

# KWMS Panther Paws

November 4, 2022

## Message from the Principal

The writer Michel de Montaigne once said, "Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

Today we honored our heroes, we remembered their achievements, their courage and their dedication, and said thank you to them for their sacrifices. I would personally like to thank all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom and safety. Although the service members we honored came from all walks of life, they shared several fundamental qualities. They possessed courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity – all the qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one's self.



Many of them didn't ask to leave their homes to fight on distant battlefields. Many didn't even volunteer. They didn't go to war because they loved fighting. They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves. They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways in extreme times. They rose to the nation's call because they wanted to protect a nation which has given them, and us, so much.

Over the years, I have heard several speeches honoring our veterans. One of the most eloquent came from President Obama a few years ago. In his speech to veterans, he said, "To all our veterans here today, and to veterans across America, whether you served on the beaches of Europe, the jungles of Asia, the deserts of the Middle East; whether you served here at home or overseas, in wartime or in peace; whether you served proudly in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard – you are part of an unbroken chain of patriots who have served this country with honor through the life of our nation." We thank you and honor you on not only Veteran's Day, but every day, for your service. Thank You!

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

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## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

Thank you for coming to all our veterans who came to Kenyon Woods on Thursday to share your stories and insight. It is so important that our students understand the sacrifices you have made to keep them safe.

Thank you so much for your services to our country. Its only when we matured, we realized that you are the true heroes & legends behind all those stories we grew up listening to. You are and always will be our greatest inspirations.







## Culture Week

**Monday 11/14:** Culture presentation during lunch

**Tuesday 11/15:** Culture Night

**Wednesday 11/16:** Dress up day

- Show off your where you come from. Cultural outfits
- Students can also wear the colors representing their cultural flag

**Thursday 11/17:** Art Showcase

- Day of the Dead masks showcased in the lunchroom
- Cultural videos (dances) shown during lunch periods

**Friday 11/18:** Assembly



### **LA JOYA DORADA is COMING TO KWMS!**

The U 46 Mariachi Band , La Joya Dorada will be performing at Kenyon Woods during our 7th grade Culture Fest on November 15 . They will perform between the hours of 5:30 to 6:00 PM. We are very excited to welcome them to KWMS!

The Kenyon Cafe is excited to support our cultural week by offering a diverse menu next week. Here is our adjusted menu to highlight some ethnic foods for our students!

#### **Monday - ALL AMERICAN DAY!**

Boom Boom Cheese Burger

Cheesy Fries

Corn Dogs

Grilled Cheese

#### **Tuesday - TACO TUESDAY!**

Beef Tacos with the fixings  
Fiesta Beans  
Cheesy Quesadilla

**Wednesday - ITALIANO!**

Housemade Pizzas! Cheese or Pepperoni  
Jumbo Raviolis with a Garlic Breadstick

**Thursday - ASIAN CUISINE!**

Orange Chicken with Fried Rice  
Asian Stir Fry Vegetables  
Cheesy Garlic Pull Apart Bread  
Fortune Cookie!

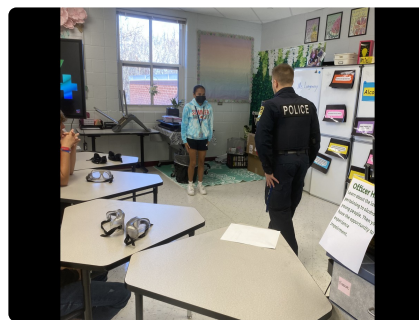
**Friday - MEDITERRANEAN!**

Gyro Sandwich on a Pita with Housemade Tzatziki Sauce, Tomatoes, Red onions & Cucumbers  
Greek Lemon Garlic & Rosemary Potatoes  
Hummus & Mini Naan Flatbreads  
Cheese Crunchers

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## SAFETY FIRST!

Mrs. Dellis health classes welcomed Officer Hunt into our room to help us learn about laws associated with alcohol use and teens. Then students had the opportunity to try fatal vision goggles that simulate how the vision is affected with the use of alcohol. Students learned a lot, had an opportunity to ask our officer questions and we laughed a bunch also!



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## ORDERING TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Team and individual portraits from your picture day are now available to view and order online. To order photos from your picture day:

1. Go to: <https://www.vipix.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->



2. Select "View now" on the green Sports Team & Individual tile
3. Enter your information in the search fields
4. Select the school year (July 1st to June 30th) during which your photos were taken and click "search"
5. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and enter your information
6. You will receive a confirmation email


If you can't find your team, it may have been photographed at a later date. You will receive another email when new images are posted, or you can check back in a few days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com) We're happy to help!

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### KENYON WOODS PTO

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## THANK YOU



## THE FORECAST FOR TODAY IS...

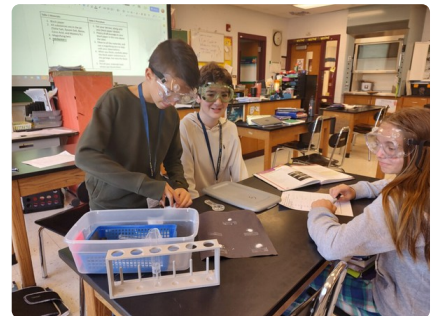
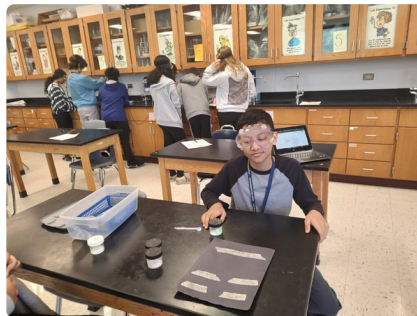
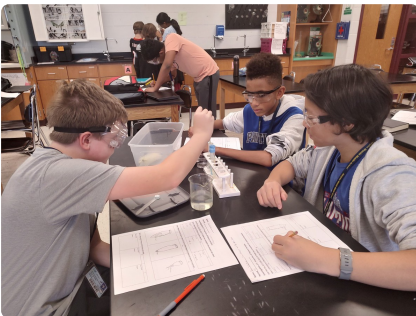
Mrs. Palermo's 8th grade English classes were getting ready for their broadcast summaries. They took advantage of the nice weather and practiced their weather report.



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## MCNALLY'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAMS

Mrs. McNally's science students were investigating physical and chemical properties this week



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## ARE YOU A KENYON WOODS GRADUATE?

Parents: If you were a student at Kenyon Woods Middle School & now have a student here, we would love to put together a Legacy Page in our yearbook. If you can find a picture of yourself in middle school, we would appreciate it if you could send that to Kathy Gentry with your name and your student's name. We will put your picture & your students picture side-by-side on the legacy page.

[Email: KathyGentry@u-46.org](mailto:KathyGentry@u-46.org)

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**FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!**

Here are two landscape paintings that were created in Art 3 class. Diamond Flores-Munoz and Melanie Alfaro found images and recreated them in paint on canvas.



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL 8TH GRADERS!

Future 9th Grade Course Selection Process - Save the Dates

On **Thursday, December 8, 2022**, SEHS will host a curriculum and extra-curricular fair for all incoming 8th Grade Students and Parents. You are encouraged to attend their presentation and explore the elective offerings at the high school, as well as athletic and club activities. The program will run from 6 – 8 PM; beginning in the auditorium. After a short presentation, families will be dismissed to participate in the other activities planned.

On **Wednesday, December 7th, 2022**, the SEHS counselors will be visiting the middle schools to present information regarding the registration process, graduation requirements, and other important information in regards to SEHS. During those presentations, your student will be given a copy of their course selections for next year. Be sure to ask for the sheet with course selection options from the counselor presentation your child will receive.

Counselors will visit Kenyon Woods Middle School starting **the week of December 12th** to meet with the students to pick their courses for next year. You do not need to contact SEHS to make an appointment; the counselors will be going to your students. Please review the [Curriculum Guide](#) and [Videos](#) for information about every course offered for the 23/24 school year. You will use this information to complete the [course selection sheet](#) with your student and turn it into the school counselor.

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## IF YOU ARE ABSENT

Just a reminder, if your student is absent for any reason, please have them check their Canvas page for what they missed. It is important to keep up or catch up if they miss class.



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## SAVE THE DATE - MAP TESTING IS NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

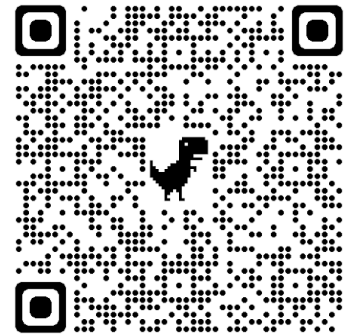
Please make sure you are in school on these days. More details to follow.



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## 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!



[CLICK THIS LINK TO SEND A STAFF KUDOS](#)

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## DON'T MISS OUT - ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook prices have gone up to \$30 (standard) & \$34 (personalization). Get yours before the next price hike.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW OR BUY PICTURES/YEARBOOK PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#).

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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  
11/29 & 11/30 - MAP Testing  
11/29/22 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Home  
12/5/22 - Boys Basketball vs. Tefft - Home  
12/6/22 - Band Concert

12/7/22 - SEHS Counselors course presentations to future freshman (during the day)  
12/7/22 - Boys Basketball vs Canton - Away  
12/8/22 - Future Freshman Night - SEHS  
12/13/22 - Orchestra Concert  
12/15/22 - 6th Grade Curriculum Night  
12/22/22 - Last Day of School before winter break

**What's on the MENU this month?**

**Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters**



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