



Gator News

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Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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JRG At A Glance

December 23
Health Fair—7th grade

**December 24-
January 1**
No School

January 15
End of Quarter 2

Early Release—11:20

Dear JRG families,

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's such a strange year, but there always seems to be a silver lining. My oldest is now 21, and I realized that we have never prepared and enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal together as an immediate family before last week. While we missed those we normally celebrate with, I've spent more time with my own immediate family this year than I would have in a pandemic-free world, and that time is so valuable. Now we move on to December, a month that always seems to fly past.

Coming off one major family-oriented holiday and approaching another, we also need your support in practicing COVID risk mitigation so that we can stay open and serve your students in-person. Our COVID and quarantine numbers had improved dramatically in November after some rough spots in October, and we need your help to keep those numbers moving in the right direction. If your child is ill, please keep them home, and be sure to mask up, wash hands and avoid large gatherings outside of school. If you've seen the [COVID-19 Event Risk Assessment Planning Tool](#) developed by Georgia Tech, you know how high the odds of COVID transmission are in Outagamie County and everywhere else in our state. If you haven't seen that tool yet, it's worth a look - it's an eye opener!

There is one additional way you can help: Please help your child to bring a clean mask and a backup if possible to school every day. So many of our students are doing a great job with this, but each time a student has to enter the office to ask for a disposable mask, our risks increase. I remember what those middle school years are like in terms of losing things. One of my kids came home after the first week of middle school saying she was out of sweatshirts. She later tracked down 5 different sweatshirts left in 5 different locations throughout JRG. Masks are easy to forget or misplace, but critical for our risk mitigation efforts.

We continue to develop ways for students to get involved at JRG (whether enrolled at JRG or in our online program), even though many of our normal offerings are on hold. We are currently offering a virtual girls volleyball program, as well as a virtual strength program for all students. We hope to be able to offer in person small group skill instruction in those areas soon. In addition, our Computer Science club is now meeting virtually, joining our Alliance, Yearbook and Soundscape clubs. If your child is involved in band or choir, look for virtual opportunities to hear them perform together soon (8th grade band and choir in late December and 7th grade in January).

Thank you for all of you who attended our recent virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you attended but haven't had a chance to complete our survey, we would love to hear from you. [Please take a few moments to tell us about your experiences.](#) Based on the feedback we have received, many of you enjoyed meeting with your child's team of core teachers at one time (76% of those surveyed), and 50% of you would prefer virtual conferences even in a post-pandemic world with most identifying time and convenience as the main factors. As a principal, I was able to join many more conferences than I would in an in-person conference setting, and it was an amazing opportunity to meet parents and learn more about your students. As a bonus, I felt like I was invited into your homes! We are so fortunate to enjoy the support of our families. Remember that our teachers are always willing to meet with you (virtually), so if you weren't able to attend, or felt like there wasn't enough time in your conference, please reach out to a teacher to schedule additional time.

We wish all of our families peace, joy and good health this holiday season. Here's wishing for a New Year that will see us move beyond the pandemic. In the meantime, thank you for supporting your child's learning and COVID risk mitigation.

Mr. Brinkmann
Principal

We Need *You*



We want our schools to remain open. To do that, we need your support. How can you help?

- ✓ Keep your child home if they are ill.
- ✓ Keep your child home if they have been tested for COVID until results are known.
- ✓ AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS.

7th Grade Health Presentation Helps Students Understand Sexual Harassment

For the past several years, JRG has hosted a presentation by the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of the Fox Cities (<http://www.saccfoxcities.org>) in our 7th Grade Health classes. This quarter, the presentation will occur on Tuesday, January 12. The presenter helps students to understand and define sexual harassment, and leads a discussion on how harassment can affect a person's health. This presentation covers Learning Target #5 of our Human Growth and Development Unit. (Explain the difference between acceptable, respectful physical contact and sexual harassment).

If you have questions or concerns about this presentation, please feel free to contact Ms. Berger.

WE Want to

**Congratulate
Brook Loomis**

On winning with her Halloween
Photo Submission to the
yearbook



School Fees and Lunch Payments

Just a reminder that you are able to pay school fees and add money to your lunch account online through Infinite Campus. You are now able to pay fees and add money to your lunch account at anytime during the year without being charged the \$1.75 by using the **e-check method**. You will still be charged \$1.75 if you choose to use a credit card to recoup some of the credit card fees that the district is charged. Please remember when you use an e-check it is similar to using a paper check and if this check would be rejected by your bank due to non-sufficient funds, you will be charged a \$25 NSF fee.



CLEAN FACIAL COVERINGS/ MASKS ARE CRUCIAL!

A note from your school nurse:

DID YOU KNOW → Cloth face coverings/masks are designed to be washed after every use. They should not be worn multiple days in a row unless washed in between uses.

Here's how to care for your cloth face coverings/masks:

Washing:

Wash in a washing machine, using the warmest setting recommended for the fabric. Use your usual laundry detergent.

OR

Wash thoroughly by hand, using soap or laundry detergent and warm/hot water.

Drying:

Dry in a dryer, using the warmest setting recommended for the fabric.

OR

Allow to air dry completely.

**Thanks for coming to school ready to learn
with a CLEAN facial covering/mask every day!**

WHEN TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

Keep your child home when:

- ✓ They are sick (please see [student illness guide](#) and when to get tested)
- ✓ They are diagnosed with COVID-19
- ✓ They are being tested for COVID-19
- ✓ They are a [close contact](#) of someone with COVID-19



Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I keep my child home if someone in my household is being tested for COVID-19?

A: Send your child to school if your child is symptom free.

OR

A: Keep your child home if your child has COVID-like symptoms.

Do I keep my child home from school if someone in my household is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19?

A: Send your child to school if the household member who is the close contact is symptom free.

OR

A: Keep your child home if the household member who is the close contact has COVID-like symptoms. (The household member who is the close contact is considered a probable case of COVID if he/she is showing symptoms while awaiting test results and everyone in your household at that point is considered a close contact and will need to quarantine.)

**For additional frequently asked questions please visit,
www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/updates/frequently-asked-questions**

STUDENT ILLNESS GUIDE AND WHEN TO GET TESTED

People with the below symptoms or combination of symptoms may have COVID-19. The table below outlines WI-DHS recommendations of who should receive COVID-19 testing in Wisconsin. If you have these symptoms, **stay home, call your school office and get tested.**

Box A (any one symptom present)

- Cough (above baseline) Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing New loss of taste or smell

OR

Box B (any two symptoms present)

- Congestion or runny nose (above baseline) Chills or fever (100.4) Nausea or vomiting
 Diarrhea Fatigue Muscle or body aches Sore throat (above baseline)

If you choose not to get tested, you must remain home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without use of medicine AND other symptoms have improved.

OR

Box C

- I am a close contact of someone with COVID-19

WI-DHS recommends getting tested if you are a close contact. If you test negative during your quarantine period, you will still need to complete your full 14-day quarantine before it is safe to go back to school or be around others.

For all other illnesses, follow typical school illness protocol by staying home, calling the school office and once symptoms have improved and your child is fever free for 24 hours they may return.

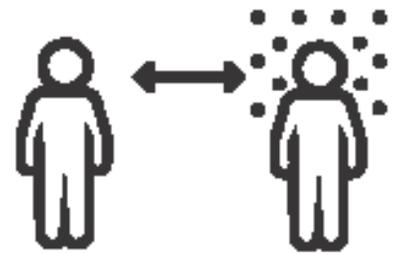
***For information on awaiting test results and quarantining please go to,
www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/updates/covid-19-protocols.***

CLOSE CONTACT GUIDE

What does it mean to be a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

You are a "close contact" if any of the following situations happened while you spent time with the person with COVID-19, even if they didn't have symptoms:

- ✓ Had direct physical contact with the person (for example, a hug, kiss, or handshake)
- ✓ Were within 6 feet of the person for more than 15 minutes
- ✓ Had contact with the person's respiratory secretions (for example, coughed or sneezed on; contact with dirty tissue; shared a drinking glass, food, towels, or other personal items)
- ✓ Live with the person or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person



EXAMPLE

Your child was playing outside with a neighborhood friend when he drank from the friend's water bottle without thinking. The following day, the friend developed symptoms and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. **Your child is a close contact.**

EXAMPLE

I went out to eat with a friend yesterday and we were within 6 feet of each other for 30 minutes. The following day my friend tested positive for COVID-19. I am now a close contact. What about my child? **Your child is NOT a close contact** as your child did not spend time with your friend.

If you had contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 you may be at risk of infection. Follow these recommendations for 14 days since your last close contact with someone with COVID-19. It is important to **self-quarantine and self-monitor** to protect yourself, your family, and your community.



As a close contact, what does it mean to quarantine?



- Stay home
- Avoid travel
- Go out only if absolutely necessary
- Postpone all non-essential medical appointments until your quarantine is over
- Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis
- Wear a face cover when you are around others

See Next Steps: close contacts of someone with COVID-19

Appointments and Forgotten Item Drop-Off

Attendance is managed through the Main Office at JRG. If your student will be arriving late to school, please call the Main Office so we can update attendance as soon as possible. We also 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 call or have them stop in the Main Office with a note in the morning to get a pass.

Your student's teachers are notified through Infinite Campus of any absences.

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 table located in the Main Office vestibule for your convenience for items other than money and electronics. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly with your student's name. We will email the student to let them know something has arrived for them.

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

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.

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.

Student Services TikTok Account

With our face-to-face time with students somewhat limited this year, Mr. Demmin and Ms. Diamond created a private JRG Student Services TikTok account! We are trying to find creative ways to stay connected with kids learning both virtually and in person, as well as make school feel a little more fun in the time of COVID. **Please note that your child does NOT need a phone or a TikTok account in order to join in the fun.**

Each time the counselors create a video, it is saved to Google Drive and a link is sent to each and every student via their school email. Some of the videos created so far include introducing our pet goldfish, promoting Spirit Week dress up days, and promoting the October Trick or Can food drive (the counselors even learned a dance for that one, thanks to a little bit of help from the 8th graders)! Our hope is that these videos will share valuable information, and also give our students something to smile and laugh about behind their masks.

8th Grade Planning Conferences

Every 8th grade student at JRG is offered an opportunity to participate in an Individual 8th Grade Planning Conference! 8th Grade Planning Conferences are a two-fold process: Group Conferences and Individual Conferences; however THE PROCESS WILL LOOK DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19. All group conferences and individual conferences will be held virtually this year. Parents will receive a SignUp Genius invitation for virtual Individual Conference dates BEFORE the Group Conference.

The Group Conference will be a recorded video and it will be sent prior to the Individual Conference for you to review. The Group Conference video is important to review as it will lay the groundwork for the topics in the Individual Conference. Following the conference, you will be asked to provide feedback in the form of a survey. You will receive resources to help you and your child plan for KHS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Student Services:

Brad Demmin: 8th Grade Counselor 788-7905 Ext. 4103 bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or
 Andrea Diamond: 7th Grade Counselor 788-7905 Ext. 4156 adiamond@kimberly.k12.wi.us or
 Sonya Wheat: Student Services Secretary 788-7905 Ext. 21179 swheat@kimberly.k12.wi.us

**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 socially distanced 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
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Boot Camp— From note taking to studying. Learn from your peers the key to being successful academically.

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 6 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

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you do not wish your child to participate in any of these groups, please send us a written note stating your wishes.

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 contact Mr. Demmin (8th grade) at bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or Ms. Diamond (7th grade) at adiamond@kimberly.k12.wi.us.

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 Sonya Wheat at swheat@kimberly.k12.wi.us if you'd like to schedule a time.



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 Learning Lab time, students will complete interest inventories, career research, set academic and personal goals and reflect throughout the year with the support of their Learning Lab 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 & Tourism	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 & Training
MAY	Final Reflection	

This month's focus cluster:

Finance

A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Accountant
- Auditor
- Bookkeeper
- Economist
- Insurance Agent
- Investment Advisor
- Loan Officer
- Money Manager
- Tax Preparer



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 Planning Conferences: Sign ups are now open for 8th Grade Individual Conferences for the Lagoons, Glades, and Online Students! If you have not signed up for an Individual Planning Conference, please visit the SignUp Genius website to choose a date that works for your schedule. If you have not received an email or have any questions, please feel free to contact Student services: Brad Demmin: 8th Grade counselor ~ bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or Andrea Diamond: 7th Grade counselor ~ adiamond@kimberly.k12.wi.us or Sonya Wheat: Student Services Secretary ~ swheat@kimberly.k12.wi.us



Is your career in Finance?

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 15 and May 10, parents/guest speakers will present their

occupation virtually for 1–20 minutes block of time. Speakers will be expected to do the following within that 20 minute block of time:

- Discuss their job description
- Present props/visuals related to their job (optional)
- Answer student questions

If your career is in Finance and you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Bradley Demmin bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4103.

We are also looking for volunteers from our other Year 2 clusters. Contact Brad if interested.

KHS 2021-22 Scheduling Process

Scheduling for next school year will be starting soon! The KHS Course Book will be available December 3 on our website at: <https://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/kimberly-high/student-services/scheduling> . A limited supply of course books will be available for students who may not have computer access. Please reach out if you need one.

Students and parents should review the course book and available courses for the 2021-22 school year. There is a 4 year plan in Career Cruising as well as in the course book to assist students in this process. Please make note of prerequisite requirements when choosing courses. Listed below are important dates for completion of your student's schedule for the upcoming year.

More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Demmin, our 8th Grade Counselor, bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us

**** 8th Grade (Class of 2025) Scheduling Information****

February 1 ~ High School Counselors are at JRG and will meet with all in person 8th graders to present the 2021-22 scheduling information. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to parents.

February 2 ~ A virtual presentation for our current Online 8th grade students will be at 2:00 PM on February 2. An invitation will be sent to students to join the meeting. Also, a copy of the recorded event and the PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to parents following the meeting.

February 1 - 14 ~ KHS students enter course requests into Career Cruising. All course requests must be entered by Sunday, February 14.

February 16 ~ All 8th grade course requests are submitted into Career Cruising at JRG/Online. A virtual question/answer session will be scheduled at 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM for students to submit their requests. An invitation will be sent to students to join either meeting.

We are here to help you and your student succeed!

If you have any questions, or to schedule a conference, please contact your school counselor at:

Brad Demmin
8th Grade Counselor
788-7905 Ext. 4103
bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us

OR

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JR GERRITTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Home of the Gators!

J.R. GERRITTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th GRADE INDIVIDUAL PLANNING CONFERENCES

Putting the Pieces Together...
By all...For all



920-788-7905

8TH GRADE CONFERENCES

Every 8th grade student at JRG is offered an opportunity to participate in an Individual 8th Grade Planning Conference! A survey of parents who participated revealed that:

- ◆ Less than 10% of the parents surveyed were confident in helping their child make academic and career decisions before the conference. After the conference, more than 95% were very confident in helping their child.
- ◆ 95% of those surveyed rated the overall value of the conference as being very useful.

8th Grade Planning Conferences are a two-fold process: Group Conferences and Individual Conferences; however **THE PROCESS WILL LOOK DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19.**

All group conferences and individual conferences will be held virtually this year. Please see the next page to see the details.



WHAT TO EXPECT

HOW WILL THIS PROCESS LOOK?

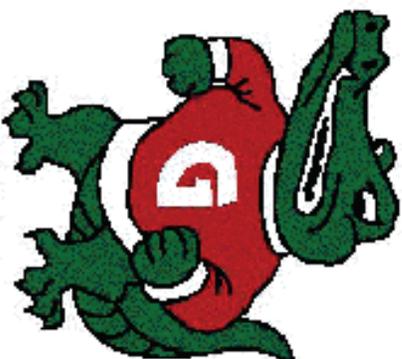
- ◆ Parents will receive a Sign-Up Genius invitation for virtual Individual Conference dates BEFORE the Group Conference
- ◆ The Group Conference will be a recorded video and it will be sent prior to the Individual Conference for you to review
 - ◆ The Group Conference video is important to review as it will lay the groundwork for the topics in the Individual Conference
- ◆ Parents will be able to sign up during times of the school year that correspond with their child's team:
 - ◆ Bayour/Swampies:
 - ◆ October 1-November 20
 - ◆ Lagoons/Glades:
 - ◆ November 23-December 18
 - ◆ January 4-29

Individual conferences last for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, the following topics are covered:

- ◆ Strengths and interests
- ◆ Goals, hopes and dreams
- ◆ Career Cruising Portfolio
- ◆ Career interests
- ◆ Transition to Kimberly High School

OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ You will receive resources to help you and your child plan for KHS.
- ◆ 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.



HOME OF THE GATORS

KHS: Life Force
7th Grade Health Fair!
It's happening → Wed. Dec. 23, 2020



Dear JRG 7th grader parent,

For over 15 years the drug, tobacco and alcohol free group at KHS has brought the 7th Grade Health Fair to JRG. The goal of the approximately 140 KHS students was to always create and share a FUN activity that TEACHES. And, that they did. Each year they offered over 35 opportunities to learn about risky behaviors and AODA concerns related to youth and how students can choose the right choice... the healthy choice.

KHS Life Force members are currently preparing their activities and are excited to meet with your student virtually on Wed., Dec. 23, to keep the tradition going. Your 7th grader will have approximately 70 minutes to choose the activities they want to learn more about. They will be able to submit questions directly to KHS students who will then meet with them "live" from KHS to answer their questions. KHS Life Force is very excited to be able to continue the Health Fair tradition this year. A year when we feel the information being shared is more important than ever to be heard by our youth.

Would you please make a note to talk to your 7th grader about the fair when they get home on Dec. 23? Our goal is they will be able to tell you something they learned that will help them to make the healthy choice when confronted.

Thank you,
 Kimberly High School, Life Force

COMMIT-LEARN-INSPIRE
THE MAKER WAY!

Food Service Information for In Person and Online Learning Families

The power of breakfast is an amazing thing. It provides a strong start to the day and helps students remain energized and focused. A missed morning meal or snack can often have adverse effects such as headache, upset stomach, and fatigue. JRG offers a to-go breakfast program each morning beginning at 7:10 AM for \$1.55 (no cost for free and reduced). JRG also offers a wider variety of menu items during the lunch hours. Please [click here](#) for detailed breakfast and lunch information as well as information on applying for Free and Reduced meals.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found [here](#).

Students that have opted to participate in Online Learning this year also have the opportunity to order school lunches through Nutrislice.

A few things to note with online ordering:

- * Orders must be placed by 11:30 p.m. the evening before.
- * Pick up for all meals is at JRG door 1W in the front of the school from 10:30am-11:00am. JRG is located at 545 S. John St., Kimberly, WI 54136.
- * Please provide Chartwells with the name and school of your student when picking up meals.
- * If your student's school offers breakfast you may order a breakfast and pick it up at the same time you pick up their lunch.
- * Your student's food service account will be debited at the end of the day.

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. 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. This form was included in this year's Annual Update. 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.

Additionally this school year, if a student presents 2 or more symptoms on the COVID-19 screening, a parent will be contact to pick up their student. A letter with the steps needed to return to school will be provided at that time.

Please take a moment to discuss this process with your student. If you have any questions, please call the office at 788-7905.

A Note From The Health Room

If your student is carrying their own inhaler to school, please make sure it has their name or initials on the inhaler itself. Throughout the year, inhalers are a common item left behind and having initials on it will allow us to return it to the proper person.

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 Computer Science Club

Creating Sparks With Technology

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

Prior experience is *not* required

{Meetings will be virtual on **Mondays from 4:00 - 4:50pm**}

First Meeting: Monday November 16, 2020

Email **Ms. Froze** at afroze@kimberly.k12.wi.us if you have any questions!

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

Join our Classroom to get more information

Classroom Code: **r2jqopt**

READING MATTERS!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A STUDENT WHO READS



WILL BE EXPOSED TO



AND IS MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE



ON STANDARDIZED TESTS!

Source: Nagy, Anderson, and Herman, 1987

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- Your future self will thank you.
- Pay in 3 easy payments.*
- Signing day is the best day.
- SO. MANY. MEMORIES.



IT'S BETTER WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER... WEAR A MASK



We are asking you to join us in a collaborative effort that encourages the use of face masks within our schools in order to help keep them open. We genuinely believe "it's better when we're together," and together, we can provide a safe learning environment for everyone.

For the next few weeks you can show us who your Makers are masking up for by posting a picture and using the hashtag #makersmaskingupfor. Keep watching the District's Facebook page for more ways to show your support.



DISTRICT PROVIDED MASKS

Each student will receive two masks on their first day of school, a Kimberly-themed mask and a basic cloth mask.

Additional resources and updates will be available at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us



MASK BASICS

- Wearing a mask correctly helps protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms.
- Wash your hands before putting on your mask.
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.
- It is important to always wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.
- Masks should be washed after each use.

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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*See Something, Say Something® is modeled after
 the Department of Homeland Security's program.*

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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

[Want to share an event? Click Here](#)

Please complete the linked form to request information to be distributed by the Kimberly Area School District. Submit requests at least two weeks prior to your event. Distribution level and type may be approved differently than requested. We reserve the right to deny any request.

***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.

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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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OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU



SEEKING TEMPORARY STAFF

substitute teachers • support staff • entry level



Kimberly Area School District (KASD) is seeking support from our community. Help us keep students in the classroom and our schools open. Find which opportunity is best for you!

— *Explore the possibilities* —

				
POSITION	EXPERIENCE LEVEL	PAY	FLEXIBILITY/ SEASONAL	IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Substitute Teacher	Associates or Bachelor's	\$115/PER DAY	✓	✓
Classroom Facilitator	High School Diploma	\$90/PER DAY	✓	✓
Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Diploma	\$9.50/PER HOUR	✓	✓

Do you enjoy working with children while maintaining a flexible work schedule? Are you home for the holidays and looking for temporary work? Have you considered becoming a classroom facilitator, substitute paraprofessional or even a substitute teacher? Learn more at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers

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