

Panther Paws - September 2, 2022

Weekly Newsletter for KWMS

Message from the Principal

This week kicked off a plethora of ways for our students to get involved in the school. From clubs to sports to afterschool tutoring, Kenyon Woods was hopping with activities all day long. It is hard to believe we are only three weeks into school. I think it has been over a week since I had to help a student open their locker or find their classroom. It always amazes me how quickly our students adjust and fall back into the rhythm of the day. As I travel from room to room, I am so excited to see all the engaging activities our students and teachers are involved in. The energy in the building is contagious. Thank you to all the teachers who work so hard to teach our students. Thank you to all our students for coming to school ready to learn and ROAR. Finally, thank you to all our parents for your continued support and involvement. Together we are making Kenyon Woods a great place to be. Have a great 3-day 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

STEM MEETS CULINARY!

Engineering and food came together in Mrs. Gentry's FACS classes this week. Students use the Pringles to make a circle. They had to try to figure out the best design pattern to make the structure work and stand on its own.



SPEED DATING WITH BOOKS

Love was in the air in the library space this week!! Mr. Besinaiz's reading class in cahoots with the librarian, Mrs. Domschke, set up a speed dating event where students could "date" several popular types of books.



FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF ART 1 STUDENTS

Early semester drawing lesson for Art 1 students just came in. This is the "Imagination Drawing - Underwater Discovery" project. Alexander Galfi and Kylamialuz Lopez both did a great job of using their imaginations and good techniques to finish an already started image. They both started off the same but ended up with unique end results that are really artistic!



THE BIG EXPLOSION!

Students of Mrs. McNally's class had an opportunity to see a big explosion of soda and mentos outside while learning the Science and Engineering practices. They were planning and carrying out an investigation, and the explosion went above the Kenyon Woods building.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL AT SEHS

Friday night football is back and we are excited to see all of our Storm fans throughout the football season. The purpose of this message is to remind everyone about our expectations for the game.

Please know we want everyone to have fun and cheer for the STORM, but we also expect everyone to act respectfully and responsibly. Listed below are a few expectations we have for all spectators.

1. All cheers must be appropriate, positive, and encouraging. No foul language or derogatory comments will be allowed. Cheer for South Elgin High School rather than against our opponents. Do not single out opposing players.
2. Outside food or beverages cannot be brought into the stadium.
3. Sportsmanship is required of all spectators. Please be respectful to referees, staff, parents, and peers.

***Parents: All of our elementary and middle school students who attend the game will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Please be aware that we expect large crowds for all of our games. Ticket lines may be longer than normal, so arrive early and, if at all possible, bring exact change (\$5 for adults/\$3 for non-U46 students & senior citizens). All U-46 students with a valid school ID are free.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Roll STORM!!
Dr. Kurt Johansen
Principal
South Elgin High School

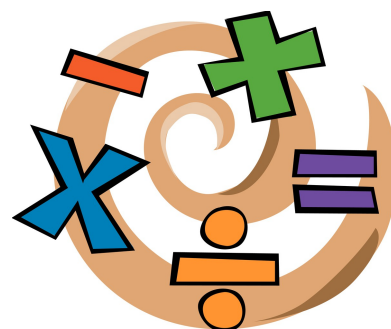
AVID TUTORS NEEDED!



Do you know a local college student who is looking for part time work? Our AVID classes at KWMS are in need of an additional tutor to assist with AVID Tutorials on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 3:30 pm each week. If you are interested or have questions, please contact our AVID Coordinator - Lisa Christner @ lisachristner@u-46.org

MATH TUTORING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Before and After school math help begins next week! Mrs. Buesse will stay after school on Tuesdays, Mrs. Huntley on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5. There is an activity bus. If you are being picked up, your rides must be here by 5. Mrs. Young is offering before school help on Thursday Mornings starting at 8:00 AM. If you need help on current lessons, or need to prepare for, or retake an assessment please join us on one of those days.



YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!



Don't Miss Out ~ Get your yearbook early for a price of \$25 til 10/31. After that, the price goes up. If you would like it personalized, the cost is \$29. This is a great option, because it will have your picture and name on the front cover. The picture is smaller by your name at the bottom of the book.

The link to order online is:

<https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

ATTENTION ALL FUTURE SCIENTISTS!

Calling all science lovers. We need you to join our Science Olympiad team. What is Science Olympiad?

Science Olympiad is a STEM competition in which teams of 15 students compete in 16 events from various scientific fields, such as Anatomy and Physiology, Disease detectives, Forestry, Forensics, and more. We need students to join the KWMS team.



If students are interested in joining our team, there will be two informational meetings next week: **Wednesday, September 7th after school and Friday, September 9th at 8AM.** Students only need to attend one meeting, not both.

The commitment for this activity is the ability to work with partners outside of school and the ability to attend various meetings throughout Sept through Feb. Meetings will rotate before and after school (students will not have to do both, but can). This commitment is very time consuming. The competition will be either Sat March 4 or Sat March 11, so students will need to be able to attend those days.

If you have any questions, email deanneziegler@u-46.org or bring them to the meeting.

See you there!!!

SPORTS TEAM PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Sports team picture day is coming up! Your athlete's photos will be posted online at vipis.com within 3 weeks of your photo day for viewing and ordering. Please click here to sign up for email notification when your photo is ready to view and order:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepMi863ZVfVmAa7tK3lz7RdRmTodz2cJl4zAQFYtTrP57-fA/viewform?usp=sf_link



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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

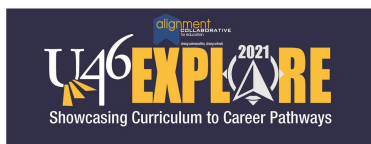
Are you interested in being more involved in the educational opportunities offered to U-46 students, or learning more about how you can make a positive impact in our schools and district?

Then you are encouraged to attend the first meeting for the 2022-23 school year of the [Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC). It is being held Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin. The meeting will offer a virtual option via Zoom for those not able to join in person; [register here](#) to receive a unique link. No registration is required to attend in person.

The CAC has been in existence for more than half a century, and the community and parent volunteers who serve on the CAC act as liaisons between their schools, the CAC, and the school district.

Each U-46 school can have up to five registered representatives on the CAC. If you would like to volunteer as a CAC representative, please contact the Lisa Olsem - Principal at LisaOlsem@u-46.org Community members who reside within U-46 boundaries and do not have a U-46 student can seek an "at-large-membership" to represent one of the schools in your [attendance zone](#). For questions or additional information, please call the District's School and Community Relations Office at (847) 888-5000 ext. 5300. Learn more at u46cac.org.

U-46 EXPLORE



Explore is the District's annual expo designed to expose 8th grade students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers. After being held virtually the last couple of years, the event is returning to the NOW

Arena in Hoffman Estates on Thursday, Oct. 6. Students in 8th grade will attend with their classmates and teachers during the school day. Parents and guardians will have a chance to attend Explore on Oct. 5. More information will be shared in coming weeks with 8th graders and their families

PTO NEEDS YOU!



Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm in the KWMS library.

While we understand that many parents are short on time, we also know that you have a strong desire to become engaged not only in your student's education, but in helping to create a cooperative, positive environment in our school. Perhaps the single best way to make this happen is to join the PTO.

A parent teacher organization (PTO) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. And with today's tight budgets, a strong, well-functioning PTO can be a teacher's most important ally when it comes to achieving curricular and fundraising goals.

The purpose of the PTO is to encourage parents to assist with various school activities/functions/services, provide financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, foster a community atmosphere, and support the mission and vision of the school and school district.

WE NEED YOU! If you are interested in participating in PTO and/or coordinating some of our activities/events, please fill out the form below. Thank You!

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SAVE THE DATE - FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!



IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/5/22 - No School - Labor Day
- 9/7/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Ellis - Away
- 9/7/22 - PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm KWMS
- 9/8/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Kimball - Home
- 9/12/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Larsen - Home
- 9/14/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Abbott - Away
- 9/19/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Eastview - Home
- 9/21/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Away
- 9/24/22 - Cross Country Meet - Bartlett HS - 2 pm
- 9/26/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Home
- 9/28/22 - Girls Volleyball vs Eastview - Away
- 10/1/22 - Soccer Tournament - KWMS
- 10/6/22 - EXPLORE 2022 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Grader
- 10/10/22 - No School - Columbus Day

What's on the MENU this month?

Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters

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