

# Panther Paws

August 25, 2023

## Message from the Principal

With the first two weeks of school behind us, we seem to be off to a great start. 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.



To our parents, we welcome you to our building. We offer so many ways for you to get involved. As you can see below, we are looking for parents to represent us on the Community Advisory Council.

If you are interested, please email me at [LisaOlsem@u-46.org](mailto:LisaOlsem@u-46.org). PTO is another great way to get involved. We are very lucky to have a few wonderful parents that organize our PTO but we are always looking for more help. More information will be coming soon for our first official meeting of the year. Finally, be sure to attend our Back 2 School Night next Tuesday. That is a great way to meet your student's teachers and get a glimpse into the incredible things they are doing in their classrooms.

We hope to see many of you next week. Have a wonderful weekend especially now that the heat is behind us.

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**



## REMINDER

All completed Student Council forms are due to Mrs. Buesse or Mrs. McIntosh in room A104, by Monday, August 28th. No incomplete applications will be considered, so make sure to read carefully and turn everything in on time!

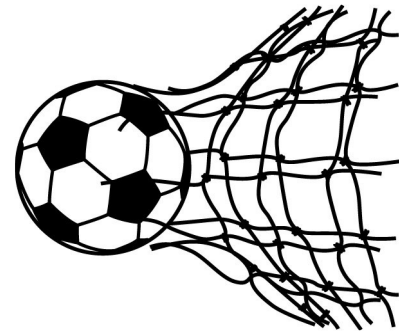
A list of Student Council Representatives will be posted outside room A104 on Friday, September 1st.



## BOYS INTRAMURAL SOCCER

Boys Soccer Will Start Tuesday, September 5th

7th and 8th grade boys intramural soccer will be starting **Tuesday, September 5th**. Practices will be three times a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 3:30pm to 5:00pm every week until the tournament on Saturday, October 14th. Informational packets can be found on the stage starting next week. The participation forms and 20 dollar fee will need to be turned in at, or prior to, the first practice to Coach Ventrella or Coach Besinaiz.



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Help keep Kenyon Woods Represented! We are in need of a few parents to represent KWMS at the Community Advisory Council. This group meets once a month, usually on a Thursday night. If interested, please email me at [LisaOlsem@U-46.org](mailto:LisaOlsem@U-46.org).



**Community  
Advisory  
Council**  
*Your voice in U46 education*

## **Represent Your Child's School**

As a member of the Community Advisory Council, your role is crucial in providing guidance and support to the U-46 Board of Education and Administration to ensure all students receive the best educational opportunities.

CAC members serve as liaisons between their schools, the CAC, and the School District to identify children's needs and bring ideas to the District.

**2023-2024**

**Sept. 7 • Oct. 5 • Nov. 2 • Dec. 7  
Jan. 11 • Feb. 8 • March 7  
April 4 • May 2**

**Contact your  
school principal**

**OR**

**U-46 School and  
Community Relations  
Department**

847-888-5000, ext.5003  
info@u-46.org

*All monthly meetings are  
typically held at  
7 p.m. on a Thursday*

*Visit website for meeting location:*



**u46cac.org**



## **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**



### **BOYS Cross Country**

Help us keep the trophy for a third time in a row! Any boys interested in Cross Country should pick up a packet from the

stage in the commons. Practice starts after school on August 29th and ends on September 26th. Practices are after school: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. The activity bus is available after school for students needing transportation home. Permission slips along with a \$20 fee (Cash or Check payable to KWMS) are due on the first day of practice (August 29th). You must have a permission slip in order to stay for practice.

If there are any questions, please reach out to Coach Guzman [griseldaguzman@u-46.org](mailto:griseldaguzman@u-46.org) or Coach Zimmerman [christiezimmerman@u-46.org](mailto:christiezimmerman@u-46.org) See you there!

### **GIRLS Cross Country**

Girls Cross Country will start on Wednesday, August 23 after school. Come and join our team of champions! Registration packets are in the lunchroom. Practices will be from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Coach Torres [lorenatorrescastillo@u-46.org](mailto:lorenatorrescastillo@u-46.org) or Coach Bennett [tammybennett@u-46.org](mailto:tammybennett@u-46.org) See you there!





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## MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORTATION

U-46's school buses are a critical link between home and 55 schools and programs for more than 25,000 students across 11 communities served by the District. We are grateful for the bus

drivers, assistants, route managers, mechanics and other Transportation staff who keep this important system running every school day.

At the beginning of the school year, there are often delays as drivers become familiar with their routes and stops, and as adjustments are made to improve service and efficiency. We ask for patience from U-46 families during this period.

School bus delays can also be caused by weather conditions, road closures, and more. U-46 parents and guardians with children who ride U-46 buses are urged to download the Versatrans "My Stop" app so that they can see, in real time, the location of their child's school bus.

[Here](#) are step-by-step instructions on how to download the app to your smartphone, sign in, and navigate the app.

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## PICTURE DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

School Portrait day/s will be held on **August 30, 2023**. Afterwards, you'll be able to view your images, order packages and select your image for your yearbook (please remember to do so before it's selected for you), all orders will be delivered to your home.



To view and order photos from Picture Day: You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com).

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## DON'T MISS OUT ON KWMS SPIRIT WEAR!

Gear up for the school year with Kenyon Woods spirit wear! Enjoy a 30% discount across our entire website with hundreds of designs and garment styles waiting for you! Orders ship to home in just 10-12 business days! [Shop Now!](#)

# KENYON WOODS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE



**30% OFF  
SITEWIDE!**

**FREE SHIPPING**  
ORDERS OVER \$75

**1ST PLACE**   
*Spiritwear*

**ORDER AT**  
**1STPLACE.SALE/33326**

**SALE ENDS**  
**SEP 14TH**

## FAMILY RESOURCES

[Teen Vaping: What You Need to Know.](#)

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#)

[Online and Social Media Resource Guide](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

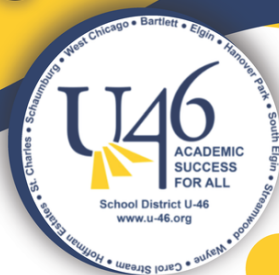
[Infinite Campus Cheat Sheet](#)

[Google Apps Cheat Sheet](#)

[Canvas Cheat Sheet](#)

# We're Hiring!

- Teachers PreK-12
- Special Education Teachers
- Bilingual Teachers
- Social Workers
- Paraeducators
- Noon Hour Supervisors
- Food Service Technicians
- Bus Drivers
- Relief Custodians
- Groundskeepers
- Substitute Teachers
- Secretaries



## SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 JOB FAIR

**SAME DAY  
INTERVIEWS**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 8, 2023

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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September 9, 2023

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



### U-46 WELCOME CENTER

1019 E. Chicago St.  
Elgin, IL 60120

Email Questions to:  
[humanresources@u-46.org](mailto:humanresources@u-46.org)

[www.u-46.org/careers](http://www.u-46.org/careers)

**CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU**

### IMPORTANT DATES

8/29/23- Back to School Night - 5:45 pm

8/30/23 - Picture Day

9/4/23 - No School - Labor Day

9/6/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Ellis

9/7/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Kimball

9/11/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Larsen

9/13/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Abbott

9/18/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Eastview

9/20/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Tefft

9/23/23 - District MS Cross Country Meet @ Bartlett HS 2 pm

9/25/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Canton

9/27/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Eastview

10/2/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Tefft

10/4/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Canton

10/4/23 - EXPLORE Family night at the SEARS Center.

10/5/23 - EXPLORE 2023 Fieldtrip for all 8th Graders



10/18/23 - PSAT Testing for all 8th graders

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**Attendance line: 847-289-6685 Ext: 6654**



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