

# 8th Grade End of the Year Events

Kenyon Woods Panthers!

## SAVE THE DATES

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What an exciting time for our 8th graders! They are down to their final quarter of middle school. As we enter the final stretch, I want to make sure you know all the fun things we have planned for our 8th graders for the end of the year. Please review this thoroughly! There is a lot of information in this special edition of our Panther Paws.

**2025**  
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### 8th Grade Recognition Program

The Eighth Grade Recognition Program is scheduled for **Thursday, May 22nd, 2025** at 6:00 PM at South Elgin High School gymnasium. ***Each family will receive 6 tickets; the 8th grade student does not need a ticket for the event. Due to the number of tickets each family is receiving, we will not be issuing additional tickets.*** Please plan accordingly. All eighth graders are invited to attend this evening activity. This ceremony is not a graduation, but a celebration of the middle school years. **The program will begin**

**promptly at 6 PM.**

8th grade recognition guidelines:

- Doors will open at 5:30 PM.
- Each student will have 6 tickets for guests. Each guest must have a ticket to enter the gym. All school fees must be paid in order to receive tickets.
- Special awards presented at the end of the evening.
- Dress code for the evening: boys – dress slacks/shorts, nice jeans (no rips or holes), dress shirt or polo type shirt. Girls – casual dresses, skirts, shorts and blouses or slacks. Clothing should cover all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and

sides (both male and female) Casual shorts, jeans and tee shirts are not appropriate for either males or females. Guests – dress comfortably. While the gym is air-conditioned, it will get extremely warm when crowded.

- Due to the large number of people who attend this event and the restriction we have on the number of spectators allowed in the stands, extra tickets will NOT be issued.
  - No balloons, large signs or noise makers will be allowed into the gymnasium.
  - **The program is only 1 hour, please be courteous of everyone else and plan to stay until the end.**
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## 8th Grade Dance

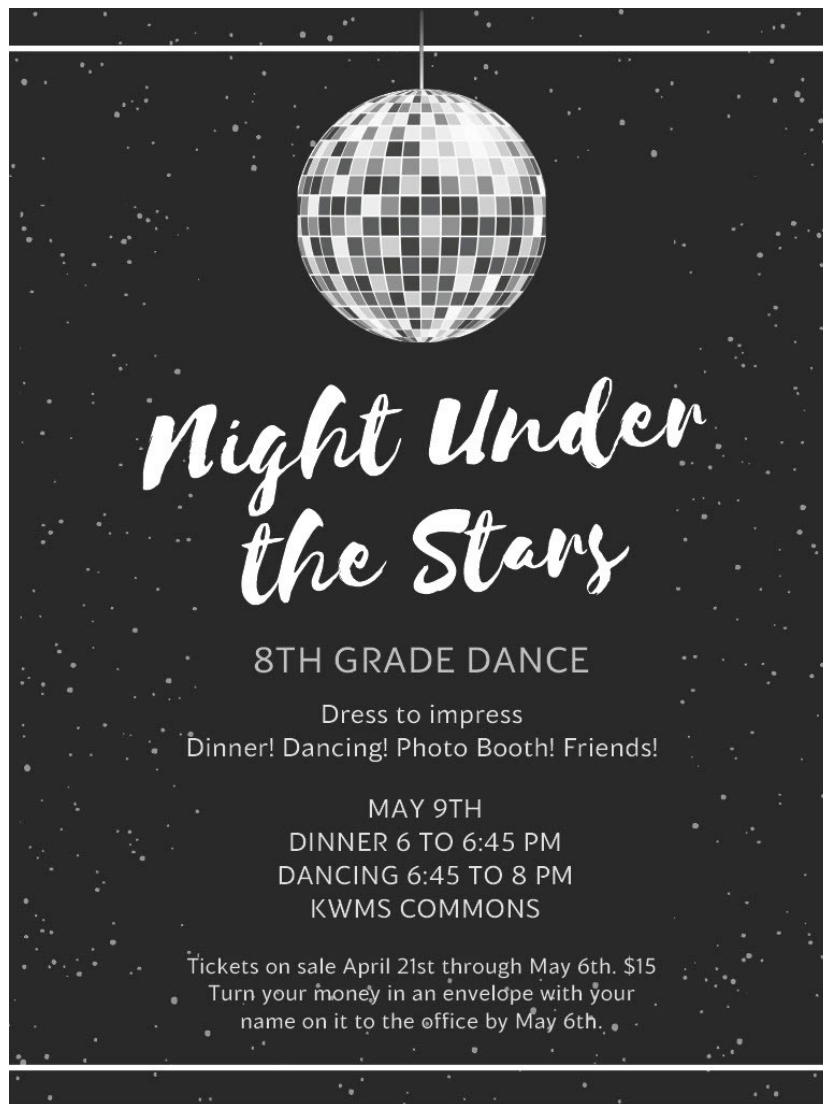
The Eighth Grade Dance will be held on **Friday, May 9th, 2025**. The dance will be held at Kenyon Woods MS and will include a sit down dinner with dancing to follow. Dinner is from 6:00 - 6:45 pm and the dance begins at 6:45 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. Tickets are on sale April 21st - May 6th. The cost is \$15 and payment is due to the Main Office by May 6th. This is a nice dance for all of the eighth graders, which culminates the end of the middle school experience.



Just a reminder, this dance is for Kenyon Woods students only and is for only 8th grade students. While many students feel this is the “8th grade formal”, it is not. Please see the recommended dress guidelines below.

### 8th grade dance guidelines:

- All students must be in attendance at school the entire day.
- All students must be in “good standing” for the day of the event.
- Students attending the dance must dress appropriately: PLEASE FOLLOW THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE.
  - Covers all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and sides (both male and female) You will be turned away at the door, if your dress is inappropriate.
- Students must have their rides arranged for 8:00 PM.
- Limos/party buses are inappropriate and discouraged.
- Students must bring their school ID and students will not have access to their phones during the dance.



### 8th Grade End of the Year Trip

We are pleased to announce that this year we have planned our 8th grade end of the year celebration field trip to the Main Event in Hoffman Estates. The Eighth Grade Trip is scheduled for **Monday, May 19th, 2025**. Students will enjoy three hours playing unlimited games, laser tag, bowling, ropes course and the use of air hockey, and pool tables. Pizza and unlimited soda will be provided. The

cost to the students will only be \$30. Permission slips are being distributed during all lunch periods this week. **All permission slips are due by May 9th!** Permission slips should be turned into the main office in an envelope with your student's name on the front.

In order for students to participate in this celebration, they will be required to adhere to behavior and academic policies for the second semester of the school year. Students were informed of these requirements in January and they have been listed in the newsletter every week. If students fail to meet these requirements they will not be allowed to go on the trip and **refunds will not be issued**. The end of the year trip is a privilege that we want every 8th grader to earn. Please support us in promoting this event with your student, as well as the expectations.

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**

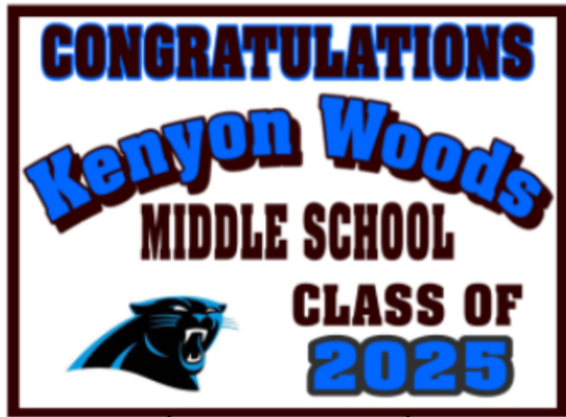
**NO LOSS OF PRIVILEGE STATUS DURING  
THE DURATION OF 2ND SEMESTER**

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**Lisa Olsem**

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