

KWMS Panther Pride

November 1st, 2024

Message from the Principal

For those who attended the Fall Festival last Friday, what an incredible event it was! A **HUGE** thank you goes out to Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Buesse, and the entire Student Government team for putting together such a **SPOOKTACULAR** night for everyone. From the cakewalk and fun-filled games to the hayride, raffles, Haunted Locker Room, and the always-popular Splash Bucket, this was truly a family event with something special for everyone.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the staff and parents who volunteered their time, donated items, or simply showed up to support. Your dedication made it possible to create a memorable evening for our community. Events like this remind me how lucky I am to be a part of the Kenyon Woods family, and this night was a shining example of the spirit that makes our school so wonderful.

Way to go, Panthers! You are truly the best! 🐾

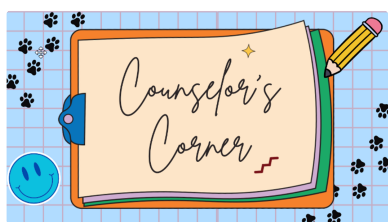
Thank you Everyone!

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



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello families!

We would like to introduce to you our newest segment, the Counselor's Corner! All U-46 Middle School students benefit from

an assigned Professional School Counselor. We are here to support your students in the areas of Academic Success, Social Emotional Learning, and Post-Secondary/ Career Exploration. Throughout their Middle School career, we will work with all students by providing classroom lessons, small group interventions and individual student meetings. This month, the counselors pushed into the 7th grade Social Studies and 8th grade US History classrooms to discuss the important topic of "Self-Regulation", a skill that involves students identifying their emotions and learning how to manage that emotion in a healthy way. Some strategies that were taught to students include:

- Identifying physical signs and symptoms when feeling a strong emotion
- Utilizing deep breathing strategies, such as box breathing, to help students self-regulate
- Practicing positive self-talk
- Identifying other healthy coping skills such as going for a walk, drawing, listening to music, talking it out, and more!

Next month, the counselors will be working with the rising 7th and 8th grade students on course selection and registration for next year.

We want to hear from YOU! Let us know what types of resources or information you are interested in learning more about! [Complete this form](#) by 11/8 to be entered into a raffle to win a prize!

Want to learn more? Contact your student's counselor!

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN PANTHERS!





DON'T MISS OUT - ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Do you want to preserve your child's middle school memories? Then you need to get your yearbook ordered now. Yearbook prices are at the lowest in the beginning of sales, so save when you order early.

Online order is set up for Kenyon Woods. Ordering will close March 31st.

Link: <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

Basketball Shooting and Ball Handling Clinic

Seventh and Eighth grade students (girls & boys) have an opportunity to participate in the reinstated Kenyon Woods "Who's Got Next" 3 on 3 Basketball League. The program gives the students an opportunity to participate in a sport, regardless of their athletic ability. This program is not part of the District's Interscholastic sports program. For more information see Mr. Cook

Our next home game will be Monday November 4th. **Giveaway Sunglasses and Glo Stick.** I would love to see us double the number of students attending the game on Monday.

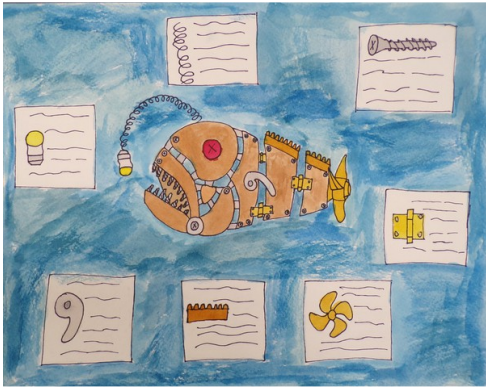
PICTURES OF THE WEEK

Seventh grade AVID students have been researching stories of College Hauntings for the past few weeks. When the research was done, the fun began with painting pumpkins and presenting our one-pagers to our classmates. It was a fun creative way to learn about different colleges around the country! Pumpkins are now on display in the library! Come see them!



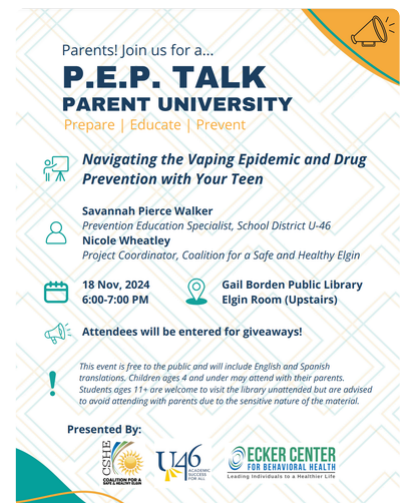
FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Last week, Art 2 students completed their "Mechanical Animal" projects, where they melded the natural and industrial worlds in a creative design. They used innovation to study both animals and mechanical parts, using the Elements of Art *line* and *shape*, to create these very imaginative artworks. Here are two great examples from **Emma Doeseckle** and **Byron Martinez**.



P.E.P TALK - VAPING

School District U-46 will be part of a presentation next month designed to provide parents and guardians with tools to help their teenagers avoid vaping and substance abuse. P.E.P. Talk Parent University, with P.E.P. standing for Prepare, Educate, Event, is being offered at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, in the Elgin Room on the second floor. Other organizations collaborating on the event are Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin and Ecker Center for Behavioral Health. The P.E.P. Talk is free to the public and will include Spanish interpretation. Children ages 4 and under may attend with their parents. Children ages 11 and older can visit the library while their parents attend the presentation, as the material covered is sensitive in nature. For questions, contact U-46 Prevention Education Specialist [Savannah Pierce Walker](#).





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

- 11/4 - Boys Basketball vs Larson - Home
- 11/5 - No School - Election Day
- 11/6 - Boys Basketball vs Abbott - Away
- 11/11 - Boys Basketball vs Eastview - Home
- 11/13 - Boys Basketball vs Tefft - Away
- 11/13 - AVID Parent night for incoming 7th graders - 6 pm
- 11/14 - 6th Grade Curriculum Night - 6 pm
- 11/18 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Home
- 11/20 - Boys Basketball vs Eastview - Away
- 11/27 - 12/1 - Fall Break

Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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