



PAPERMAKER NEWS

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WELCOME

EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR UNDERWAY

Welcome to this edition of Papermaker News. Inside this edition you will find information about how the Kimberly Area School District works to be a responsible steward of taxpayer funds, such as reducing the District's property tax rate (mill rate) four years in a row.

Our staff works very hard to help every student reach their potential in academics, the arts and co-curriculars. Their efforts to help each student graduate with a career path and to pursue their goals make me "Proud to be a Papermaker."

Continuous improvement is the center of our District's culture. When data showed that some of our students were not reaching their potential in math, we knew we needed to act. Read the story inside about our teachers' efforts to help our students improve their math skills.

If you have any questions or concerns about the District, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,



Robert Mayfield, Ed.D.
Superintendent

OUR MISSION is to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities.



Sixth grade students at Woodland Intermediate School learned computer programming during the Hour of Code.

PREPARING THE FUTURE: Taxpayers' Investment in Youth Benefits our Community

The Kimberly Area School District has a strong reputation in the state as a high achieving and low spending public school system. KASD strives to help all students reach their potential while being good stewards of taxpayer funds through continuous improvement. Below are a few examples of how the District is providing a strong value to the community for their investment in our students and schools:

- Property tax rate (mill rate) reduced four years in a row
- Tax levy reduced three years in a row
- Student test scores are outperforming local, state and national averages
- Home values within the Kimberly Area School District are strong



**PROPERTY
TAX RATE
(MILL RATE)**
REDUCED
4 STRAIGHT YEARS

Interested in reading more about District finances?

Visit the Business Services page on our website at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

The ultimate goal of the Kimberly Area School District is to prepare students for life after graduation. KASD supports students as they reach their potential in any career path they choose for their future. The task is complex as there are many paths to personal success such as pursuing further education, military service and job training programs.

The District has been improving its Academic and Career Planning (ACP) processes in order to support students as they explore careers and plan for their future. These services help students plan their academic studies for the path they choose for their future. It is a student-centered process that involves school staff, families and community mentoring.

The purpose of career planning is not to have a plan set in stone at a young age. These services are intended to help students learn more about their interests and skills, learn about job opportunities and in-demand careers, to explore job and educational pathways, and to develop a plan to pursue their personal goals. Each student's vision for their future is unique and the District strives to help each student reach their potential in any path they choose.

THE CLASS OF 2016: WHAT PATH ARE THEY PURSUING?



FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 53%



TWO-YEAR COLLEGE: 16%



OTHER: 31%

Such as Employment,
Job Training,
Military, Etc.



\$1 MILLION IN TUITION SAVINGS



Pursuing their Potential in Academics

Students are pursuing their potential in academics and breaking achievement records. A new record has been set for students earning potential tuition savings by pursuing advanced credits while at KHS. Last year, Kimberly students earned over \$1 million in estimated tuition savings through Advanced Placement, the Cooperative Academic Partnership Program, University of Wisconsin Placement, College Level Examination Program and Fox Valley Technical College coursework.

This year, the State issued report cards for all public school districts and schools. The Kimberly Area School District received an overall rating of "Exceeds Expectations." Each Kimberly school received either "Exceeds" or "Significantly Exceeds" expectations on their school's report card. Overall, KASD earned the highest score of districts in our area. These report cards are one source of data that help us to remain focused on continuously improving to raise student achievement and close gaps in performance to ensure all students are reaching their potential and prepared for life after graduation.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

To prepare students to be knowledgeable citizens and taxpayers, they must comprehend personal finance. Financial literacy involves understanding fiscal options, planning for the future and understanding money management. With the costs of higher education increasing, it is important that students graduate as prepared as possible to make financial decisions.

Kimberly High School (KHS) offers several unique learning opportunities for students to learn about personal financial literacy:

- For the last nine years, KHS has organized an interactive "Reality Store" financial simulation event that gives students a life scenario, such



Local volunteers and organizations, including Capital Credit Union, help run the "Reality Store" event.

as career, salary and family size. They then have to make decisions about their budgets and lifestyles. This educational experience is well-received by students.

- To meet increasing demand for personal finance education, KHS is adding a Finance Math course for next school year. In this class, students will improve their financial literacy and decision-making by using math to navigate actual consumer financial scenarios. Students already have access to other personal finance classes such as Consumer Related Math, Personal Finance and Life on Your Own.
- In order to graduate from Kimberly High School, students have to meet a personal finance coursework requirement. This is not a State requirement, rather one developed by our community to better prepare students for their future.

Students, families and staff work together to help students develop financial literacy. By working together, students will be more prepared to navigate financial options and have the skills to make fiscal decisions to reach their goals.

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Holiday Donations

Students from Westside Elementary School, Mapleview Intermediate School and JRG Middle School collected over 2,000 items for St. Joseph's Pantry during the holiday season.

Young Authors

Fifth graders at Woodland Intermediate School hosted a writing event for their families. Over 160 guests participated to show their support of these young authors.



Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans were honored by students with very special programs at Sunrise and Janssen Elementary Schools, and JRG Middle School. There was a tremendous turnout at these Veterans Day programs.

Adding Up Improvements in Math

Math and literacy are considered the building blocks to higher level skills. Our District culture is based on continuous improvement. When educators studied data and saw that more students were not reaching their potential in math, they realized it was time to dig into the situation to increase math achievement.



Over the course of the last two years, new math programs have been implemented for grades 5K through 12. With these changes, staff received thorough training to learn and implement the new math coursework.

A new report issued this summer by the University of Wisconsin (UW) System showed that a significant number of 2015 KHS graduates who entered UW Colleges needed to take remedial math coursework. The report confirmed that District educators are on the right path with their math improvement work. Our District wants every student to reach their potential and through an increased focus on math they will be better prepared for their future.



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START HERE, EXCEL HERE – ENROLL YOUR PAPERMAKERS

Our students are excelling in academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. With a dedicated focus on literacy, a building block skill for future learning, our 4K Center for Literacy will help your child start here and excel here. Enroll your Papermakers for the 2017-18 school year!



4K AND 5K RESIDENT ENROLLMENT

We are accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2017-18 school year.

Age Eligibility:

- 4K: four years of age on or before September 1, 2017.
- 5K: five years of age on or before September 1, 2017.

You may register at the 4K Center for Literacy, any elementary school or at the district office. Paperwork can be printed from our website www.kimberly.k12.wi.us or obtained by calling (920) 788-7900.

OPEN ENROLLMENT TO KIMBERLY - APPLICATION PERIOD IS FEBRUARY 6 TO APRIL 28, 2017

Open Enrollment allows parents to apply for enrollment in a public school district other than the one in which they live. Know someone interested in Open Enrolling to Kimberly? They can visit our website www.kimberly.k12.wi.us to apply. Contact our Open Enrollment Coordinator at (920) 788-7900 with open enrollment questions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on celebrations and enrollment, visit our website www.kimberly.k12.wi.us or call the District office at (920) 788-7900.



UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH

3 Senior Quest
3-11 Urinetown
Spring Musical

APRIL

14-23 . . . Spring Break -
No School
28 Senior Quest

MAY

12 Senior Quest

JUNE

8 Last Day
of School
15 FORE!
Our Kids
Golf Outing

View more upcoming event details online:
www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/calendars

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for February 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and July 10, 2017. View upcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes online at www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.

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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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