

# KWMS Panther Pride

November 15th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

I wanted to take a moment to address an important matter regarding an increase in behavior incidents we've recently observed at school. Many students have been struggling with not following the behavior expectations of the school, as well as not completing their work in a timely manner. While some of this is a normal part of the maturity process, we are seeing an increase in incidents that are disrupting the learning environment.



We take these matters very seriously, and our priority is to ensure that every student and staff member feels safe, respected, and ready to learn/teach. Our staff is actively working to address these challenges by reinforcing positive behavior expectations and providing additional support where needed.

As we approach the end of the semester, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about the importance of finishing strong—both in terms of behavior and academic effort. Let's work together to help them complete the semester with success and pride.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

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**

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## IMPORTANT UPDATE TO PICK UP PROCEDURES!

If you pick your student up from Kenyon Woods MS after school, you may have noticed the large number of cars in the parking lot and the efforts of our staff to keep traffic flowing smoothly. In collaboration with the South Elgin PD, Transportation, and the district safety coordinator, we have decided to implement a few changes to improve traffic flow after school.

One of the biggest changes is that the 5th and 6th grade pick-up will now take place in the bus lane. The only vehicles allowed in that area will be those for elementary music pick-ups. All Kenyon Woods pick-ups will still occur in the main parking lot.

Please note that all of the same expectations for student behavior and safety will continue to apply.

1. Students are to remain on the school sidewalks at all times. They are not to cross the parking lots to get to the cars.
2. Parents are being asked to not park in the lots and require students to cross in front of other cars to get to their rides. If you choose to park your car, you **MUST** get out of your car and pick your student up from the front of the school.
3. When you pull into the pick up lines, please pull all the way up so that we can get as many cars in the line as possible. Do not cut in front of the line. Please wait your turn.
4. Cars should **NOT** enter or exit through the bus lane on the south side of the building. All cars should enter and exit through the north entrance. Please pull all the way over so we can have two lanes of traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve our procedures.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER STUDENT'S 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 November!!**

Eron Caravaku  
Maliyah Madison  
Rachel Gard  
Parker Dillenbeck  
Emilee Tenorio  
Ryan Grant  
Kellen Grant  
Elenia Zetina  
Damian Ramirez  
Peyton Wadas

# Thank

# You

On behalf of the Student Council, I want to thank everyone for helping to make this year's Fall Fest a huge success. It was great seeing so many students and families enjoying themselves. The Fall Fest is a huge event and would not be possible without the assistance of countless people who helped prepare, work during the event, and clean up afterward. I am humbly blessed to work with and be a part of a great community. Thank you for helping to make this event possible!

**SHOUT OUTS:** I would like to acknowledge the following businesses and people who donated to this event, as well as all the parents, students, and staff who volunteered. Unfortunately, I will not be able to name everyone who volunteered but please know that your generosity did not go unnoticed. You are truly appreciated. A special shout out to Mr. Kenyon for providing the Hayrides and decorations for the Fall Fest event.

**DONATIONS:** Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, Urban Air, McAlister's, Chili's, Casey's, Country Donuts, The Windy City Bulls, Main Event, Riverside, Chick-Fil-A, Village Tavern, Field Museum, Elgin Park District, Classic Cinema Theatre, Paramount Theatre, Cooper's Hawk, Best Buy, Domino's Pizza, Andy's Custard, Geneva Commons, Red Robin, Buffalo Wild Wings, Mrs. Buesse, Sam's Club, Mr. Olsem, Mr. Ross, Mr. Monger, Dental Care of South Elgin, and Kenyon Woods PTO and Parents (Tiffin Selz, Stacey Stieglitz, Kim McAlpine, Rachel Doherty, Jimena Plazola, Rachel Doherty, Kim Tazbier, Wilma Palmer, Melissa RugeSquires, Jenny Loewenstein, Maria Reyes, Guadalupe T Lopez, Janet Moeller, Carla Oconnor, and Lindsey Ballschmiede.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Mrs. Olsem, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Ortiz, Ms. Cook, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Torres, Mrs. Domschke, Ms. Tapia, Ms. Duran, Mrs. Rios, Mrs. Miska, Officer Cooper, Ms. Stoll, Mrs. Buesse, Mr. Marroquin, Mr. Konstantinidis, Mrs. Banach, Mrs. Russo, Kenyon Woods parents (Jeff Lloyd, Isabel Alicea, Danielle Lane, Theresa Miller (and family), and Student Council students.





**100% VIRTUAL, 1000% EASY.**

Deliciousness is on its way!

Kenyon Woods PTO is running a Little Caesar's Ship to Home fundraiser from November 21st - December 21st. Kenyon Woods PTO helps support school needs beyond district funding.  
Thanks for your support!

Stay tuned next week, on how you can join in on the fun!

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## BRU PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

*Help support our  
scholarship foundation  
and  
BRU Inspire Leadership  
Formal Affair  
Dinner Event*

Pancake Breakfast includes:

- PANCAKES
- SAUSAGES
- COFFEE

Adults \$7.00 & Kids \$3.00



**BROTHERS  
RISE  
UP**

November 16, 2024  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
357 Division Street, Elgin, IL 6123  
from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



**DINE IN OR PICK-UP**

Accepting CASH or CHECKS payable to: [Midwest Sports Academy](#)

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## SPORTS PICTURES 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. Click on the sport below.
2. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and choose your background for your individual photos if applicable
3. You will receive a confirmation email

[Boys - Grade 7 - Basketball](#)

[Boys - Grade 7 - Cross Country](#)

[Boys - Grade 7 - Soccer](#)

[Boys - Grade 8 - Basketball](#)

[Boys - Grade 8 - Cross Country](#)

[Boys - Grade 8 - Soccer](#)

[Girls - Grade 8 - Cross Country fun photo](#)

[Girls - Grade 8 - Volleyball fun photo](#)

[Girls - All - Cheerleading](#)

[Girls - All - Dance](#)

[Girls - All - Misc](#)

[Girls - Grade 7 - Cross Country](#)

[Girls - Grade 7 - Volleyball](#)

[Girls - Grade 8 - Cross Country](#)

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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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## WE WANT YOU!

Are you considering a part time job? Kenyon's cafeteria has 2 part time positions open! Hours are 10:15 - 2:00 pm. Both are 10 month positions, summer, winter break, spring break off! Offering \$16.25 hourly, 10 paid holidays, 10 paid sick days, 2 personal days, IMRF pension and much more! Apply online at [www.u-46.org/careers](http://www.u-46.org/careers) Call Jane Russo for more details ext 2227.

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## 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->

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## FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

The 8th & 7th grade boys basketball teams are tied for second place in the conference play right now. Congrats gentlemen!

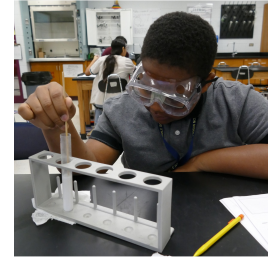
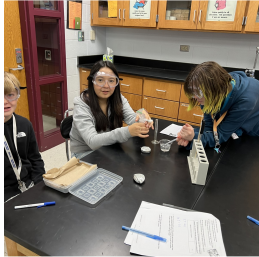
Our next home game is Monday November 18th against Canton. The numbers for attending the games have been "off the chain". Let's continue to show support for both teams next week.

***Theme Pack The Place and "Wear White" Giveaway TAKIS***

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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK





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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 1 students honored Veterans Day with their latest Imagination Drawings. They were given an image that was started for them and were tasked with using their imaginations to design a memorial that honored veterans. They were challenged to use the skills they recently learned during their Creative Game Board projects by creating the illusion of form and space. They continued to use good coloring techniques in making the image their own. Here are two great examples from **Laney Albers** and **Evan Canelo**:



NEW Combined Hockey Team For Barlett, Dundee  
Crown, Lake Park & South Elgin High Schools.

# You Are Invited!

Middle School  
Games &  
Practice Skates



## Practice With Us:

- 12/22 from 6:10-7:20pm
- 12/23 from 5:30 - 6:30pm

## Attend A Game:

- 12/15 @ 7pm JV vs. Predators
- 1/4 @ 7:10pm Varsity vs. North Stars

After each game meet the coaches and  
players in the lobby!



Follow Lightning High School  
Hockey Club



Register For Practice by 12/15  
[LightningHockeyClub4@gmail.com](mailto:LightningHockeyClub4@gmail.com)

Practice  
& Games  
Are At  
West Meadows  
Ice Rink

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## KENYON WOODS HOLIDAY SPIRITWEAR SALE

The official Kenyon Woods spirit wear store has launched a holiday sale! Choose from hundreds of designs and garments, all with home delivery guaranteed by December 23rd!

Enjoy a limited-time savings of 25% sitewide with great gifts for the [entire family](#)! In addition, all orders over \$75 will receive free shipping. [Shop Now!](#)



**KENYON WOODS**  
OFFICIAL ONLINE SHOP

 **HOLIDAY** *Sale*  
**25% OFF**



**GUARANTEED DELIVERY BY DEC. 23RD**

**SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/33326**  
SALE RUNS 11/4 - 12/10

 **1ST PLACE Sportswear**

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[LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU](#)

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/11 - Boys Basketball vs Eastview - Home
- 11/11 - PTO Mtg via Zoom - 6:30 pm
- 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
- 12/3 - Boys Basketball vs Tefft - Home
- 12/3 - Band Concert @ SEHS - 6:30 pm
- 12/4 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Away
- 12/10 - Boys Basketball Championship
- 12/11 - Orchestra Concert @ SEHS - 7:00 pm



## Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



### Kenyon Woods Middle School

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**Lisa Olsem**

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