

# KWMS Panther Pride

September 13th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

This Sunday, September 15, marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month—a vibrant celebration of Spanish-speaking cultures and their remarkable contributions to the fabric of America. This month allows us to reflect on the rich histories and legacies that have shaped our nation.



The chosen dates, from September 15 to October 15, are significant as they encompass key independence days across Latin America: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (all gaining independence from Spain on September 15, 1821), followed by Mexico (September 16, 1810) and Chile (September 18, 1810). Additionally, we honor Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day, further highlighting the unity and shared history within the Hispanic community.

Be sure to follow U-46's social media throughout the month as we showcase and celebrate the achievements, heritage, and cultural diversity of Hispanic Americans.

**Gracias**

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**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KWMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!


Congrats to all the Students of the Month!!! Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and

beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.



**They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.**

**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the Student of the Month for September!!**

Janam M Parikh  
Lucine (Luci) Fabros  
Karla Garza  
Connor Grant  
Elijah Guercio  
Astha Thakkar  
Otto Hausermann  
Byron Martinez  
Priyah Echevarria



**Kenyon Woods PTO is looking for  
volunteers & concession donations!**



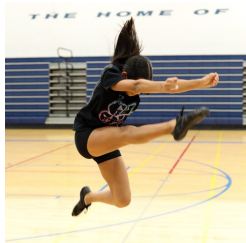
**7TH  
GRADE  
DANCE**

**Donations can be brought to school office the week of the dance!**

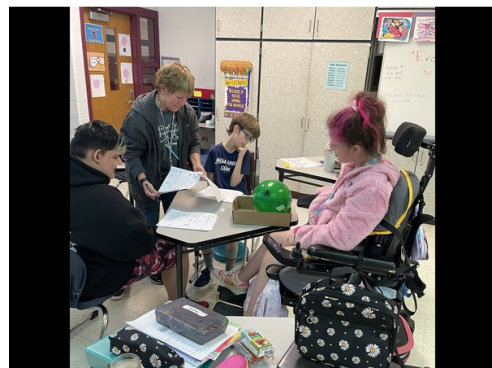
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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



The MLP students have been learning about storms, hurricanes, and static electricity in science. Students have been learning about opposite and same charges. The students had fun learning about how to create static electricity with a balloon and testing to see which objects stick and don't stick. Science is sooo fun!



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### SPORTS TEAM PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Sports team picture day is coming up! Your athlete's photos will be posted online at [vipis.com](http://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](http://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)



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your sports photos are  
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mom, dad, grandparents,  
aunts and uncles....  
whoever loves to see  
your smiling face!



# 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.

**JOIN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD!**

**COME TO ROOM F211  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER, 19TH  
BEFORE SCHOOL**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS EMAIL MRS. BALDWIN AT [ASHLEYBALDWIN@U-46.ORG](mailto:ASHLEYBALDWIN@U-46.ORG), OR  
MS. ZIEGLER AT [DEANNEZIEGLER@U-46.ORG](mailto:DEANNEZIEGLER@U-46.ORG)

## NOTES FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD!

Monday 9-16 Girls Volleyball plays against Eastview at home. Kenyon panthers, we need your support. The theme is PACK THE PLACE "WHITE OUT GAME" You will receive a bag of TAKIS if you wear white to the game.

Wednesday 9-18 Boys Soccer will have a home against Tefft. Panther please come out and support them. We will be passing out popsicles to everyone.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**7th Grade Girls Volleyball Player - Sofia Wesoloski**

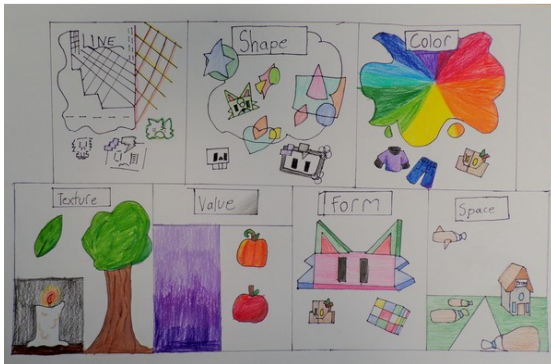


**8th Grade Girls Volleyball Player - Camryn Boyd**

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 1 students have finished their second summative project after studying the Elements of Art. They demonstrated the use of Line, Shape, Color, Form, Value, Texture and Space in their own creative way. Here are two examples from students **Sophia Shuliga** and **Skylar Ruge**.



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GRADES 6–8 FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

## RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING IN DIGITAL LIFE



### Talk About How Your Child Can Stay Safe When Chatting with Others Online

Your child is learning strategies to help them make responsible decisions when they're online. Use these questions to talk with them about the benefits and risks of chatting with people online.

Ask these three questions:

1. *I hear you were talking in class about how you can be safe when talking to people online. What are some of the risks of talking with people you don't know well?*
  - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
    - You don't fully know who you're talking to, so you can't completely trust them.
    - You don't know whether they have bad intentions.
2. *What are red flag feelings?*
  - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
    - A **red flag feeling** is when something happens on digital media that makes you feel uncomfortable, worried, sad, or anxious. It's often a feeling in your stomach that something is wrong and is a warning of a possible problem.
3. *What can you do if you ever have a red flag feeling when chatting with someone online?*
  - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
    - Slow down, pause, and think about how you're feeling and what might be causing it.
    - Decide on the best action to take to improve the situation (maybe ignore or block the person, log off, or tell a trusted adult).

Learn more about how to communicate online at [commonsense.org/online-relationships-tips-for-families](https://commonsense.org/online-relationships-tips-for-families)!

Family handout for grade 6 lesson [Chatting Safely Online](#), or 6–8 classroom activity [Who Are You Talking to Online?](#)



RELATIONSHIPS &amp; COMMUNICATION

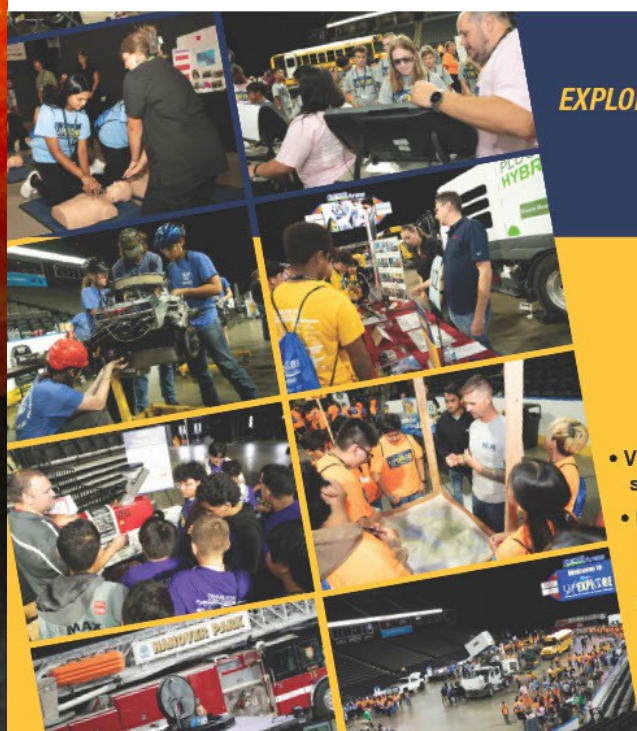
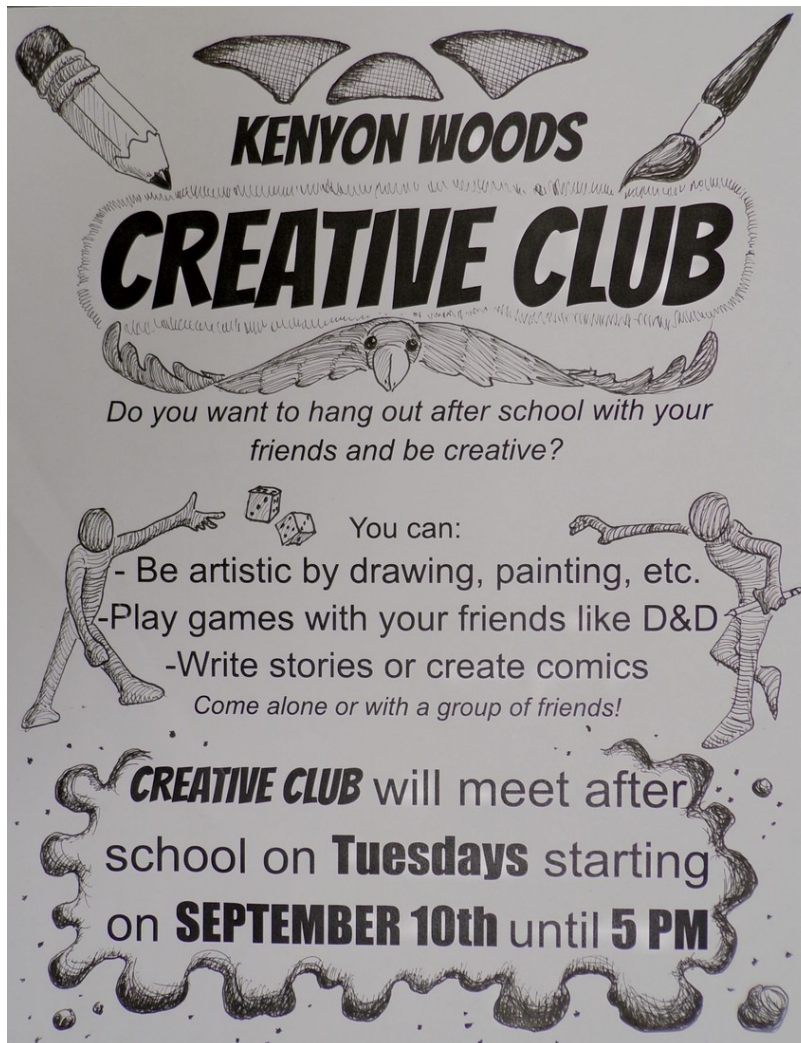
We know the power  
of words & actions.

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## CREATIVE CLUB IS BACK!

For students who want to spend extra time, they can join CREATIVE CLUB! We will meet after school on Tuesdays. Rides can pick them up at 5PM or they can use the activity bus. No curriculum is taught, this is just a chance for students to express their creativity in various ways. The first informational meeting will be on September 10th after school.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**EXPLORE FAMILY NIGHT** welcomes 8th and 9th grade families.

September 25, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**NOW ARENA**

5333 Prairie Stone Parkway  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192



Showcasing Curriculum to Career Pathways

- Visit with U-46 Academy, AVID and Dual Credit teachers and current students to learn more about these programs and how to apply.
- Meet CTE teachers and view programs in: automotive, business, education, engineering, healthcare, manufacturing, vet assistant, and welding.
- Visit over 60 career exhibits from the local business community across ten industry clusters.
- Opportunity to win over \$1,000 in raffle prizes.
- Concessions available for purchase.

[LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU](#)



## KWMS SPIRITWEAR

Don't forget to place your orders for the Kenyon Woods back-to-school sale! You'll save 30% off the entire site. These are the lowest the prices will be all year. In addition, all orders over \$75 will receive free shipping. [Shop Now!](#)



**KENYON WOODS**  
OFFICIAL ONLINE SHOP

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE**

1ST PLACE Spiritwear

Kenyon Woods Panthers (Tie-Dye), Kenyon Woods Middle (Hoodie), Kenyon Woods Panthers (Dark Grey)

**30% OFF SITEWIDE!**

**AUGUST 13TH - SEPTEMBER 17TH**  
**ORDER AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/33326**

**FREE SHIPPING** ORDERS OVER **\$75**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/16/24 - Boys Soccer vs Eastview - Away
- 9/16/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Eastview - Home
- 9/18/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Home
- 9/18/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Away
- 9/23/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Away
- 9/23/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Home
- 9/25/24 - EXPLORE Parent Night - NOW Arena 6 -7:30 pm
- 9/26/24 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Graders
- 9/27/24 - 7th Grade Dance - 6 - 8 pm
- 9/28/24 - Boys Cross Country Meet @ BHS
- 9/30/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Away
- 9/30/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Home
- 10/2/24 - Picture Re-take Day
- 10/2/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Home
- 10/2/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Away

[Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters](#)



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