

# KWMS Panther Paws

December 22, 2022

## Message from the Principal

As we prepare to close out not only the semester, but also the year, it is my wish for all of you that you each find that moment in your day where you are surrounded by family and peace and harmony are as one. Have a wonderful, relaxing winter break. I look forward to seeing all our kids back in school next year.



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**



The winter recess is nearly here! Students are in class through Thursday, Dec. 22. Winter recess begins Friday, Dec. 23. and will last through Friday, Jan. 6. We'll welcome our students back to classroom on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2023-24 at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u-46.org/calendar).

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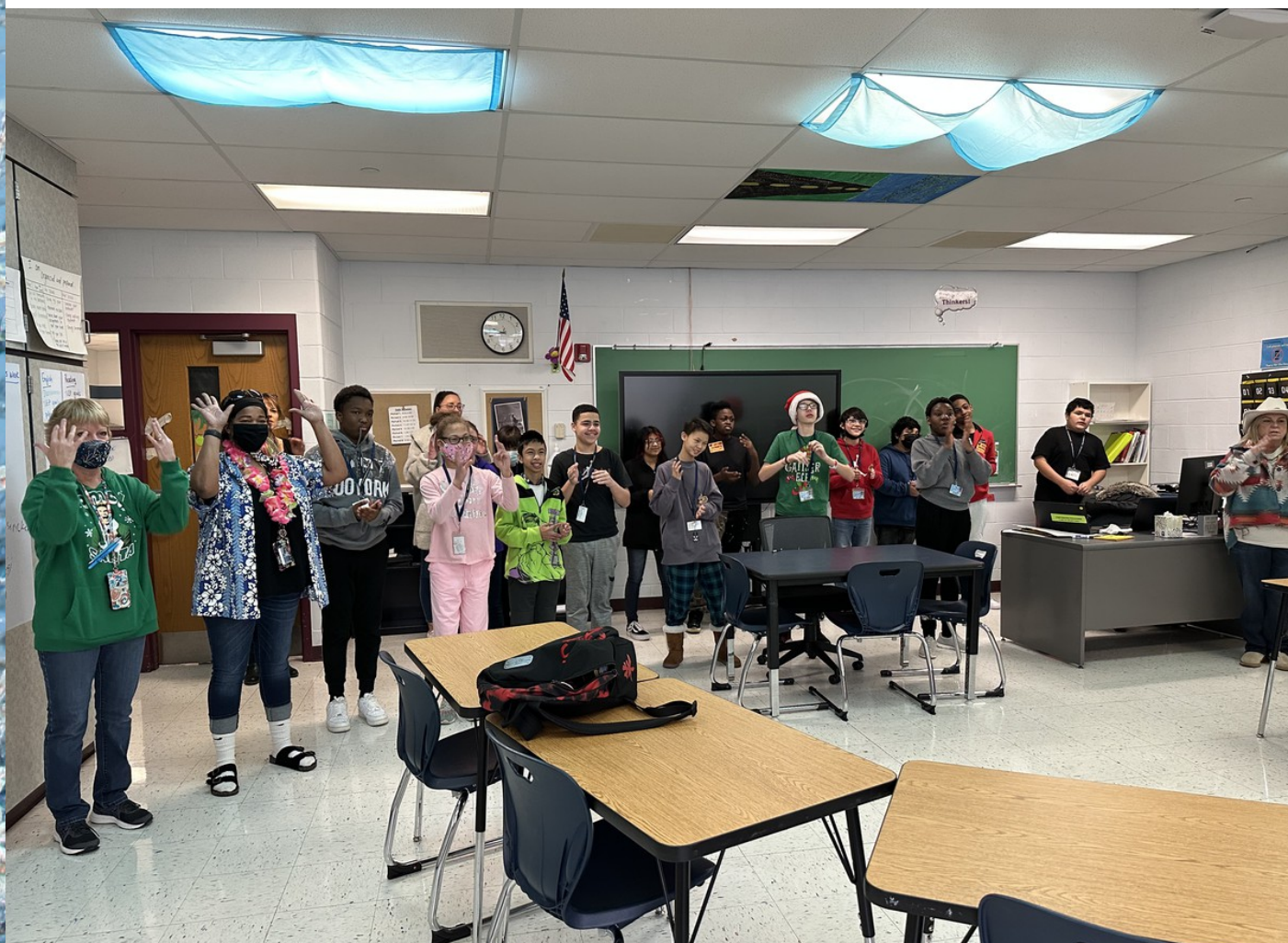
## ATTENTION GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

If you were not able to make the informational meeting this week, please pick up a packet from the stage during lunch or the main office. Tryouts will be January 11-13th. Contact Coach Balk (8th grade) [Kathrynbaik@u-46.org](mailto:Kathrynbaik@u-46.org) or Coach Pendzinski (7th grade) [Michellependzinski@u-46.org](mailto:Michellependzinski@u-46.org) with any questions. See you soon!

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## WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ms. Newland's & Ms. Jaanamagi's classrooms learned sign language to sing/sign these holiday songs; "Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer", "Jingle Bells" & "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" this month. Then they performed the three songs for Ms. Henderson's class. Everyone did an amazing job!!



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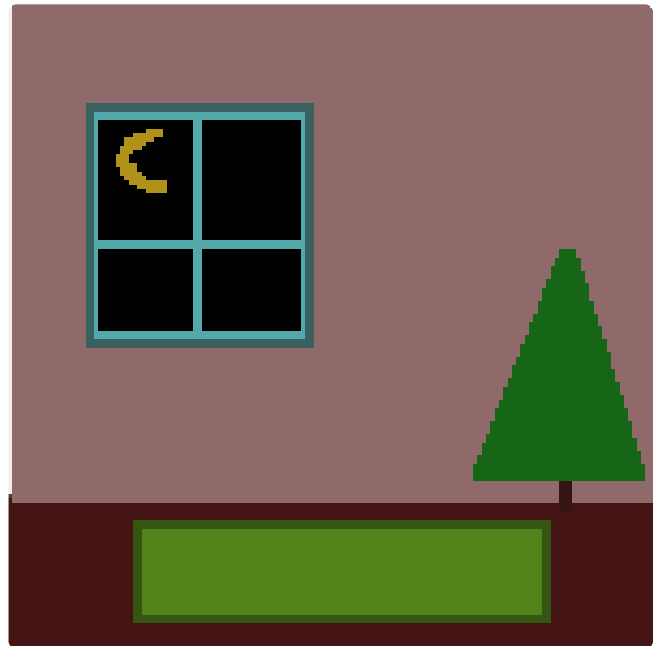
## THAT 'S A WRAP!

There were some exceptional theatrical performances in Speech class as we rounded out the semester's drama unit with monologues.



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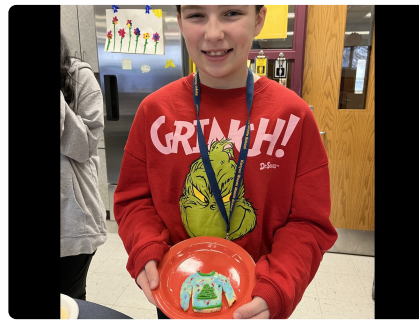
## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO KWMS!



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## UGLY SWEATERS EVERYWHERE!

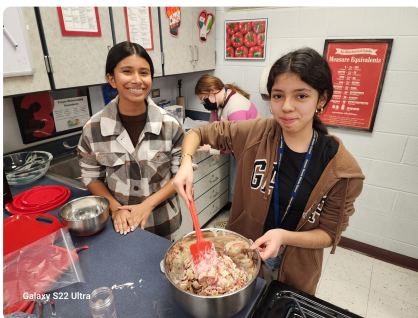
Students in Culinary & Personal Success made ugly Christmas sweater cookies. Here are the winners for each of the classes.



## COOKING CAMP

Great job ladies and gents on making all of the holiday treats in Cooking Camp! We sure were busy!!!!

Be sure to listen to announcements in February for the next Cooking Camp dates.  
Have a great break :)



Here are two more Art 1 students who creatively designed their initials and then made their own stamps out of them. They learned about repetition and pattern and then created artwork based on this. These artists are Ansh Patel and Kyla Lopez.



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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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**THANK YOU**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

1/9/2023 - First day of the the new semester - Students return from Winter Break

1/12/2023 - AVID Interviews - 4 - 6 pm

What's on the MENU this month?

Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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