

KWMS Panther Paws

October 27th, 2023

Message from the Principal

All too often we focus so much on academics that we forget that personal integrity and character are also very important. Getting back to some very simple concepts of good manners like saying please, thank you, your welcome and sharing a kind thought with each other, also breeds success. So many times we focus on the negative items and forget to celebrate our successes and compliment those around us for their good efforts. We all have daily challenges, some unique, some common and some extreme. Who is the person in your life that can take those challenges and turn them into adventures or successes? Is it a teacher, friend, parent or a family member? Is it a thought, belief or feeling? Or is it a memory? Is it YOU? Start the day with a thought of gratitude.



Keeping it simple...spend a moment every day thinking of someone to thank!

Thank you to all of our wonderful and caring staff members who work so hard to provide our students with a multitude of opportunities to shine.

Thank you to our many parents and their countless hours of support for all of our programs and volunteer time to make a difference in your student's life.

Thank you to our students. They are why we are all here.

Thank you to those that choose to help each other, work hard in school everyday, and make the right choices day in and day out.

We need to share these simple thoughts with our children and students. Slow life down a bit and help them to recognize the importance of being a good person and how that will impact those around them and how that will help to drive their academic success.

Have a great weekend. I am grateful each day to be able to work at Kenyon Woods Middle School with all the students, a great staff and all the KWMS families.

Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ 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**

MAGNET ACADEMY APPLICATION DEADLINE!

Current 8th grade students interested in attending one of the District's five Magnet Academies in high school must submit their application by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. To be considered for a U-46 Magnet Academy, students are required to have a 2.0 GPA and two letters of recommendation.

Additional information and a link to the application platform is available at u-46.org/magnetacademies, as well as an [optional template](#) for recommendation letters.

Any questions about requirements, recommendation letters, or the application process should be directed to middle school counselors or by emailing magnetacademies@u-46.org.



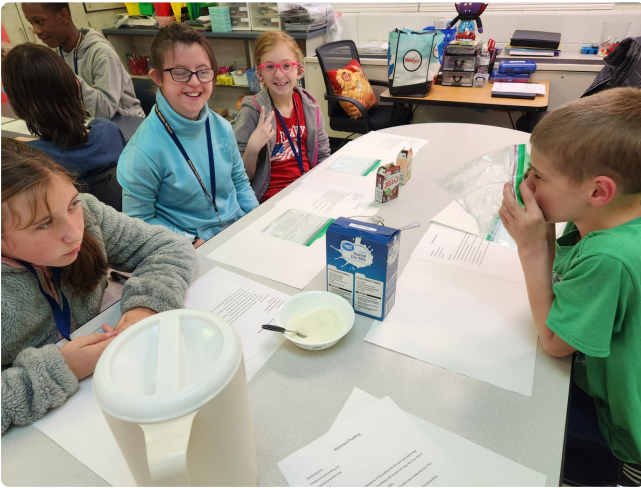
ALA CARTE ITEMS ARE BACK FOR LUNCH!

Starting November 6th, the cafeteria will be selling water bottles. These are priced at 50 cents. Money needs to be on your student's ID via [Myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com), we are cashless. Students need to adhere to the school's water bottle policy.

We also will be serving french fries with school lunches once or twice a month. Students can also purchase an order of fries ala carte when we have them! We will have seasoned wedge potatoes on Monday, November 6th! We hope to be adding other fun items for students to purchase ala carte like smart snack chips or cookies.

More info coming soon! Any questions, contact Jane Russo ext 2227.

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY SURVEY

AVAILABLE OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Monday, October 23, 2023 through Monday, November 6, 2023, the Village of South Elgin will conduct a community-wide survey to better identify how our residents assess Village services such as police, public works, utility billing, parks & recreation, roads and infrastructure and much more. For more information, please visit www.southelgin.com/Survey2023 or scan the QR code below. Printed copies of the survey are available at Village Hall, 10 N Water Street, and must be returned by 5pm, November 6.

The Village has teamed with Polco, developers of The National Community Survey™ (The NCS™). Along with specific South Elgin questions, the standardized format assures high quality research methods and directly comparable results across all communities who use The NCS surveys. The NCS captures residents' opinions concerning: Economy, Mobility, Community Design, Utilities, Safety, Natural Environment, Parks and Recreation, Health and Wellness, Education, Arts, Culture, Inclusivity and Engagement.

When the compiled results are available later this winter, the responses will assist the Village President, Village Board of Trustees and Village staff to shape, refine and improve operational, strategic, and policy decisions as necessary.

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SPOOKTACULAR BAKING DURING COOKING CAMP!



SPIRIT WEEK

Monday 10/30: Black and Orange Day

Embrace the season and dress in black and orange.

Tuesday 10/31: Halloween Costume

Wear your costume to school, don't forget to follow the dress code.

Wednesday 11/1: Pink Day

Wear all the pink you have.

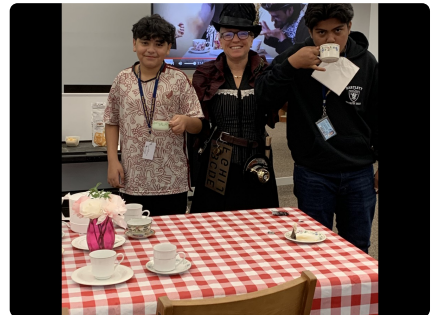
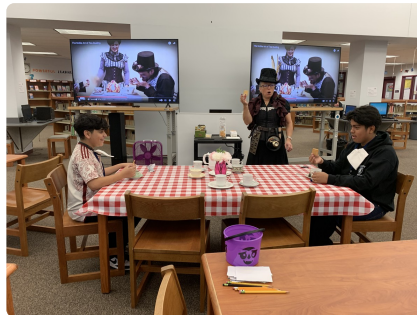
Thursday 11/2: Fall Flannel

Wear your cozy flannel to school.

Friday 11/3: Country vs Country Club

Wear your country western or country club best !

STEAMPUNK AND TEA DUELING RETURN TO KWMS!



HALLOWEEN TIDBITS!

NO SHARING OF BUSESSES – Due to the number of students we have on each bus, students are only allowed to ride on their designated bus. Please do not send your student in with a note asking to ride home with another student.

COSTUMES – Costumes are allowed at school on Halloween. There are a few requirements though.

- No Masks or hoods that hide your face
- No WEAPONS OF ANY KIND
- No face paint
- Outfits must be school appropriate and meet the dress guidelines for the school.



CREATING A MONSTER!

Introduction to Computers students are producing some great work using Adobe Photoshop during their Photo Editing unit! This project involved "Creating a Monster" by piecing together different parts of several images. Quite creative!



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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.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Please purchase your yearbook by clicking on this link

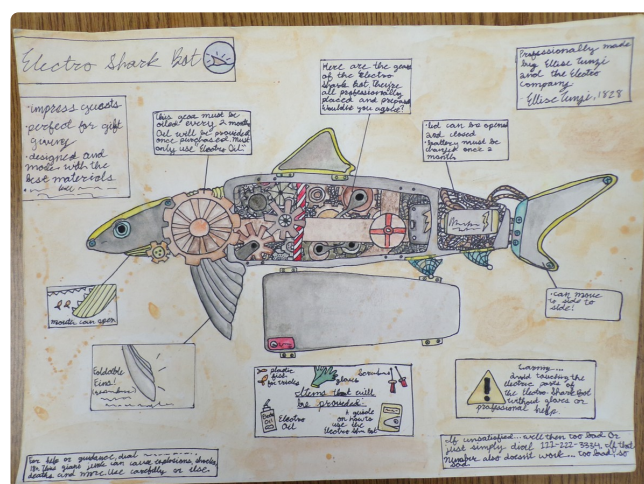
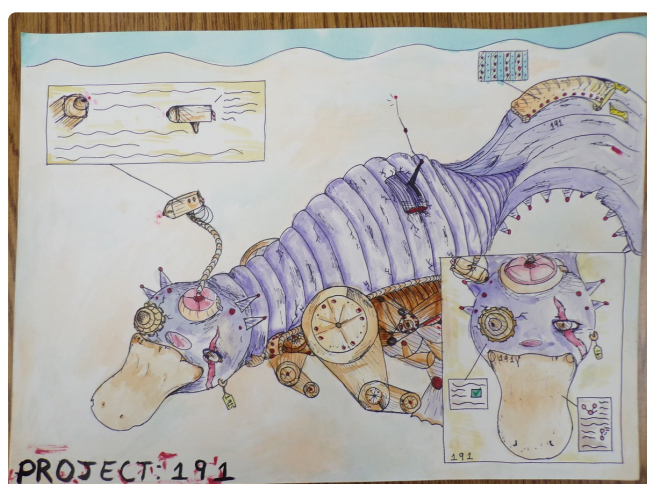
<https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->



Note that you purchase your yearbook on-line and will be given to your student at school in May. Please get your yearbooks now before the price goes up.

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

The Art 2 students just finished a drawing/painting project this week called the "Mechanical Animal". Their objectives included melding the natural world of animals with the industrial/manufactured world using their imaginations. Here are some excellent examples from **Elice Tun** and **Gabriella Savino-Banach**.



Art 3 students just finished drawing landscapes in color. They learned different techniques to capture a realistic scene and recreated an image of their choosing using color pencils. Here are two amazing examples from 8th graders **Mikaela Goeltenbodt** and **Kyla Lopez**.



Unearthing Earth's Ancient Secrets: Students Dive into Geological History with Moon Rocks

In a groundbreaking educational endeavor, students in Ms. Febles's class are delving into the depths of Earth's geological history by studying a surprising resource: moon rocks. This innovative approach provides a unique perspective on the development of life on our planet, offering insights into ancient environments and the evolution of life forms. By examining extraterrestrial material, students are uncovering Earth's secrets in a once unimaginable way.

The moon, Earth's celestial neighbor, has held an enigmatic allure for humans since time immemorial. It serves as a repository of Earth's ancient history, preserving remnants of our planet's early stages. Lunar rocks, collected during the Apollo missions, provide a valuable lens through which students can peer into Earth's past.

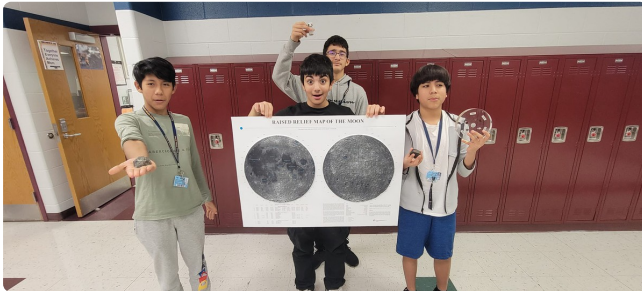
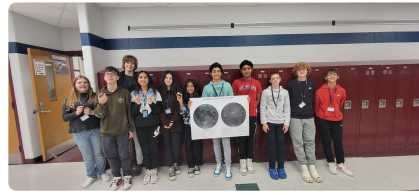
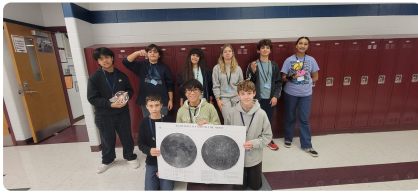
The geological record of Earth spans billions of years, a timeline that is difficult to fathom without tangible evidence. Moon rocks, formed in similar conditions to those on early Earth, offer a glimpse into the distant past. By comparing the compositions and structures of lunar rocks with those on Earth, students can identify parallels and discerning patterns in geological processes that shaped our planet.

While moon rocks don't harbor traditional fossils, they contain isotopic signatures and mineralogical clues that can shed light on the presence and development of life on Earth. These extraterrestrial samples enable students to draw connections between the chemical elements present in ancient rocks and the organisms that once inhabited our planet.

Studying geological history through moon rocks is not only academically enriching but also fosters a profound sense of wonder and curiosity. It encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and the development of research skills. Additionally, this hands-on approach sparks a deeper appreciation for the intricate tapestry of life on our planet.

The integration of moon rocks into the study of Earth's geological history is a testament to the power of interdisciplinary learning. It empowers students to become stewards of Earth's legacy, fostering a sense of responsibility toward our planet's past, present, and future. By utilizing

resources from beyond our atmosphere, we are unlocking the secrets of our existence, one moon rock at a time.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/27/23 - Fallfest 2023 - 6 pm
- 10/30/23 - Boy's Basketball vs Ellis - Home
- 11/4/23 - Boy's Soccer Tournament at Kenyon Woods
- 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

