

# KWMS Panther Paws

February 17, 2023

## Message from the Principal

February is by far one of the hardest months of the school year. Spring break is too far away and winter break is a distant memory. The beauty and wonder of the first few snow falls have given away to the mushy, gray slush around the curbs and the endless days of cold. We miss the sun and we miss being outside. In the schools, we tend to see a spike in behavior issues and drop in grades during February. It is important that we recognize this pattern and take steps to avoid getting caught in it. During this month, take some time to talk to your students about their classes and what they are studying. Monitor Infinite Campus to make sure work is being turned in on time and google classroom to see what is coming up in each subject. It is also important to talk with our children about making good choices and being kind to each other. At this time of year, a little act of kindness can go a long way! Everyone is affected by an act of kindness. Kindness is contagious and you never know just how big of an impact a small gesture of kindness can have.



Kindness improves our quality of life in the school as well as in the community. It brings people together.

Doing good for others feels good. Showing kindness to others is just as rewarding as receiving it from someone else.

Stop and think before you talk or act (Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?).

Remember to laugh throughout the day. Spreading joy is its own act of kindness.

Now is your moment: Spread a little joy, make a difference in someone's day, and remember to always be kind!

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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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**

Congrats to all the Students of the Month!!! Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.

**They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.**

**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the Student of the Month for February!!**

**Antwonne Smith  
Adam Degrado  
Amieah Mahone  
Kyle Foote  
Jack Billips  
Gia Mangriotis  
Jeremiah Cabauatan  
Ethan Tuftedal  
Arna Patel  
Nayla Demirovic  
Valeria Franco  
Josh Obispo  
Julian Perez  
Samariah Unseld**

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

**Thank you to the 34 families that filled this out. Only 770 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

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

**We want your feedback!**

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## **CELL PHONES SHOULD BE "AWAY FOR THE DAY"!**

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.

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**Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 • 5:00 – 8:00 pm**



**Kenyon Woods Middle School Spirit Night – Tuesday, February 21st  
from 5–8 pm!**  
Join us for food & fun! Be sure to mention the Spirit Night when  
you order!



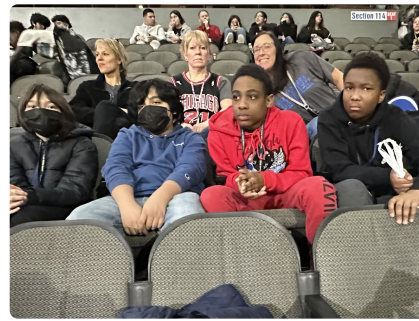
Place ANY mobile order—note "Spirit Night" in comments.

10% of all mobile app order sales will be donated. Orders must be placed on the app. Including the note "Spirit Night".

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## **PANTHER PRIDE AT THE WINDY CITY BULLS!**



## ORDER YOUR TEAM PICTURES NOW!

VIP is offering a 10% discount on your team and individual portraits every Tuesday in February 2023. 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

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



## SAVE THE DATE

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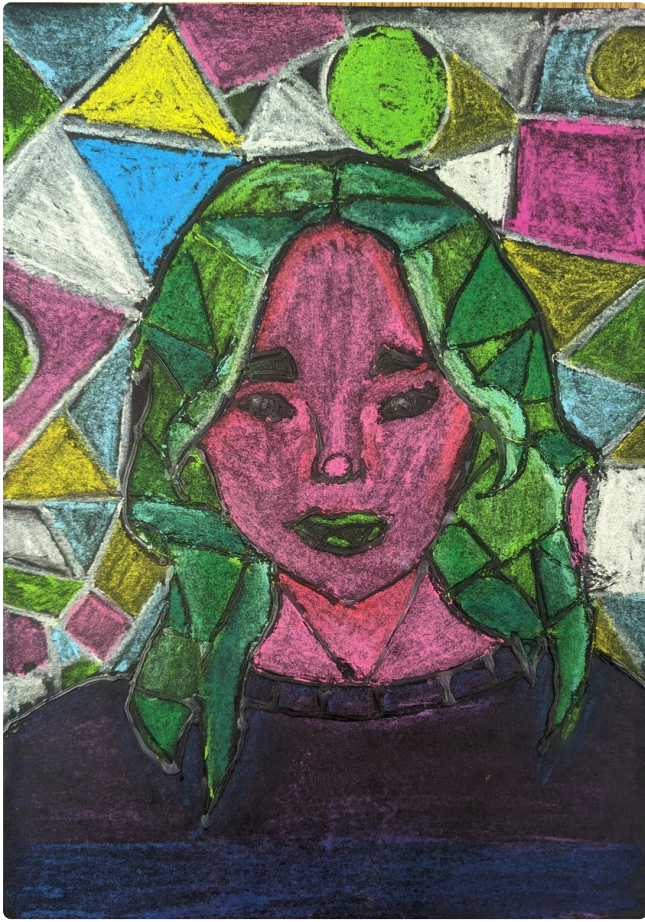
KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AVID COLLEGE & CAREER GALLERY WALK  
5:00 - 6:30 PM

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### FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 3 continues to work on self-portraits, but this time experimenting with *abstraction*. Artists **Gia Mangriotis** and **Lucy Tomasi** used their imaginations to creatively depict themselves through color and design using white glue and pastels on black paper.





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## ORDER YOUR KENYON WOODS SPIRITWEAR NOW!

### **\$10 OFF ADIDAS POLOS!**

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
AURORA | ELGIN | HANOVER PARK | SCHAUMBURG | 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 were two informational meetings held this week for boys volleyball. If the paperwork is needed please see either of the coaches (Coach Greguras- 8th grade/ Coach Cesaroni- 7th grade). All completed paperwork is due March 1st, 2023. This includes a copy of a sports physical and no exceptions will be made. Tryouts will take place on March 6th and 7th (both dates must be attended) starting at 7 a.m. Please enter in through door 14 located by the gym.

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



# 8th Grade Dance



## Save the date

May 4, 2023

6 - 9 PM

Dinner and Dancing

Villa Olivia  
1401 W Lake St, Bartlett,  
IL 60103

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### IMPORTANT DATES

2/20/2023 - No School - President's Day  
2/22/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs Tefft - Home  
2/23/2023 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Canton - Away  
2/25/2023 - U-46 Solo & Ensemble Festival @ SHS  
3/6/2023 - PTO Mtg via Zoom - 6:30 pm  
3/7, 3/8, 3/9 - Illinois Science Test for 8th Grade Only  
3/7/2023 - Orchestra Concert - 6:30 pm @ SEHS  
3/15/2023 - Band Concert - 6:30 pm @ SEHS  
3/16 & 3/17 - Play Performance  
3/18/2023 - MS Band Festival @ SEHS  
3/20/2023 - Boys Volleyball Game vs Ellis - Away  
3/21/2023 - AVID College and Career Gallery Walk  
3/22/2023 - Boys Volleyball Game vs Kimball - Home  
3/25/2023 - 4/2/2023 - SPRING 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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# Lisa Olsem

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