

KWMS Panther Paws

April 6th, 2023

Message from the Principal

After all the rainy and gray days, there is something about birds singing in the morning and the sun shining bright that helps to start the day off right. Of course, it also helps that we have a three day weekend with warmer weather on the way!



Recently I came across one of my favorite quotes, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world". I was struck by how appropriate that is on so many levels. Who we are now is not who we were last year, last week, yesterday or even a minute ago. Life never stands still, no matter what we do. In other words, although life changes are inevitable, we can also initiate personal change so we can rise to the challenge and become a bigger and better person as a result. How do we do this? We need to recognize that change is inevitable, that there is always the potential for positive change in every moment and to stay grounded and in touch with our inner peace. So today, on this beautiful day, I wish you all inner peace and happiness.

Enjoy the weekend!

Thank you!

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

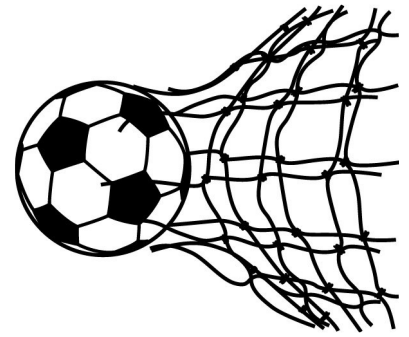
WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG!

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also BELIEVE!

~ Anatole France

BE A PART OF OUR GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM!

It is not too late to join girls intramural soccer! If you are still interested, please come out and join us next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday! Information packets and forms can be found in the main office or in the lunchroom. If you have further questions, please reach out to Coach Ventrella at jessicaventrella@u-46.org.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR STUDENTS ARE POSTING?

Help us!

We spend so much time investigating situations that come to our attention related to social media. We ask that you help us monitor your child's engagement in social media and make sure their participation is positive and not infringing the student code of conduct. We want to provide a positive and safe culture for our students, your children, and we need you to be our partners in this task! Thank you!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We love seeing our students every day at school, especially as we near the spring recess at the end of March. 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.

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 students occur during Thanksgiving and winter recess, spring break, and summer vacation. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

For our Student Attendance Guidelines as part of our Student Handbook, please visit u46.org/attendance.

FREE

Children's Orthopedic Clinic

Does your child:

- *Complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow or wrist pain?*
- *Complain about back pain? •Curvature of the spine.*

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 2:00-4:00 PM

(By Appointment Only)

Scott Ferry, Physician

Held at:

OrthoIllinois

1550 N. Randall Road

Elgin, IL



Please Call 1-800-272-0074

Between 9 and 4 M-F to register for clinic.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

June 7th - July 7th - For middle school students, the summer program will engage students in a variety of academic enrichment opportunities that include STEM, Humanities, and elective courses. Middle school summer programming is open to any current 6th - 8th grade U-46 students and will be hosted at Kenyon Woods Middle School. There are a limited number of seats available, and registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The schedule and more information is available on our Middle School Summer Enrichment page [here](#). Middle school parents can sign their students up for this enrichment program through this [online site](#).

August 1st - 3rd - In addition to the summer program enrichment option, U-46 will host the **Middle School Experience**, for all students who will be in 7th grade in a U-46 middle school for the 2023-24 school year.

The Middle School Experience is a voluntary program that will be hosted at each middle school and will feature community and team-building activities aligned to social-emotional learning standards. The programming aims to familiarize these students with their teachers, peers, their buildings, and schedules. Students will participate in a variety of activities for critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. The Middle School Experience will run from Aug. 1- Aug. 3. More information on the Middle School Experience is available [here](#).

DON'T MISS OUT! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!

Here is the link to order online: <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

I got my yearbook!

Did YOU?

There's still time to order.



Here's how:

1. go to vipis.com
2. type in our school's name
3. select the "yearbook" tile



Or scan this code!

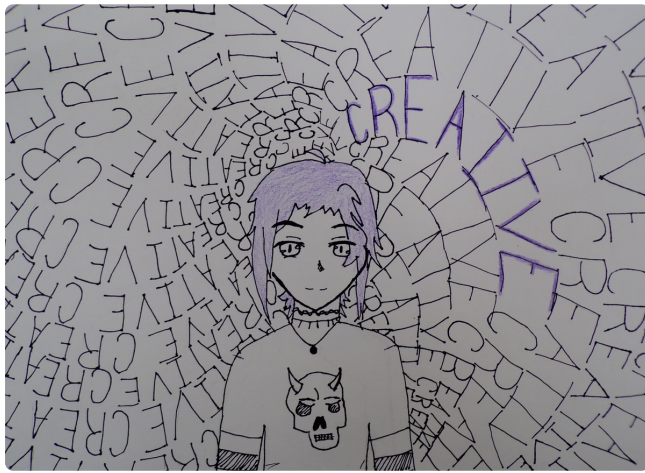


Contact us with questions
at support@vipis.com



FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 2 students have finished a lesson on Cartooning. They learned different cartoon styles and practiced turning themselves into a cartoon, complete with a positive adjective to help describe themselves. Check out the work of **Jenna Hummrich** and **Jassir Castillo**.



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HEALTH
BE WITH YOU**

Community 
**WELLNESS
FAIR**

**Thursday
May 4, 2023**

**at The Centre
100 Symphony Way
Elgin, Illinois
2:00pm-7:00pm**

For more information:
847-888-5000 x5034 or christinecliff@u-46.org



**Tastings
Screenings
Food Demos
Awareness Demos
Cardio Wellness Blasts
Car Seat Safety Checks
Pop Up Farmers Market
Information & Resources
U-46 Staff vs. Student
Basketball Game**

**★ INFORMATIVE
★ ENGAGING
★ FUN**

**Plus a Food Truck Fiesta with
Food to Purchase Featuring
Perk 'n Pickle and
Mario's Cart**

**Special Guests Including
Chicago Bears- "Staley"
Kane County Cougars- "Ozzie"**

**Raffle And Prizes
\$200.00 Visa Gift Card
Autographed Chicago Bears Items
Sporting Event Ticket Vouchers
a Bicycle, Car Seat, Skateboard,
Fitbit and More!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/7/2023 - No School - Spring Holiday
- 4/10/2023 - Boys Volleyball Game vs Eastview - Home
- 4/12/2023 - Boys Volleyball Game vs Tefft - Away
- 4/17/2023 - Boys Volleyball Game vs Canton - Home

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Relationships
Family
Important
Turn
DreamBig
Support
Community
ROAR
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