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## NEWS RELEASE

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## SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING RAISES OVER \$16K

### 17th Annual FORE! Our Kids Golf Outing Supports Proactive Alcohol and Drug-Free Student Activities

**Kimberly, Wis. – July 11, 2019** – Students within the [Kimberly Area School District \(KASD\)](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us) will have access to proactive alcohol and drug-free student activities thanks to the participants and sponsors of the [FORE! Our Kids Golf Outing](#).

The event, held in June at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood, raised over \$16,000. These funds have been distributed to groups that promote alcohol and drug-free student activities within KASD, such as: Graduation Celebration, Post Prom, JRG ROCKS and Life-Force at Kimberly High School.

Supporting these youth programs gave 71 golfers a great reason to hit the green. Additionally, 78 businesses, organizations and individuals supported the event through sponsorships and donations. It was a community-wide effort to make it a successful golf outing.

“At JRG, the funds are used to offset the expenses of our ROCKS (Recognizing Our Committed Kids) program, our drug and alcohol free program,” said Eric Brinkmann, Principal of J.R. Gerritts Middle School. ROCKS



Golfers from the Watters Plumbing team during the FORE! Our Kids Golf Outing, pictured left to right, are Tom Pennings, Joe Ebben, Todd Johnson and Cal Watters.

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sponsors clubs and activities throughout the year that are designed to demonstrate that students can have fun and be successful while avoiding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

“These include our Coding Club, Skiing Club and one-time events like our annual Run For Rocks and an overnight lock-in at Badger Sports Park,” said Brinkmann. “In a typical year, more than 95% of our students sign the ROCKS pledge to avoid drugs and alcohol.” Participation in our ROCKS events has grown every year over the past three years. “The generous donations and participation by our community helps make all of this possible, and we are so grateful for your support,” added Brinkmann.

“The funds raised by the FORE! Our Kids Golf Outing provide students with opportunities to create memories in settings free from alcohol and drugs,” said Bob Mayfield, Superintendent of the Kimberly Area School District. “Students at KHS are able to celebrate events and build on traditions in a safe place, such as the Post Prom and Graduation Celebrations.”

Over the past 17 years, the FORE! Our Kids Golf Outing has generated over \$205,000 to fund a variety of youth organizations and activities.

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).