

KIMBERLY BOOSTER CLUB

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FROM THE BOOSTERS

I would like to welcome you to, possibly the first ever, Kimberly Booster Club Newsletter. My name is Dan Rongen and I am the current Booster Club President. It has been a busy fall and Kimberly athletics have gotten off to another great start. As they say, winning isn't everything, but it sure does make it more enjoyable. The three fall sports, football, volleyball and cross country have all wrapped up their seasons. Each of them had a great year and we are proud of how well they represented Kimberly. Hats off to all the players and coaches!

The Boosters started off the year with the Fall Sports Kickoff Barbeque. It was my inaugural event as the Booster President and George Plew threw me to the coals. I think I flipped about 250 hamburgers that afternoon. The Boosters sponsored the meal and it was good to see all the athletes getting ready for football, volleyball and cross country. Thanks to Ridley's and Pepsi for helping out with some donations.

The Boosters held their annual fund raiser of the year by cooking the steak dinner at the football homecoming game. That was, as usual, a success.

I enjoyed working with fellow Boosters flipping burgers and "big dogs" at the home football games. This has always been a success for the Boosters. We did try something new this year and cooked at a JV home football game and it went very well. You should expect more of that next year.

The Boosters put together two "Booster buses" for football games to Wood River and to the playoff game in Pocatello. All that participated had a great time and thanks to Rob Champlin for putting that together. Also, thanks to Monsanto, Hoagie Street Deli, Stradley Insurance, Pepsi, and Kimberly Seeds for helping sponsor some of the costs.

The Boosters wrapped up the fall sports season by sponsoring an awards banquet. The attendance was great and it is always good to hear the kids express their appreciation to the coaches.

We have also updated our clothing line. We have added several new items that have been a hit. If you are interested in any new Bulldog apparel please let us know. We had clothing for sale at home football games and some of the home volleyball events. We are planning on having items for sale at the first home girls and boys basketball games and wrestling matches.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the Booster Club, please feel free to give me a call or come to our monthly meetings. They are usually the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the High School.



Thank You,
Dan Rongen
Booster Club President
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LADY DAWG VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball season was an experience that I will never forget. We were able, in my opinion, to assemble one of the best coaching staffs in the state. Ashton Upton, Emily Potter, Rachel Bulcher, Jerry Sivulich and I were all in new positions this season. Megan Garner is the veteran member of our staff. She provided me many useful suggestions and reminders for which I am very thankful.

Emily Potter is our freshman coach. With her experience and dedication (6:00 am practices) the freshman team improved every match throughout the season.

Rachel Bulcher (a former bulldog) returned to Kimberly to coach the junior varsity team. Rachel brought with her college volleyball experience and knowledge. She was able to relay this information to her players and they responded with a very successful season.

We were able to convince Jerry Sivulich to dust off his coaching shoes and join our staff. Jerry was the head volleyball coach at Twin Falls High School for many years and he also assisted Ben Stroud at C.S.I. in conducting summer camps. With this staff Kimberly volleyball was able to be successful at every level.

At the varsity level we thought we had a pretty good volleyball team when our pre-season practices ended. We knew that we had athletes that could set, hit and pass well. The question would be could we do it during 5 game matches. We found out at Hagerman that we need more work as the pirates beat us in two straight. Our next challenge was the Twin Falls tournament. We ended up 6th out of 17 teams. Our next tournament was in Wood River. There we placed 3rd out of 12 teams. The girls worked hard and continued to improve. We ended up the season 17-6, first place in the conference with a 7-1 record. The district tournament was a marathon event. We were able to beat both Gooding and Filer in the first two rounds. On championship day Filer played well and beat us in four games. We then had to play the "if necessary" match. This was a 5 game nail biter. We played well in the 5th game and won the district championship.

The state tournament was my favorite part of the year. This is where all of the hard work gets rewarded. Teams that play well are able to bring home trophies and that is what we did. Our first match against Bear Lake was another 5 game thriller. The 5th game ended 28-26. Against Fruitland I felt that we played on our best matches of the season. We were able to frustrate their best hitters with our defense and our setters and hitters executed the offense very well. Our match against Sugar-Salem was another matter. They were a very talented and athletic team. We did not play our best and got beat by a better team. In our last match against St. Maries we were not able to execute very well. St. Maries did a tremendous job of digging up our hits and played well. Our third place finish at the state tournament is in my opinion a reflection on the players we had. Every player contributed in a significant way and the hard work of all nine made our one team successful.

I would like to thank all of the parents and boosters who help make this season special. The positive support from the boosters and parents in the stands gave us the "sixth" man and was very influential in our matches.

Thank you again for a terrific year.

Lawrence Pfefferle
Head Volleyball Coach
Kimberly High School

Most Improved Player - Jessica Funk
Best Defensive Player - Teighlor Bair
Best Offensive Player - Roxanne Krieger
Most Valuable Player - Alex Pfefferle

BULLDOG FOOTBALL

Dear Parents, Boosters, and Community,

Thank You for all the support, food, donations, encouragement and love you gave to the players throughout the season! You are part of the reason Kimberly football has been so successful the last two years. It really does take a village to raise a champion.

What a year it was! From frustration to domination to tears, this season has had it all! Believe me, I have seen your boys grow up to be outstanding young men in the time of ten weeks! There will not be a situation that comes before them in their life that they will not be able to handle!

I am going to miss our seniors very much! Not for their athletic ability, but because of their character. And there are some characters in that class! What a great bunch of young men they are! The memories I will cherish, and I will hold each one of them in my heart forever! As much as I will miss the seniors, I am looking forward to continuing the success with the Juniors. The improvement that has been made is unreal! The contributions made by them shows great teamwork and dedication to the program. They will be the heart and soul of our success next year! I'm excited about that!

I want to wish all the players the best of luck in their next sport. They are all champions to me, but I hope they all win a blue trophy with the state of Idaho on it. Thank You very much for everything!!

Kirby Bright
Head Football Coach
Kimberly High School

Most Improved Player - Jordan Cazeau
Outstanding Lineman - Jamie Folk & Eric Stradley
Outstanding Back - AJ Schroeder
Most Valuable Player - Eric Marvin

KHS CROSS COUNTRY

Kimberly's cross country program continues to grow each year. This year was no exception, with a record 13 girls joining the always strong boys' team of 17 runners.

The boys' team began three years ago with placing at state and continued this year with a 4th place finish. They were only 1 point away from 3rd and only 8 points out of 2nd.

The girls' team ran strong all year and placed runner-up at state. Besides both teams doing so well at state, both teams also placed 1st at our District meet.

With the quality of hard working runners that I've been privileged to work with, I see a bright future for the cross country program at Kimberly!

David Emerson
Head Cross Country Coach
Kimberly High School

Most Valuable Player Girls: Kaitlyn Gerard
Most Valuable Player Boys: Andy Yung

BULLDOG WRESTLING

The wrestling season is under way at Kimberly High School. We currently have 25 wrestlers out for wrestling. This includes five Hansen wrestlers. Our numbers are down from previous years. On the bright side, almost all of our wrestlers have wrestled in the past and a large portion of them have some varsity experience.

We have eight returning state qualifiers including district champion Jamie Folk. Other returning state qualifiers are: Chandler Holcomb, Koltin Kenney (Hansen), Adam Perry, Nolan Ward, Nate Young, Braxton Altom, and Evan Albright. We have several home matches this year, including two in December. We also have a match in Hansen this year.

The past two years we have been second at the district tournament and we are very capable of returning the championship trophy to our trophy case. The season is looking very promising.

Troy Palmer
Head Wrestling Coach
Kimberly High School

BOYS' BASKETBALL

We are very optimistic about the upcoming basketball season. We have 9 seniors returning who have varsity experience. We have three juniors who can contribute to the seniors. As we adjust to the new philosophies and learn how to use our quickness to compliment our strength, we will develop into a very competitive team.

We have numerous offensive weapons with good shooters and good post players. We are trying to open up the offense to use more of the floor and allow us to use our athletic ability. With a number of players we would like to increase the pace of the game to score in transition as much as possible.

Our defense requires a lot of work right now, but as we catch on to the defensive philosophies, we should be able to keep other teams from scoring. We would like to apply constant pressure to the offensive team, using our athletic ability to run some traps and double teams.

We hope to have a very competitive team that is fun to watch, but not much fun to play against.

Marvin Mumm
Head Boys' Basketball Coach
Kimberly High School



Kimberly School Patrons:

Every summer during school registration, families are given the opportunity to make a \$10 contribution to help support the Kimberly Booster Club. This contribution and other fund raisers help the Boosters support different activities throughout the year. One of our new activities this year is the Booster Newsletter. After this initial newsletter, our mailing list will include only those who have made the \$10 contribution. If you would like to make a contribution to help support the Kimberly Booster Club and continue to receive the Booster Newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send a check for \$10 payable to the Kimberly Booster Club. You can mail it to:

Kimberly High School
Attn: Kimberly Booster Club
141 Center St West
Kimberly, ID 83341

Email Option: If you would prefer to receive future Booster Newsletters via email, please send an email to me at rongen@cableone.net and include your name and email address.

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Check out our Bulldog clothing at home basketball games and wrestling matches or contact any booster member! We have lots of new items including caps, beanies, sweatshirts, long-sleeved and short-sleeved tee shirts, wind jackets, blankets, stadium seats, and much more! We are getting new items in soon. Support the Booster Club and Kimberly Athletics and take care of your Christmas shopping at the same time! Shop early to get the sizes you need. We can order special sizes if you get your order in early!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Upcoming Booster Events:

1/08/2009
Wrestling Sloppy Joe Dinner
4:30-7:30 p.m.
High School Commons
Cost: \$5.00 Adult
\$3.00 Children 5th Grade and Under

MENU: Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, Green Salad, Cookies, and Beverages!

Come Out of the Cold and Have Dinner and Support Our KHS Wrestlers!

Next Booster Meeting:

1/12/2009
High School Commons
7:00 p.m.

If you don't have a Bulldog sports schedule and would like one, please let us know and we will get one to you!