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Kids In The
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What is KIM?

Kids in the Middle (KIM) is a United Way and community initiative that helps middle school students successfully transition to high school and young adulthood. The goal of this partnership is to provide students with meaningful experiences and connect them with caring adults and the community.

Where is KIM?

KIM has been implemented at Chippens Hill Middle School, Eli Terry Jr. Middle School, Har-Bur Middle School, the Middle School of Plainville and West Bristol School through partnerships with the local Boards of Education, towns and the United Way of West Central CT.

Who is KIM?

All middle school students are Kids in the Middle, and KIM is open to all youth in the five schools. KIM provides opportunities that appeal to students who may not be currently connected and gets them involved in meaningful programs and activities.

Outcomes

- Increase youth, parent and community awareness
- Increase access for youth to after school and community activities
- Increase youth, parent and community involvement
- Increase academic performance of youth who are involved
- Increase behavioral performance of youth who are involved

Quick Facts from last school year

- 45 organizations partnered with KIM kids
- 437 kids from the four school districts participated
- 3,819 hours of community service were completed



"We love working with [KIM] because of their sincere dedication to improving the lives of our community residents. Their bright smiles and positive attitudes showcase what the Parks & Rec Department strives for. We couldn't be more fortunate to work with them!" – Jess Petroka, Recreation Coordinator, City of Bristol Park & Recreation



*"Over the years in which the KIM program has been active at Har-Bur Middle School, I have observed the positive impact the program has had not only for the students directly involved in the program, but our entire school community as well."
- Kenneth Smith, Principal, Har-Bur Middle School*



"KIM is an amazing program. The kids enhance our community in so many ways, while at the same time having fun. They also learn about themselves by having opportunities to work with diverse populations. It is beautiful to see children learn to love volunteering at a young age, so it becomes a natural part of their lives." – Mother of Plainville KIM Student



*"I love KIM because it is a great opportunity to give back to the community and have fun at the same time. I have found that joining KIM has been a turning point in my life. It feels great to help others."
- Zachary C.
KIM member at Eli Terry Jr. MS for 3 years*

