

KWMS Panther Pride

September 6th, 2024

Message from the Principal

As we move forward into the school year, I want to encourage all our students to get involved in the many activities and opportunities available at Kenyon Woods. Whether it's joining a club, participating in sports, or exploring new hobbies, being active in school life helps students build friendships, develop new skills, and create lasting memories.

Getting involved also plays a crucial role in personal growth and academic success. When students engage in extracurricular activities, they gain valuable experiences that enhance their learning, boost their confidence, and prepare them for future challenges.

Please take some time to talk with your child about the various options available and encourage them to step out of their comfort zone to try something new. Our dedicated staff is here to support them every step of the way.

If you have any questions or need more information about the activities we offer, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support in making Kenyon Woods a vibrant and inclusive community.

Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG

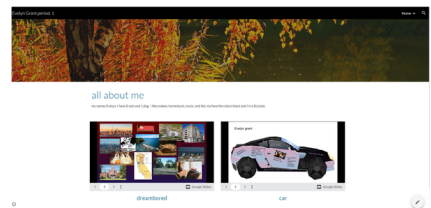
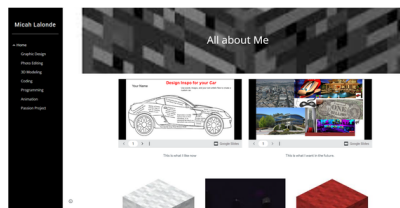
**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also
BELIEVE!**

~ Anatole France



PICTURES OF THE WEEK

Students in Introduction to Computers are working on Web Design. They are using Google Sites to create digital portfolios! As the class progresses they will add artifacts for each unit of the class. This is a great way to prepare our students for highlighting their achievements in high school, higher education, and the workforce!



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9/10/24 & All Day

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EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

Daily attendance is a huge key to a successful school year! It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call the attendance office within 24 hours of any absence and verify the reason for the absence.

DID YOU KNOW:

- According to the State of Illinois, student must be in school for at least 300 instructional minutes to be considered present for a full day. Our day is 315 minutes long.
- Present for 150 - 299 instructional minutes is considered a half day
- Present for 0 - 149 instructional minutes equals a full absence.
- **This means if you miss more than 15 minutes in a day, you are absent for a half day!**

Please call 847-289-6685 x6654 to report an absence.



Always Interested in or curious about Asian culture?
Want to know more about Asian languages, art, music,
fashion, cuisines and more? Here's a great opportunity
to join our ACC on the second Wednesday of each
month from 3:30-5:00 in room C150 with Ms. Walker next
Wednesday, September 11th.
See you there!

KENYON WOODS

PTO MEETING



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:30PM VIA ZOOM

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84981620105>

NOTES FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD!

Hello Panthers! We have started our fall sports competition. Starting next week we will have different Themes and Giveaways for our home games. On Monday September 9th you receive a **Diddy Bar** from **DAIRY QUEEN**. You must be able to stay till 6:00pm to receive the **FREE ICE CREAM**. We will posting more information on the athlete bulletin board down by the gym and Ms. Cook will read the next Theme and Giveaway at Lunch.

Mr. Cook is looking for 6 students to join his Panther Super Fan Club. If you are interested please see Mr. Cook for more details.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



7th Grade Girls Cross Country - Astha Thakkar



8th Grade Girls Cross Country - Amy Lloyd



GRADES 6-8 FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING IN DIGITAL LIFE



Talk About How Your Child Can Stay Safe When Chatting with Others Online

Your child is learning strategies to help them make responsible decisions when they're online. Use these questions to talk with them about the benefits and risks of chatting with people online.

Ask these three questions:

1. *I hear you were talking in class about how you can be safe when talking to people online. What are some of the risks of talking with people you don't know well?*
 - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
 - You don't fully know who you're talking to, so you can't completely trust them.
 - You don't know whether they have bad intentions.
2. *What are red flag feelings?*
 - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
 - A **red flag feeling** is when something happens on digital media that makes you feel uncomfortable, worried, sad, or anxious. It's often a feeling in your stomach that something is wrong and is a warning of a possible problem.
3. *What can you do if you ever have a red flag feeling when chatting with someone online?*
 - Listen for (or suggest if needed):
 - Slow down, pause, and think about how you're feeling and what might be causing it.
 - Decide on the best action to take to improve the situation (maybe ignore or block the person, log off, or tell a trusted adult).

Learn more about how to communicate online at commonsense.org/online-relationships-tips-for-families!

Family handout for grade 6 lesson [Chatting Safely Online](#), or 6-8 classroom activity [Who Are You Talking to Online?](#)



RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNICATION

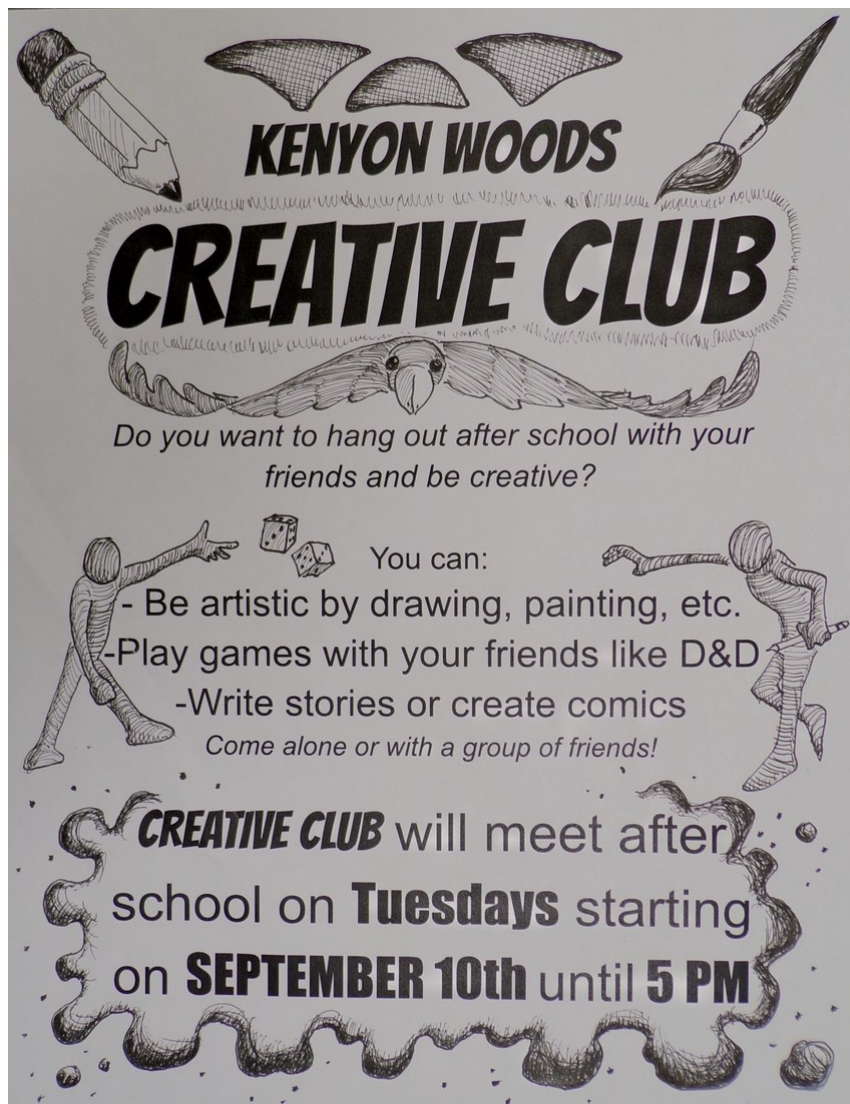
**We know the power
of words & actions.**

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CREATIVE CLUB IS BACK!

For students who want to spend extra time, they can join CREATIVE CLUB! We will meet after school on Tuesdays. Rides can pick them up at 5PM or they can use the activity bus. No curriculum is taught, this is just a chance for students to express their creativity in various ways. The first informational meeting will be on September 10th after school.

A colorful poster for 'Math Help'. The background is light blue with various math-related illustrations: a green measuring tape, a yellow ruler, a pink calculator, and a blue abacus. Large, colorful numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) are scattered around the central text box. The central text box is white with a black border and contains the following text:

Math Help

Math help is available for everyone!

Monday before school with Mrs. Walker-- meet in C150
Tuesday after school with Mrs. Buesse--meet in the Gym
Thursday after school with Mr. Becker--meet in F207
Thursday before school with Mrs. Young--meet in A108

At School District U-46, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students where every child feels respected and valued. Our focus is the concerns regarding hate speech in our schools and online, as such behavior has no place in our learning community. To support this, we encourage parents to have an open dialogue about the importance of kindness and respect. This will help children understand the emotional and psychological harm that hate speech causes. Encouraging respectful communication and discouraging offensive language fosters empathy and creates a more inclusive environment for everyone. [This quick guide](#) is a resource that could assist you with your conversation. Together, let's continue to foster a positive and supportive atmosphere where every student can thrive. Please note that any behavior that violates these principles will be addressed according to our Student Code of Conduct, [linked here](#).

September is Deaf Awareness Month and we are starting ASL Club next week.



Interested in Deaf Culture? Always had an interest in learning sign language? Here is your chance! Come join our ASL Club on Tuesdays after school from 3:30-5:00 in room A109 with Mrs. Garcia! Starts next Tuesday, September 10th. See you there!



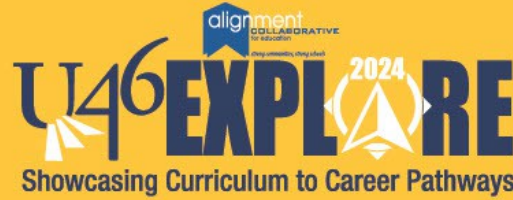
SAVE THE DATE!

EXPLORE FAMILY NIGHT welcomes 8th and 9th grade families.

September 25, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

NOW ARENA

5333 Prairie Stone Parkway
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192



- Visit with U-46 Academy, AVID and Dual Credit teachers and current students to learn more about these programs and how to apply.
- Meet CTE teachers and view programs in: automotive, business, education, engineering, healthcare, manufacturing, vet assistant, and welding.
- Visit over 60 career exhibits from the local business community across ten industry clusters.
- Opportunity to win over \$1,000 in raffle prizes.
- Concessions available for purchase.

LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU

KWMS SPIRITWEAR

Don't forget to place your orders for the Kenyon Woods back-to-school sale! You'll save 30% off the entire site. These are the lowest the prices will be all year. In addition, all orders over \$75 will receive free shipping. [Shop Now!](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/9/24 - PTO Mtg 6:30 pm via Zoom
- 9/9/24 - Boys Soccer vs Larsen - Away
- 9/9/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Larsen - Home
- 9/11/24 - Boys Soccer vs Abbott - Home
- 9/11/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Abbott - Away
- 9/16/24 - Boys Soccer vs Eastview - Away
- 9/16/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Eastview - Home
- 9/18/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Home
- 9/18/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Away
- 9/23/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Away
- 9/23/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Home
- 9/25/24 - EXPLORE Parent Night - NOW Arena 6 - 7:30 pm
- 9/26/24 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Graders
- 9/27/24 - 7th Grade Dance - 6 - 8 pm
- 9/28/24 - Boys Cross Country Meet @ BHS
- 9/30/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Away
- 9/30/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Home
- 10/2/24 - Picture Re-take Day
- 10/2/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Home

Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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