



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

J.R. Gerritts Middle School \* 545 S. John St. \* Kimberly, WI \* 920-788-7905

### UPCOMING EVENTS



#### May 7-11

School Nutrition  
Employee Week

Teacher Appreciation  
Week

#### May 10

Staff Appreciation  
Luncheon

#### May 11

Early Release—11:20

Talent Show—9:45

ROCKS Badger Sports  
Park Lock-In—10:00 PM  
-6:00 AM

#### May 24

All Library Books Due

#### May 28

No School—Memorial  
Day

#### May 29

Chromebook Turn-In

8th Grade  
Recognition—6:00

#### May 31

Class Trips  
7th Grade—Bay Beach  
8th Grade—Great  
America

Last Day of School

#### Important Dates for the 2018-19 School Year

#### August 13

Picture Day—10:00-2:00

#### August 14

Picture Day—2:30-6:30

#### August 29

ROCKS Kick-Off—5:15

Open House—6:00-7:00

### **Congratulations To Our Band and Choir Students**

Our Band and Choir students put on a wonderful performance Monday evening. Their hard work and dedication was apparent throughout the evening. Please see page 3 for photos of the event.

### **Class Trips and 8th Grade Recognition**

The last day of school is Thursday, May 31. 7th grade will be attending Bay Beach, and will return by the end of the school day. 8th grade will be attending Great America with an extended day. 8th grade buses will load at 7:45 AM and will return to JRG approximately 10:00 PM that evening. Students have been provided information and permission slips this week. Please visit [this slideshow](#) that includes all of the needed information.

8th Grade Recognition will be held Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 PM in the large gym. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for detailed information for that evening.

### **End of Year Reminder Concerning Fees and Fines**

All outstanding school fees, negative Chartwells balances, and library fines are due by the end of the school year. Students who do not have their outstanding fees, negative lunch account balances, or library fines paid in full **will not receive their yearbooks on Wednesday, May 30**. Please do not wait until the last minute.

Contact the main office or the LMC with any questions. Lunch account balances are available to view on the Infinite Campus parent portal.

### **Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey—Tuesday, May 15**

JRG is taking part in the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey on Tuesday, May 15. Students will be asked to fill out a confidential 25 minute survey during class time. Although we ask that all students participate in the survey, it is voluntary. A more detailed description of the survey can be found on page 7. If you DO NOT want your student to take part in the survey, please complete the form on page 7 and return it to Student Services no later than Wednesday, May 9. Please contact Matt Bumgardner at 788-7905, ext. 2836 with any questions or concerns

### **JRG Talent Show and Study Hall**

The JRG Talent Show is right around the corner! Students with 2 or more missing assignments by May 8 at 3:00 PM will attend a study hall during the Talent Show to complete their missing work. Students who have all their work completed will be able to attend the Talent Show.

### **National History Day Competition**

National History Day (NHD) is an exciting academic enrichment program that helps students learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. This yearlong academic adventure fosters students' enthusiasm for learning and their love for history.

Several JRG students put forth much effort into their NHD projects throughout the school year. 18 students brought their projects to the regional competition at UWGB and nine qualified for the state competition which took place on Saturday April 21, on the UW Madison campus. About 500 students from around the state presented their research in a variety of ways. Their knowledge and professional presentation is impressive.

Please follow [this link](#) for photos and detailed information on our students' success.

### **KHS LIFE-FORCE: Commit \* Learn \* Inspire the MAKER Way!**

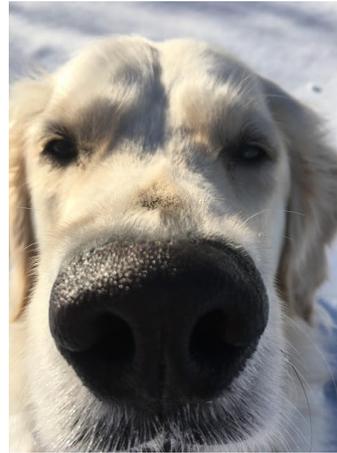
8th graders: As you make the transition to Kimberly High School, we hope you will continue to make healthy choices. Like ROCKS at JRG, LIFE-FORCE is a very active club at KHS that is there to help support you in your efforts to be the best version of yourself. More information will be coming on the annual KICK-OFF PLEDGE event held before the 2018-19 school year.

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

**Theme: Portion of a Larger  
Object**

Congratulations to this week's  
winner:

Ashlynn Dokey



**School Nutrition Employee Week—May 7-11**

Please take a moment to say “Thank You” to our Chartwells workers this week for all of the hard work they do on a daily basis to provide our students with healthy breakfast and lunch options.

**Student Chromebooks:  
Procedures for the End of the School Year**

**Procedures for 8th Graders:**

Eighth grade students will turn in their Chromebook, case and power adapter on **Tuesday May 29th** during their Language Arts class. Chromebooks should be fully charged. Over the summer the Chromebooks will be reconfigured for personal use. Students will be given the same Chromebook during the registration process at KHS. Once the Chromebook is returned to the student at KHS, the Chromebook will no longer be district property and any damages or issues with the Chromebooks are the responsibility of the students and families.

**Procedures for 7th Graders:**

Seventh grade students will turn in their Chromebook, case and power adapter on **Tuesday, May 29th** during their Language Arts class. Chromebooks should be fully charged. The same Chromebook will be provided to the incoming 8th grade student during Pictures Days in August.

**Additional Information For All Students:**

**Students in grades 7 or 8 who are aware of any issues with their Chromebook should bring them to the LMC as soon as possible so that we can record the problem for repair and they can be sent in for repair and returned before the end of the school year.**

Chromebooks provide a powerful tool for student learning, but also require a great deal of behind-the-scenes work to make sure that tool is ready for students to learn. Your support of this process is greatly appreciated.

## **JRG Club Information**

**Coding Club** - 3:00-4:00 Room 111

**Upcoming Dates:** May 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 (last meeting)

**Contact:** Ms. Froze with questions: [afroze@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:afroze@kimberly.k12.wi.us)



## Gators In The Swamp

Gators in the Swamp” is similar to what other schools might call “Faces in the Crowd.” It is meant to highlight the great students that we have at JRG so that we can get to know more people within our school. If we can become a more connected school, then JRG will be even more enjoyable.

These students were chosen at random upon filling out a Google Form in their TLC. Each student answered a couple of questions about themselves, and provided us with permission to use their picture and some of their information in Gator News.

If you see these students, use their information as a way to start a conversation with them or to just acknowledge that you saw them in Gator News.

**Trinity Delzer-Delooze**  
(7th Grade Glade)



Trinity is excited for the end of the year. She also likes to play with her dogs and her favorite place to visit is Texas.

**Jevon Spikes**  
(8th grade Glade)



Jevon likes to play Fortnite and hang out with his friends. One unique thing about Jevon is he has a twin brother.

**Kaidyn Hood**  
(7th Grade Lagoon)



Kaidyn is involved in art club at JRG. In her freetime, she likes to swim or draw.

**Mason Stepanski**  
(8th Grade Lagoon)



Mason is a track member at our school. In his free time, he likes to hang out with his friends or play video games with them.

**Bryce Hale**  
(7th Grade Swampie)



Bryce is a black belt in Karate, his favorite food is McDonald’s chicken nuggets, and his favorite place to visit is Six Flags Great America.

**Jenna Teske**  
(8th Grade Swampie)



Jenna’s favorite subject is Language Arts because she enjoys reading and writing. She also enjoys hanging out with friends, singing, and dancing.

**Elijah Greene**  
(7th Grade Bayou)



Elijah likes to fly on plane simulators, and his favorite place to go is the Caribbean.

**Lucy Krieg**  
(8th Grade Bayou)



Lucy is looking forward to high school. A fun fact about Lucy is that she got 1st at YMCA gymnastics 2017 nationals.

**Hudson Stevens**  
(7th Grade Glade)



Hudson enjoys shooting trap. He enjoys his math class because he likes his teacher.

**Mady Melin**  
(8th Grade Glade)



Mady enjoys hanging out with her friends. Her favorite place to visit is Bora Bora.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition

## When and Where

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Evening for the 2017-18 school year will be held on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 pm in the large gym. Students should be there approximately 15 minutes early. JRG Jazzers need to be ready to play at 5:30 pm. We try to keep the program less than 2 hours in length.

## Attendance Expectations

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are not required to attend but all are highly encouraged to be there to share in this celebration.

## Who Can Attend

Anyone can attend. Seating is on a first come, first served basis (in the bleachers). Please feel free to take pictures of this memorable occasion!

## What to Wear

Students should dress up and look nice. School regulations for appropriate clothing still apply.

## Where Do We Park and Enter

Please park in the South parking lot, nearest the football field. Please enter the doors by the South parking lot and go to the large gym (second gym).

## Awards

Awards are given to students for individual accomplishments. All students will receive a packet at the end of the event that will include an award certificate, as well as certificates of accomplishment for any group activities in which they participated.

## Celebration

After the ceremony, students and their families are invited to the commons for punch and cake.


 The logo features the word "iGET it" in a stylized font. The "i" is blue, "GET" is white with a green background, and "it" is blue.


## Teens Supporting Teens

### Attention all incoming freshman!!

**You're invited to check-out our teen groups.**

As an incoming freshman you may become overwhelmed with a wide range of emotions and new everyday stressors. Join us to connect with other teens, learn from each other's experiences, share coping skills and offer each other understanding and encouragement in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

- **Spanish Language Group**, Mondays, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Samaritan Counseling Center, 1478 Kenwood Dr. Suite 1, Menasha
- **Waupaca 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church, 206 E. Badger St., Waupaca
- **Neenah** Tuesdays, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 1140 Tullar Rd., Neenah,
- **Appleton** Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Lou's Brew Cafe & Lounge, 233 E College Ave., Appleton
- **Greenville/Hortonville** Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Christus Church, N1915 Julius Dr., Greenville

■ DIVERSE  
■ INCLUSIVE  
■ ACCEPTING  
■ WELCOMING  
■ SAFE SPACE  
■ FOR EVERYONE

**SNACKS PROVIDED!!  
OPEN TO EVERYONE!!**


**NAMI**  
 Fox Valley  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
 be kind.

**NAMI Fox Valley 211 E. Franklin Street, Appleton, WI (920) 954-1550**

## PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

J.R. Gerritts Middle School is taking part in the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on Tuesday, May 15th. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of 7th and 8th grade students at J.R. Gerritts Middle School. The survey will ask about behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that may result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unwanted pregnancies, as well as dietary behavior and physical activity.

Students will be asked to fill out a questionnaire that takes about 25 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey will help children in the future by influencing health and safety programs. We would like all students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please see additional sheets for more facts about the survey. If you have additional questions regarding the survey or would like to view a copy of the survey, please call Matt Bumgardner at 788-7905 ext. 2836.

**If you want your child to take part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form.**

If you **DO NOT** want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to Mr. Bumgardner in Student Services no later than Wednesday, May 9th, 2018. This form is also published in the Gator News. Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

[ ] My child **may not** take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear JRG Families:



We have an exciting opportunity for you to get involved with our Academic and Career Planning (ACP) initiative at JR Gerritts! ACP helps students better understand the world of work and begin to think about where their strengths and interests align to future education and career options. Middle school students typically know about a limited number of jobs (usually just what members of their family do, and a few others). You may think that what you do would not interest middle school students, but it does! What you have to share may have a lifelong impact on one of our students.

We are seeking parent volunteers to talk about their work to help our students gain a greater awareness of local occupations. On January 18 and April 26, parents or other guest speakers will briefly present their occupation to 8 different groups of students (about 30 students per class, with a JRG teacher present). Speakers will remain in one classroom and students will rotate to the different guest speakers. Within each 15 minute rotation, we would like speakers to:

- Discuss your job description and responsibilities – what you do on a typical day or in a typical week
- Talk about what makes your job interesting, challenging and fulfilling, and what skills and interests are important in your job.
- Present props/visuals related to your job (optional)
- Answer student questions

Our ACP plan uses the concept of career clusters, which bundles jobs into 16 different categories. This year, we will be focusing on eight of those career clusters. Listed below are the eight career clusters, jobs that might be found in each cluster, and the date in which we will be seeking parent/guest speakers in that cluster:

**JANUARY 18, 2019**

Health Science	Arts, Audio/Visual, Tech, & Communication	Law, Public Safety, Correction, & Security	Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctor</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Physical Therapist</li> <li>• Nurse</li> <li>• Chiropractor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fashion Designer</li> <li>• Graphic Designer</li> <li>• Musician</li> <li>• Photographer</li> <li>• Telecommunications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Officer</li> <li>• Fire Fighter</li> <li>• Judge</li> <li>• Lawyer</li> <li>• Corrections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accountant</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Tax Preparer</li> <li>• Financial Advisor</li> <li>• Loan Officer</li> </ul>

**APRIL 26, 2019**

Architecture & Construction	Business, Management, & Administration	Information Technology	Education & Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architect</li> <li>• Carpenter</li> <li>• Construction</li> <li>• Surveyor</li> <li>• Roofer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraiser</li> <li>• Human Resource</li> <li>• Postal Service</li> <li>• Compensation/Benefits</li> <li>• Interviewer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer Programmer</li> <li>• Security Analyst</li> <li>• Web Developer</li> <li>• Systems Analyst</li> <li>• Data Warehousing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach</li> <li>• Professor</li> <li>• Librarian</li> <li>• Archivist</li> <li>• Teacher</li> </ul>

If you would like to help and do not see a category that fits with your occupation, we will be presenting the other eight career clusters during the 2019-2020 school year.

If you are interested in helping, please return this form to the JR Gerritts front office along with the career cluster and job that you wish to share. Please contact Bradley Demmin at [bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:bdemmin@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or (920) 788-7905 ext. 4103 with questions or for more information. We'll get in touch with you closer to the date of the presentation to confirm and finalize details.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Cluster: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***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.

[WI DNR Boater Safety Classes](#), March, April and May, various dates and locations offering  
[YMCA Kids Fun Night](#), April 28, 2018  
[Girls Intro to Hockey](#) at Fox River Girls Hockey Club, April and May 2018  
[Kimberly High School Car Show](#) May 19, 2018  
[4H Summer Camp](#) at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center July 8-12, 2018  
[YMCA Camp Nan A Bo Sho](#) Summer 2018 Camp Offerings  
2018 Baseball/Softball/Tee Ball [Registration](#) for Combined Locks Rec. Dept.  
2018 Baseball [Registration](#) and [Information](#) for Kimberly Park and Rec.  
Summer 2018 Summer Program [Guide](#)



## **KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL-MANDATORY FALL SPORT MEETINGS**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

#### **5:30 – 6:30 – JACK RENKENS, INFORMATIONAL/MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER (AUDITORIUM)**

Jack founded Recruiting Realities to provide student athletes and their families with an educational resource about the collegiate athletic recruiting process. He also addresses positive sports parenting and uses of social media by your child. For more information on Jack and Recruiting Realities please visit [www.recruitingrealities.com](http://www.recruitingrealities.com) Attendance is not mandatory but we strongly encourage you to attend.

#### **6:35 – 7:00 – FALL ORIENTATION MEETING (Parents of/and 1st time athletes at KHS)**

All incoming freshmen fall athletes, new transfer student fall athletes and first time athletic participants MUST attend this meeting with a parent.

#### **7:05 – INDIVIDUAL FALL SPORT MEETINGS (All fall athletes and parents)**

Each individual fall sport will meet in their own location (locations will be posted).  
ALL fall athletes and parents MUST attend this meeting.

### ***Emergency Medications***

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



## J.R.G. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, May 10, 2018



We need your help in honoring the fantastic staff  
at J.R.G. Middle School!

If you would like to donate an item for the luncheon and/or help us  
on Thursday, May 10, please sign up at this [Sign Up Genius link](#), or use the attached slip  
below and send to school with your child.

The staff **LOVES** having the recipes to all the yummy dishes you bring,  
so please include your recipe with your dish to pass.  
We will make copies for them to enjoy.

Don't forget to send a serving utensil (labeled with your name)  
and have your dessert cut and ready to serve!  
Remember to pick up your dishes in the office  
at the end of the school day.

Please bring your food donation  
to the office by 9:30 AM  
on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Yes! I can bring the following for the J.R.G. Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

FRUIT SALAD \_\_\_\_ VEGETABLE SALAD \_\_\_\_

PASTA SALAD \_\_\_\_ DESSERT \_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE LUNCHEON: \_\_\_\_ Set-up 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
\_\_\_\_ Clean-up 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



**Friday, May 25**

**J.R. Gerritts Middle School  
is participating in Bike to School Day on  
Friday, May 25, 2018**

Join children and adults around the nation to celebrate  
the benefits of bicycling and walking.

**About our event:**

Join children and adults around the nation to celebrate the  
benefits of bicycling!

- All students who bike to school on May 25 and who are WEARING A HELMET will be entered to win exciting prizes!
- Meet at the bike racks in front of school or near the recess parking lot.

Learn more at

**walkbiketoschool.org**



Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School,  
is a part of the League of American Bicyclists' National Bike Month.





# FORE! OUR KIDS

## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

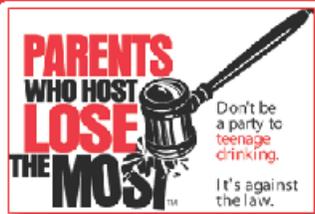
Thursday, June 14, 2018 / High Cliff Golf Course, Sherwood

Benefitting Students in the Kimberly Area School District and Community

- Life Force
- JRG Rocks
- Post Prom
- Graduation Celebration
- Paperfest
- Kimberly July 4th Fireworks

**GOLF TEAMS and SPONSORS NEEDED!**

For more information contact Sara Vogel [svogel@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:svogel@kimberly.k12.wi.us) or 920-423-4122  
 Register online at: <https://www.planmygolfevent.com/31433-FOREOURKIDS2018>



## Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

As the school year wraps up, there are many reasons to celebrate. One key choice you may be faced with is whether or not to host a teenage drinking party. There is no safe way to host a teenage drinking party. Please help us encourage the youth in our community to make good decisions.

We invite you to join the national movement "Parents Who Host Lose The Most." Free yard signs are available at the main offices at Kimberly High School and JRG Middle School, and at the District's Administration building.

Learn more at the Drug-Free Action Alliance's website  
[www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/parents-who-host](http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/parents-who-host).



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