



Learning, Leadership and Laughter...The JRG Journey

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



Walk to School—September 22

Our annual Walk to School event will be held this Friday! Students are asked to meet at US Venture at 6:50 AM on the south side near the tunnel entrance. The walk will begin at 7:00 and students will go through the tunnel to the YMCA parking lot where a snack and beverage will be served before making their way to JRG. All participants will then be eligible to win prizes that will be drawn later in the day.

Cell Phone Usage During the School Day

Cell phones provide a great opportunity for friends and family to keep in touch at a moments notice. JRG phone policy allows students to use their phones before school, after school, during lunch, and between classes. Any other time of the day needs teacher or supervisor approval.

We find that the most common reason students contact their parents during the day is because they do not feel well, and would like to go home. If this happens, we ask that parents direct their student to the health room in the Main Office where our staff can evaluate their symptoms and provide assistance. In many cases, a few moments of quiet rest will allow students to return to class and continue on with their school day. Should symptoms dictate that the student go home, parents will be contacted by our office staff or permission will be granted to the student to call home.

MAP Testing at JRG

Students in grades 5-8 in the Kimberly Area School District participate in Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in Reading and Math twice each year, in the fall and in the spring. Some students will also participate in MAP testing in January. MAP is a computer adaptive test that adjusts to each child's level. We use MAP testing to help us measure student growth and to help us identify students who may need additional support and enrichment. MAP is not a state-mandated assessment, but one we choose to give to students because our teachers and parents find it to be a valuable measure of student growth, along with grades, classroom assessments, and the state Forward Exam. Your child's MAP test results will be mailed home to you once testing is completed.

Fall MAP testing at JRG began on Monday, September 11 and will run through October 6. Students will be taking the tests in their Language Arts and Math classes. Most students complete their MAP tests in one class period per subject area (i.e., about one Language Arts class for the Reading test, and one Math class for the Math test).

September 18-22: Math: MAP Math
September 26-October 6: Make-up testing

Please note that 7th Grade MAP testing should be completed prior to going to students attending Camp.

More information about MAP testing can be found in [this parent guide](#), on the website of the Northwest Evaluation Association, the not-for-profit parent company of MAP. If you have questions about MAP testing, please feel free to contact your child's Language Arts or Math teacher, or Principal Eric Brinkmann.

Herb Kohl Education Foundation Award

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation is once again looking to recognize outstanding teachers and schools. Parents, teachers, students, community members, or administrators are able to nominate an outstanding teacher by submitting a nomination form online at www.kohleducation.org. Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, October 6, 2017.

September 13-27
Entertainment Book Sale

September 20
Homecoming Parade—
5:00 PM

September 22
Walk to School Event
Picture Retakes

September 25
Art Club—3:00-4:00

September 29
Gator Olympics
Early Release—11:20

September 25– Oct. 5
Camp Nan-A-Bo-Sho
Sept. 25-26—Bayous
Sept. 27-28—Glades
Oct. 2-3—Swampies
Oct. 4-5—Lagoons

October 2
Art Club—3:00-4:00

October 3
Coding Club—3:00-4:00

October 5
Coding Club—3:00-4:00

October 9
Art Club—3:00-4:00
Coding Club—3:00-4:00

October 12
Coding Club—3:00-4:00

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

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Owen Ley (Frog Photo)

Prescott DeWitt (Sky Photo)



Traffic Flow at Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up

To alleviate the traffic congestion during these busy times of the day, we ask that parents consider turning right out of the circle driveway to help traffic move more efficiently. Also, please consider dropping your student off on a nearby street and have them walk the last block rather than wait in the traffic line to drop them at the front doors. Please remember to show courtesy to the drivers and students around you, and be patient during these busy times of the day.

We also ask that parents refrain from arriving early and parking in the circle drive to wait for students after school. This area is meant for parents who need to pick up their student prior to the end of the school day.

8th Grade Group Conferences

Parents of 8th graders: watch your email inbox for an invitation to 8th Grade Group Conferences! You should have received an email from Sign Up Genius last week. Choose a date to attend that works for both you and your child's schedule. Once you've completed a Group Conference, you will be able to schedule your Individual Conference. Please contact Kim Kane at 723-4105 with any questions.

Boys Basketball Begins in October

Boys Basketball begins Monday, October 16. Tryouts are October 16-18, and the boys must participate in all 3 days. 8th grade tryouts will be from 3:10-4:30. 7th grade tryouts will be from 4:30-6:00.

Please make sure you have all of the proper paperwork on file in the office. You can find the athletic form on our website under Forms and Documents or Student Activities-Athletics.

Interested students can sign up on the forms located outside the Large Gym doors.

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.

Wisconsin DNR ATV and Snowmobile Safety Courses Offered

Mercy Medical Center and St. Elizabeth Hospital are working with the Wisconsin DNR to offer students age 12 and over ATV and Snowmobile safety courses. Courses may be taken together or separately, and cost \$10 per class. Appleton Courses will be held at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Saturday, December 9 and Saturday, December 16. Please see page 10 for detailed information, times and contacts.

Outagamie County 2018 Conservation & Environmental Awareness Speaking Contest

The Outagamie County Land Conservation department is accepting entries for a Conservation and Environmental speaking contest to be held on January 16, 2018. This contest provides an opportunity for students to become more aware of the conservation of our natural resources.

For detailed information or to register as a speaker, please click [here](#), or call the Land Conservation department at (920) 832-5073.

Appointments, Forgotten Items, and Messages to Students

We commonly see a number of items brought to the office to be given to students throughout the day. This includes lunches, phones, musical instruments, and athletic clothing, as well as calls to get messages to students. While we realize that some things are unavoidable, please try to ask the office to get a message to your child only in cases of emergency. With over 790 students at JRG we prefer not to interrupt learning any more than absolutely necessary.

As we receive items or messages, students are sent a quick message in their email notifying them they need to stop in the office. Students are then responsible to stop in the Main Office after class.

If your student contacts you from school concerning a forgotten item, it is their responsibility to check in the office between classes. If they do not check between classes, they will be called during announcements at the end of the day to pick up their item.

Students who have appointments during the day are expected to come to the office in the morning to receive a pass. Please send them with a note in the morning indicating the time they will be picked up. We write the pass 5 minutes earlier than the indicated time to ensure your student is here to meet you when you arrive. It is then their responsibility to be aware of what time they are to come to the office to meet you. We would prefer to not have to call a classroom to remind students of their appointment time once they have received a pass.

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

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@(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.

**J.R. GERRITTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

► We're All About Kids.....

September 20, 2017

The Student Services Center has been a busy place, and we like it that way! We provide a comprehensive school counseling program which includes classroom guidance, small groups (more about this to come), 8th grade student/parent/counselor conferencing and individual counseling. We also work together with teachers and parents to help students meet their goals. We take pride in getting to know all students, and our number one job is to help your sons and daughters reach their dreams and goals. It is only then that we see them learn with purpose.

We'd like to welcome Brad Demmin to JRG as our new 7th grade counselor! He will handle all of the 7th grade classroom guidance and small groups, and Lana Barnes will handle the 8th grade classroom guidance and small groups. However, both Brad and Lana will see students in both grades as students desire, and **both** will do 8th grade planning conferences.

Name: Brad Demmin

Years at JRG: 1

College: University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Favorite Quote: "The real test is not whether you avoid this failure, because you won't. It's whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it, whether you choose to persevere."

Favorite Foods: The Grilled Chicken Salad from Texas Roadhouse

Family: Wife, Aimee, Cat, Jordy

Hobbies: Golf, hiking, Packers, Badgers, Cubs, fishing

Goal: Run a half-marathon and win a golf tournament



Name: Lana Barnes

Years at JRG: 7

College: Lakeland College

Favorite Quote: "Success is a journey, not a destination."

Favorite Foods: Fruit of any kind, veggies, and ice cream.

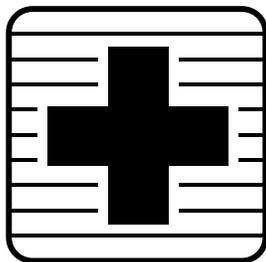
Family: Husband, Kory, sons Bryce, 3 years old, and Lucas, 18, months.

Hobbies: Gardening, hiking, traveling, exercising, running, attending sporting events,

and hanging out with family and friends

Goals: To win the showcase showdown on the PRICE IS RIGHT and visiting as many national parks as possible!





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Dear Parents:

The Danger of a Nut Allergy

A student in your child's classroom has been identified as having an allergy to ground nuts (peanuts, monkey nuts) and/or tree nuts (cashews, walnut, almonds, brazil, hazelnuts, pistachios) as well as raw eggs.

In regards to nuts, children who have severe allergies could have an allergic reaction and potentially die. An exposure is not just the child eating the product in some cases. A reaction could also occur from touching a nut product, touching a child who ate a nut product and didn't wash their hands, touching an object (ball, door handle, etc.) that someone who ate a nut product touched and didn't wash their hands, or even from inhaling the vapors of a nut product. In an effort to help make our classrooms a safe place for every student, we are asking for the cooperation of staff, parents and students.

How can you help?

- If possible, please refrain from sending snacks and lunches that contain nut products. Food labels must list on packaging labels if it contains peanut or tree nuts.
- Go to the SnackSafely site to find an enormous list of foods that are safe for students with food allergies and would be a great choice to bring into the classroom. <http://snacksafely.com/safe-snack-guide/>
- Stress hand washing both at home and at school. If your child eats something like peanut butter for breakfast or lunch, please make sure they know to thoroughly wash their hands and face.
- In school we ask the students not to share their food. Please remind your child that their lunch is intended only for them.
- If your student rides the bus, they should refrain from eating on the bus.

Kids do a great job of watching out for each other and are very concerned about the health and safety of their classmates. It is our goal to make this a safe and successful year for all our students.

Below are some products that would be considered safe for a student with nut/peanut allergies:

Cheez-its	Cheese Nips	Goldfish - all flavors	Fruit snacks - Welch's
Ritz Crackers	Wheat Thins	Townhouse Crackers	Any fruit
Any vegetable	Gogurt		

**If your child has a food allergy/sensitivity that you have not received a health plan from Health Services for, please let the school and teacher know ASAP!

The Gator Art Club!!



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

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

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

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

Sept. 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18

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

Thank you for supporting the visual arts at JRG!!

Mrs. Dagesse



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while ( ! ( succeed = try() ) );
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JRG Coding Club

[For those who want to explore Coding at their own level and pace, surrounded by others that want to Code also!]

Prior experience is not required

Come Check it Out!!

{Meetings are typically twice a week, but days of the week change due to schedule conflicts}

September: 14 (Informational Meeting)

19, 21, 25, 28

October: 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, 24, 30

November: 2, 6, 9, 13, 21, 27, 30

Watch this Scratch commercial for more info!!

(click the green flag to start)

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/120242608/#player>

Computer Lab 111

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

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

Coding Club Classroom Code:

bsw9od



iwalk International *in the* Walk to School **USA**

J.R. GERRITTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
is participating in Walk to School on
Friday, September 22nd

MEET AT US VENTURE (TUNNEL) BY 6:50 A.M.

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

About our event:

We invite all students/staff to join the Walk to School day event.

Students should meet at 6:50 a.m. by US Venture on the south side. We will begin walking at 7:00 through the tunnel, on the path by the YMCA. At the YMCA we will have a snack & beverage and then head to JRG.

Anyone that participates will be eligible for a drawing for miscellaneous gift cards!!

Hope to see you there!!!

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

Find out more about Walk to School events in the USA at www.walktoschool.org



OUTDOOR ARCHERY EXPLORATION

Come join in the fun and learn a new sport!

This instructional archery program for beginning archers, available to anyone 9+, offers skill training by a NASP certified instructor with fundamentals from USA Explore Archery, Archery Trade Association: Explore Bow Hunting, Kids on Target from Whitetails Unlimited, as well as fun games and activities for archery beginners! Hunting and shooting techniques will be covered along with much more!

Saturday, September 16th—October 21st, 2017

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

\$20 course fee with all equipment included in registration cost

First class is at Verhagen Park

Remainder of classes are at Sunset Park Shelter #2

Registration information at: www.vokimberly.org

Or call (920) 788-7507



2017 – 2018 Wisconsin DNR ATV and Snowmobile Safety Courses at Mercy Medical Center and St. Elizabeth Hospital

ATV and Snowmobile Safety Classes run together. Classes may be taken together or separately.

If you are only taking one class then attend on the dates listed for that class. If taking both classes then must attend all dates below for ATV and Snowmobile class. You must sign up for both classes if you are taking both classes. Cost of ATV and Snowmobile class is \$20 cash. Individual Classes are \$10 cash. (NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED) Email ATVSAFETY@-mail.com with questions.

November 2017 ATV and Snowmobile Safety Class - Oshkosh

Conference Room A, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh.

You may park in the Emergency parking lot. Please leave close parking spaces open for patients.

Enter at the North Entrance and continue across the Gallery and follow the signs for Classroom 1 and 2. There will be signs posted to direct you the class. There will be short breaks. Vending Machines are available. *The cafeteria is closed on weekends.* There is an ATM in the building located at the Main Entrance near the Gift Shop.

ATV Safety Dates

Saturday November 4, 2017
1:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Saturday November 11, 2017
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Snowmobile Safety Dates

Saturday November 4, 2017
1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Saturday November 11, 2017
1:00 PM to 5:15 PM

ATV and Snowmobile Classes

Together Dates

Saturday November 4, 2017
1:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Saturday November 11, 2017
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

December 2017 ATV and Snowmobile Safety Class - Appleton

Fowler Conference Room 1 & 2 (Main Entrance 2nd floor), St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Please enter off the Seymour Street entrance and park in the parking ramp and enter the building at the Main Entrance. At the Main Entrance, Take the stairs (elevator behind the stairs) to the Fowler Conference Rooms. Signs will be posted to direct you to the class. There will be short breaks. Vending Machines are available. The cafeteria is open until 1:00 PM. The cafeteria takes cash and Credit or Debit Cards (Visa, Master Card, Discover). There is an ATM in the building near the Main Entrance and the ER Entrance. There will be a 45 minute lunch break on the both days at 11:45 AM if you are taking both courses or just the ATV Course. There are 1 lunch break (On DAY 2) if you are only taking the Snowmobile Course. There is a refrigerator in the classroom if you bring a bag lunch.

ATV Safety Dates

Saturday December 9, 2017
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
(Lunch break 11:45 - 12:30 PM)

Saturday December 16, 2017
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
(Lunch break 11:45 - 12:30 PM)

Snowmobile Safety Dates

Saturday December 9, 2017
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
(No Lunch Break)

Saturday December 16, 2017
9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
(Lunch break 11:45 - 12:30 PM)

ATV and Snowmobile Classes

Together Dates

Saturday December 9, 2017
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
(Lunch break 11:45 - 12:30 PM)

Saturday December 16, 2017
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
(Lunch break 11:45 - 12:30 PM)

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE MAKEUP DAYS ON SUNDAY IF CLASSES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. CLASS WILL JUST BE SHIFT BACK 1 DAY

January 2018 ATV and Snowmobile Safety Class - Oshkosh

Conference Room A, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh.

You may park in the Emergency parking lot. Please leave close parking spaces open for patients.

Enter at the North Entrance and continue across the Gallery and follow the signs for Classroom 1 and 2. There will be signs posted to direct you the class. There will be short breaks. Vending Machines are available. *The cafeteria is closed on weekends.* There is an ATM in the building located at the Main Entrance near the Gift Shop.

ATV Safety Dates

Saturday January 6, 2018
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday January 13, 2018
1:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Snowmobile Safety Dates

Saturday January 6, 2018
1:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Saturday January 13, 2018
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

ATV and Snowmobile Classes

Together Dates

Saturday January 6, 2018
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday January 13, 2018
1:00 PM to 5:45 PM

KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CALENDAR 2017-2018

September 2017

M	T	W	TH	F
				NS
NS	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	E2
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	AM

October 2017

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
HS	10	11	12	E2
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	AM	NS
30	31			

November 2017

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	Q	8	9	10
13	14	MS	MS	AM/4KE
E2&C	21	22	NS	NS
27	28	29	E2&C	

December 2017

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	E2
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	AM
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

January 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
NS	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	E2
15	16	17	18	Q/AM
22	23	I	I	26
29	30	31		

February 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	E2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	AM
HS	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

March 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	E2
5	6	7	8	4KC
12	13	14	MS	AM
19	20	21	22	Q
26	27	28	29	NS

April 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
NS	NS	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	AM
23	24	25	26	27
30				

May 2018

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	AM
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	EN
NS	29	30	31	

NS No School

AM AM classes only (exception: No school for 4K) KHS dismissed at 11:31am, JRG & Intermediate dismissed at 11:20am, Elementary dismissed at 12:00pm

E2 Elementary Early Release - Elementary dismissed at 2:00pm (Exception: 4K morning classes 8:45am - 10:45am, afternoon classes 11:45am - 1:45pm)

EN Elementary Noon Release - All Elementary students dismissed at 12:00pm (exception: No school for 4K)

HS High School Parent/Teacher Conferences - KHS students dismissed at 2:00pm

MS Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences - JRG students dismissed at 2:00pm except on November 16th - students will have a full day of school

I Intermediate School Parent/Teacher Conferences - Intermediate students dismissed at 2:00pm

E2&C 4K-4th Gr. Parent Teacher Conferences; No school for 4K; Grades 5K-4th Grades dismissed at 2:00pm

4K 4K Parent Teacher Conferences. No School for 4K students. Regular schedule for all other elementary students.

4KE 4K Classes 8:45am - 10:45am, afternoon classes 11:45am - 1:45pm



Be a Sub!



Join our team as a Sub!

Do you enjoy working with children while maintaining a flexible work schedule? Have you considered becoming a substitute teacher?

The Kimberly Area School District is seeking talented Substitute Teachers who want to join a team of ambitious professionals who help all students succeed. Sometimes, our educators are away from their classrooms for things like professional development or when they are ill. That's when we need talented individuals to continue providing a high-quality education to our students.



Qualifications:

- **Current Wisconsin Educator License**
- **-Or- a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited Institution of High Education, completion of Substitute Teacher Training and current Substitute Teacher Permit.**
- **Have a Bachelor's Degree but not a Substitute Teacher Permit? Contact us at (920) 788-7900 to learn more about pursuing training to obtain a Substitute Teacher Permit.**

Substitute Teachers new to KASD are supported by helpful District staff at each building. The District uses an online Substitute Teacher

System (AESOP) where you can view and customize subbing positions you are most interested in for your subbing career. **KASD offers a competitive daily pay rate for our substitute teachers.**

Are you ready to join a team of talented professionals who help students become community, college and career ready? Complete an application through WECAN (Wisconsin's K-12 hiring website) by visiting <https://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan>.

Learn more about the Kimberly Area School District at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate against candidates on the basis of race, color, creed, marital status, sex (including transgender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender transition, gender identity or sexual identity), pregnancy, ancestry, political belief or activity, military or veteran's status, arrest or conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products, religion, national origin, age, disability, or any other status protected by law. Concerns or questions should be directed to the District's Compliance Officer, the Director of Human Resources, at Kimberly Area School District, 425 S Washington Street, Combined Locks WI 54113. We are an equal opportunity employer.