

KWMS Panther Paws

October 21, 2022

Message from the Principal

This week kicked off the second 9 weeks for the semester. Progress reports have been posted and can be accessed through Infinite Campus. The end of the week brought us parent/teacher conferences. For those that were able to attend conferences, we appreciate you taking the time to meet with us. I hope that your conferences were able to provide you with some valuable insight into your child's progress in school. If you were unable to meet, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers to check in on their progress. We look forward to our continued partnership throughout the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or their classroom, please do not hesitate to contact that teacher. Open communication should be occurring throughout the year, not just during parent teacher conferences.



Parents, we also need your help with some behavioral incidents we are starting to see more and more. If you can please have a conversation with your students about expectations while at school, we would appreciate your support.

- **CELL PHONES** ~ The use of cellphones in school continues to be a problem. Unfortunately, at this age, our students have a hard time understanding appropriate use of their cell phones, that is why we ask that they are **"Off and AWAY for the DAY"**. Please help support us by asking your students to either keep their cell phones in their lockers or do not bring them to school. If you need to get a hold of your student, we can call them down and if they need to talk to you, they just need to come to the main office.
- **IN THE DOOR IN 4!** ~ That is our Tardy Policy. As students start to get more comfortable around school, we are seeing an increase in tardies. If a student is habitually tardy to class, consequences will be applied. You can always see your students' attendance and tardies in Infinite Campus.
- **WATER BOTTLES** ~ We are experiencing an increase in the number of students who feel it is funny to squirt others with their water bottle. Unfortunately, not only does the recipient get upset but the floor gets wet which causes slipping issues in the hallway. We are especially

seeing this with the water bottles that squirt from the top. Please have a conversation with your child about appropriate use of their water bottles.

As always, this work is a partnership between home and school. Only together can we help to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our children.

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

SPIRIT WEEK

Monday 10/24: Panther Pride Day

Wear your Kenyon wear.

Tuesday 10/25: Comfy Day

Wear your comfiest clothes to school.

Wednesday 10/26: Hat Day

Wear the silliest hat you have.

Thursday 10/27: Animal Print Day

Mix and match or pick one from head to toe!

Friday 10/28: Dress as a pumpkin

Wear orange and black to get into the spirit for our Fall Fest that night!

Monday 10/31: Halloween costume

Listen to announcements to make sure your costume is school appropriate.



HALLOWEEN TIDBITS

NO SHARING OF BUSESSES – Due to the number of students we have on each bus, students are only allowed to ride on their designated bus. Please do not send your student in with a note asking to ride home with another student.

COSTUMES – Costumes are allowed at school on Halloween. There are a few requirements though.

- No Masks or hoods that hide your face
- No WEAPONS OF ANY KIND
- No face paint
- Outfits must be school appropriate and meet the dress guidelines for the school.



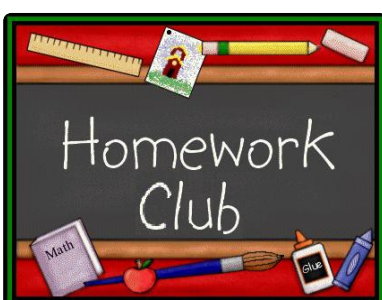
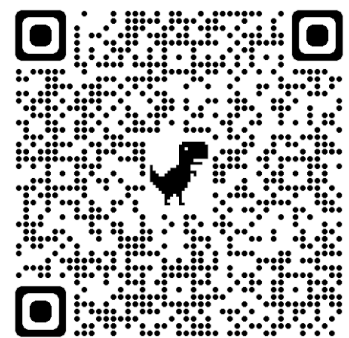
FALL FEST

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD STARTING MONDAY OCTOBER 24TH DURING LUNCH PERIODS. IT'S \$5 FOR 6 TICKETS OR \$20 FOR 30 TICKETS. TICKETS ARE NEEDED TO PLAY ALL GAMES, WIN PRIZES, AND FOR THE RAFFLE BASKETS. PRIZES AND RAFFLE BASKETS ARE VALUED BETWEEN \$5-\$400 AND INCLUDE: GIFT CARDS, TICKETS, BIKES, LEGOS, RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, CANDY, GAMES AND MORE.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
6-8 PM
KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL

PANTHER STAFF KUDOS!

While we love recognizing the great things our students do, we often forget to thank those behind the scenes. Now is your chance to recognize our amazing staff that continually goes above and beyond for our students. Parents and students can now send positive messages to show their appreciation to any person on our staff by simply scanning the QR code below and filling out the form. Please help us in recognizing the amazing community we have here at Kenyon!



HOMEWORK CLUB IS BACK!

Starting **Wednesday, October 26th**, students may stay after school with Ms. Guzman, Ms. Ventrella, and Ms. McCann for homework help. This is an opportunity for students to receive assistance with prioritizing and task completion, and will allow for a quiet, smaller setting for students to work. Most days, we will be able to offer English/Language Arts assistance as well. Students do not

need an appointment and should meet in room A106. Activity busses are available for students who need transportation home at 5:00pm.

Last chance to choose your Yearbook/Composite Class Picture

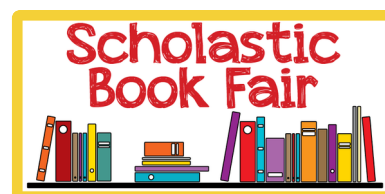
Families - View your School Portraits, and select your yearbook/class picture* before the deadline:

- To view your school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com (student ID number may be required)
- Selection Deadline: 10/26/2022
- After the final deadline, VIP will choose a yearbook image for you

There is no deadline to order pictures. If you have questions, please email support@vipis.com

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Kenyon Woods from Oct 24 until Oct 28!!



Students will have the opportunity to preview and purchase an amazing selection of books from Scholastic through their English classes. In addition, this year the Book Fair will be available during the evening hours of the Kenyon Woods Fall Fest on Oct 28. Cash and credit is accepted. Parents can even utilize a safe cash-free way to shop the fair through Ewallet. You can preload and set a spending limit at the following web address!!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kenyonwoodsmiddleschool>



CELEBRATION 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.

PTO NEEDS YOU!

Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 6:30 pm. New this meeting, we will be offering an in person and a ZOOM option for attending. For those that come to school, we will be meeting in the main office conference room. Signs will be posted. For those that would like to attend via Zoom, the meeting information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86366689721>

We hope to see you there!

STUDENT GRADES IN INFINITE CAMPUS

Parent engagement is crucial to academic success, and as a District, we want to ensure our parents are informed and engaged in their child's education. With parent-teacher conferences taking place this week, we want to remind parents/guardians how to access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This is an online tool that gives parents and guardians access to their child's attendance, teacher's contact information, and bus schedule (if applicable). Most importantly, it allows parents of children in 1st through 12th grades to view their grades, which are regularly updated.

Visit u-46.org/reportcards for an overview of U-46 Student Progress Reports and Report Cards and instructions on how to access and navigate the Infinite Campus Parent Portal so that you are able to see your child's in-progress grades. Remember that parents can [customize the settings](#) to be notified about assignment and grade updates.

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.bgcnelgin.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!**



MAGNET ACADEMIES

The application process closes at the end of this month for U-46 8th graders who are interested in attending high school at one of the District's five Magnet Academies.

Each of the five academies has a unique focus and accompanying curriculum that promote student interest and academic excellence.

To be considered for a U-46 Magnet Academy, students are required to have a 2.0 GPA and two letters of recommendation.

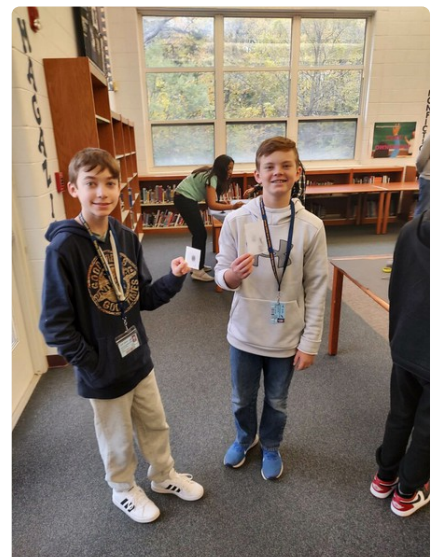
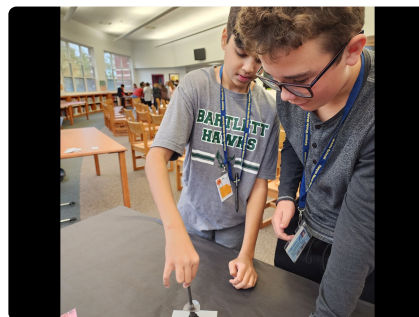
For students who think they want to apply, it's important for them to allow enough time to gather their recommendation letters and resolve any questions or concerns. An optional template for recommendation letters can be found [here](#), and [this page](#) has information about preferences and priorities for the selection process.

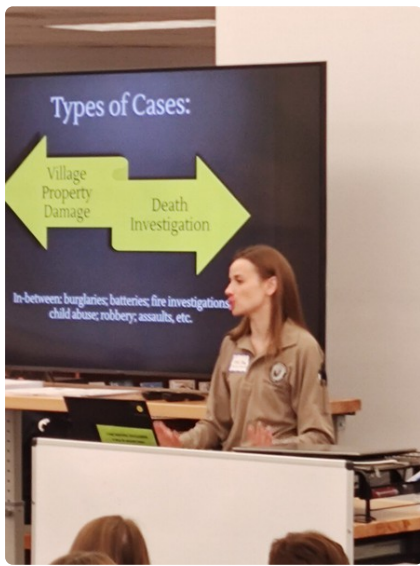
Some academies hosted an open house this month, and two still remain - on Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. for [Elgin High School's International Baccalaureate Candidate Academy](#) and on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. for [Bartlett High School's Science, Engineering, and High Technology Academy](#).

The application window for all academies closes at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. A link to the application platform is available at u-46.org/magnetacademies.

Please write [Let's Talk](#) if you need more information or any questions resolved about admittance to the U-46 Magnet Academies.

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PEACE, LOVE, and FOOD!

Thank you to our incredible Kitchen Staff for all that you do to make sure we are well feed each and everyday! You are all awesome!



IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
 - 11/8/22 - NO SCHOOL
 - 11/9/22 - Boys Basketball vs Abbott - Away
 - 11/14/22 - Boys Basketball vs Eastview - Home
 - 11/15/22 - 7th Grade Cultural Festival - Parents are welcome from 5 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
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What's on the MENU this month?

Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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