

# KWMS Panther Pride

October 4th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

### Parent-Teacher Conferences: A Time for Collaboration

October brings us Parent/Teacher Conferences, an important opportunity for communication between home and school. This partnership is key to creating a positive and effective learning environment for our students. While the conferences are scheduled events, we encourage ongoing dialogue throughout the year to support your child's success.

By now, you should have received information from your child's teachers regarding conference schedules and how to sign up. If you haven't, please contact the teachers for details. Many teachers are using Sign Up Genius for scheduling, while others are conducting open house-style conferences. Your child's teacher will confirm their specific process in their communication.

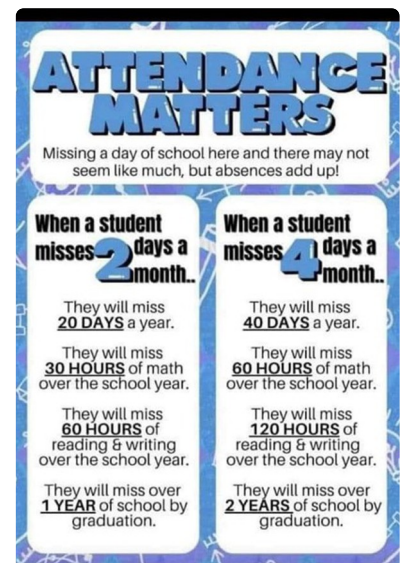
### Conference Dates:

- **October 10th:** 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **October 11th:** 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please note that conference schedules may vary, as each teacher has a designated five-hour window. We understand that this may not provide enough time to meet with every family, but we encourage you to reach out if your child needs extra support or if you want to discuss their progress. We are always available for follow-up conversations by phone, email, or Zoom. Remember, any time is a good time for a conference.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly. Together, we can make a difference in their educational journey.

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal



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 both the 7th grade boys and 8th grade boys cross country teams for taking 1st place at the U-46 district meet on Saturday!**

Special shout-out to 7th graders Owen Canham (3rd), Colin Selz (5th), Johnny Jepson (10th), Jacob Baker (11th) and Joey Mondello (16th) who finished in the top 16 for the entire district!

Special shout-out to 8th graders Abdiel Narvaro Barreto (5th), Diego Juarez (6th), Emmitt O'Brien (7th), Graham Altergott (13th) and Freddy Keiler (15th) who finished in the top 15 for the entire district!

**Congratulations to our 8th grade girls cross country team for winning the 2024 Championship at the u-46 district meet last Saturday. As well as 7th grade girls for taking 2nd place.**

Special congratulations to our 8th graders Amy Lloyd, Emily Foster, Ava Swanson, Delaney O'Deay and Isabelle Ajeigbe for ranking in the top 15 for the district.

Special Congratulations to our 7th graders Aalyah Guerra and Elenia Zetina who finished in first and second place respectively for the entire district.



## BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Basketball Packets are now available for pick up in the Commons for any 7th or 8th grade boy interested in trying out for basketball.



### Tryout Schedule

#### 7th Grade

**Tuesday, October 15th & Wednesday, October 16th**

**IF NECESSARY - DAY 3 - October 17th**

**Where: Gym When: 3:30- 5PM**

#### 8th Grade

**Monday, October 7th & Tuesday, October 8th**

**Where: Gym When: 3:30-5PM**

**All students must attend both days of tryouts, if there is a conflict please communicate with your grade level coach as soon as possible. As a reminder, there will be no activity bus available on Monday. Rides are encouraged to pick up promptly at 5pm.**

Students will need to have three forms signed by their parent or guardian in order to try-out. These forms are the eligibility guidelines form, the consent to participate form, and the concussion information sheet. All of these forms can be found in the Basketball Information Packet which has been available to students to pick up in the Commons during their lunch period or from the main office.

Students will also need an up-to-date sport physical on file with the Health Office before being able to try-out. If students are unsure whether the Health Office has an up-to-date sport physical, they are encouraged to check with the school nurse during their lunch period.

If you have any questions please contact Coach Perdikaris (7th grade coach) at [eveperdikaris@u-46.org](mailto:eveperdikaris@u-46.org)

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Congratulations to the following 8th grade AVID students selected as AVID Ambassadors for the 2024-25 school year. These students are meant to be leaders within Kenyon Woods working to support students using AVID strategies.





**AVID is for students who have the potential for honors, advanced, dual credit and AP® work in school but want support paired with the challenge**

**AVID es para estudiantes que tienen el potencial para obtener honores, clases avanzadas, crédito dual y trabajo AP® en la escuela, pero necesitan apoyo para hacerlo junto con el desafío para lograrlo**



#### **ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS    SESIONES INFORMATIVAS EN LINEA**

Learn more about the class and hear from students and graduates  
Obtenga más información sobre la clase y escuche a estudiantes y graduados



<https://shorturl.at/bqn3Y>  
6 pm on October 23  
6 pm el 23 de Octubre



<https://shorturl.at/a3pKF>  
6 pm on November 6  
6 pm el 6 de Noviembre

#### **AVID ES UNA MATERIA OPTATIVA DE UN PERÍODO**

ESTUDIANTES:  
-VISITAN UNIVERSIDADES  
-APRENDEN A TOMAR NOTAS,  
ESTABLECEN OBJETIVOS Y METAS DE  
ORGANIZACION  
- INVESTIGAN CARRERAS

#### **AVID IS A ONE-PERIOD ELECTIVE THAT INCLUDES:**

-COLLEGE VISITS  
-TAKING NOTES  
-GOAL SETTING  
-ORGANIZATION  
- CAREER RESEARCH  
-READING STRATEGIES

¿Preguntas? Contacto  
Questions? Contact  
[elizabethmckinney@u-46.org](mailto:elizabethmckinney@u-46.org)

# KENYON WOODS

## PTO MEETING



### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

### 6:30PM VIA ZOOM

## HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

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#### MAGNET ACADEMY APPLICATION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN

In School District U-46, current 8th grade students are encouraged to consider applying to attend high school at one of the District's specialized academies. Each of the District's five comprehensive high schools houses one [Magnet Academy](#) that offers unique, focused programming.

[The application window is now open](#) and closes on Monday, Oct. 25. This window is the only time students can apply for Magnet Academy admission.

To help with the decision-making process, each academy will be hosting an open house for students and their parents one evening during the month of October. In addition, there will be a general info session for families who cannot make a session at a specific school.

All open house events will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 2** - General session at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8** - International Baccalaureate/Gifted and Talented Academy at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin.



- **Wednesday, Oct. 9** - Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Larkin High School, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin,
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15** - Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy at Bartlett High School, 701 Schick Road, Bartlett.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16** - Beacon Academy at South Elgin High School, 740 E. Main St., South Elgin.
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** - LEAD Academy at Streamwood High School, 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood.

More information on the open houses, as well as the application process, will be sent directly to 8th grade families. It can also be found at [u-46.org/magnetacademies](http://u-46.org/magnetacademies).

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## NO COOK NIGHT AT WENDY'S



Show your support for  
**Kenyon Woods Middle School PTO**

Stop into **Wendy's® Bartlett** anytime on **10-09-2024**  
and 30% of qualifying sales as a result of your  
participation will be donated to  
**Kenyon Woods Middle School PTO**

DATE: **Wednesday, 10-09-2024**  
TIME: **All Day (Breakfast until Close)**  
LOCATION: **854 St Rt 59, Bartlett**

Present this flyer when ordering. Paper flyer or electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify.

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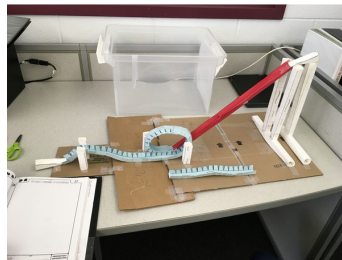
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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK

MLP students visited Windy Acres Farm in Geneva for their CBI trip. Students have been learning about the life cycle of plants such as apples and pumpkins. It was a fun time for all!



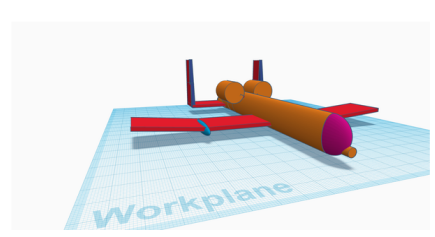
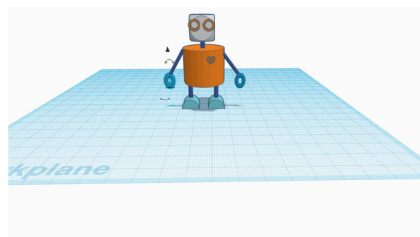
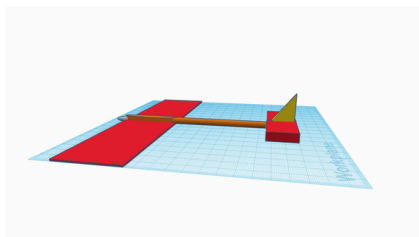
Paper roller coasters attached from the Design & Engineering classes.



Debate students completed their group discussion unit where they participated in Socratic Seminars around various current event topics.



Students in Introduction to Computers are well into their 3D Modeling unit. In the examples below students are recreating a deliberate design using 3D modeling software. They are learning to insert shapes, adjust dimensions, and group objects together. These look great!



## SPORTS PICTURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Team and individual portraits from your picture day are now available to view and order online. To order photos from your picture day:

1. Go to: <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->
2. Select "View now" on the green Sports Team & Individual tile
3. Enter your information in the search fields
4. Select the school year (July 1st to June 30th) during which your photos were taken and click "search"
5. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and choose your background for your individual photos if applicable
6. You will receive a confirmation email

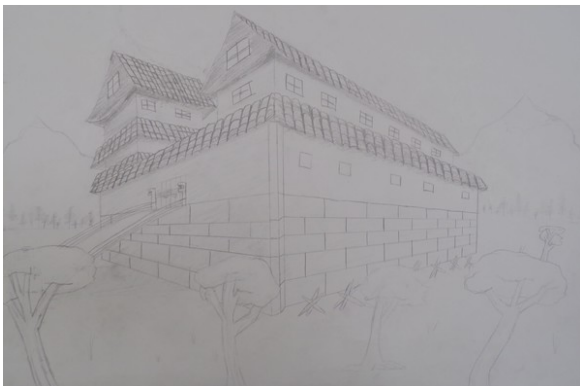
If you can't find your team, it may have been photographed at a later date. You will receive another email when new images are posted, or you can check back in a few days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com) We're happy to help!

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 2 students completed their projects using 2 Point Linear Perspective using castles from around the world as inspiration. They studied various castles from throughout history and used linear perspective to create a sense of depth in their illustrations. Here are two creative examples from **Ally Goetz** and **Byron Martinez**:







# EVERY MINUTE MATTERS CADA MINUTO IMPORTA

SHOWING UP TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY IS  
CRITICAL FOR CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING,  
ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING.

ASISTIR A LA ESCUELA TODOS LOS DÍAS ES  
FUNDAMENTAL PARA EL BIENESTAR, LA  
PARTICIPACIÓN Y EL APRENDIZAJE DE LOS NIÑOS.

A whole year has 365 days.  
A school year has only 176 days.  
That leaves 189 days to spend on family time, visits,  
holidays, shopping, and other appointments.

Todo un año tiene 365 días.  
Un año escolar tiene sólo 176 días.  
Eso deja 189 días para dedicar tiempo en familia,  
visitas, vacaciones, compras y otras citas.

0 - 9 days absent / días ausente  
100% - 95% Attendance / Asistencia

## VERY GOOD MUY BIEN



Best chances of success.  
Gets your child off to a good start.

Las mejores posibilidades de éxito.  
Hace que su hijo(a) tenga un buen comienzo.

10 to 17 days absent / días ausente  
94% - 90% Attendance / Asistencia

## WORRYING PREOCUPANTE



Less chances for school success. Makes it harder  
for your child to make progress.

Menos posibilidades de éxito escolar. Hace que a  
su hijo(a) le resulte más difícil progresar.

18+ days absent / días ausente  
89% Attendance or less / Asistencia o menos

## SERIOUS CONCERN PREOCUPACION SERIA



Your child will find it very difficult to make  
progress. May result in court action and likely  
route to dropping out.

A su hijo(a) se le hará muy difícil progresar.  
Puede resultar en una acción judicial y una  
ruta probable para abandonar los estudios.

Mark with an "X" or date each time you miss school excused or unexcused.

ON TRACK								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

WARNING								
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	

CHRONIC DANGER								
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

Marque una "X" o fecha cada vez que falte a la escuela con o sin excusa.

[LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

10/7/24 - Boy's Soccer Championship Games - 6 pm @ Streamwood HS  
10/7/24 - Girl's Volleyball Championship Games - 6 pm @ Elgin HS  
10/10 - 10/11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
10/11 - No School - Institute Day  
10/14 - No School  
10/23 - Parent/Student Winter Sports Meeting - 5:00 pm  
10/23 - AVID Parent Night - 6 pm  
10/24 - ESPY Award Night for Fall Sports  
10/25 - FallFest

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



# Kenyon Woods Middle School

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