

# KWMS Panther Paws

February 10, 2023

## Message from the Principal

All too often we focus so much on academics that we forget that personal integrity and character are also very important. Getting back to some very simple concepts of good manners like saying please, thank you, your welcome and sharing a kind thought with each other, also breeds success. So many times we focus on the negative items and forget to celebrate our successes and compliment those around us for their good efforts. We all have daily challenges, some unique, some common and some extreme. Who is the person in your life that can take those challenges and turn them into adventures or successes? Is it a teacher, friend, parent or a family member? Is it a thought, belief or feeling? Or is it a memory? Is it YOU? Start the day with a thought of gratitude.



Keeping it simple...spend a moment every day thinking of someone to thank!

Thank you to all of our wonderful and caring staff members who work so hard to provide our students with a multitude of opportunities to shine.

Thank you to our many parents and their countless hours of support for all of our programs and volunteer time to make a difference in your student's life.

Thank you to our students. They are why we are all here.

Thank you to those that choose to help each other, work hard in school everyday, and make the right choices day in and day out.

We need to share these simple thoughts with our children and students. Slow life down a bit and help them to recognize the importance of being a good person and how that will impact those around them and how that will help to drive their academic success.

Have a great weekend. I am grateful each day to be able to work at Kenyon Woods Middle School with all the students, a great staff and all the KWMS families.

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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## **PLEASE COMPLETE THE 5 ESSENTIAL SURVEY!**

Thank you to the 12 families that filled this out. Only 790 left. :)

Please take a moment to complete the 5 Essential Survey. This survey provides a unique opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to have a voice in improving our schools. If parents have more than one child at a school, they should complete only one survey for that school. In addition, only one parent or guardian per household may participate in the survey. Parents with children enrolled in multiple schools may take the survey for each school.

We ask that you please take a moment to take this survey because we really take your feedback to heart. In addition, this is one of the metrics that ESSA measures us on – parent participation.

Link for parents to take the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

**We want your feedback!**

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## ***PANTHER PRIDE!***



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## **ORDER YOUR TEAM PICTURES NOW!**

VIP is offering a 10% discount on your team and individual portraits every Tuesday in February 2022. This discount will be automatically applied to your sports team and individual order. To order



photos from your picture day:

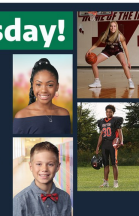
1. Go to: <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->
2. Select "View now" on the green Sports Team & Individual tile
3. Enter your information in the search fields
4. Select the school year (July 1st to June 30th) during which your photos were taken and click "search"
5. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and enter your information
6. You will receive a confirmation email

**10% off Tuesday!**

Take 10% off  
your sports and  
school portrait order  
today!

Your order will be automatically discounted and is valid  
Tuesdays in February 2023 on sports team and  
individual and school portraits galleries only.

Offer not valid on previously placed orders  
Does not include senior premier session orders



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

\*This sale is valid on sports team and individual and school portrait galleries February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 2023 only.

\*\*Discount does not apply to previously placed orders

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

For Black History Month, Art 4 students researched and created artwork that celebrated great historical figures from our past. Melanie Alfaro drew a great representation of Rosa Parks!





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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
AURORA | ELGIN | HANOVER PARK | SCHLAUBURG | SOUTH ELGIN | STREAMWOOD

## OPEN HOUSE

**MONDAY, FEB 20**  
**2PM - 7PM**

**WHERE: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
**SOUTH ELGIN CLUBHOUSE**

**735 MARTIN DRIVE**



Parents and interested members are invited to attend an Open House for the Boys & Girls Club of South Elgin **FREE** after school program. Tour our facility and hear more about how to get your student involved! No RSVP necessary.

### ACTIVITIES

STEM LAB  
ART CENTER  
HOMEWORK HELP  
SPORTS & GAMES  
TEEN ROOM  
SNACK

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL IS COMING SOON!



There will be informational meetings held on February 14th and 15th for anyone wanting to try out for the 7th or 8th Grade Boys Volleyball team. (Only one meeting must be attended.) The meetings will be held before school at 8:30 a.m. in room C141. Tryout times, dates, and all paperwork will be given then. \*All paperwork must be submitted along with a copy of a sports physical to the coach before the first day of tryouts. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Feel free to contact the coaches at:

[philcesaroni@u-46.org](mailto:philcesaroni@u-46.org) all 7th grade inquiries

[williamgreguras@u-46.org](mailto:williamgreguras@u-46.org) all 8th grade inquiries



Thank you to everyone who ordered Butter Braids for our fundraiser. It was a huge success!! Together, you helped raise over \$1500 for the school! Thank you so much! PTO has already been putting that money to use by helping teachers purchase resources for their classrooms. They have purchased Scholastic Magazines for the health classroom, paid for the prizes for the school wide reading contest, and our looking to help our American Studies class purchase books for their classroom just to name of few.



On behalf of PTO ~ THANK YOU!

# 8th Grade Dance



## Save the date

May 4, 2023

6 - 9 PM

Dinner and Dancing

Villa Olivia  
1401 W Lake St, Bartlett,  
IL 60103

### IMPORTANT DATES

2/6/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Kimball - Away

2/6/2023 - PTO Mtg - Zoom - 6:30 pm

2/8/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Eastview - Home

2/9/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Tefft - Away

2/13/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Canton - Home

2/15/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Eastview - Away

2/20/2023 - No School - President's Day

## What's on the MENU this month?

[Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters](#)



## Kenyon Woods Middle School

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# Lisa Olsem

Lisa is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters