

# Panther Paws

September 8, 2023

## Message from the Principal

Of all the factors that determine student outcomes, family engagement is at the top of the list. Partnerships between schools and families can improve students' grades, attendance, persistence, and motivation. I would like to thank all the parents who came to our Back to School night last week. I have received an incredible amount of positive feedback about the night and I appreciate it. I loved putting faces to all those I communicate with, meeting our new families, and seeing old friends. For those that were not able to join us, we will have plenty of other opportunities for you to get involved throughout the school year. For example, our first PTO meeting is next week. See below for more information. We would love to see many of you there.



Thank you to the teachers who make Kenyon Woods a safe and nurturing place where students can succeed and dream. We appreciate how you work tirelessly to support students at all levels and to provide supportive yet rigorous instruction for all learners. It is my hope that we all continue to work together to help our students MAKE THEIR DREAMS BECOME REALITY!

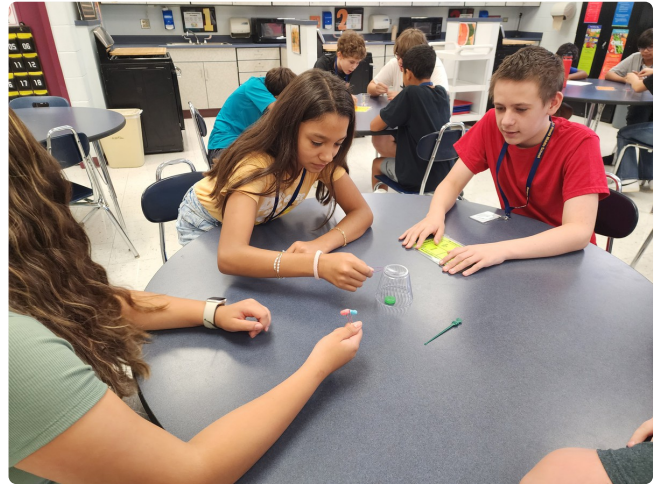
Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

**WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG**

**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also BELIEVE!**

**~ Anatole France**



## PTO NEEDS YOU!

Our first PTO meeting will be **Monday, September 11th at 6:30 pm.**  
It will be via ZOOM. If you are interested in being a part of this great group, please join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87049004424>

We hope to see many of you there!

**SAVE**

**SEVENTH  
GRADE  
DANCE**

28 SEPTEMBER

**6–8 PM**

**THE**

**DATE**

**KENYON  
WOODS  
COMMONS**

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### **EVERYDAY COUNTS!**

We are looking forward to the start of a successful year at Kenyon Woods Middle School. The staff at KWMS is here to support your student on their learning journey. I will share attendance information and data in my upcoming letters because attendance matters.

Strong attendance has a proven impact on school success. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

## When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

## When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

# FALL FEST

Save the  
Date!

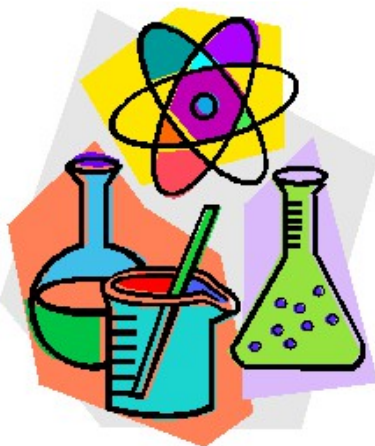


Food - Games - Haunted Courtyard - and More!

**27**  
October

Raffle tickets will be sold starting Monday October 23th during lunch periods. It's \$5 for 6 tickets or \$20 for 30 tickets. Tickets are needed to play all games to win prizes and can also be used for the raffle baskets. Prizes and raffle baskets are valued between \$5-\$400.

Bring the whole family!



## SCIENCE OLYMPIADS!

We will be hosting our second meeting this **Wednesday, September 13th, 2023.**

Room: C147

Time: 3:30 - 5:00

Students will be selecting the events they would like to participate in.

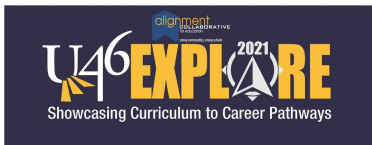
# Math Help

Math help is available for everyone!

**Tuesdays after school with Mrs. Buesse. Meet in the gym.**

**Thursdays starting at 8 AM with Mrs. Young. Meet in A108.**

No appointment necessary, just show up with your math questions.



## **SAVE THE DATE! EXPLORE 2023 is coming soon!**

Explore is the District's annual expo designed to expose 8th grade students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers. Eighth grade

students will attend with their classmates and teachers on Thursday, Oct. 5; the event will be held at the NOW Arena.

Also this year, we will welcome parents and guardians of both freshmen and 8th graders to attend Explore the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 4. They will be able to learn about Educational Pathways and Magnet Academies. More information will be available soon.

## **SPORTS PICTURES ARE COMING UP - 9/13/2023!**

Sports team picture day is coming up! Your athlete's photos will be posted online at [vipis.com](https://vipis.com) within 3 weeks of your photo day for viewing and ordering.

Please click here to sign up for email notification when your photo is ready to view and order: [www.vipis.com/q/r](https://www.vipis.com/q/r)

If you have any questions about sports team and individual pictures, please contact Visual Image Photography at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com)



Your official TEAM photographer

**To be notified when  
your sports photos are  
ready to view,  
scan this QR code!**



Please share this with your  
mom, dad, grandparents,  
aunts and uncles....  
whoever loves to see  
your smiling face!

## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

The Art 3 class just finished some fantastic self-portrait drawings. As you can see, the students did a great job of capturing their likenesses. In the future they will create another that is abstract



## ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PICTURES NOW!

Picture day was this week. To view and order photos from Picture Day: You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com).



Picture retake day is scheduled for Oct. 4th during all lunch periods.

## DON'T MISS OUT ON KWMS SPIRIT WEAR!

Gear up for the school year with Kenyon Woods spirit wear! Enjoy a 30% discount across our entire website with hundreds of designs and garment styles waiting for you! Orders ship to home in just 10-12 business days! [Shop Now!](#)

# KENYON WOODS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE



## 30% OFF SITEWIDE!

 **FREE SHIPPING**  
ORDERS OVER \$75

**1ST PLACE**   
*Spiritwear*

**ORDER AT**  
**1STPLACE.SALE/33326**

**SALE ENDS**  
**SEP 14TH**

[Teen Vaping: What You Need to Know.](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

[Online and Social Media Resource Guide](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Infinite Campus Cheat Sheet](#)

[Google Apps Cheat Sheet](#)

[Canvas Cheat Sheet](#)

# We're Hiring!

- Teachers PreK-12
- Special Education Teachers
- Bilingual Teachers
- Social Workers
- Paraeducators
- Noon Hour Supervisors
- Food Service Technicians
- Bus Drivers
- Relief Custodians
- Groundskeepers
- Substitute Teachers
- Secretaries



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## SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

# JOB FAIR

**SAME DAY  
INTERVIEWS**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 8, 2023  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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September 9, 2023  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



### U-46 WELCOME CENTER

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Elgin, IL 60120

Email Questions to:  
[humanresources@u-46.org](mailto:humanresources@u-46.org)  
[www.u-46.org/careers](http://www.u-46.org/careers)

[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

9/11/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Larsen  
9/13/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Abbott  
9/18/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Eastview  
9/20/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Tefft  
9/23/23 - District MS Cross Country Meet @ Bartlett HS 2 pm  
9/25/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Canton  
9/27/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Eastview  
10/2/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Tefft  
10/4/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Canton  
10/4/23 - EXPLORE Family night at the SEARS Center.  
10/5/22 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Grader  
10/9/23 - No School - Columbus Day  
10/18/23 - PSAT Testing for all 8th graders

[Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters](#)



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