

# KWMS Panther Paws

December 9, 2022

## Message from the Principal

While we are all waiting for that first big snowfall, I know many of us are already thinking about the upcoming break. Now, more than ever, it is important to remind our students that they need to finish off the semester strong. As parents, you play an important role in this process. Please talk to your students about the importance of completing their homework on time, studying for their tests and getting to class before the bell rings. Missing assignments and tardies to class seem to be on the rise. Please help us to help your child be successful in school.



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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## PTO MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be via zoom. Please click on the following link to join us.

[PTO MEETING ZOOM LINK](#)

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# *SPIRIT WEEK*

2/16--Highlighter Day--Dress in Neon

12/19--Adam Sandler Day--Dress like Adam Sandler

12/20--Tacky Tourist Day--Dress like a tourist

12/21--Ugly Sweater Day

12/22--Old Self/Young Self--Dress like your younger self or how you envision yourself looking in the future.



## **YEARBOOK CLUB MEETING**

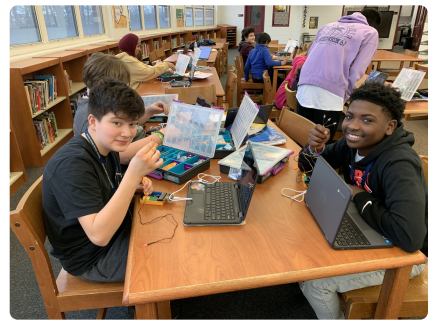
Next meeting Tuesday, December 13th at 8 am in B129. See you there

## **HOLIDAY COOKING CLUB!**

Holiday Cooking Camp will be running December 14th and 15th. Looking forward to seeing all of you that signed up for this baking experience.



## ***CODING IN THE LIBRARY!***



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## FOSSIL DISCOVERY & IDENTIFICATION



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KWMS BANDS!

A big shout out to our 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band & Jazz Band who put on a great evening of music this last Tuesday. These students work so hard every day practicing their craft and it showed! You all played with such precision and passion. Way to Go!



## TIS THE SEASON!

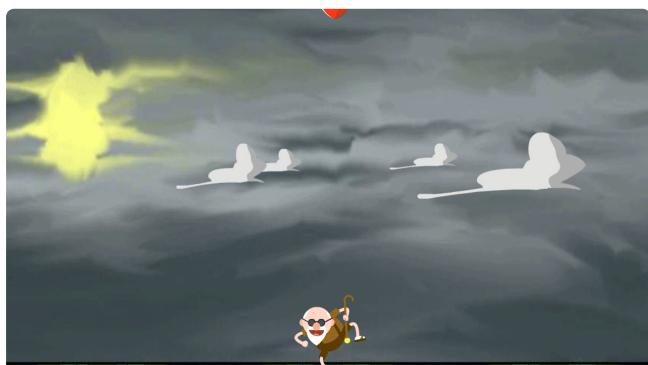
KWMS Choir Students had a great time Caroling at the Bartlett Tree Lighting last Friday!! Great job to all!!

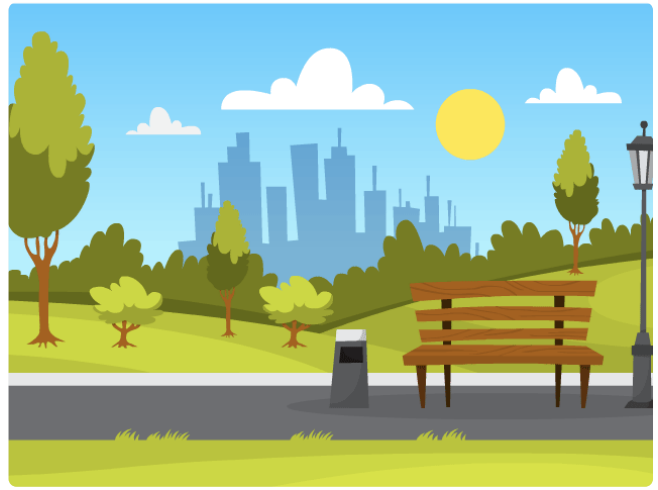


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## WE ARE DESIGNERS!

Students in Interactive Media are in the middle of a brand new unit, Animation! By using the Adobe Animate program students are creating motion with characters, manipulating timelines, and adding some personal creativity to their projects! All vital skills under the learning standard of becoming an Innovative Designer.





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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

This week we have two more Creative Game Board projects from Art 1 class. Students learned about creating the illusion of form and depth by using one point perspective and shading in creating a game board from their imaginations. Here are the submissions from Marshall Zelaitis and Ava Scardine.



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## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Cold and Flu season are in full effect - we have seen increased cases of respiratory illnesses including Flu, RSV, and Covid at school. As a reminder, **please do not send your student to school if they are sick and have symptoms including:**

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- new onset of moderate to severe persistent headache

- shortness of breath
- new cough
- sore throat
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- new loss of sense of taste or smell

If your student is out sick for any of the above symptoms the nurse may call to follow up prior to your student's return to school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your student's absence with the nurse please call - Nurse Brandy (847) 289-6685 ext. 2242.

\*\*Also as a reminder - students are **NOT** allowed to bring medicine to school. This includes cough drops, Vick's VapoRub, nasal sprays, Tylenol, ibuprofen, etc..

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## **ATTENDANCE MATTER!**

We love seeing our students every day at school, especially as we near the holiday season and the end of 2022. Please remember that it is extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day, right up until the end of the school day and before any upcoming school break days.

Every day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

Extended absences and/or vacations during the school year are discouraged and considered unexcused absences. The only approved vacation periods for U-46 occur during Thanksgiving and winter recess, spring break, and summer vacation. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

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# KENYON WOODS PTO

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## THANK YOU



### AND SCENE....!

Play auditions for the all school production, *Alien Invasion: A Night of One Acts*, will be Tuesday, December 13 from 3:35-4:35 pm OR Wednesday, December 14, 7:50-8:50 am. Interested participants for onstage or backstage roles must see Mrs. Turcan in B137 for an audition/information packet or print the packet attached to this email. Any questions should be directed to [KariTurcan@u-46.org](mailto:KariTurcan@u-46.org).

**\$500.00 Cash Prize  
to the Winner**

Tuesday December 20th, 2022  
Thursday December 22th, 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm



**AUDITIONS**

*Do you think  
you have talent?*

**Martin Luther King**

Presented by Brothers Rise Up & I Am Lead

**TALENT SHOW**

Your audition Must be performance ready. Please come prepared with all music and materials needed for tour audition. Performance will be limited to 3 minutes and can be either an individual or group performance  
Audition Sign up will be located (fill in location here).  
See Mr. Cook with any questions

Elgin High School  
1200 Maroon Dr, Elgin, IL 60120

PERFORMANCE:  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH 2023

To register: [brothersriseup.com/talent-show/](https://brothersriseup.com/talent-show/)

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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

- 12/12/22 - PTO Meeting - 6:30 via Zoom
- 12/13/22 - Orchestra Concert
- 12/15/22 - 6th Grade Curriculum Night
- 12/22/22 - Last Day of School before winter break

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



## Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters



### Kenyon Woods Middle School

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