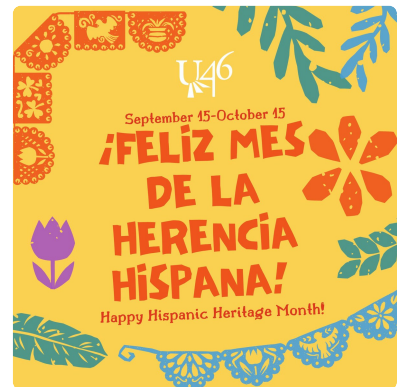


# Panther Paws

September 15, 2023

## Message from the Principal

This Friday, Sept. 15, marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month - a time for us to celebrate all the Spanish-speaking cultures, their different histories, and profound contributions to America. These diverse cultures can be seen in the dates chosen for this celebration (Sept. 15 through Oct. 15), encompassing holidays marking independence from Spain in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (all Sept. 15, 1821), Mexico (Sept. 16, 1810), Chile (Sept 18, 1810), as well as Virgin Islands- Puerto Rico Friendship Day. Keep an eye on U-46's social media channels this month as we recognize and celebrate the contributions, history and diverse cultures of the Hispanic American Community.



Gracias

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

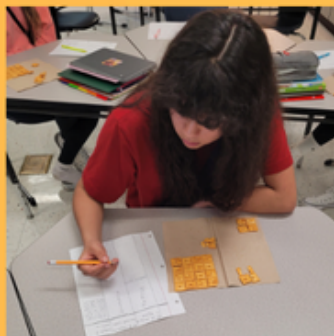
**¡Somos Kenyon Woods y soñamos en grande!  
WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG**

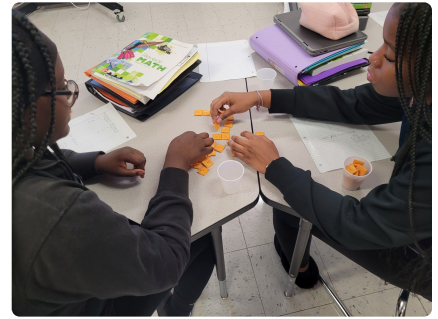
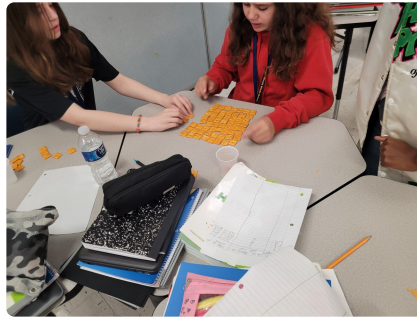
**To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also  
BELIEVE!**

**~ Anatole France**



8TH GRADE MATH IS LEARNING TO  
EVALUATE SQUARE ROOTS OF SMALL  
PERFECT SQUARES.  
WE USED CHEEZ-ITS TO HELP DESCRIBE  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SQUARE  
ROOTS AND PERFECT SQUARES.





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## RUN-HIDE-FIGHT DRILL

District U-46 Parents/ Guardians

Our students and staff will be participating in a Run-Hide-Fight Drill on Tuesday, September 19th. This drill was developed with school safety and school mental health professionals, to include trauma-informed practices, to ensure the wellbeing of all students.

Students will participate in the Law Enforcement Response Drill for active threats inside the building. We believe it is in the best interest of our students' safety for them to practice this type of school safety drill.

Should you decide you do not want your child to participate in this safety drill, please notify the school and request that the student be offered alternative safety education and instruction related to an active threat or active shooter. If you have any questions, please contact me at [geoffreyfleming@u-46.org](mailto:geoffreyfleming@u-46.org) or 847-289-6685.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us keep our school environments safe for student learning.

Geoffrey Fleming  
Assistant Principal  
Kenyon Woods Middle School

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## BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

### Basic Information:

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball is a Cut sport meaning that tryouts will be held for both levels. **AT MOST** 15 players will be taken for each grade level.

### Pre-Season Informational Meeting:

Attendance at ONE of the two dates provided is Mandatory for all students who will be participating in tryouts. If you can not attend, then please email your grade level coach ASAP.

7th Grade - Coach Perdikaris [EvePerdikaris@u-46.org](mailto:EvePerdikaris@u-46.org)

8th Grade - Coach Hardiman [SeanHardiman@u-46.org](mailto:SeanHardiman@u-46.org)

**When? BEFORE SCHOOL on Monday, Oct. 2nd OR Tuesday, Oct. 3rd At 8:30am**

### Sports Physical:

A sports physical allows a clinician to identify any conditions that might keep the athlete out of the game or affect performance. Your doctor or chosen medical provider will complete their own Physical form which can then be returned by the student to their respective coach. This form must be submitted to Coach Perdikaris or Hardiman before the student is allowed to try out.

**No Sports Physical on record means no Tryout.**

### Official Notice of Fee:

To play interscholastic athletics at Kenyon Woods Middle School, there is a participation fee of **\$80.00** for the season. Students must turn in their participation fee to their coach before the first practice of the season when try-outs have concluded and the teams are finalized. Cash or Check made out to Kenyon Woods Middle School.

#### **Transportation:**

Activity buses run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and leave from Kenyon Woods parking lot promptly at 5pm. If your student is taking the activity bus, please assure that they are aware of their bus stop and activity bus route number. All student athletes must have their parent/ guardian pick them up at **5:00pm**.

#### **Try-Out Schedule**

##### **8th Grade Tryouts 10/12-10/13**

###### **Day One:**

Date: **Thursday, October 12th**

Time: 3:30pm- 4:50pm

Location: Main Gym

###### **Day Two:**

Date: **Friday, October 13th**

Time: 3:30pm-4:50pm

Location: Main Gym

##### **7th Grade Tryouts 10/16-10/17**

###### **Day One:**

Date: **Monday, October 16th**

Time: 3:30-4:50pm

Location: Main Gym

###### **Day Two:**

Date: **Tuesday, October 17th**

Time: 3:30-4:50pm

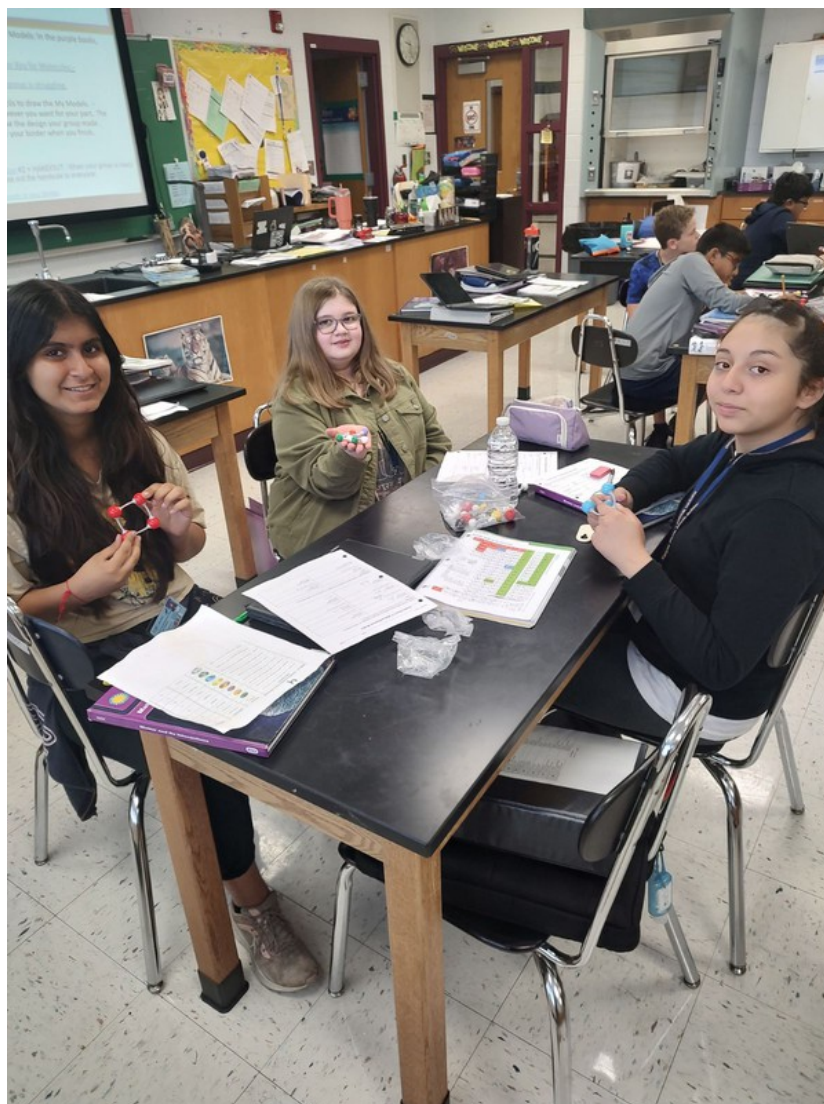
Location: Main Gym

#### **Additional Information:**

- Both tryout dates are mandatory. If you know of a conflict in advance please reach out to your grade level coach as soon as possible.
- All players are expected to have the proper athletic attire and should pack their own water bottle. Students will be allowed to use the locker room for changing and should report to the gym with their belongings immediately following the end of the school day.
- 7th Grade Team decisions will be posted at school and/or emailed out by the afternoon of Thursday, October 19th.
- 8th Grade Team decisions will be posted at school on October 16th.

## GOT H2O?

Mrs. McNally's science classes are learning to develop a model to describe simple molecules.



## MAGNET ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE COMING SOON!

In School District U-46, current 8th grade students are encouraged to consider applying to attend high school at one of the District's specialized academies. Each of the District's five comprehensive high schools houses one Magnet Academy that offers unique, focused programming.

The application window will be later this fall; it is the only time students can apply for Magnet Academy admission.

To help with the decision-making process, each academy will be hosting an open house for students and their parents one evening during the month of October. All open house events will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

**Tuesday, Oct. 10** - Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Larkin High School

**Wednesday, Oct. 11** - Science, Engineering and High Technology Academy at Bartlett High School

**Monday, Oct. 16** - International Baccalaureate/Gifted and Talented Academy at Elgin High School



**Tuesday, Oct. 17** - Beacon Academy at South Elgin High School

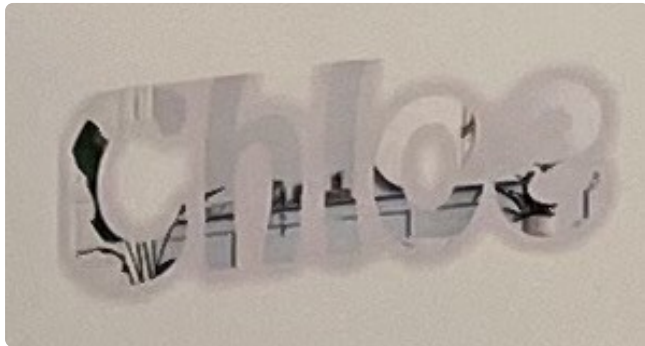
**Wednesday, Oct. 18** - LEAD Academy at Streamwood High School

More information on the open houses, as well as the application process, will be sent directly to 8th grade families. It can also be found at [u-46.org/magnetacademies](http://u-46.org/magnetacademies).

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### GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN THE MAKING!

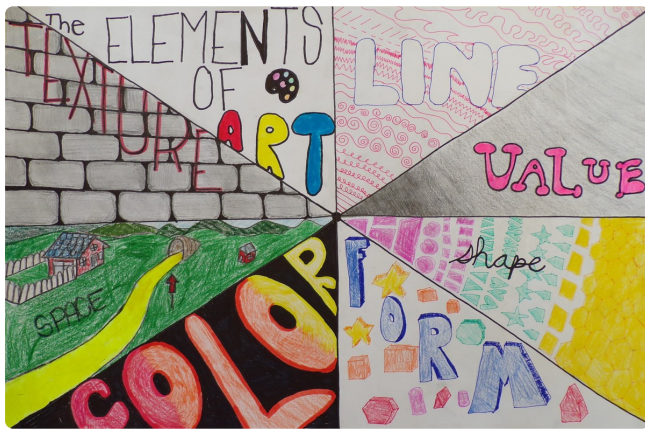
Students in Intro to Computers are gaining graphic design skills in Adobe Photoshop! In this challenge students searched for an image, added their name as a text box, and used various layering tools to make that image become the background!



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### FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art1 students finished working on their "Elements of Art" Poster, where they studied the seven elements of art and interpreted them in a creative way. Enjoy the imaginations of **Sydney Smith** and **Khloe Karikitan**. Hopefully you feel better informed as well!



## PICK UP PROCEDURES!

This week kicks off our elementary band/orchestra lessons. Elementary lessons are released at 3:15 Monday through Thursday. This adds between 30 - 80 more cars to the pick up lines at the end of the day. In order to ensure a safe and orderly pick up, we are asking that you adhere to the following guidelines.

1. All Kenyon Woods families arriving at the school before 3:15 will be asked to wait in the pick up lane in the middle parking lot.
2. Elementary parents picking students up will be asked to wait in the pick up lane in the north parking lot.
3. At 3:15, as the elementary parents leave, we will allow our families to begin moving into the North pick up line.

In addition, please continue to follow our other safety guidelines when picking up your students.

1. Students are to remain on the school sidewalks at all times. They are not to cross the parking lots to get to the cars.
2. Parents are being asked to not park in the lots and require students to cross in front of other cars to get to their rides.
3. When you pull into the pick up lines, please pull all the way up so that we can get as many cars in the line as possible.
4. Cars should NOT enter or exit through the bus lane on the south side of the building. All cars should enter and exit through the north entrance. Please pull all the way over so we can have two lanes of traffic.



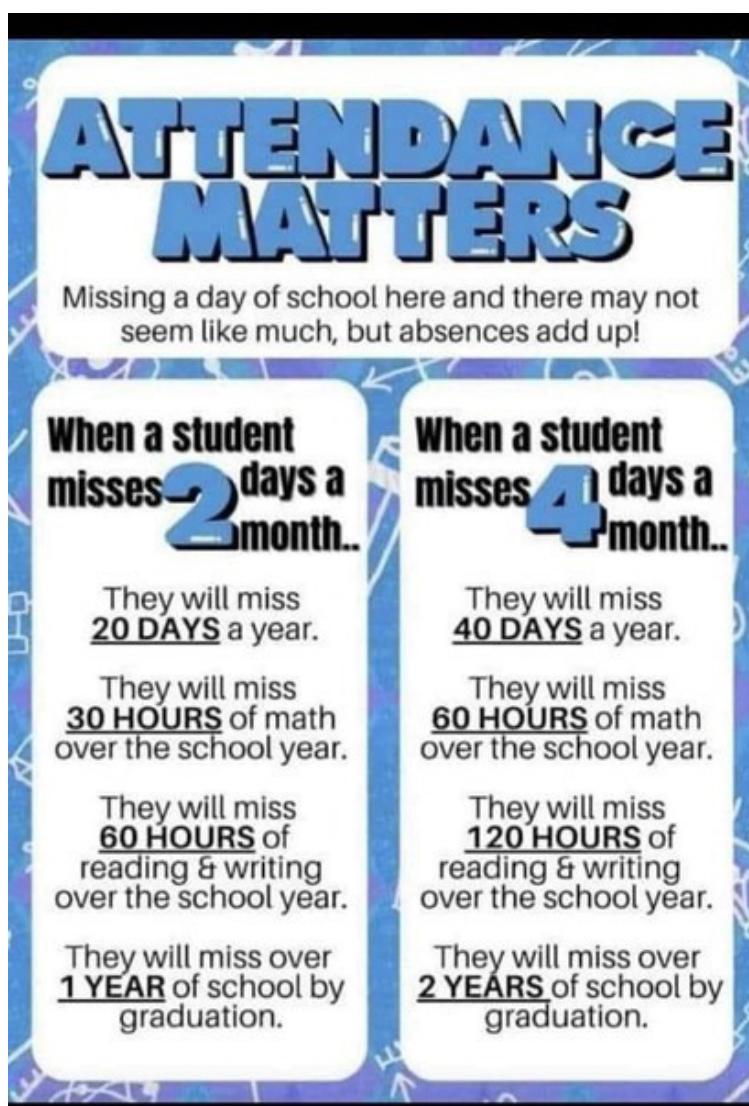
Please note that our main goal here is to keep our students safe. We ask for your patience as we work to get all of our students picked up in an orderly and safe manner.

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## EVERYDAY COUNTS!

We are looking forward to the start of a successful year at Kenyon Woods Middle School. The staff at KWMS is here to support your student on their learning journey. I will share attendance information and data in my upcoming letters because attendance matters.

Strong attendance has a proven impact on school success. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school.



# FALL FEST



Save the  
Date!

Food - Games - Haunted Courtyard - and More!

**27**  
October

Raffle tickets will be sold starting Monday October 23th during lunch periods. It's \$5 for 6 tickets or \$20 for 30 tickets. Tickets are needed to play all games to win prizes and can also be used for the raffle baskets. Prizes and raffle baskets are valued between \$5-\$400.

Bring the whole family!



Your official TEAM photographer

**To be notified when  
your sports photos are  
ready to view,  
scan this QR code!**



Please share this with your  
mom, dad, grandparents,  
aunts and uncles....  
whoever loves to see  
your smiling face!

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

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

9/18/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Eastview  
9/20/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Tefft  
9/22/23 - 8th Grader Magnet Informational Assembly  
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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**Lisa Olsem**

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