

Panther Paws

September 1, 2023

Message from the Principal

Usually I write my opening to the newsletters earlier in the week however, due to the recent events that have happened in our community, I decided to change my message. Words can not adequately express the deep sadness all of us are experiencing at this time. Life is so precious and it is hard to imagine when that life is taken at such a young age. My heart goes out to the families, the students and staff at South Elgin High School. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they go through this extremely difficult time.



This also highlights the importance of creating a safe learning environment for our students. Whether it be in the parking lot, the hallways or in the classrooms, safety is always our number one priority. We are asking parents and guardians to make time in the next few days to sit down and talk with your children about school safety and the behavior expectations we have in our school. Please stress to them that any threats or inappropriate content shared on social media platforms that affect the school community will be taken very seriously. Whether they write it, text it, snap it, or share it, making a threat of violence has real and serious consequences under the Student Code of Conduct. Potential criminal charges for intentional school safety threats may also include felony charges, according to the Illinois Criminal Statutes

Our school district has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to weapons of any kind on school premises, including lookalike weapons. We also will not tolerate inappropriate behavior such as fights.

We also ask parents and guardians to be aware of their children's social media activity. Have a conversation as a family about making good decisions, appropriate conflict resolution methods, and the importance of treating one another with respect. Only through these conversations and modeling our expectations, can we hope to truly make a difference.

Thank You

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



WE NEED A REPRESENTATIVE!

The first meeting for the 2023-24 school year of the [Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC) is being held Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Dr. in Elgin. No registration is required. **At this time, we DO NOT have a Community Advisory Representative for Kenyon Woods.** Please contact me if you are interested in representing us!

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. The CAC's meetings are public and all are welcome to attend. Information about becoming a CAC representative can be found [here](#).

Math Help

Math help is available for everyone!

Tuesdays after school with Mrs. Buesse. Meet in the gym.

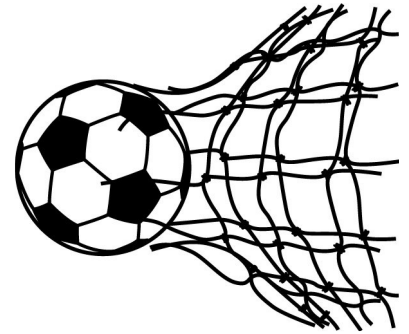
Thursdays starting at 8 AM with Mrs. Young. Meet in A108.

No appointment necessary, just show up with your math questions.

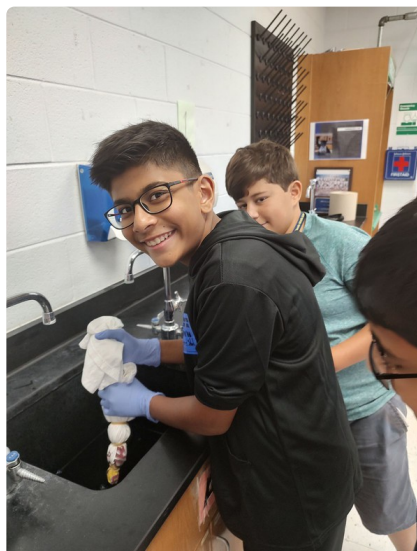
BOYS INTRAMURAL SOCCER

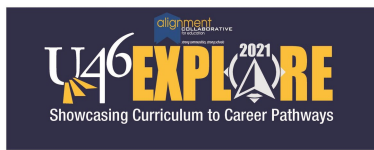
Boys Soccer Will Start Tuesday, September 5th

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.



TIE DYE DAY FOR THE BLUE MONKEY TEAM





SAVE THE DATE! EXPLORE 2023 is coming soon!

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. Eighth grade students will attend with their classmates and teachers on Thursday, Oct. 5; the event will be held at the NOW Arena.

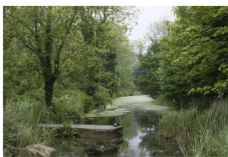
Also this year, we will welcome parents and guardians of both freshmen and 8th graders to attend Explore the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 4. They will be able to learn about Educational Pathways and Magnet Academies. More information will be available soon.

OH THE PLACES WE WILL GO!

Students in Mr. Nolan's 7th Grade Social Studies have been creating digital slides to identify the differences between the characteristics of Physical Place and Human Place. This a major theme as we examine geography

Physical

United Kingdom



Human

South Elgin



TRACK YOUR STUDENT'S BUS

Versatrans My Stop™ helps parents and guardians of U-46 students who ride the bus track the location of their child's bus.

The app is updated automatically with GPS information about the current location of the bus, which will especially be helpful when there are weather or traffic delays. However, the information on My Stop does not guarantee or supersede scheduled times, as computers and GPS signals may have glitches or delays. Please have your child ready and waiting at their bus stop prior to the scheduled time listed in Infinite Campus. Bus substitutions may not always be reflected.

The app is free and is available from your favorite app store for both Android and Apple devices. Search for 'Versatrans MyStop' in your app store - there are several with similar names, so make sure you download the right one.

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

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 1 students finished their introductory lesson last week, an "Imagination Drawing - Underwater Discovery". The image was started for them and they were to finish it and color it using their own creativity. Here are two examples from Cora Benco and Josh Higdon for you to enjoy.



ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PICTURES NOW!

Picture day was this week. 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 shortly after photos are taken. If you need further assistance, contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

Picture retake day is scheduled for Oct. 4th during all lunch periods.



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!](#)

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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



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**SAME DAY
INTERVIEWS**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

September 8, 2023
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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
www.u-46.org/careers

[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

9/4/23 - No School - Labor Day

9/6/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. 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.
10/5/22 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Grader
10/9/23 - No School - Columbus Day
10/18/23 - PSAT Testing for all 8th graders

Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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