/Tee Ball BB - until March 15

[www.AppletonLittleLeague.org](http://www.AppletonLittleLeague.org)

Founded in 1958, Appleton Little League, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, serving Appleton area youth with baseball and softball opportunities. Be a part of the tradition, for over 60 years!

For more information and to register, go to our web site,  
[www.AppletonLittleLeague.org](http://www.AppletonLittleLeague.org)

- Online registration, email/text alerts, mobile friendly web site
- **New in 2020!** - Girls Junior Softball Division for ages 12-14
- Dedicated Girls Softball Tee Ball and higher divisions
- Games played weekday evenings, from early May to July
- Individual player development through team practices
- In-season and post-season tournaments for most levels of play
- Discounted player fees for other Appleton LL seasons & events
- Financial aid available (*no player is ever turned away due to inability to pay*)

Do you have registration questions not answered on our web site?  
Please send an email to: [Registration@AppletonLittleLeague.org](mailto:Registration@AppletonLittleLeague.org).

For non-registration information or questions regarding team or other sponsorships, coaching, volunteer opportunities, etc., visit the "Connect » Board" page on our web site to contact a Board Member.

Appleton Little League



### Co-ed Tee Ball & Baseball

*"League age" determined as of 8/31/20*

Ages 4-12

### Girls Tee Ball & Softball

*"League age" determined as of 12/31/2019*

Ages 4-14

### Baseball Tee Ball (4-6)

*Introduction to Baseball*

*Beginner (all 4-year-olds & first-year 5-year-olds)  
Advanced (5-year-olds w/ 1 yr. experience; all 6's)*

### Baseball Rookie (6-8)

*Instructional, coach (machine) pitch  
6's must pass skills assessment & subject to avail.*

### Baseball Minor (8-11)

*Developmental, player pitch*

*Tryout/draft required for all players  
8-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot*

### Baseball Major (10-12)

*Competitive, player pitch*

*Tryout/draft req'd for non-returning Major; limited*

### Girls Softball Tee Ball (4-6)

*Introduction to Softball*

### Girls Softball Rookie (6-8)

*Instructional, coach pitch*

*6's must pass skills assessment & subject to avail.*

### Girls Softball Minor (8-10)

*Developmental, player pitch*

*Tryout/draft required for non-returning Minor  
8-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot*

### Girls Softball Major (11-12)

*Competitive, player pitch*

*Tryout/draft required for non-returning Major*

### Girls Softball Junior (12-14)

*Competitive, player pitch*

*See info on web site; Major 12s must dual-roster  
12-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot*

### No access to web to register?

Call or text 920.944.8081

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# Register Now

*Spring soccer registration is open for  
Academy & Recreational leagues*

Register Online at [kasasoccer.org](http://kasasoccer.org)

click on "2019-2020 Registration", on the bottom of the page click on "Youth (only)"

**Academy program:** Interested in a *competitive, educational yet fun environment*? Our Academy program offers a higher level of commitment through advanced training and development models.

Kids born in 2010- 2013, who have already been introduced to soccer and love it, are encouraged to join. Practices are 2 nights a week and games are on Saturdays.



**Recreational teams** are formed for players, ages 4- adults.

Recreational league is a development program with a primary interest in fun, fitness, and friendships. Activities emphasize enjoyment and development to foster a love of soccer.

Birth years of 2015 and earlier are eligible to participate. Register early to request and ensure a spot on a roster with your friends as registration will close when team rosters are full.



**Spring season begins May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Early Bird fees are good through February 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact us at

[registrar@kasasoccer.org](mailto:registrar@kasasoccer.org)

# **KIMBERLY BASEBALL ORGANIZATION**

## **KBO Mandatory Parent Meeting!!!**

**Attend on either February 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>**

**@ JRG Auditorium 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Emails will be sent to those who registered and it will be posted on the KBO Website.**

The Kimberly Baseball Organization (KBO) provides competitive baseball opportunities for players ages 8 thru 18.

The KBO programs are for students who reside within the boundaries of the Kimberly Area School District (KASD) or who attend the KASD.

Tryout date for Summer 2020 has happened already. If you have moved into the district or missed the tryouts for other reasons, please reach out to either of the contacts listed below.

Tryout date for Summer 2021 will be held in August, 2020.

### **2020 Youth Travel Team Registration (8U-12U) 2020 Fox Valley Baseball League & Travel Team (13U-14U)**

#### **8U (2<sup>nd</sup> grade 2019-2020 school year)**

Information will be provided regarding this age level!

REGISTRATION (available on the KBO website): <http://www.kimberlybaseball.org/>

#### **9U-12U (3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2019-2020 school year)**

(In 2018, the age of the participants will be the player's age as of April 30, 2019)

- Tryouts in August, 2019

- Travel team Fee TBA Kimberly Hitting League Hat (\$20)

- Teams will play in five tournaments depending on age group.

REGISTRATION (available on the KBO website): <http://www.kimberlybaseball.org/>

#### **13U-14U (7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 2019-2020 school year)**

(In 2018, the age of the participants will be the player's age as of May 1, 2019)

- Tryouts in August 2019

- FVYBL Team Fee TBA KBO League Hat (\$20)

- Travel Team Fee TBA

REGISTRATION (available on the KBO website): <http://www.kimberlybaseball.org/>

If you have additional questions please contact:

John Kalk (KBO President), [jdkalk44@gmail.com](mailto:jdkalk44@gmail.com)

Jason Mau (KBO Treasurer), [jason1mau@gmail.com](mailto:jason1mau@gmail.com)

Ryan McGinnis (High School Head Coach) [rmcginnis@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:rmcginnis@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

# 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	Gallop 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 & Great Health Fair
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 of 7th & 8 Core, Community Connections
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	Make Up Day, if needed

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

# KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CALENDAR 2020-2021

September 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
NS	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	E2
21	22	23	24	AM
28	29	30		

October 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	HS	8	9
12	13	14	15	E2
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	NS	NS

November 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	Q	6
9	10	11	E2&C	13
E2&C	17	MS	MS	AM
23	24	25	NS	NS
30				

December 2020				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	AM	NS	NS
NS	NS	NS	NS	

January 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
				NS
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	Q/AM
18	19	I	I	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	NS
15	16	HS	18	19
22	23	24	25	E2

March 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	MS	AM
15	16	17	18	19
Q	23	24	25	26
NS	NS	NS		

April 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
			NS	NS
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	E2
26	27	28	29	30

May 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	AM
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	EN
NS				

June 2021				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	*SNOW DAY MAKE-UP

\*If needed, snow day make-up will be on Friday, June 4th.

- NS** No School
- AM** AM classes only (exception: No school for 4K) KHS dismissed at 11:31am, JRG & Intermediate dismissed at 11:20am, Elementary dismissed at 12:00pm
- E2** Elementary Early Release - Elementary dismissed at 2:00pm (Exception: 4K morning classes 8:45am - 10:45am, afternoon classes 11:45am - 1:45pm)
- EN** Elementary Noon Release - All Elementary students dismissed at 12:00pm (exception: No school for 4K)
- HS** High School Parent/Teacher Conferences - KHS students dismissed at 2:00pm
- MS** Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences - JRG students dismissed at 2:00pm except on November 19th - students will have a full day of school
- I** Intermediate School Parent/Teacher Conferences - Intermediate students dismissed at 2:00pm
- E2&C** 4K-4th Gr. Parent Teacher Conferences; No school for 4K; Grades 5K-4th Grades dismissed at 2:00pm
- Q** End of quarter

# 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](mailto:homeless@serve.org) \* [www.serve.org/nche](http://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](http://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.