



# Gator News

April  
2024

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

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## @ A Glance

**April 8-12**  
Tornado Awareness Week

**April 16-17**  
Forward Exam

**April 17**  
Girls Who Code Event—4:00-6:00 PM

**April 30**  
ROCKS Timber Rattler Game—4:15-9:00 PM

**May 1-10**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**May 2**  
New Student Orientation—6:00-7:15

**May 10**  
Early Release—11:20

ROCKS Badger Sports Park Lock-In 10:00 PM– 5:00 AM

**May 14**  
Band Concert:  
7th Grade—6:30 PM  
8th Grade—7:30 PM

**May 20**  
Choir Concert at KHS—7:00 PM

**May 27**  
No School

**June 4**  
8th Grade Recognition—6:00-8:00 PM

**June 6**  
Class Trips/Last Day of School

7th Grade—Bay Beach during school hours

8th Grade—Great America

Hello, Gator Families,

Welcome back from Spring / Winter Break 2024! I am sure many of you experienced similar experiences as our family did over the past week. After spending time with family in Wichita in 80 degree heat, we turned around and drove home valiantly in a treacherous blizzard! Monday's eclipse proved to be a fitting piece after that crazy weather to welcome us to the fourth quarter!

JRG is committed to ending on a strong note to help every student reach their potential in the academics, arts and co-curriculars. Academically, students find themselves in new fourth quarter classes learning new skills to challenge and grow their thinking. Student artistic talent continues to be on display not only in the artwork adorning our hallways, but through our recent Spring musical, Singin' in the Rain' Jr, and the wonderful music coming from our band and choir rooms. Spring sports are ramping up allowing our students to grow and display their talents on the track, field and court. Our clubs continue to keep students engaged outside of the classroom finding and investing in new interests and fun activities. Special mention goes to our Student Council who recently received numerous gold medals for the state level competitions at the annual State Conference. Three of our members will also be State Delegates for the upcoming school year.

As we help kids reach their potential, we also are committed to keeping all students safe. We again thank our families and our community members for helping keep JRG drug and alcohol free. As part of this commitment we will again enlist the help of law enforcement and their drug dogs in the upcoming weeks to ensure our school continues to be safe for all students.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you once again as Principal of JRG to all of our Gator families for your support of our kids, our teachers and me in my 10 years as an administrator in the district. Although I am gratefully proud and honored of my time serving in this role, I am embarking on the next step in my journey as an administrator in the Appleton Area School District beginning next year. As a Gator parent myself, I know JRG will continue to be "the place to be" to help every student be the best version of themselves. I am excited to see what comes next! But for now, we still have lots of great things in this busy part of the school year to help every student find their success and end the year strong!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:rdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or 920.788.7905

Rob DeLain  
Principal

### **Alcohol, Drug and Vaping Awareness**

JR Gerritts and the Kimberly Area School district are dedicated to helping all students stay drug, alcohol and tobacco free. Our district website contains several valuable awareness resources to help parents and families keep kids safe from chemical use and addiction. More information can

### **State Student Council Conference**

JRG's student council attended the state conference in Madison this week. They competed in many categories, such as best button, scrapbook, project, banner, written response, and prepared speech. They achieved gold for all entries. Jacob Ostermann and Kaashvi Kasera won a Student Voice competition for the entire state and were our key note speakers one day. We also had three members campaign to be officers at the regional level. Jacob Ostermann is the vice president at the high school level for next year. Kaashvi Kasera is the middle school secretary. Erin Conrad will be the middle school vice president. These students worked incredibly hard and we're proud of their accomplishments.



### 8th Grade Opportunity in April

On April 25th, we have an exciting opportunity for our 8th grade students and All Abilities Club members to attend the KHS production called *Much Like You*, a play about disability awareness. This play helps build understanding and belonging within our community and aligns directly to our [KASD Plan for Excellence Belonging Statement](#). This production was last offered to our students back in 2018 and we are fortunate to provide our students with the same experience years later. This event is free of cost. Students will attend the production in the morning and return in time for their regularly scheduled lunch. Permission slips for this event will be handed out on Monday, April 8th due no later than Friday, April 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal, Emily Behnke: [ebehnke@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:ebehnke@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4110.

### Summer School 2024

Additional summer school class opportunities have been added and are now available for registration. For more information click [here](#).

### Computer Care and Safety

Student Chromebooks play a vital part of the JRG daily learning experience. Because of this, Chromebook care is of utmost importance so that students are able to have the devices in class to aid in their learning. It is possible that minor damage may occur due to normal use and wear, almost all of which is covered by the parent-elected insurance. Other significant damage that is caused by accidental or intentional misuse may not be covered by this insurance. Remember that these devices are the District's property, and our IT works diligently with outside vendors to make sure they are functioning every day.

Even more importantly, JRG and the Kimberly Area District invest heavily in internet safety and security to keep our kids safe. Our safety nets protect our students from harmful websites and keep our internet up and running to provide our students with a safe and secure learning experience. Students found trying to evade or dismantle the internet safety on their Chromebooks are in violation of the district's safe use policy and can be subject to consequences for their actions.

#### Day of Silence



The Day of Silence is a national event started in the mid 90s. This is a day where people give up their right to speak for a day in order to remember and help support members of the LGBTQ+ community who cannot speak up for themselves. Our Alliance club is sponsoring the Day of Silence at JRG. The Day of Silence will be held on **Friday, April 12th** and is an optional event for students and staff. A Google Form will be available for those who want to participate. In

order to sign up, participants are being asked to complete the form by noon on Wednesday, April 10th. Those choosing to participate will not speak during social times (not academics) and attempt to be silent for the day in order to show kindness and support for members of the LGBTQ+ community!

#### FAQ:

##### ***Do I still talk during class?***

Yes, you are only giving up your speech during social times (lunch, passing period, etc.). You are still required to participate during your classes (group work, discussions, responding to questions, etc.) as you normally would.

##### ***Do I have to participate?***

No, it's 100% optional.

Link to sign up form: [Google form to sign up to participate](#)

**OUR SILENCE IS LOUD!**

# April ROCKS Event



## JRG WI Timber Rattlers Night Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Where:** Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium; 2400 N Casaloma Dr, Appleton, WI 54913

**When:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Time:** Students will meet in the JRG Commons at 4:15 pm. Buses will depart JRG South Parking Lot at 4:30 pm SHARP and return to JRG around 9:00 pm (maybe earlier depending on the game).

**JRG's own Soundscape Choir will be performing the National Anthem**

The cost is **\$25.00** for busing, an all-you-can-eat dinner at the stadium, and a ticket to the game.

*If desired, students can bring extra money to purchase concessions.*

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

\*\*If the cost of the event is a barrier for your child, please reach out to Krista Zacher (kzacher@kimberly.k12.wi.us) so we can support with our Project Starfish Finds.

Please Register at [Eventbrite](#) link

**Ticket sales run from Monday, March 18 at 7:30 am until Monday, April 15 at 11:59 pm or are sold out.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2324-rocks-wi-timber-rattlers-tickets-856030539387>

**If you have any questions, please contact Miss Wild, Mrs. Hermus, or Mrs. Kramer.**

\*\* Note: For safety and planning purposes, no late registrations will be accepted for any reason. No exceptions. Additionally, you must be in school and be in good disciplinary standing on the day of the event to attend. Any requests for exemption must be addressed before the event to be considered for approval by the administration. If your student is registered for this event but does not show up, we will not issue a refund.



## ROCKS Badger Sports Park Lock-In

Friday, May 10- Saturday, May 11, 2022

Parent drop off at Badger Sports Park @ 10:00 P.M.

Parent pick-up at Badger Sports Park @ 5:00 A.M.

### Cost of this event:

\$35.00 for the event which includes unlimited attractions (no tickets required), all-you-can-eat pizza, soda (during a scheduled time), and breakfast items (doughnuts).

*Bring extra money if you care to eat anything additional from the concessions.*

*\*\* Students do not need to have or print the Eventbrite "ticket." The Eventbrite is for online registration purposes only and serves as "parent permission."*

Students attending this lock-in will be **"locked in"** to the facility. **No parent pick-ups** will be permitted between the hours of 11 P.M. and 5 A.M., except for an emergency. **Please do not register for the event unless you plan to stay for the duration of the lock-in.**



Sign-up priority will be given to ROCKS members who have given a year-long commitment to being drug and alcohol-free and have also attended (not just signed up, but actually attended) 4-7 previous ROCKS events.

Students given priority to attend the event will be given a paper permission slip on Monday, 4/15. Money and a **completed** permission slip must be turned in by Friday, 4/19 for priority registration. Any permission slips received after Friday, 4/19 **will not be accepted**. If a student misses the priority deadline, they will be able to register via the Eventbrite link for general admission.

**General admission registration for all other students will go live on Eventbrite Monday, 4/22 at 7:30 am and run until Friday, 4/26 at 3:00 pm or until the event is sold out.**

**Tickets will be sold online at [ROCKS Lockin 2024](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jrg-rocks-badger-sports-park-lock-in-2024-tickets-871070624687)**

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\*\*Financial assistance is available through Project Starfish. Inquire in Student Services.

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## *Recognizing Our Committed KidS*

ROCKS (Recognizing Our Committed KidS) is a group of students who are making the promise to keep themselves and JRG drug and alcohol free. By keeping this promise, not only are you keeping yourself safe and healthy, you are also entitled to attend a variety of fun ROCKS activities throughout the school year.

Please read through each part of this pledge with your parent or guardian, and commit to keeping yourself and JRG drug and alcohol free by making the following promises. Please check all of the boxes:

### STUDENT PLEDGE

- I am committed to remaining alcohol, drug and tobacco / vaping products free.
- I am committed to taking positive steps in creating a school environment where my peers and I can feel comfortable making good choices.
- I want to remain alcohol, drug and tobacco / vaping products free for me, my family and my community!

### PARENT PLEDGE

- I /We support my/ our student's choice to be alcohol, drug and tobacco/vaping products free.
- I /We will support my / our student's commitment by regularly discussing their promise to remain substance free.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student TLC Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations on becoming a member of ROCKS!  
Thanks for doing your part to keep JRG drug and alcohol free!



**Dates / Time / Place**

**May 1-9, 2024**

**During School Hours**

**JRG LMC**

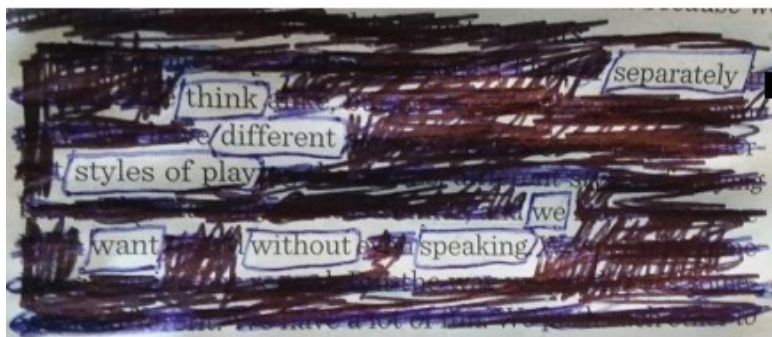
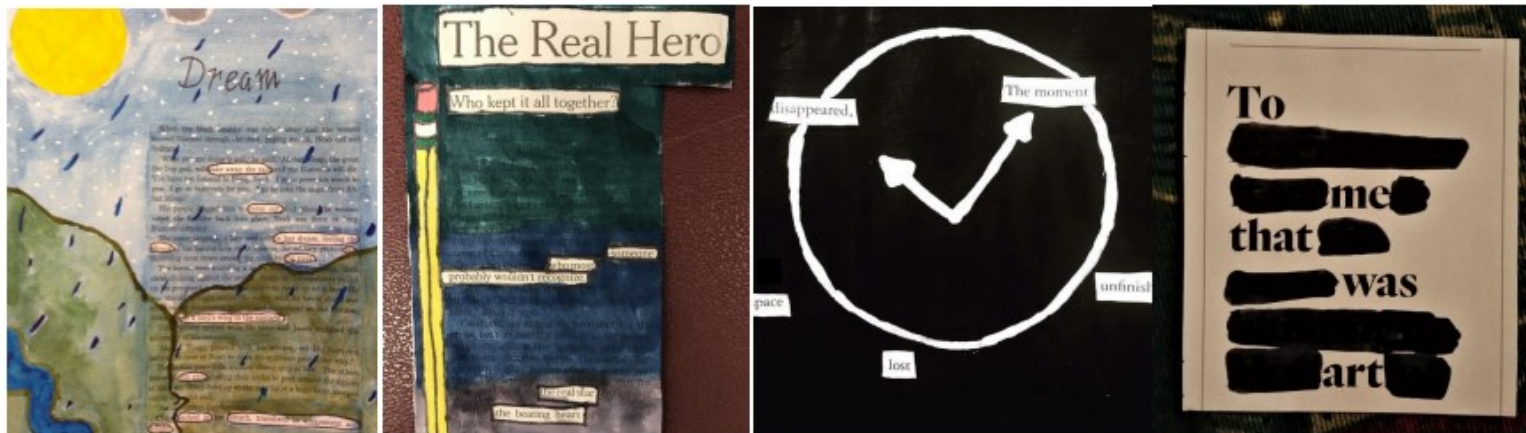


***MAY 1-9, 2024***

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gerrittsmiddleschool>

- The fair will be open during the school day for student shoppers. It will also be open on May 2 from 4:45-5:45 pm prior to our incoming sixth grade orientation event.
- This fair is BUY ONE GET ONE (of same or lesser price) FREE.
- At the middle school, we accept the following forms of payment:
  - cash, check, charge (please account for sales tax)
  - a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair.
    - Please note: KASD staff is not responsible for what your child chooses to purchase with their e-wallet money. Please be sure to plan this with your child ahead of time. No returns or refunds will be issued.
    - To use your leftover eWallet balance from Fall, please access our school's homepage link (above) and click "Get Started" to create a new eWallet for the Spring Fair. After your eWallet is created, you will have a chance to select your leftover balance (listed as an eGift card) and click "Fund" to roll it over to your Spring Book Fair eWallet. Feel free to add more funds to the eWallet and/or share to others using Scholastics Friends and Family share feature.
- Another shopping option for this year's fair is online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. **ONLINE FAIR ORDERS ARE NOT PART OF THE BOGO SALE.** All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.





## JRG BLACKOUT POETRY CONTEST

- Create a blackout Poem by finding a page of text\* blacking out everything but the words of your poem.
- Electronic submissions can be sent to [mbeverlin@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:mbeverlin@kimberly.k12.wi.us).
- Paper entries can be dropped off in the LMC.
- All entries must be handed in by **4-26**.
- A panel of judges will select **4** winning entries. The winning entries will be awarded a Poetry book.
- Multiple poems can be submitted, but a student can only win once.
- Any questions, please see Ms. Laundrie or Ms. Beverlin.

\*discarded pages can be picked up in the LMC

# JRG Career Planning



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## What is Career Planning?

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

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

Career Planning is based upon career clusters which bundles all jobs into 16 different categories. This year, we will be focusing on eight career clusters, with the remaining eight to follow next year.

Career Planning 2023-2025 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	Education
MAR	Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Information Technology
APR	<b>STEM</b>	Business
MAY	Final Reflection	

*This month's focus cluster:*

## Science, Technology, Mathematics & Engineering (S.T.E.M.)

A sampling of careers included in this cluster:

- Aerospace Engineer
- Astronaut
- Biochemist
- Botanist
- Climatologist
- Fire Investigator
- Forensic Scientist
- Food Scientist
- Marine Biologist
- Paleontologist
- Toxicologist



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



## Is your career in Science, Technology, Mathematics?

We have an exciting opportunity for families to get involved with career planning. 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 May 10, parents/guest speakers will present their

occupation to 8 different groups of students for 15 minutes each. Speakers will be expected to do the following within each 15 minute rotation:

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

If your career is in STEM and you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Bradley Demmin [bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4103. We are also looking for volunteers from our other Year 1 clusters. Contact Brad if interested.



**BE BRAVE, NOT PERFECT**

# MICROSOFT GIRLS WHO CODE EVENT

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**J.R.Gerritts Middle School LMC**

All 5th through 8th grade girls are invited to participate in our third annual WIT Wisconsin - Microsoft Girls Workshop! This event is sponsored by Kimberly-Clark who has generously offered to provide Adafruits and a pizza dinner for all participants. Girls who attend will discover new technology through the use of the Adafruits Playground Express circuit boards, as well as hear from female role models in the tech world who are excited to share their passion for computer science!

If you have an enthusiasm for computer science or are interested in learning more, we encourage you to join us! To register, complete the [WIT Girls Who Code Sign-Up](#).



Participants will need to bring their Chromebooks with them to the middle school to complete the activities.

**Questions about this event? Please contact:**

Aimee Knaus (J.R.G.): [aknaus@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:aknaus@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

Emily Berndt (Woodland/Mapleview): [eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:eberndt@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

## KHS Upcoming Dates: Class of 2028



Welcome to Kimberly High School!

As a follow up to the 8th grade transition night, we would like the Class of 2028 families to have upcoming dates as they prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. As each date approaches, more details will be shared on the events.

### April:

**April 30, 2024:** High school counselors and current high school students talk with 8th graders about the transition from JRG to high school.

### May:

**May 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm:** Fall sports meeting

**End of May:** Student schedules are released to students/parents. Students will have 1 week to request a change if there is an issue with your schedule.

### June:

**Summer school dates:** June 10- June 28 (recommendation only)

### July:

**Mid- July:** Incoming 9th graders will receive an email and phone call from their Link Crew leader.

### August:

**Early August:** Registration and final student schedules are released in Infinite Campus.

*Students who are interested in walking their schedule, please contact their Link Crew leader.*

*School Supplies List: Read your teacher [Web Welcome Letters](#) for needed supplies.*

**Early August:** Link Crew Meet and Greet

*Incoming 9th graders get to meet their Link Leader at KHS. This is an opportunity for 9th grade students to ask questions and begin feeling comfortable in the building.*

**End of August:** Link Crew Kick Off Event including Club/Activity Fair

*Incoming 9th graders attend a kickoff event that introduces them to teachers, building schedules, and other logistics.*

**Mid- September:** Link Crew Dance at KHS

*After a home football game, 9th grade students and Link Leaders return to KHS for a casual-dress dance.*

### KHS Contacts

#### Link Crew

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Phil Yunk- [pyunk@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:pyunk@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

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Katie Phillip (last names: Li-Schi)- [kphillip@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:kphillip@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

Alli Baerenwald (last names: Schm-Z)- [abaerewald@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:abaerewald@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

#### Athletics

(920) 687-3024 Option 4

Ryan McGinnis- [mcginnis@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:mcginnis@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

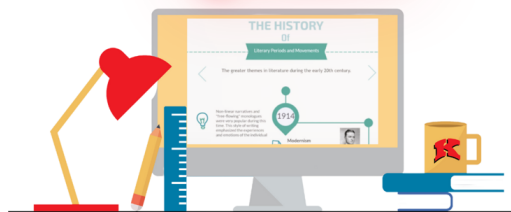


Once it is time to return to school,  
**you can pick the date that works best for you\***  
 to come and have your annual school pictures taken.  
 A sign up link will be sent out later in the year.

<p><b>August 1</b>                  7:30 am - 11:30 am                  JR Gerritts Middle School</p>	<p><b>August 5</b>                  7:30 am - 3:00 pm                  Janssen Elementary</p>	<p><b>August 6</b>                  11:00 am - 6:00 pm                  4K Center for Literacy</p>
<p><b>August 7</b>                  11:00 am - 6:00 pm                  Sunrise Elementary School</p>	<p><b>August 8</b>                  7:30 am - 11:30 am                  2:30 pm - 7:00 pm                  Kimberly High School</p>	<p><b>August 12</b>                  12:00 pm - 6:00 pm                  Mapleview Intermediate School</p>
<p><b>August 13</b>                  12:00 pm - 6:00 pm                  Westside Elementary School</p>	<p><b>August 14</b>                  7:30 am - 12:30 pm                  2:00 pm - 5:00 pm                  Woodland School</p>	<p><b>August 15</b>                  1:00 pm - 7:00 pm                  Kimberly High School</p>
<p><b>August 19</b>                  3:00 pm - 7:00 pm                  JR Gerritts Middle School</p>		

\*KHS students must go to KHS so they can have their IDs printed

## KASD *Online* PROGRAM



- ✦ Programming for grades 5K-12
- ✦ Registration April 29th - May 24th

Scan or visit our website below to learn more.



**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.

# Athletic Corner

Sporting Events and Event Locations can be found on the [Athletic calendar](#)

## **Track Schedule**

Field events begin at 3:45 and Running events begin at 4:00

April 16—at JRG

April 18—at Kaukauna

April 29—at Woodworth

May 1—at JRG

May 8—at Sabish

May 15—at Neenah

## **Health Physicals and Concussion Forms**

Please note that all physicals and concussion forms must be turned in prior to the 1st practice. Physicals are good for 2 years. If you are unsure of the date of your child's last physical, please call the Main Office for assistance.

The forms can be found on the Athletic tab of our website as well as here:

[Physical Form](#)

[Concussion/Code of Conduct Form](#)

## **Contacting Our Athletic Director, Mary Hammen**

Mary Hammen, our Athletic Director retired as a teacher at the end of last year, but has agreed to continue on as Athletic Director for JRG. While she is no longer in the building full days, she is still accessible via email at [mhammen@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:mhammen@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or by phone, extension 4106.

Please see the [Athletic Calendar](#) on our website for event addresses



# Clubs and Activities

*Sporting Events can be found on the Athletic page of this newsletter and on the [Athletic](#) calendar on the JRG website. All other clubs and activities can be found here and will be posted on the [School Events](#) calendar*

**Alliance Club—3:05-3:45**      **Contact: Ms. Barlow, Student Services, or Ms. Startup, rm 231**  
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

**Art Club—3:05-4:00**      **Contact: Ms. Dagesse, rm 436**  
April: 15, 22, 29      May: 6, 13

**Computer Science Club—3:05-4:00**      **Contact: Ms. Knaus, rm 101**  
April: 15, 22, 29      May: 6, 13, 20

**Dungeons and Dragons/Chess Club—3:05-4:00**      **Contact: Mr. Kortenhof, rm. 126**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

**Gator Strength—3:05-4:10**      **Contact: Mr. Chalupny**  
8th Grade Boys: Mondays and Wednesdays  
8th Grade Girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays

**School Store—during lunch hours**      **Contact: Ms. Schultz, rm 235, or Ms. Benzinger, rm 120**  
Will be open Wednesdays during lunch and recess

## COLOR GUARD TRYOUTS

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 at Janssen Elementary**

No Experience Necessary.

We welcome students who are willing to work hard and try their best.

Color Guard is a summer & fall sport that works as an extension of the band by performing routines with flags. We perform at each home varsity football game, the homecoming parade and the Appleton Christmas Parade. Practices are typically Tuesday and Thursday after school from July through November. For more information:

- visit <https://kcolorguard.weebly.com> or
- email coach Laura Airis at [kcolorguard@gmail.com](mailto:kcolorguard@gmail.com)



## J.R. Gerritts Middle School

545 S. John Street • Kimberly, WI 54136  
(920) 788-7905 • FAX (920) 788-7914 • [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us)



Dear J.R. Gerritts Parent or Guardian:

JR Gerritts students will be participating in the Wisconsin State Forward Exam this Spring. All students will take the Language Arts and Math assessments. 8th grade students also take the Science and Social Studies Exams.

The JRG Forward Exam Schedule for the 2023 2024 School Year will be as follows:

- March 19th: 8th Grade Social Studies
- March 20th: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- March 21st: 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
- April 16th: 7th and 8th Grade Math
- April 17th: 8th Grade Science

### NEW FOR 2023-24

All students will have access to a Text-to-Speech feature on this year's Forward Exam. Students will need to bring in a pair of plug-in headphones or earbuds for the Forward Exam this year. This was a required school supply for the year, so please be sure your child has a pair for testing.

The results from state testing, along with local measures such as report cards, classroom assessments and teacher feedback, provide meaningful information about students' academic achievement to parents, students, teachers and the school district.

Additional information about the Forward Exam can be found in the accompanying resource. If you have questions about the Forward Exam, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rob DeLain - JRG Principal



# Home of the GATORS

## SHOW YOUR GATOR PRIDE

Display your Gator enthusiasm with our newest and most impressive range of spirited merchandise. Whether you prefer timeless tees or comfy hoodies, there's something for every fan. Explore the [Gator Store](#) and equip yourself to make a stylish statement!

All proceeds contribute to funding student activities at the school.

2 DESIGNS



Nike Ladies Legend Tee  
\$31.00



2 DESIGNS



Ivy League Fannel Neck

2 DESIGNS



Alpha Hoodie - 1370428  
Under Armour Ladies Storm Armour  
Starting At \$68.00



2 DESIGNS



SanMar 181253  
Sport-Tek® Ladies 1/4-Zip Sweatshirt  
\$42.00



KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**JR Gerritts/KHS Summer Camps****LAUNCH TO SUCCESS****Entering Grade 9****Fee: \$0.00**

Excited for high school but unsure of what to expect? If so, this class is for you! This one week course will engage students in discussions and activities centered around high school life. Students will focus on and build habits that will launch them towards a successful high school academic and social experience. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Registration:**

Information on how to Register for Launch to Success will be sent from J.R. Gerritts Middle School.

**Location: Kimberly High School****Dates: August 19 to August 23 (M-F)****Section 1: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.****Section 2: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.****Section 3: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.****TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL****Entering Grade 7****Fee: \$10.00**

Let's take the mystery out of middle school together! Whether you are excited or a little nervous about your leap to Middle School, we will help empower you with a great head-start as you prepare for your new adventure. Areas covered will include: how much time you'll have between classes, what materials to use to strengthen your organization, what a schedule might look like with several different teachers, productive ways to deal with new & old peer relations, & more. What is Bayous, Lagoon, Swampie or an Everglade anyway? What is ROCKs? Join this class and become a confident Gator...with leadership, love and laughter and...without the mystery of middle school!

**Registration:**

Begins March 13 at 9:00 a.m.

<http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school>

**Location: JR Gerritts Middle School****Dates: August 5 to August 9 (M-F)****Section 1: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.****Section 2: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

# SUMMER SCHOOL

At The Kimberly Area School District

[www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school)

## ACCOUNT SET-UP:

Account set-up starts **March 6th**. Everyone will need to **create a new account**. They do not carry over from year to year. We encourage you to set up your account up prior to registration.

## WOODLAND (ENTERING GRADES 4K-9):

Ng085 North Coop Road, Appleton

**June 10-July 5 \*No Classes July 4 (Mon. through Fri.)**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Most classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

Summer School: 920-423-4117

## KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL (ENTERING GRADES 10-12):

1662 East Kennedy Avenue, Kimberly

**June 10-June 28 (Mon. through Fri.)**

Summer School Attendance: 920-687-3024

Watch for registration information and links in the KHS newsletters

## REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:

### General Registration Information:

The District Office (425 S. Washington St., Combined Locks) will be open from 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

Computers will also be available at Kimberly's

Administration Office starting Thursday, March 21.

Classes fill fast! We recommend that you find an alternative class in case your first choice is full. There is **no waiting list**.

Should a child drop from a class an opening will automatically be created.

## REGISTRATION DATES

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Account Set-up begins at 9 a.m.

**\*EVERYONE WILL NEED TO SETUP A NEW ACCOUNT**

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Camps: Sports, JRG, and Band

(with the exception of Grade 5 Band)

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Woodland Summer School Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

Summer School Registration closes at 9 a.m.

### Material Fees:

We will not be accepting payment at the time of registration

- A reminder email to pay for classes will be sent on April 8 once the payment option is added.
- If you would like to pay by cash or check, you can pay at the District Office (425 S. Washington St., Combined Locks)

### Refunds:

Full refund of material fees will be available until Friday, May 24. After May 24, material fees will not be refunded.



### **SUMMER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

#### **KHS Student Attendance:**

Absences jeopardize earning credit for high school classes. Call the KHS office at 920-687-3024 for absences

#### **Woodland Student Absences:**

Call the Woodland Summer School office at 920-730-0924.

### **WOODLAND SUMMER SCHOOL**

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

##### **Registration:**

Bussing location and times are limited. Registration is required to reserve a spot on the bus.

Registration for bussing will open March 20th at 5:30 pm  
Parents can register for bussing the same way they register for summer school classes.

##### **Bussing Options:**

Specific locations, times and pick-up/drop-off locations can be found online at [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school) (scroll down to Transportation)

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL CATALOG:**

Go to [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school) to view class offerings, descriptions, dates, and times.

#### **SUMMER CAMPS:**

Specific dates and locations can be found online at [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school)

#### **CLASS CANCELLATIONS:**

A course may be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment. You will be notified by email if a course is cancelled.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Any child whose legal residence is within the boundaries of the Kimberly Area School District may enroll in the Kimberly Summer School Program. With the approval of a student's home school district, enrollment is also open to any student who legally resides in any of the school districts belonging to the Fox Valley Summer School Consortium (Appleton, Freedom, Hilbert, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, and Shiocton).



### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

on setting up your account or how to register for classes, visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/summer-school)

or contact

Summer School at 920-423-4117 or [summerschool@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:summerschool@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!**



### ***Safety Reminder For Visitors***

For the safety of our students and staff, we would like to remind all parents and visitors to sign in and receive a visitor badge in our Main Office prior to entering the building. The visitor badge must be visible and worn at all times while in the building.

Thank you for your help in keeping our school a safe place!

### ***A Reminder From Lamers Bus***

Bus students may not ride on a bus that is not their designated bus route. Non-bus students may not ride on any bus route. Please see page 3 in the [Transportation Handbook](#) for details. If you have further questions, please call Lamers Bus Lines at (920) 832-8800.

### ***Attendance Messages***

Your child's safety is our top priority. For this reason, we send a message home via phone, email and text if a student has been marked absent for 2 or more periods. This is not intended to be a negative message, but rather a verification that your student is safe. At times, our voicemail system has been known to drop, or not save messages properly which may be why we try to contact you even though you have called in prior to the start of the school day.

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

### ***Appointments 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 cart located in the Main Office for your convenience. 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.

### ***Work Permits***

The Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division has developed a new online work permit application tool. The Division decided to pursue an online application that would be available to the parents of minors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer, tablet, smartphone, or similar device.

The application is live now. A parent can access the site [using these instructions](#). Payment is made directly to the department through the application, using a credit or debit card or by ACH direct withdrawal. Once the permit application process is complete, the Department mails a paper copy of the permit directly to the employer.

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/laborstandards/workpermit/>

### ***Agendas Available to Purchase***

If you would like to purchase an agenda for your student, you can do so in a couple of ways:

- \* Add the Agenda Fee from the optional fees dropdown menu on your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and pay online. Have your student stop in the Main Office to pick it up once paid.
- \* Have your student bring \$3 to the Main Office.

### ***Cell Phone Usage***

We pride ourselves on providing a high quality learning experience for all students. To ensure optimal learning and minimal distractions, all students will be required to put their cell phones in a cell phone pocket holder in each of their classrooms or leave it in their locker. If a student needs their cell phone during class time, they must communicate and get permission from their teacher.

Students will be allowed to use their cell phones before school, during passing times, during lunch, and after school. Students who fail to comply with these expectations will have the situation addressed with administration.

### **No Parking in the Circle Driveway**

We ask that parents **do not park or stand** in the circle driveway in front of JRG when picking up students after school.

This area is intended for Emergency vehicles, deliveries, and space for students needing assistance to their parent vehicles due to medical reasons (e.g. students on crutches...).

Thank you for your help and understanding.

### **Traffic Flow at Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up— WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

JRG experiences a high traffic volume every morning when students are getting dropped off at school. This can lead to congestion in our front circle drive parking lot and a good portion of John Street in front of school. You can help us clear this congestion and allow more kids to get dropped up quickly and safely by doing a few simple things:

- Pull all the way forward to the main office door before letting your child out. This allows us to get more cars in at a time and more kids dropped off.
- Consider dropping your child off on a nearby street and have them walk the rest of the way when possible.
- Keep inside the coned area.
- For safety reasons, parents may not pick their child up in the south lot by the stadium. This area is reserved for buses only.
- Also for safety reasons, parents may not pick their child up in the driveway on the north side of the building or in the rear staff lot.



Thanks for your cooperation in helping keep our kids safe and on time for school.

### **Walk Your Wheels**

For safety reasons, **Do Not Ride on School Property.**

If you ride your bike, skateboard, or any other form of "wheels" to school, please note that you may not ride them before and after school - you must walk them on the school grounds. There are signs at all entry points to the property informing students of when they need to "Walk Their Wheels." Once a student reaches campus, they will need to walk their bike, pick up their skateboard, etc. This is for the safety of the entire student and staff population.

Bike racks are located near the South Parking Lot and near the Main Office entrance.

### **Safety First**

Please remember to use the sidewalks when riding bikes to the tunnel under CE connecting the YMCA and US Venture. Do not ride through the YMCA parking lot or over the berm. Once on school property, students should "walk their wheels" and no longer ride their bikes, skateboards, etc.

As part of our safety preparedness, JRG staff and students regularly participate in safety drills, and in the first several weeks we practice several of those drills. Staff are trained in how to respond in each circumstance, and receive refresher training at least annually.

Drills we practice early in the school year include: Fire Drills, Severe Weather/Tornado Drills and Secure Classroom Drills.

For more information about school safety, see our Student/Parent Handbook, or feel free to contact Ryan Hermus, our building safety coordinator, or Assistant Principal, Ashley Duda if you have questions or concerns.

### **Chromebook Cases & Chargers**

The District provides cases to help protect the Chromebook. We encourage students not to remove the Chromebooks from these cases, including when charging the device. To charge the Chromebook, open the case so you are able to see the screen and plug it in. When you are done charging the Chromebook you should put the charger in the front pouch so you have it with you at all times.

Chromebooks are the property of KASD and students are expected to treat them with care. Students are not allowed to decorate or personalize Chromebooks such as adding stickers, drawings, personal cases, etc.





### ***Texting Home When Not Feeling Well***

Please remind your student that they should go to the Health Room located in the Main Office if they are not feeling well. There, staff will evaluate symptoms and provide assistance as needed. If symptoms dictate, students will always be allowed to contact home.

We respectfully request that students do not text home prior to visiting the health room.

### ***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.

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.

### ***A Note From The Health Room—Inhalers***

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.

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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.

**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 Christina Vander Zanden ( [cvanderzanden@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:cvanderzanden@kimberly.k12.wi.us) ).

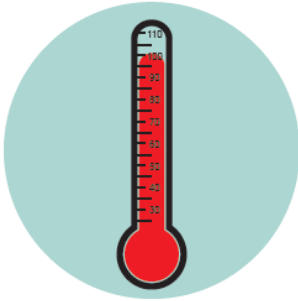
**Family Move - Within the Kimberly Area School District**

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.

# When to Keep Your Child Home



## FEVER

An oral temperature of 100.4 or higher indicates a fever. If your child has a temp of 100.4 or higher at school he/she will be sent home. Your child will be excluded from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



## SORE THROAT

If a fever is accompanied by a sore throat, stomach ache or headache it may be strep throat. Strep throat is diagnosed by a throat culture obtained at a medical clinic. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, your child will be excluded from school for 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotic and fever free without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



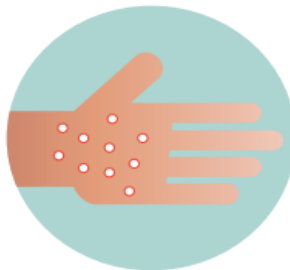
## VOMITING/DIARRHEA

If your child has an episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea at school, he/she will be sent home. Anyone with these symptoms will be excluded from school until symptom free for 24 hours.



## COUGH

A cough may be a sign of many different illnesses. If a cough is accompanied by a fever, you should keep your child home. Any cough that lasts for more than several days should be discussed with a doctor.



## SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Rashes and infected sores needed to be diagnosed by a medical provider. Many skin rashes such as impetigo, scabies, chicken pox, Fifth disease or Hand Foot and Mouth disease are very contagious. Students may return to school once the rash has been diagnosed and treated for 24 hours or cleared by a doctor. Open sores from illnesses such as chicken pox and impetigo may need to be covered at school with bandages for several days.



## COVID-19

If your child is POSITIVE for COVID, keep your child home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer. Household members can continue to attend school but should monitor their symptoms. Masks are optional.

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

A CLICKABLE COMPILATION OF RESOURCES  
CREATED BY NAMI FOX VALLEY



**Support for Kids,  
Teens & Young  
Adults**

Compilation of information & resources intended to help young people get the mental health support they need.



## NAMI Helpline

If you or someone you know needs help, contact NAMI HelpLine Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-9 PM CT.

Call 1-800-950-NAMI | Text: 62640



**NAMI Wisconsin: Family & Consumer Resource Guide**  
Guide created to help people living with mental illness, and those supporting them, navigate the mental health care system.



## NAMI Fox Valley

Local NAMI affiliate offering free support groups & education classes to those living with mental illness, and

their family members; serving Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and northern Winnebago counties.



## NAMI Basics OnDemand

A free online program for parents/caregivers of youth who are experiencing mental health symptoms. [NAMI Fox Valley](#) also offers a version of this program that includes discussion groups with other parents.



## Family Resource Center

Find information to help you support children who are struggling with mental health, behavior or learning challenges.



## Navigating Emotions & Behaviors

Helpful resource to better understand and navigate your child's emotions and behavior.

[MyConnectionNEW.org](#)



## Network of Care for Mental/Behavioral Health

Mental health & substance use information, resources & service navigation tool for Brown, Calumet, Outagamie & Winnebago counties.



## CDC Children's Mental Health

This helpful web page includes links to various articles, research studies & resources to help support mental health in childhood.



## National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) - Children and Mental Health: Is this Just a Stage?

A document to better understand how to tell the difference between challenging behaviors and emotions that are a normal part of growing up and those that could be cause for concern.

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE



## County Crisis Lines

Outagamie: 920-832-4646

Winnebago: 920-233-7707

Calumet: 920-849-9317

Waupaca: 715-258-6300

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**SAY  
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**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**

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?

***Or Call 911 for  
Emergencies***

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



**Kimberly Area  
School District**

*See Something, Say Something® is modeled after  
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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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# 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  
Emily Behnke  
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)



# Join OUR TEAM!

Kimberly Area School District is seeking support from our community. Make a difference and consider becoming a **substitute teacher** or a **substitute paraprofessional**.

APPLY NOW AT  
[kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers](http://kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers)



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## FLEXIBLE & REWARDING

- Earn extra income while your child is at school.
- Turn your volunteer hours into a paid position.
- No prior teaching experience needed.
- Maintain a flexible work schedule.
- Help students succeed.