

# KWMS Panther Pride

April 11, 2025

## Message from the Principal

We are thrilled to announce that an important proclamation will be made by local communities to honor Attendance Awareness Week, April 7-11, 2025. This special event will highlight School District U-46's efforts to combat chronic absenteeism, reinforce the importance of consistent school attendance, and to support academic success for all. We encourage everyone to demonstrate their support by attending school every day to show Every Minute Matters!



As we step into April, there's a renewed sense of energy in our school community. Spring brings with it a season of growth, and that spirit is alive and well throughout our classrooms and hallways. It's been a joy to see our students bloom — not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. They've worked hard, supported one another, and shown incredible resilience throughout the year.

This month is an important time for us to focus on finishing strong. Our students are preparing for end-of-year projects and assessments, and their progress is something to be proud of. We're continuing to emphasize good attendance, a positive mindset, and consistent effort — all habits that help build confidence and success. Families, your partnership in this journey is invaluable. Thank you for encouraging learning at home and helping your child stay engaged and motivated.

Let's keep up the great momentum as we head toward the finish line. There's still so much to look forward to — from field trips and celebrations to important transitions and next steps.

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

SPECIAL EDITION

\* Breaking News \*

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MOST WANTED PERSON

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10 APRIL 2025

WANTED

8TH GRADE

ARE YOU AN 8TH GRADER INTERESTED IN SPEAKING AT YOUR RECOGNITION?

STEP 1:  
Pick up info sheet from Mrs. Turcan

STEP 2  
Write and rehearse speech

STEP 3  
Audition

UNIQUE QUALIFIERS

Someone with a loud, dynamic speaking voice

Ability to captivate an audience with your words

AUDITION LOCATION

Mrs. Turcan's Room, B137

Wednesday, April 30, 3:45-4:50 pm

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RECOGNITION

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SPEAKER

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**Cash**  
**Prizes**

**Kenyon Woods Presents**

# THE TALENT SHOW

Participate in our talent show to showcase your skills and make an impression.

**Thursday**  
April 24, 2025

**Start From**  
6:00pm-8:00pm

**1515 Raymond St. South Elgin**

**WANT TO PARTICIPATE, CONTACT:** [tarramcintosh@u-46.org](mailto:tarramcintosh@u-46.org)

Since Paraprofessionals' Day was on April 2nd over Spring Break, Kenyon Woods celebrated on Tuesday with a luncheon for our wonderful paraprofessionals. We proudly recognize and celebrate the incredible dedication and hard work of the paraprofessionals at Kenyon Woods. Your unwavering support, compassion, and commitment to our students and staff make a lasting impact every single day. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community – we appreciate all that you do!





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## ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSEMENT - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY!

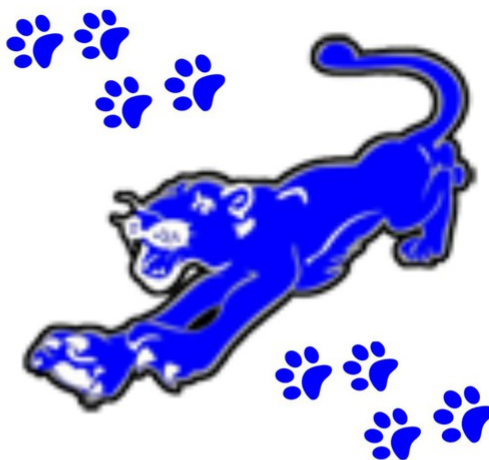
On **April 15th**, our **8th graders** will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). This test will take the entire school day, so please make sure your student **arrives on time and remains at school for the full day**. We appreciate your help in making sure they are set up for success!

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# KENYON WOODS

## JUMP JAM



### EPIC AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK



THURSDAY APRIL 17TH  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

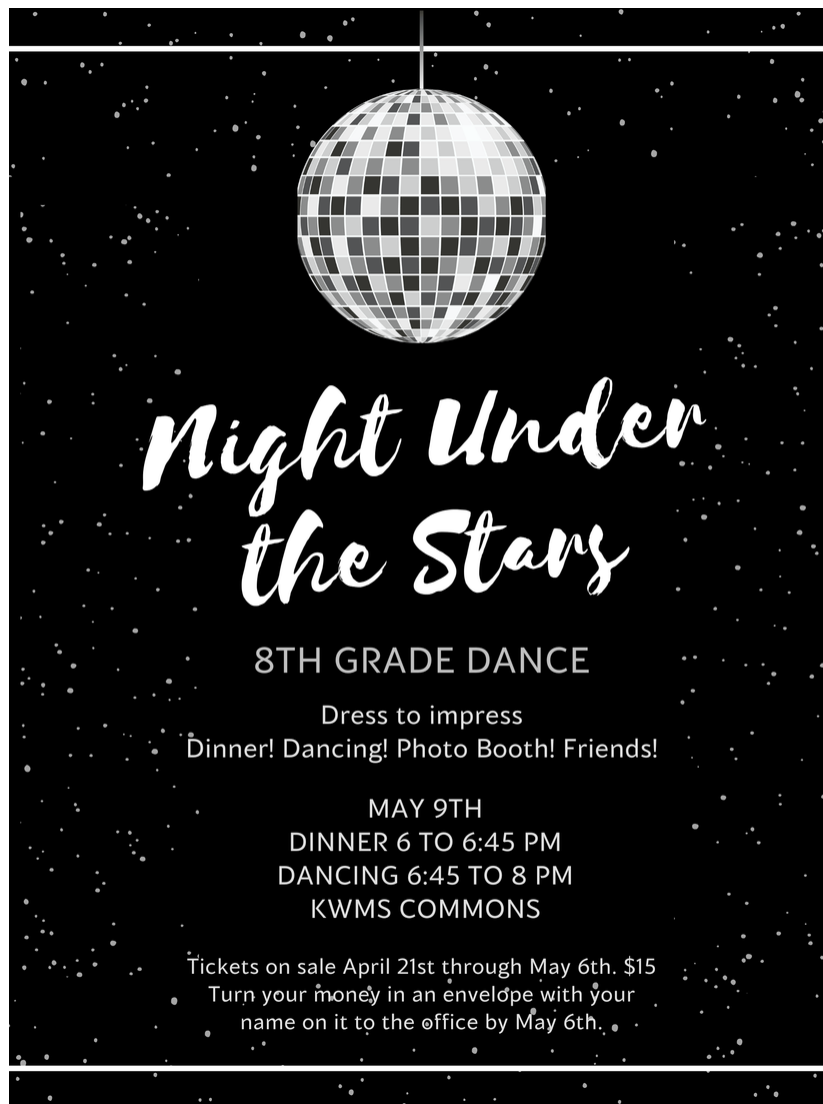


1675 NORTH LANCASTER ROAD  
SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60177



JUMP 2 HOURS FOR \$22  
20% GOES BACK TO KENYON WOODS PTO

**MUST MENTION AT CHECK-IN TO RECEIVE DISCOUNT**



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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 2 students have completed their "Cartoon You" projects, where they studied different cartooning styles and then created an imaginative cartoon version of themselves. One of the objectives was to emphasize a positive quality about themselves and show it both in their cartoon and as part of the background. Here are some great examples from **Makayla Self**, **Tyanna Taylor** and **Ariel Dongon**:

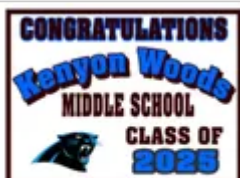
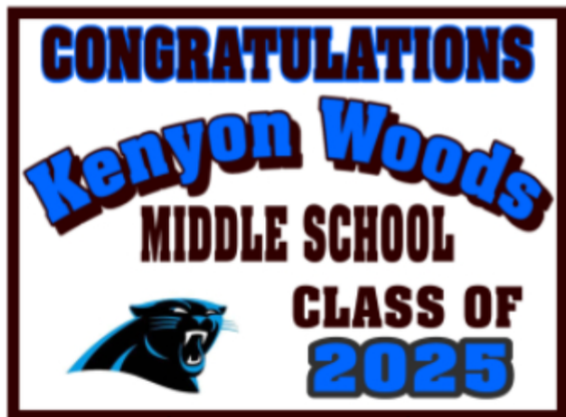




# 8TH GRADE YARD SIGNS FROM KENYON WOODS PTO

## \$15

PRESALE ENDS 4/14



### 2025 8th Grade Yard Signs - Cheddar Up

2025 8th Grade Yard Signs are available for purchase from Kenyon Woods PTO! PTO will be taking pre-orders for 8th Grade Yard Signs through Sunday, April 13th. The cost per sign is \$15, all signs must be ordered online.

🔗 [8th-grade-yard-signs-copy-62958.cheddarup.com](https://8th-grade-yard-signs-copy-62958.cheddarup.com)

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### FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

7th Grade girls' soccer team finished their non-conference season with a 4-0 record. Great job ladies!

7th Grade boys' volleyball team finished their non-conference season with a 2-2 record. Congratulations Gentlemen!

8th Grade girls' soccer team finished their non-conference season with a 4-0 record. Great job Ladies!

8th Grade boys' volleyball team finished their non-conference season with a 3-1 record. Congratulations Gentlemen!



**8TH GRADE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE WEEK - ALYSSA RINALDO**



**7TH GRADE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE WEEK - FAITH WAMBUA**



## U-46 Middle School Experience

- Meet teachers and students from your middle school
- Have fun
- Get to know the building



Open to rising 7th grade students at all U-46 middle schools.



[Click here or scan above to REGISTER!](#)

**Dates:**

**July 29-30 8 am to 12 noon**  
at Abbott, Canton, Ellis, Eastview, Kenyon Woods, and Tefft Middle Schools

**August 4-5 8 am to 12 noon**  
at Larsen and Hawk Hollow Middle Schools

**August 7 1 pm - 5 pm**  
at Kimball Middle School

## LIMITED QUANTITY OF YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

We are excited to offer a limited number of extra yearbooks for those who did not purchase one earlier. Sales will begin on **Monday, May 19**, and yearbooks will be distributed on **Wednesday, May 21**.



Only **62 additional yearbooks** are available, so purchases will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

To purchase a yearbook: Please place **\$45** in an envelope. Clearly write your student's **first and last name** and **1st hour teacher** on the envelope. Turn it in to the **school office**.

Thank you for your support!



**Sabado 10 de Mayo**  
**Registración empieza a las 9:00 am**

**Donde: Bartlett Nature Center**  
**2050 West Stearns Road, Bartlett, IL 60103**

**Para mas informacion:**  
**[tinyurl.com/u46DHH](https://tinyurl.com/u46DHH)**

**Registración en línea:**  
**<https://2025U46DeafandHardofHearing5K.itsyourrace.com/register/>**

**¡Ven a apoyar a nuestros alumnos!**

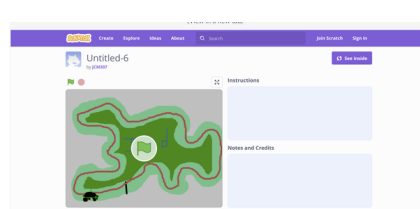
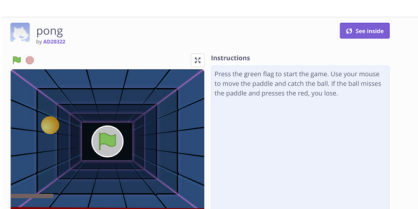
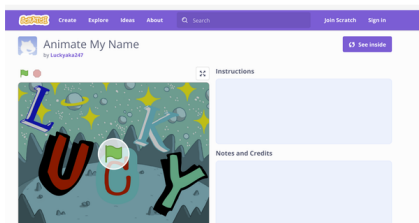


**Correr - Caminar**  
**Abierto al público - Solicitamos voluntarios**  
**Ruta accesible para carritos y sillas de ruedas**  
**Banos - Comida provista - Actividades**

**Animamos que registren antes**  
**Edad de 3-17 \$12 (El día de \$15)**  
**Edad de 18+ \$25 (El día de \$30)**

## **PICTURES OF THE WEEK**

Students in Introduction to Computers are working hard in their Coding unit. By adding backdrops, creating sprites (characters), and using block coding, they are problem solving and making great progress! The examples below are of projects called Animate Your Name, Pong, and Race Car Game.



## SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

As part of our commitment to ensuring a safe learning environment, Kenyon Woods will be conducting random, non-invasive searches throughout the school year in accordance with board policy and law. These searches are a proactive step towards maintaining safety and fostering an environment where learning can thrive without disruptions. They will be carried out by trained school personnel, in a manner that respects the privacy of all students. We assure you that these measures are standard safety procedures and not in response to any specific incident or concern. If a student refuses to participate in the random search, the school administration will follow the necessary steps in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Should you have any questions, please contact the school's main office.

### 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**



SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL

# *Essentials Exchange*

## *Free Clothing Fridays*

Event  
dates:

1/24  
2/21  
3/21  
4/25  
5/16



3:30  
to  
6:30  
PM

Please park in the back of the school by the  
mobile units (near tennis courts)

760 East Main Street; South Elgin, IL 60177  
Questions: please email [genevievehebeka@u-46.org](mailto:genevievehebeka@u-46.org)

[LINK TO LUNCH MENU](#)

### IMPORTANT DATES

3/29 - 4/6 - Spring Break

4/8/25 - Girls Soccer vs Eastview @ Home

4/8/25 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview @ Away

4/9/25 - Girls Soccer vs Tefft @ Home

4/14/25 - Girls Soccer vs Canton @ Away

4/14/25 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Home

4/15/25 - ISA Testing - 8th Grade Only

4/16/25 - Girls Soccer vs Eastview @ Away

4/16/25 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview @ Home

4/17/25 - No School - Institute Day

4/18/25 - No School

4/21/25 - Girls Soccer vs Tefft @ Away  
4/21/25 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Home  
4/23/25 - Girls Soccer vs Canton @ Home  
4/23/25 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton  
4/24/25 - Talent Show at 6 pm  
4/29/25 - AVID College and Career Night  
4/30/25 - Choir Concert  
5/7/25 - Orchestra Concert - 6:30 pm @ SEHS  
5/9/25 - 8th Grade Dance - 6 pm  
5/14/25 - Band Concert - 6:30 pm @ SEHS  
5/19/25 - 8th Grade Fieldtrip - Main Event  
5/22/25 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm @ SEHS

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



## Kenyon Woods Middle School

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**Lisa Olsem**

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