

# KWMS Panther Pride

December 20, 2024

## Message from the Principal

As we approach winter break, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and parents for contributing to the incredible Kenyon Woods community we are all so proud to be part of. This first term has been outstanding, filled with numerous opportunities for our students to showcase their amazing talents and passions. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make these experiences possible.

Love  
peace  
Joy

As we close out 2024 and prepare to welcome 2025, I encourage everyone to take time over the break to relax, recharge, and celebrate the joy of the season with loved ones.

Best wishes for a safe and joyous winter break, a wonderful holiday season, and a New Year filled with peace, happiness, and continued success.

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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2024-2025  
**8TH GRADE TRIP  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**MAY 19TH [AT] MAIN EVENT**  
**MEASURED JANUARY 6-MAY 16**

**MUST BE PASSING 5 OUT  
OF 7 CLASSES**

**NO MORE THAN 1 ISI**

**NO OUT OF SCHOOL  
SUSPENSIONS**

**NO MORE THAN 3 REFERRALS AND  
PHONE VIOLATIONS**

**NO LOSS OF PRIVILEGE STATUS DURING  
THE DURATION OF 2ND SEMESTER**

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**BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OF MUSIC!**

Congratulations to all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade orchestra students on a Holly Jolly Holiday Concert last week! All three groups performed with musicality, professionalism, and expressivity! Ms. Balk & Mr. Botwinski are so proud of all the progress the students have made this year!





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### **ATTENTION BOYS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS**

Winter break may be a good time for any 7th or 8th grade boy that wants to try out for boys volleyball in the spring to consider getting their sports physical completed. This could be completed at any CVS minute clinic location or a family doctor. Announcements for the upcoming season will be made sometime in February or early March.

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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**.

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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***

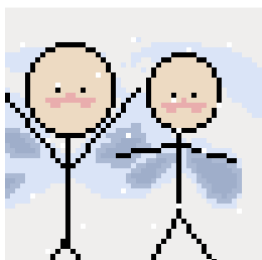
7th grade boys basketball team end the season on Wednesday night with a great win over Canton. They finished the season with a 7-3 record. Congratulations to all the players and coach for a great season.

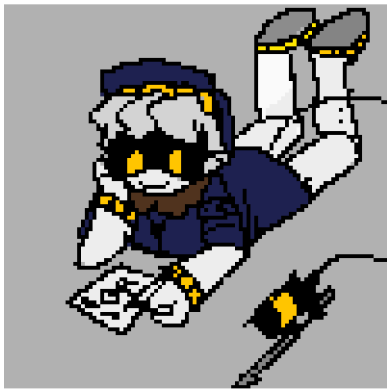
8th grade boys basketball team end their season on Wednesday night with a impressive win over Canton. They finished the season with a 9-1 record. Congratulations to all players coach on a fantastic season.

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

Students in Interactive Media are wrapping up their Animation unit. In the projects below, students were able to choose their story or design to create. They used advanced drawing tools, added layers, and duplicated frames to complete these unique animations. Well done!

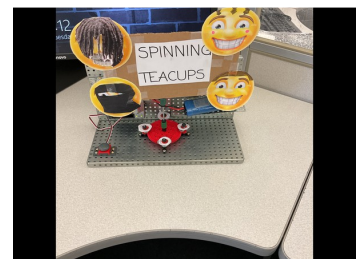
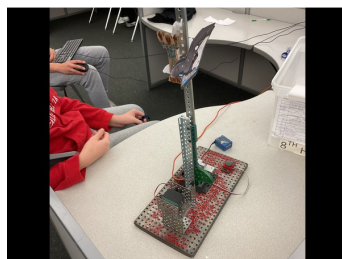




As we finished the Family Unit in Culinary & Personal Success, here are the winners of the ugly sweater cookie competition.



*Carnival Ride builds for Automation & Robotics.*



**HOLIDAY FUN!**





## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Here in South Elgin we have the Anderson Animal Shelter, which is a great organization that brings people and animals together. They are a "No kill" shelter where families can adopt a pet. Art 1 students were tasked to create an animal portrait of one of the animals they have featured on their "Adoptables" page. Students could use any style art they learned in this class over the past



semester. Here are some great examples from **Ariel Dongon**, **Camila Rodriguez**, **Ashleigh Rushing** and **Maddy Hand**:



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**LINK TO LUNCH MENU**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

1/6/2025 - First Day back after winter break  
1/8/25 - AVID Interview Night - 4 pm - 7 pm  
1/20/25 - No School - Martin Luther King Day  
1/21/25 - Girls Basketball vs. Ellis - Away  
1/22/25 - Girls Basketball vs Kimball - Home  
1/27/25 - Girls Basketball vs Larseon - Home  
1/29/25 - Girls Basketball vs Abbott - Away  
1/31/25 - No School - Institute Day

**Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters**

Lisa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters