

KWMS Panther Pride

April 17, 2025

Message from the Principal

Let's Make the Final Weeks Count!

As we head into the home stretch of the school year, there's a buzz of excitement in the air—and so many meaningful moments still to come! These last few weeks are filled with opportunities for growth, celebration, and reflection. Let's work together to finish strong and make every day count.

Eyes on Academics

This is the time to lean in. Whether it's wrapping up projects, preparing for final assessments, or staying engaged in class, each effort adds up. Encourage your child to stay focused and take pride in finishing the year on a high academic note!

Be Here, Be Ready

Every school day still matters. Attendance plays a huge role in student success—let's keep the momentum going with strong, consistent attendance through the final bell of the year.

Lead with Kindness

As excitement builds, let's not lose sight of what makes our school special—our commitment to kindness and respect. A positive attitude, helpful hand, or kind word can go a long way in lifting others up during this busy time.

Celebrate Together

We've got some fantastic events ahead—from field trips and fun days to the 8th Grade Dance and Recognition Ceremony. We encourage all families to be part of these moments and help us send the year off with celebration and joy.

Thank you for being our partners this year. Your support and involvement mean the world. Let's finish strong, together!

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

CONGRATUALTIONS TO APRIL'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Izzy Crawford
Zoe Papastathis
Diar Caravaku
Nevaeh Lopez
Noura Yasir
Jayden Baker
Ilhaam Shaikh
Jackson Biernacki
Dominick Gapastione
Joseph Day
Angel Jones



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5 - May 9



Scan here to
leave a note!



To make this week extra special for our teachers and staff, we're collecting notes of appreciation from families. These notes can be short messages expressing gratitude, sharing specific examples of how a teacher has made a positive impact on your student, or simply conveying words of encouragement and thanks.

Congratulations to Logan Gnutek who auditioned and was accepted into the ILMEA District 9 Jazz Festival! He spent last Saturday rehearsing and performing with the best jazz musicians in the west suburban area. Great job Logan!





**TUESDAY
APRIL
29TH**

AVID NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Designed to help you start your AVID journey with confidence, connections, and a clear understanding of what to expect.

When: Tuesday, April 29th
Time: 6 - 7 PM
Where: KWMS Library

You are additionally invited to view our current AVID student's College & Career Research Gallery Walk the same night from 5 - 6pm in the KWMS Commons. Come check out some of the work you'll do in AVID.



AGENDA FOR ORIENTATION

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

AVID College & Career Gallery Walk (optional)

- We invite you to come check out some of the work AVID students complete during their year.

6:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Welcome (Library)

- Welcome to the KWMS & HHMS AVID Program / Introductions

6:20 PM - 6:40 PM

AVID Binder Expectations (RM - C153)

- Rotate between the expectations for the AVID binder and current AVID students sharing their experience

6:20 PM - 6:40 PM

AVID Student Panel (RM - C155)

- Rotate between the expectations for the AVID binder and current AVID students sharing their experience

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Closure (Library)

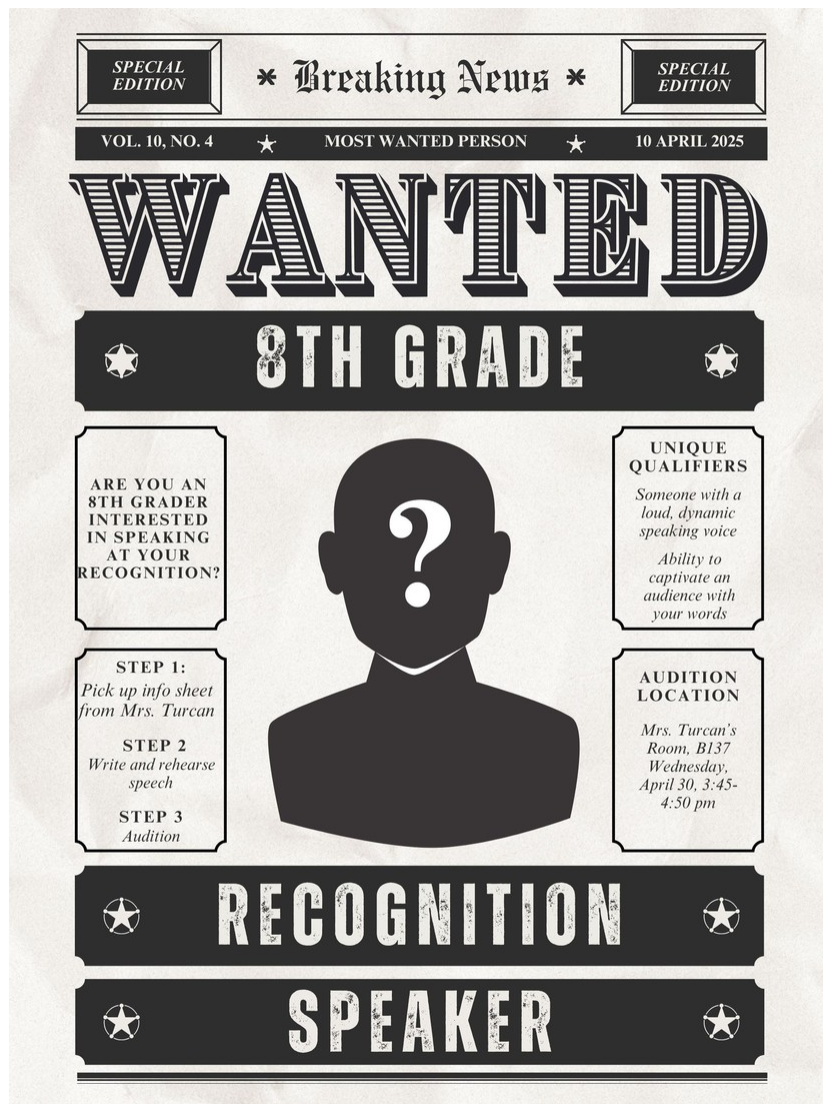
- Official AVID Contract Signing

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR PANTHER MATHLETES!

The kids did phenomenal, fueled by donuts and middle school energy, they swept the competition! Kenyon Woods came in first for every category, also securing the first place overall win and getting the Sue Jones Trophy for 2025!

Amazing job to all our team members!





FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

The 7th grade girls soccer Team has started the conference season with a record of 3-0-Tie. They will take on Tefft Monday to finish the remainder of the conference play.

Our 7th grade boys volleyball team has started the conference play undefeated with a record 3-0. They will host Tefft on Monday for their last conference home game.

The 8th grade girls soccer conference record is 1-1-Tie. They still have a shot to win the conference with a win over Tefft on Monday.

Our 8th grade boys volleyball team record is 2-1 right now. The guys need to win the next two matches in order to win the conference.

Good Luck To All Teams!



7th Grade Boys Volleyball Player of The Week - Sam Stoner



8th Grade Boys Volleyball Player of The Week - Ryan Oberholtzer

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

8th Grade Dance

May 9th

Dinner 6 to 6:45 PM

Dancing 6:45 to 8 PM

KWMS Commons

- DRESS TO IMPRESS
- DINNER!
- DANCING!
- PHOTO BOOTH!
- FRIENDS!

ENTRY
\$15

Tickets on sale April 21st through May 6th. \$15
 Turn your money in an envelope with your name on it to the office by May 6th.

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

Night Under the Stars

Student Council is looking for donations to help make the 8th grade dance extra special. Please consider donating something off this Amazon list so we can decorate the space.
Thank you!



TATTOO A TEACHER FUNDRAISER

STEP 1: PICK A TATTOO

SMALL = \$1

MEDIUM = \$3

LARGE = \$5

STEP 2: PICK A TEACHER

OVER 20 STAFF MEMBERS WILL WEAR THE
TATTOOS TO SCHOOL ON MAY 2ND.

STEP 3: HELP RAISE MONEY FOR A MEMORABLE
8TH GRADE DANCE AND OTHER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL.
TATTOOS WILL BE SOLD DURING LUNCH FROM
APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL 30TH.

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 2 students transitioned from the "Cartoon You" project into learning about Andy Warhol and Pop-Art. They then carved their cartoon images into lino blocks to create their very own "Pop-Art Prints". They organized these into compositions that showed contrast and creativity. It was a challenging process to learn the techniques but yielded great results! Here are two nice examples from **Fabiana Ferreira** and **Saiyam Shah**:



South Elgin HS Auto Show

Hosted by the 2025 Auto Club

20-classes
Trophies
T-shirts
Concessions
Raffle Prizes

**Saturday May-17th
9 AM-2PM**

**FREE FOR SPECTATORS!
\$10-DOLLARS TO ENTER CARS**
Proceeds benefit the
Automotive Technology Program

**South Elgin High School
760 East Main St. South
Elgin IL**



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!

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

The students performed the Skittles rainbow experiment. It demonstrates diffusion. The colors of the Skittles spread through water when they dissolve. The experiment involves arranging Skittles around the edge of a plate and pouring warm water into the center, watching as the colors dissolve and mix, creating a rainbow pattern. The students were in Awwww of the rainbow it created!



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

[LINK TO LUNCH MENU](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

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
4/29/25 - 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

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



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