

KWMS Panther Pride

April 25, 2025

Message from the Principal

Can You Believe May Is Almost Here?

It's hard to believe, but **May 1st is just around the corner**, and the end of the school year is quickly approaching! As we dive into the final stretch, please keep a close eye on the **important dates listed below**, and have conversations with your student about upcoming **deadlines, expectations, and events**.

With so many exciting activities happening around school, it's easy to lose focus. Please encourage your student to **stay on track, attend class on time, and make responsible choices** to ensure they're eligible to participate in all the fun end-of-year celebrations.

i-Ready Diagnostic Testing – April 28 & 29 (Monday & Tuesday)

It's also hard to believe, but it's already time for the **end-of-year i-Ready Diagnostic**! This is a critical benchmark that helps us measure your student's **growth and progress in reading and mathematics** over the course of the school year. The assessment provides teachers with valuable data to help personalize instruction and plan for next steps in learning.

What is i-Ready?

i-Ready is an **online, adaptive assessment** that adjusts in difficulty based on how your child responds to each question. The goal is not to assign a score or grade, but to determine how to best support each student's learning moving forward.

Testing will take place first thing in the morning on Monday and Tuesday, April 28th and 29th.

Please help your student be prepared by ensuring the following:

- ✓ Bring their **charged Chromebook and charger** to school
- ✓ Arrive **on time** and ready to begin the day
- ✓ Get a **good night's sleep** and eat a **healthy breakfast**
- ✓ Try their best and **don't rush through questions**
- ✓ Understand it's normal to get some questions wrong—that's how the test works!



- ✓ Use **scratch paper** for math questions to show their thinking
- ✓ Be respectful of classmates who may need more time to finish

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning journey. If you have any questions about i-Ready, feel free to contact us directly or explore more at [i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter](https://ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter).

Let's finish the year 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**

REMINDER ABOUT DRESS GUIDELINES

With the warm weather we tend to see quite a few new fashion styles. While they may be in style for going out, they are not always appropriate for school. Please check what your student is wearing before they leave for school. If you question it, it is probably not right for school. Students can choose clothing that makes them feel comfortable and safe, as long as it complies with the following guidelines:

1. Does not depict any violence, hatred, drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation, profanity, phobic language, sexual content or cruelty of any kind
 2. Covers all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and sides (both male and female) and butt/pelvic/upper thigh areas.
 3. Items such as tank tops, sleeveless shirts, any type of shorts, coats, jackets, etc. are all allowed provided they adhere to #2 of this Section. (Low backs are not a problem)
 4. Jewelry is allowed, unless it becomes a safety concern.
 5. Hats, hoods, and other types of head coverings are not allowed unless required for religious or medical purposes.
 6. Footwear must be worn for health reasons (cannot go shoeless). **Due to safety concerns, Flip Flops and Slides are not to be worn in school.**
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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.



DID YOU MISS ORDERING A YEARBOOK!

We have 56 extra yearbooks available for purchase! If you missed out on getting one, now is your chance. Please bring \$45 cash to the office in an envelope with your first and last name, along with your 1st hour room number. Act fast before they're gone!



**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

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

★ RECOGNITION ★

★ SPEAKER ★





Saturday, May 10

Race begins at 10:00 am

(Registration starts at 9:00 am)

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

**For more information:
tinyurl.com/u46DHH**

Online Registration:

<https://2025U46DeafandHardofHearing5K.itsyourrace.com/register/>

Come support our students!



**Run - Walk
Open to the Public - Signing Volunteers
Stroller and Wheelchair Accessible Route
Bathrooms - Meal provided - Activities**

**Pre-registration encouraged
Ages 3-17 \$12 (Day of Race \$15)
Ages 18+ \$25 (Day of Race \$30)**

FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

7th Grade girls' soccer team finished their regular season 9-0 and Tie. Congratulations Ladies! They will be playing in the championship game Thursday May 1st at 6:00pm against Ellis at Bartlett High School.

7th Grade boys' volleyball team finished their regular season with a record 8-2. Congratulations Gentlemen! They will also be playing in the championship match on Wednesday April 30th at 6:00pm against Ellis at Streamwood High School.

8th Grade girls' soccer team finished their season with a 7-2 and Tie record. Congratulations on a great season Ladies and Mr. Besinaiz!

8th Grade boys' volleyball team finished their season with an 8-2 record. Congratulations on a great season gentlemen and Mr. Greguras!

The spring sports ESPY award night is Wednesday May 7th 5:00pm-6:00pm in the commons.

Good Luck To All Teams!



Night Under the Stars

8TH GRADE DANCE

Dress to impress
Dinner! Dancing!
Photo Booth!
Friends!

MAY 9TH
DINNER 6 TO 6:45 PM
DANCING 6:45 TO 8 PM
KWMS COMMONS

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP OUT WITH THE 8TH GRADE DANCE!

Student Council has a variety of opportunities to help out at the 8th Grade Dance on May 9th. Please consider signing up to help set up, serve dinner, or clean up. Just scan the QR code to see the available openings. Thank you!



FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

The students in Art 3 have finally completed their landscape unit by creating a Landscape Painting in acrylic on canvas. The students learned advanced painting techniques in order to produce creative interpretations of a landscape image. Here are two excellent examples from **Chloe Su** and **Cora Benco**:



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

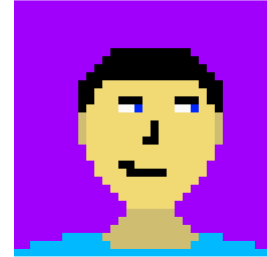
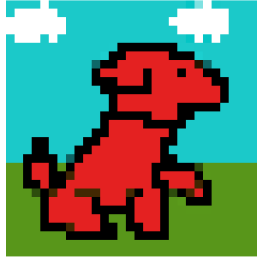
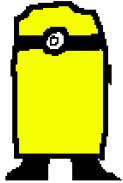
at Larsen and Hawk Hollow Middle Schools

August 7 1 pm - 5 pm

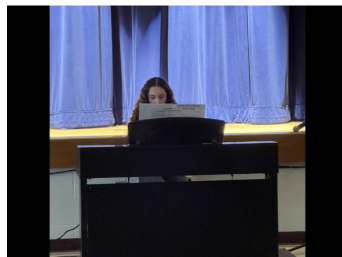
at Kimball Middle School

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

Students in Introduction to Computers are creating some really creative animations! They are learning to use advanced drawing tools and to duplicate frames in order to animate their drawings. The examples below showcase a fictional character.



What an amazing night of talent, fun, and school spirit! Our students truly shined during this week's **Talent Show**, showcasing their incredible skills and creativity. A **huge thank you to Mrs. McIntosh** for the countless hours she dedicated to organizing the event and supporting our students every step of the way. We also loved the **surprise staff performance** at the end—it was the perfect way to wrap up a night full of joy and laughter. Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable event! ✨



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

4/29/25 - 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
5/22/25 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm @ SEHS

Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



Kenyon Woods Middle School

Website: <https://www.u-46.org/KenyonWoods>

Location: 1515 Raymond Street, South Elgin, IL, USA

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Lisa Olsem

Lisa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters