

KWMS Panther Paws

October 6, 2022

Message from the Principal

October brings us Parent/Teacher conferences. Communication between home and school is critical towards providing an effective instructional environment for our children. This should not be a one-time event but instead, an ongoing process throughout the year. As we prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences, we look forward to your insights regarding your child's education and input about the school year.



We are pleased to be offering in person, as well as a zoom option for conferences this year. If you have not already, you will be receiving a communication from your student's team of teachers inviting you to sign up for conferences by the end of this week. We are using a program called Sign Up Genius for conferences. **Conferences will be Oct. 20th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm and Oct. 21st from 7:00 am - 8:00 am.**

Unfortunately, our designated conference time is only 5 hours. This is not nearly enough time to meet with all our families. We highly encourage parents to contact the teachers if you feel your child needs additional help or if you want to simply check on their progress. We will always make time for you; either through telephone conversations, e-mail, or Zoom meetings. In this regard, anytime is a good time for a conference. If you have questions, please contact the teacher directly. Together, we can make a difference!

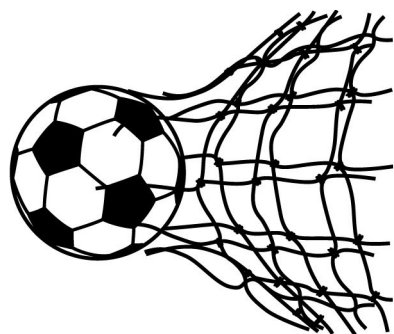
Thank You
Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

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

CONGRATUALIONS TO MRS. DOHERTY ON A GREAT COACHING CAREER!

After 9 years and over 100 wins, Mrs. Doherty is retiring from coaching volleyball. We will be forever grateful for all the time and energy she has given to making Girls Volleyball at Kenyon Woods a powerhouse in the district! Thank You Mrs. Doherty!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE SOCCER TEAMS!

Congratulations to all of our boys intramural soccer players on an amazing season! The 8th grade team was able to secure a spot in the championship game, taking home the second place trophy. The 7th grade team also secured a spot in the championship game, and after going into sudden death overtime, was able to take home the first place trophy! It was an exciting and fun day for everyone! Thank you everyone who came out to support Kenyon Woods!

IF YOU PICK UP YOUR STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL - BE CAREFUL!

Parents - Please help us to keep our students and staff safe at dismissal time.

- **PULL ALL THE WAY UP** - Do not stop in the middle of the lanes. Your students can walk the extra few feet to your car.
- **BE CAREFUL WHEN PULLING OUT** - We have had a few close calls, please go slow and look out your right mirror before pulling out.
- **SLOW DOWN!!**

If we all practice these few things, we will keep everyone safe!



KENYON WOODS FALL FEST - WE NEED YOU!

Come join in on the fun and help out at the Kenyon Woods Fall Fest! We are looking for fun parents that can help volunteer at each game along with food and drink donations. Please have all donated items dropped off on Wednesday October 26th by 4 pm, except baked goods. We are asking for larger store bought baked goods such as, cakes, a tray of brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pies and other desserts for a cake walk game (please no items that need refrigeration). Baked goods for the cake walk can be dropped off by 4pm on the day of the event unless you are volunteering. Then you can bring it when you check in to volunteer. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Please reach out to the front office if you have any questions. We are looking forward to making this a great event for our kids with your help!

SIGN UP TO DONATE OR HELP HERE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EAEAC2DA5F85-kenyon1>

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS ARE NEXT WEEK!

8th Grade Boys Basketball Try-Outs will start next week on **Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday October 13th after school at 3:30pm**. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Try-Outs will be the following week on **Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th after school at 3:30pm**. Try-Outs will end by 4:50pm so students will have an opportunity to take the late activity bus home.



Students will need to have three forms signed by their parent or guardian in order to try-out. These forms are the eligibility guidelines form, the consent to participate form, and the concussion information sheet. All of these forms can be found in the Basketball Information Packet which has been available to students to pick up in the Commons during their lunch period or from the main office.

Students will also need an up-to-date sport physical on file with the Health Office before being able to try-out. If students are unsure whether the Health Office has an up-to-date sport physical, they are encouraged to check with the school nurse during their lunch period.

If you have any questions please contact Coach Perdikaris (7th grade coach) at eveperdikaris@u-46.org or Coach Hardiman (8th grade coach) at seanhardiman@u-46.org.



SPANISH CLUB IS NOW STARTING

Ven y practica español de forma divertida y educativa. Has mas amigos, aprende sobre diferentes culturas de habla hispana, de sus costumbres, comida, baile, juegos y mucho mas.

Nos reuniremos en la biblioteca de la escuela todos los miercoles a partir del 12 de octubre de las 3:30 p.m. a las 5:00 p.m. Puedes tomar el autobus de actividades despues de la escuela o pueden venir por ti a las 5 de la tarde.

Para mas informacion pregunta a la maestra Torres.

Come and practice your Spanish in a fun and educational way. Make more friends, learn about different Spanish speaking cultures, their customs, food, dance, games and much more.

We will meet in the school's library every Wednesday starting October 12th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can take the activity bus o you can be picked up not later than 5:00 p.m.

If you need more information, see Mrs. Torres

CELBRATION OF US! WE NEED PERFORMERS!

Celebration of US! - Week of Nov. 14th. This week we will be celebrating all the different cultures we have here at Kenyon Woods that make us unique and special. Celebrating diversity at our school fosters respect, understanding, and open-mindedness in our students and community. It also reinforces that we are stronger together, because our differences make us versatile and prepared.

Besides daily activities, on Nov 15th our 7th graders will be hosting a Cultural Fest after school from 4 - 7 pm. All families are welcome to attend. **Then on Nov. 18th, we will end our day with a Celebration of US assembly.** We are looking for any groups that would like to celebrate their culture through music or dance during that assembly. If you would like to participate, please contact Ms. Mattei at MarilynMattei@u-46.org.

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF ART 3 STUDENTS

8th period Art 3 students share their self-portraits, both realistic and abstract.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB COMING TO SOUTH ELGIN!



The Boys & Girls Club South Elgin Clubhouse is opening soon! Boys & Girls Club is a FREE after school program, serving students in kindergarten through 8th grade, open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided from select nearby schools upon dismissal to the Clubhouse.

Each day members will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs and activities, including STEM and academic enrichment, arts, sports and recreation, leadership, social emotional learning, and career exploration.

Pre-enroll today to secure a position for your child(ren) at the brand-new facility in South Elgin, located at 735 Martin Drive. Pre-enrollment can be completed online at www.bgcelgin.org/apply or in-person at the South Elgin Clubhouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, paper copies of the membership form will be available at your child's school office if preferred and can be submitted at the South Elgin Clubhouse. **The first 100 members to enroll will receive a free t-shirt!**

PANTHERS ON THE RUN!



AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

On Thursday, October 13th, we will host our 2nd African American Advisory Council meeting. During this 2nd meeting, families will receive an update on our U-46 Rising work led by Mrs. Majstorovic. Also, for the very first time, we are launching One Book, One Community. The text we will use for our book study is entitled, Fugitive Pedagogy. You can read more about the book by clicking [here](#).

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvde6qpjgiGdKGSDIHUarNtgp54vtmu8LX>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next week

HELP SUPPORT OUR CELL PHONE POLICY

Parents - we need your help. We are having several issues with students using their cell phones in the hallways and in the classrooms. **PHONES SHOULD BE AWAY FOR THE DAY!**

Unfortunately, our students are struggling with appropriate cell phone usage and we are having issues with online bullying and other issues revolving around social media. Cell phones are a distraction during the day at school. This is why we are asking that students keep their phones in their locker during the day. If you need to communicate with your child during the day, please call the main office. Please do not text or call them while they are in class. Help us to create a safe and productive learning environment for all!



Calling all 8th graders interested in learning and applying for a high school Magnet Academy!

The application window for our current 8th graders to apply to attend one of our five high school magnet academies opens on Wednesday, Oct. 5. To help students and their families better understand the focus of the academies, all five high schools are hosting open houses during the month of October, with the first one scheduled for Oct. 11. You are encouraged to attend open houses for any and all academies your child might have an interest in. The full schedule can be found [here](#).

More information can also be found on our website at u-46.org/magnetacademies, or by writing [Let's Talk](#).

SCHOOL PICTURES AND YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Don't forget to order your yearbook! Right now is the best price. <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

Information below is about choosing your yearbook picture and/or retakes if needed.



Families - School pictures taken in August are available to view and order. Please select which fall School Portrait will appear in your Yearbook/Composite at this time.*

To view and select your photo, look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com to search for your gallery. (A student ID number may be required.) If you have any questions or cannot find your images, please contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

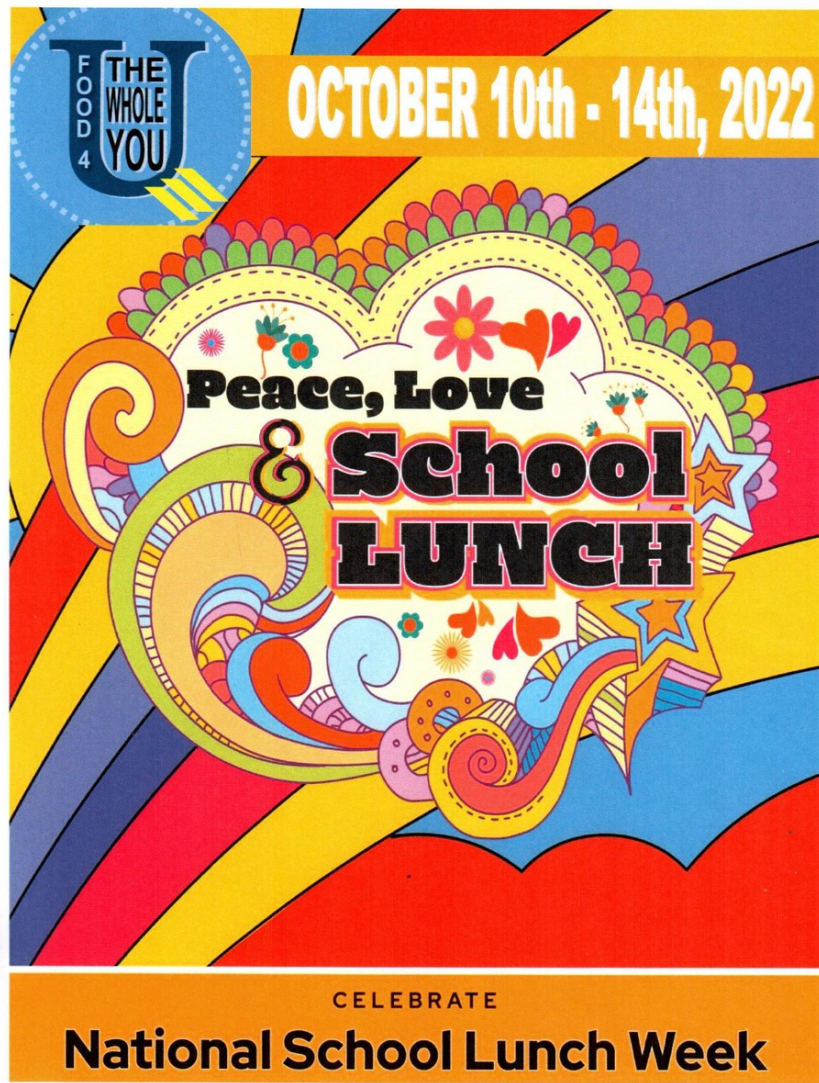
*If you have not yet taken a photo or need a new one, your Retake/Make up Day is on **10/5/2022, 10:30-1:30pm**. All students must have a current portrait in order to appear in this year's yearbook/composite.

The final yearbook image selection deadline is two weeks after Retake/Make up Day; at that time VIP will choose an image for you.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/10/22 - No School - Columbus Day
10/20/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4 -8 pm
10/21/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 7 - 8 am
10/28/22 - Family FallFest - 6 - 8 pm
11/1/22 - Boys Basketball vs Ellis - Away
11/2/22 - Boys Basketball vs Kimball - Home
11/7/22 - Boys Basketball vs Larsen - Home
11/9/22 - Boys Basketball vs Abbott - Away
11/14/22 - Boys Basketball vs Eastview - Home
11/15/22 - 7th Grade Cultural Festival - 4 pm - 7 pm
11/16/22 - Boys Basketball vs Tefft - Away
11/17/22 - Celebration of US! - Assembly - 2 pm
11/23 - 11/27 - Fall Break - No School


What's on the MENU this month?



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