

## Teacher Welcome for 2017-2018



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Welcome! Приветствовать! Tuaj los! Bienvenidos!  
Willkommen! Καλώς ήρθατε! Mabuhay! 歡迎  
Karibu!

Welcome to the KHS EL Department. I'm Patricia Eckerman Ambas and the EL teacher at Kimberly High School and J. R. Gerritts Middle School. I received my Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in ESL, Spanish, Spanish-Bilingual, and Speech Communication. I received my Masters in Educational Leadership, and a Reading degree from Silver Lake College. This is my tenth year teaching at Kimberly schools!

I love traveling and learning about different places and cultures. I have had opportunities to teach in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Mexico. I stayed in the Philippines for one month with my husband's family, in which we also included travels to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand. In recent years, I have had the opportunity to visit Spain and brush up on my Spanish skills, enjoy a family trip to Alaska, and tour through Europe. We returned to the Philippines to introduce our son, Reginald, and my daughter was excited to see everyone again, as well. A trip to put on your bucket list: Banff National Park in Canada – truly beautiful, and perfect for any type of travelers!

As the advisor of the MultiCultural Club, we too, travel around the world through food, activities, and presentations, while bringing culture (and delicious eggrolls) to the Kimberly community. The more that people understand about other cultures, the more accepting they are towards humanity. All are welcome to join MCC! Just email me to be notified of upcoming meetings and events.

Another great opportunity that I am proud to represent is the Global Education Achievement Certificate. This is awarded to students upon graduation who complete the Global Scholars Program, a newly recognized program in the state and just another way that Kimberly High School offers students the chance to excel in the community and world. Students may contact me for more information. [pambas@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:pambas@kimberly.k12.wi.us)

Education can be shared by all and we can learn from one another – we can learn through each other's culture. Along with teaching and being a resource within the classroom, I am available to students to help them achieve their educational goals and to strive to further those goals and their future. I encourage all to find their KHS Papermaker Pride – on whatever path that may be!