

KWMS Panther Paws

October 6th, 2023

Message from our Assistant Principals

Kenyon Woods Middle School has refreshed its tardy policy to emphasize the importance of punctuality and the impact it can have on students' academic performance and future habits. The idea of teaching students the expectation of arriving to class on time and following through with the tardy policy is a positive step toward creating a more disciplined and focused learning environment.



Setting a "IN THE DOOR IN 4" rule with a four-minute window for students to get to their class on time is a reasonable expectation. It provides ample time for students to navigate the building and avoid socializing in the halls or taking unnecessary laps during passing periods. It's crucial for students to understand the value of their instructional time and the importance of making the most of it.

Parent support is indeed vital in reinforcing these expectations. When parents and the school work together to emphasize the importance of punctuality, it sends a consistent message to students. Encouraging open communication between parents, teachers, and students can help address any issues or challenges that may arise with the new policy.

Promoting good time management and punctuality skills at a young age can have a lasting positive impact on students' academic and professional development. It's an important aspect of their overall education and preparation for the future.

Thank You

Shannon Henderson and Geoffrey Fleming ~ Assistant Principals

**¡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

LAST CHANCE TO SELECT YOUR YEARBOOK PICTURE BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

Families - View your School Portraits, and select your yearbook/class picture* before the deadline:

- To view your school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to vipis.com (student ID number may be required)
- Selection Deadline: 10/18/23
- After the final deadline, VIP will choose a yearbook image for you

There is no deadline to order pictures. If you have questions, please email support@vipis.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS!





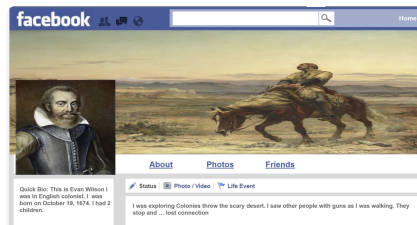
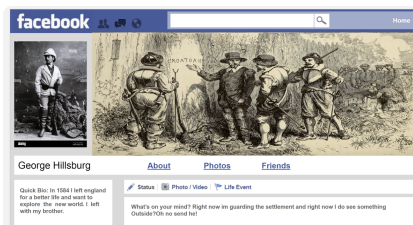
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WHAT HAPPENED TO ROANOKE?

In Ms. Andrews and Mr. Nolan's US History class students used a bit of fact and fiction to create a mock social media profile for a Roanoke Colonist. This took some tech skills, some research, and some imagination! The mystery of what happened to the colonists is still unsolved!



7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL 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.

7th grade coach: Eve Perdikaris eveperdikaris@u-46.org

MS BAND NIGHT AT SEHS!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Fallfest is just around the corner and we need your support. Student Council and PTO are asking for a few donations and Parent Volunteers for the 2023 FALL FEST on **Friday, October 27, 2023 @ 6:00pm.**

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. You are welcome to sign up for more than 1 slot. [Kenyon Wood Fall Fest 2023 Sign Ups](#)

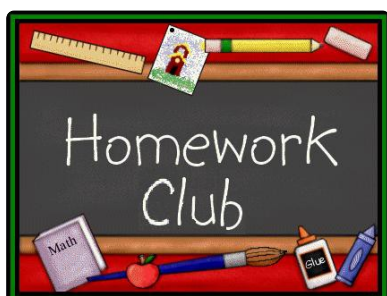
Please drop off all donations to the Main Office before Thursday, October 26.



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.



HOMework CLUB IS BACK!

Starting Thursday, October 26th, students are welcome to stay after school for Homework Club. Homework club provides a quiet, structured place to catch up on missing assignments, prioritize work, and receive guidance from Ms. Ventrella and Ms. Guzman. We will meet in room A106 from 3:30pm-5:00pm every Thursday starting on October 19th.

CULTURE FEST IN COMING SOON!

All 7th grade students will be participating in the Culture Fest on Thursday, November 16 from 3:30-6:00 pm. Parents are invited to the presentations from 4:30-6:00 pm.

We are collecting \$4.00 for the tri fold posters which students must use. (This is a great deal since these boards sell for almost \$10 at retail price.) Please send the \$4.00 cash with your child to their social studies teacher. Money is due October 17.



Please refer to the letter sent home from social studies last week for more details.

PANTHERS GIVING BACK!

KWMS AVID's first community service event at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Our next FMSC opportunity is coming in Spring 2024.



The Spectacular 2023 Annular Eclipse: A Celestial Ballet

On October 14, 2023, the skies will play host to a celestial spectacle: an annular solar eclipse. This rare and mesmerizing event occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, creating a cosmic ballet that captivates observers around the world. Unlike a total eclipse, where the moon fully covers the sun, during an annular eclipse, the moon covers the center of the sun, leaving a dazzling "ring of fire" around its edges. Let's delve into the marvels of this natural phenomenon.



The 2023 annular eclipse will offer a front-row seat to observers in a select band of regions. This time, the prime viewing locations will include regions of Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Texas, and Mexico. Lucky spectators in these areas will be treated to the full splendor of the "ring of fire" as it arcs across the sky. In our region, we are only treated to a partial spectacle capable of slightly dimming our skies. Astronomy enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike are advised to prepare in advance, ensuring they have the proper eye protection, like solar eclipse glasses, to safely observe this extraordinary event.

Saturday's, eclipse serves as a reminder of the grandeur and mystery of our universe. They unite people across the globe in shared moments of amazement and contemplation. And if this event sparks your curiosity about eclipses, you may always make plans to witness the Monday, April 8th, 2024 total solar eclipse visible from locations in southern Illinois.

Article written by: Mrs. Febles - Science Teacher at KWMS

Picture taken from BlueSky Vineyard in Illinois of the August 21, 2017, Total solar eclipse.

Learn more about eclipses: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2023/where-when/>

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS IN THE MAKING!

Students in Intro to Computers using their Photoshop skills to create Cover Art:



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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. Please get your yearbooks now before the price goes up.

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Lindy Vidic completed her *Flower Form Painting* using observational art and watercolor painting techniques in Art 2 class. Don't you think it turned out amazing?!

In Art 1 class, students just finished painting their Creative Color Wheels. They spent the last few weeks learning all about color and how to paint, which culminated in a test on color. Along the way they learned about the color wheel, but instead of relying on the old boring one, they created one from their imaginations! Here is **Chloe Su's** Creative Color Wheel.



Thank you to Alex Rushing for painting our incredible Purple Cow Team Logo!



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

IMPORTANT DATES

10/18/23 - PSAT Testing for all 8th graders
10/19 & 10/20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/20/23 - No School - Institute Day
10/27/23 - Fallfest 2023 - 6 pm
10/30/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Ellis - Home
11/6/23 - Boy's Basketball vs. Larsen - Away
11/8/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Abbott - Home
11/13/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Eastview - Away
11/13/23 - PTO Mtg via Zoom - 6:30 pm
11/15/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Tefft - Home
11/16/23 - Culture Fest - 3:30 - 6:00 pm
11/22 - 11/24 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/28/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Canton - Away
11/29/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Eastview - Home
11/30/23 - Orchestra Concert - 6 pm @ SEHS

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