

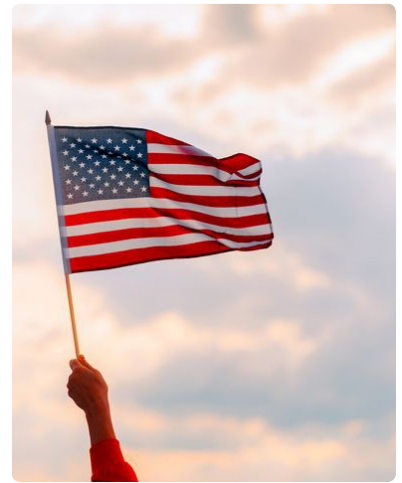
KWMS Panther Paws

November 10th, 2023

Message from the Principal

The writer Michel de Montaigne once said, "Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

Today we honored our heroes, we remembered their achievements, their courage and their dedication, and said thank you to them for their sacrifices. I would personally like to thank all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom and safety. Although the service members we honored came from all walks of life, they shared several fundamental qualities. They possessed courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity – all the qualities needed to serve a cause larger than one's self.



Many of them didn't ask to leave their homes to fight on distant battlefields. Many didn't even volunteer. They didn't go to war because they loved fighting. They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves. They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways in extreme times. They rose to the nation's call because they wanted to protect a nation which has given them, and us, so much.

Over the years, I have heard several speeches honoring our veterans. One of the most eloquent came from President Obama a few years ago. In his speech to veterans, he said, "To all our veterans here today, and to veterans across America, whether you served on the beaches of Europe, the jungles of Asia, the deserts of the Middle East; whether you served here at home or overseas, in wartime or in peace; whether you served proudly in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard – you are part of an unbroken chain of patriots who have served this country with honor through the life of our nation." We thank you and honor you on not only Veteran's Day, but every day, for your service.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS SOCCER TEAMS!

Congratulations Boys Soccer Players! Congratulations to both our 7th and 8th grade boys soccer players for competing in the championship game this past Saturday at the district tournament. 7th grade finished in 2nd place, playing hard and giving it their all until the very end. 8th grade finished in 1st place, beating out the competitors in a nail-biting penalty kick shootout! All players should be so proud of themselves. Way to go, Panthers!



EPIC AIR JUMP JAM IS COMING!!



KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

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Starting Monday the 13th, the cafeteria will be selling chips and cookies for \$1.00! Money needs to be on your student's ID. You can add funds at myschoolbucks.com. If you have any questions, contact Jane Russo ext 2227..

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE STUDENTS!



Welcome Class of 2028!



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an informative evening to learn more about your future high school. Graduation requirements, expectations, course selection and more.

OUR HIGH SCHOOLS

Join at the school you plan on attending:

- [Bartlett High School \(12/6\)](#) - 6:00pm
- [Elgin High School \(11/29\)](#) - 6:30pm
- [Larkin High School \(12/4\)](#) - 6:00pm
- [South Elgin High School \(12/7\)](#) - 6:00pm
- [Streamwood High School \(11/30\)](#) - 6:00pm

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Meet Administration, Staff & fellow students
- Learn about a typical high school schedule
- Receive an overview of the course selection process
- Learn about elective course options
- Preview activities & athletics

NEW TO U-46?

[Click here](#) to learn more (scroll to the bottom) or contact the school you will attend to start the enrollment process.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE FAMILIES!

IS AVID RIGHT FOR YOU?

Want to learn more about the AVID Elective class at Kenyon Woods Middle School for the 2024-25 school year? Join us Thursday, November 16th from 6pm - 6:45pm, as KWMS AVID Lead, Lisa Christner, hosts a Zoom informational meeting to learn more about the AVID Program and addresses any questions you may have.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

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KENYON WOODS PTO

MEETING SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 13TH

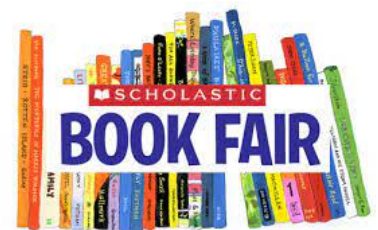
6:30PM

**ZOOM LINK WILL BE
EMAILED DAY OF MEETING**



BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

It is that time of the year again for the Scholastic Book Fair! Your students will be visiting the book fair through their English classes next week November 13 through November 17. In addition, Scholastic Book Fair will be open during the Culture Fest night when our seventh graders present their projects. What a great time to get a headstart on holiday shopping!! See the attached link to purchase items on the school's homepage, view a digital flier, and to set up an Ewallet. The Ewallet is a safe way for students to spend a predetermined amount without having to carry cash or a credit/debit card.



<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/kenyonwoodsmiddleschool>

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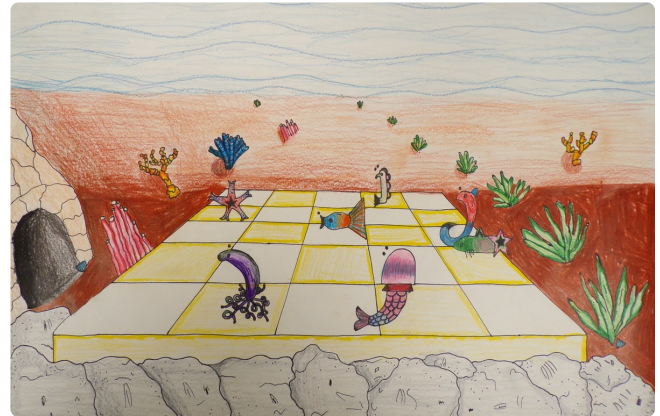
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FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 1 students just completed using their imaginations to create their very own game boards. They learned about using perspective to create the illusion of depth on a flat surface. The goal was to

come up with an original theme and unify the Elements of Art into a cohesive 3-dimensional design based around a game board. Here are two great examples from **Ally Goetz** and **Tayden Fuchs**!



Guiding Lights and Guardians of the Sea: Lighthouses and the Origin of the Coast Guard

By Mrs Febles

As Veterans Day approaches, it is essential to reflect on the individuals, institutions, and armed forces dedicated to safeguarding our nation's safety on land, water, and space. This article pays tribute to two vital components of maritime security: the U.S. Coast Guard and lighthouse keepers. The two latter have played pivotal roles in preserving the lives and livelihoods of countless sailors, fishermen, and citizens alike at sea and in the Great Lakes.

Lighthouses have stood as symbols of hope, safety, and guidance for mariners throughout history. Dating back to ancient times, when the ancient Greeks constructed the famed Pharos of Alexandria, lighthouses have evolved from simple bonfires to towering structures with advanced optics. The primary purpose of a lighthouse is to warn ships of dangerous coastlines, shallow waters, or other navigational hazards.

In the United States, the first lighthouse was established in 1716 in Boston Harbor. Since then, these beacons have dotted the coastlines, lighting the way for ships in need. One of the most famous lighthouses is the Statue of Liberty's torch, which not only served as a powerful symbol but also as a functioning lighthouse from 1916 to 1917.

The technological advancements in lighthouse technology, from the introduction of Fresnel lenses to the automation of light stations, have significantly improved their effectiveness. Today, while many historic lighthouses remain operational, modern technology has introduced satellite navigation systems and GPS, reducing the reliance on these iconic structures. However, their historical significance and cultural importance continue to be cherished.

The United States Coast Guard, founded in 1790, emerged from a pressing need to regulate maritime trade and protect the nation's interests. Initially known as the Revenue Cutter Service, its

primary responsibilities were to enforce customs and tariffs, deter smuggling, and ensure the safe passage of merchant vessels.

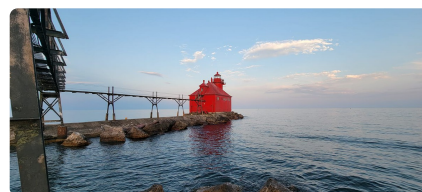
Over the years, the Coast Guard's role expanded to include search and rescue operations, environmental protection, and national defense, solidifying its reputation as one of the most versatile branches of the U.S. military. During times of conflict, the Coast Guard seamlessly integrated with the U.S. Navy, exemplifying its adaptability and dedication to safeguarding American interests.

The Coast Guard's close relationship with lighthouses cannot be overstated. Lighthouse keepers and Coast Guard personnel worked hand in hand, with keepers often assisting in search and rescue operations. The integration of lighthouses and the Coast Guard exemplifies the collaborative spirit that has been crucial in maintaining maritime safety throughout the years.

On Veteran's Day, it is essential to recognize and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the protection of our country. The U.S. Coast Guard deserves an unwavering dedication to maritime safety, from patrolling our nation's waterways to conducting daring rescue missions, a testament to their selfless commitment.

Likewise, we must also remember the keepers of the lighthouses, whose tireless efforts provided crucial support to the Coast Guard's mission. Together, they formed an indispensable partnership that helped guide and protect mariners throughout history.

This Veteran's Day, let us remember and honor the courageous men and women who have served in the Coast Guard, the dedicated keepers of our nation's lighthouses, and all members of the armed forces for their invaluable contributions to our nation's security and well-being.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/4/23 - Boy's Soccer Tournament at Kenyon Woods
- 11/6/23 - Boy's Basketball vs. Larsen - Away
- 11/6-12/8 - Holiday Spirit wear Sale
- 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
- 11/15/23 - No Cook Papa John's
- 11/16/23 - Culture Fest - 3:30 - 6:00 pm
- 11/17/23 - Epic Air Night Fundraiser
- 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

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