

KWMS Panther Paws

September 22, 2023

Message from the Principal

Help us to make everyday count!

Parents, you can have a positive impact on your student by making regular school attendance a priority. Good attendance habits begin in the early grades and as parents you are responsible for making sure your teen develops the habit of regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more in the classroom and are more successful and involved in school than students who are not present. Students with regular attendance learn to be responsible, successful in the classroom and are working on track toward graduation. Regular attendance is critically important, because students who are absent lose instructional time. This is also a lost opportunity to learn, ask questions and participate in class activities. Due to this, students are more likely to fall behind and fail classes. Poor attendance can be excused / unexcused absences and trancies, which affect academic performance. Our goal this semester is to reach a 95% attendance rate for first quarter. We are currently at a 94%. Lets work together to get our students into school, on time and engaged in the lessons! Only together can we make a difference.

Thank You

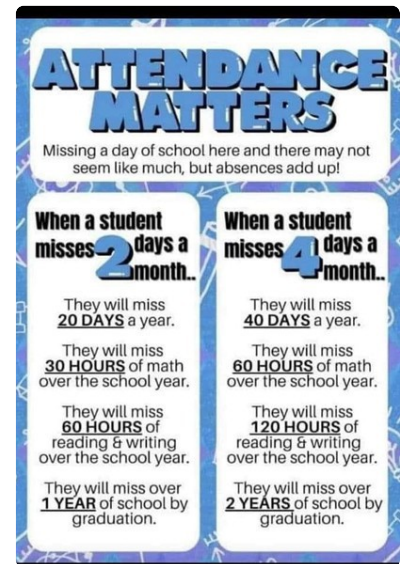
Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

¡Somos Kenyon Woods y soñamos en grande!

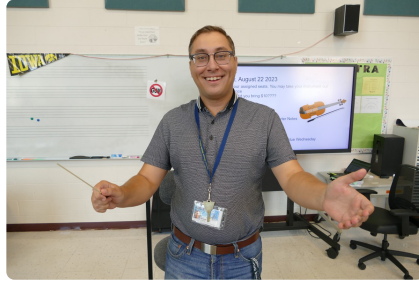
WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG

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

~ Anatole France



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK!





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KWMS STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

Congrats to all the Students of the Month!!! Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.

They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.

Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the Student of the Month for September!!

Kaitlyn Vandermeir
Kyle Moravek
Tanvi Kalagara
Declan Radke
Alexis Hayes
Daniella Di Vietro
Szymon Gosztyla
Nabiha Sheikh
Anthony Lullo
Vanessa Soto
Jedyn Smith
Diar Caravaku
Branden Neilsen

CREATIVE CLUB IS BACK!

Creative Club is starting up the first Tuesday of October (03OCT23) and will run every other Tuesday thereafter. It will go from right after school until 5 PM and meet in G206 (the Art room). Students can bring their own supplies and work on their own, no specific lessons will be taught. It is a place to be with your friends and be *CREATIVE*. You can email andykerwin@u-46.org with any questions. **Please be advised that seating is limited and rides must be here promptly at 5 PM or you will take the activity bus home!**



CHOOSE YOUR YEARBOOK PHOTO NOW!

View your School Portraits, and select your yearbook/class picture before Retake Day!*

- *The final deadline is two weeks after retake day; if you do not pick an image VIP will choose a yearbook/class picture image for you
 - To view your student's school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com (student ID number may be required)
 - Retake pictures will be taken on **10/4/23**.
 - Retake photos will be added to your online image gallery about a week after photo day
 - If you have any questions, please email support@vipis.com
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7TH GRADE DANCE NEEDS DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

Student government and PTO are looking for donations and volunteers for the 7th grade dance. If you can donate food items or your time, please sign up on the following Sign Up Genius!

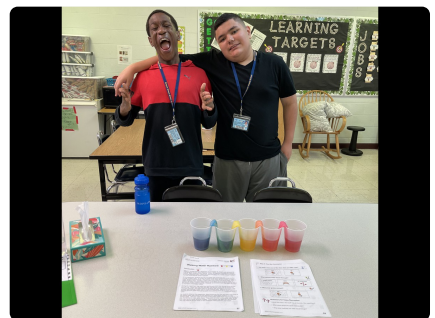
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F45AAAD2AABFC1-44433711-7thgrade>

Reminder

Seventh Grade Dance tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$5 and will not be available at the door. Get your ticket during lunch!

IT'S HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

The MLP students have been learning about Hispanic culture. Many Hispanic artists use different materials to create art like watercolor paint. Water is a liquid that can move through certain materials. In science, we have been learning about Capillary Action! The students conducted an experiment called The Walking Water Rainbow to demonstrate what capillary action is by using fun bright colors and water in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. So fun!



- Avoid out of town trips, vacations during the school schedule. Plan your family vacations during the summer or school holidays. ☐
- Schedule Doctor appointments after school if possible. ☐
- When your student has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, bring him / her to school before or after the appointment. ☐
- Please contact the attendance office within 3 days of the student absence, by phone call, doctors note. (Absences can only be excused for illness, medical / dental appointment, funeral or a justifiable personal reason approved by the principal) ☐
- A parent / guardian can contact the school to excuse an absence within 3 days of absence 5 days for the school year. After the 3ed absence all absences must be cleared by a doctor's note. Absences that are not cleared will be unexcused. ☐
- Sign up for Parent Portal, and get connected with access to grades, attendance and homework assignments. ☐
- Be an example to your teen, that attendance matters. Do not allow an absence unless they are truly sick. Do not ask your teen to help with babysitting / or household errands during the school day.

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TEAM PICTURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Team and individual portraits from your picture day are now available to view and order online. To order photos from your picture day:

1. Go to: <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->
2. Select "View now" on the green Sports Team & Individual tile
3. Enter your information in the search fields
4. Select the school year (July 1st to June 30th) during which your photos were taken and click "search"
5. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and choose your background for your individual photos if applicable
6. You will receive a confirmation email

If you can't find your team, it may have been photographed at a later date. You will receive another email when new images are posted, or you can check back in a few days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at support@vipis.com We're happy to help!

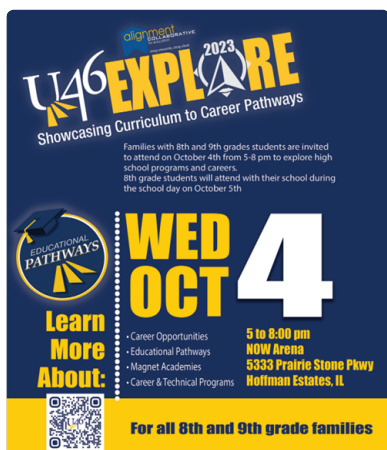
ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Please purchase your yearbook by clicking on this link

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



Note that you purchase your yearbook on-line and will be given to your student at school in May.



EXPLORE PARENT NIGHT

Parents and guardians of 8th grade and 9th grade students are invited to attend Explore 2023 on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates. Explore is the District's annual expo designed to expose students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers.

The event will get underway at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Careers and local companies will be showcased from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.,

followed by a brief keynote with an overview of the event and student opportunities. Parents and guardians will then be able to attend breakout sessions about the District's Magnet Academies and visit other exhibits.

U-46 students in 8th grade, accompanied by their teachers, will attend Explore during the school day on Thursday, Oct. 5.

The "Parent's Night" will give families a better understanding of the opportunities available to high schoolers in U-46.

The [Alignment Collaborative for Education](#), a non-profit local organization that brings together community resources and initiatives to support District priorities, is once again partnering with U-46 to organize the event.

Find more info at u-46.org/exploreexpo.

Unite U-46 Update

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

8th Grade - Coach Hardiman 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.

STEAMPUNK TEA DUELING IN MRS. BORG'S CLASS



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

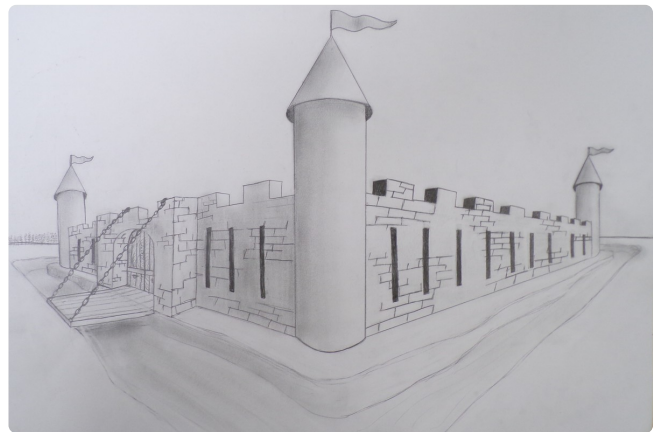
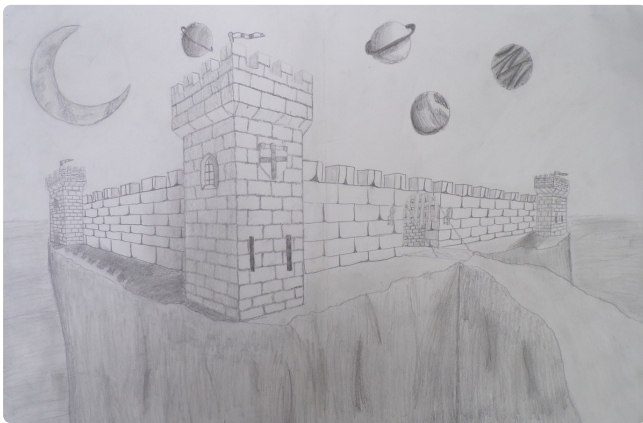
Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Beacon Academy at South Elgin High School

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.

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 2 students just finished a summative project this week - their Castle Drawings. They used historical references, two point perspective, and good drawing techniques to design their own castles. Here are two examples from **Cameron Selz** and **Ali Mitalas**.



A decorative graphic for 'Fall Fest' featuring a central white circle on a light orange background. The circle is surrounded by various autumn-themed illustrations: green leaves, red berries, acorns, pumpkins, and colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The text 'FALL FEST' is written in a large, black, serif font across the top of the circle.

FALL FEST

Fall Fest is October 27!

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.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
- 9/29/23 - MS Band Day @SEHS
- 10/2/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Tefft
- 10/4/23 - Picture Retake Day - During all lunch periods
- 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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