

# KWMS Panther Pride

December 6, 2024

## Message from the Principal

I want to take a moment to revisit the idea of kindness and how we treat others—especially in how we treat others better than we would want to be treated ourselves. Kindness should not be a means to an end, but the reason itself. In other words, we should not be kind just because our parents told us to be, but because we genuinely want to for the sake of others. Acts of kindness should come naturally, becoming part of our habits without expecting anything in return. We should be kind because, by doing so, we are helping others and creating a positive environment for everyone.

It's essential that we teach our children that kindness matters. We must create a culture where being kind is a priority. In a world where negativity often takes center stage, we need to fight back with positivity. Let's work together to help our children build a world founded on respect and kindness, not hostility. I challenge myself and each of you to make kindness a daily habit in everything we do.

As we enter the holiday season and approach the end of 2024, I'd also like to remind everyone of the importance of ensuring our students are in school and on time every day, right up until the final bell.

Every day in school is an opportunity for our students to grow, both academically and socially. It's vital for their academic success that they remain engaged in the learning process and collaborate with their peers on tasks that promote critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration. When students are absent, they miss out on this important growth and interaction.

Please note that extended absences or vacations during the school year are discouraged and considered unexcused unless they occur during designated breaks—Thanksgiving, winter recess, spring break, or summer vacation.

WHEN YOU ARE KIND TO  
OTHERS, IT NOT ONLY  
CHANGES YOU, IT CHANGES  
THE WORLD.

— HAROLD KUSHNER

Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation in making sure our students stay on track for success.

Thank you Everyone!

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

(Please note: with the shortened week, there will not be a newsletter next week)

### **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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### **KENYON WOODS IS RACING TO THE ATTENDANCE FINISH LINE**

We are thrilled to announce a school-wide attendance contest that will run for the next 7 weeks! This fun and friendly competition is designed to encourage great attendance and punctuality. Each week, we will collect data on student attendance and tardies, and track progress based on the results.

Here's how it works: Every week, teams will "race" on a track, with the cars moving forward based on the attendance data we gather. The first team to cross the finish line will win a special prize, and everyone will have the chance to contribute to their team's success by being present and on time each day.

We're excited to see which team will take the lead, and we hope this motivates all of our Panthers to stay on track and be here, ready to learn, every day!

The schedule for the contest is below, and we encourage everyone to participate fully. Let's make this a fun and rewarding experience as we all work together to achieve our goal of excellent attendance.

Good luck, and let's see which team comes out on top!



# KENYON 500

START

**WEEK 1: 12/6**

Teams with 95% or higher attendance this week

**MOVE 1 SPACE**

**WEEK 2: 12/13**

Teams with 95% or higher attendance on Monday 12/9

**MOVE 1 SPACE**

**WEEK 3: 12/20**

Top 3 teams with the least amount of tardies

**MOVE 2 SPACES**

**WEEK 4: 1/10**

Top 3 teams with the least amount of first period tardies on Wednesday 1/8

**MOVE 3 SPACES**

**WEEK 5: 1/17**

Top 3 teams with the most full-day attendance on Tuesday 1/14

**MOVE 1 SPACE**

**WEEK 6: 1/24**

Top 3 teams with the best Friday 1/24 attendance

**MOVE 2 SPACES**

**WEEK 7: 1/30**

Top 3 teams with the least amount of tardies for the week

**MOVE 2 SPACES**





# **KENYON WOODS**

## **PTO MEETING**



### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

### **6:30PM VIA ZOOM**

### **HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

#### **Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting**

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms. Founded in 2011, Zoom helps businesses and organizations bring their teams together in a frictionless environment to get more done.

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# IT'S PIZZA TIME! OUR FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW



**Little Caesars** *Fundraising*

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## LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW!

**Kenyon Woods PTO** Little Caesars Fundraiser starts now! Click the link below to purchase pizza, bread, cookies, and meal deal codes. Every purchase helps as we earn \$6.00\* for every item sold!

### HOW TO ORDER

1. Click the link below to place your order now:

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/26ee8cd1-866e-42cb-b4da-393a83d08eb0>

2. Share our link with everyone you know who loves pizza via email or text, and post on your social media pages to reach even more people.

Pizza Kits, Bread Kits, Cookie Dough, and Bundles will be shipped directly to your buyers via FedEx. Meal Deal Codes are emailed to your buyer and are redeemable on the Little Caesars app or website for pick up from your local Little Caesars store. PERFECT FOR A THANKSGIVING OR WINTER BREAK MEAL AT HOME!

**Share your link often! The more you sell, the more profit you earn.**

Our fundraiser ends **12/21/2024**.



## KENYON WOODS THEATER PRESENTS: OPEN AUDITIONS

Auditions: Wednesday, December 11, 7:55-8:50 AM or Thursday,  
December 12, 3:35-4:45 PM

(If either of these dates or times do not work for you, please speak with Mrs. Turcan about scheduling an alternative date and time.)



Production Dates: Thursday, March 13, and Friday, March 14, 7:00-8:30 PM

Please read and complete the following audition procedures:

- Pick up an audition packet. (Yeah for you! You've already done that.)
- With your parents, read through the packet carefully. Check to be sure that you are able to attend all rehearsal dates and times and that transportation will be available to you.
- Have your parents sign the permission slip.
- Complete the Audition or Crew Information Sheet.
- Bring the permission slip and Audition Information Sheet to your audition. (If looking to just be on crew, turn in the Crew Information Sheet and Permission Slip to Mrs. Turcan by December 19.)
- Memorize the lines found in this packet. Prepare to perform them at your audition.
- Be in Room B137 by 7:55 am or 3:35 pm on the audition date and DON'T BE LATE!

Remember to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm the morning of your audition.

- ☐ Anyone who auditions is guaranteed a role. A specific cast list will be posted Monday, January 6 at 8:50 am outside of Room B137.
- ☐ Our first meeting dates will be Wednesday, January 8 and Thursday, January 9 at 7:45 am in B137.

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Congratulations to Christina Aina who performed with the ILMEA District 9 Honor Band on Saturday! She performed with the best musicians across the west suburban area. We are so proud of you for representing Kenyon Woods!





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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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## **PRELIMINARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY SESSIONS**

Please help us spread the word about the upcoming Unite U-46 community sessions to gather input on preliminary school attendance boundary recommendations. These open house-style sessions are a great opportunity for parents, staff, students, and community members to drop in, ask questions, and share their feedback. Each session will focus on a specific network, but all are welcome to attend any session that fits their schedule. Spanish interpreters will be available at each session.

Here are the dates, times, and locations for the sessions:



- Elgin Network - Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, from 6 to 7 p.m. (in collaboration with the Newcomer Support Group) at the U-46 Welcome Center
- Bartlett Network - Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the commons at Bartlett High School
- Larkin Network - Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the commons at Larkin High School
- South Elgin Network - Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium atrium at South Elgin High School
- Streamwood Network - Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the commons at Streamwood High School

Those interested in attending a session may register at [info.u-46.org/uniteregistration](https://info.u-46.org/uniteregistration). While registration is not required, it helps us plan accordingly. A template, flyer, and graphics to help spread the word are available [here](#).

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## ***FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD***

7th grade boys basketball team end the season on Wednesday night with a great win over Canton. They finished the season with a 7-3 record. Congratulations to all the players and coach for a great season.

8th grade boys basketball team end their season on Wednesday night with a impressive win over Canton. They finished the season with a 9-1 record. Congratulations to all players coach on a fantastic season.

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## ***PICTURES OF THE WEEK***

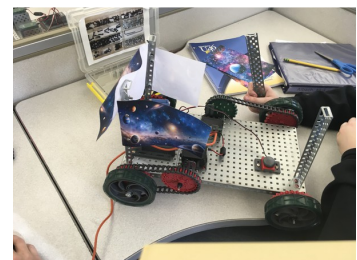
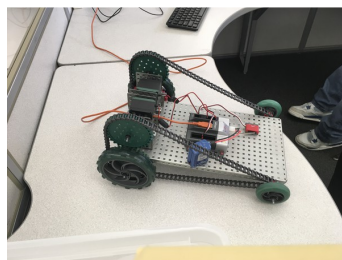
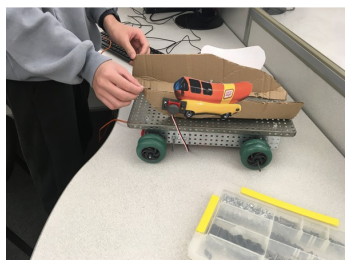
**All about the lighting in Photography Club!**



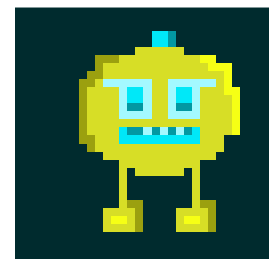




### Robot Drag Racers in Automation & Robotics



Students in Introduction to Computers are at the start of their Animation unit. In the examples below, students created an emoji themed project or a figure walking. They are learning to use advanced drawing tools, how to add frames, and how to add layers to make unique animations!



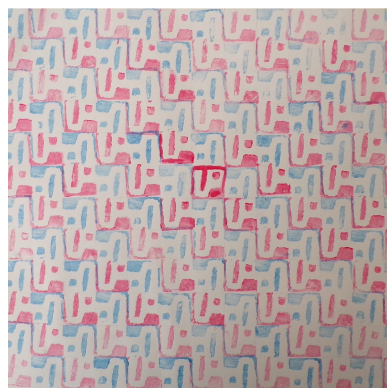
### Students in Culinary Arts



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FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Before Thanksgiving break, Art 1 students completed their unit on the Principle of Design *Pattern* by creating prints. They made creative interpretations of their initials into a print block using erasers. Then they used these to create a pattern that filled a paper with a repeating design. Here are two very nice examples from students **Skylar Ruge** and **Leahnely Pineda**:



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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** Spiritwear

[LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU](#)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/10 - Boys Basketball Championship
- 12/11 - Orchestra Concert @ SEHS - 7:00 pm
- 12/20 - Last Day of School before winter break

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

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