

# KWMS Panther Paws

December 15th, 2023

## Message from the Principal

**7th GRADERS ~ If you have not turned in your course selection sheets, bring them in by Wednesday, December 20th or you risk not getting your electives for next year. They should be turned in to your counselor before you leave for break!**



As we are approaching winter break, I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for contributing to the Kenyon Woods' community that we are all so proud to be part of. We have had an outstanding first term with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate their amazing talents and passions. Thank-you to all those who have made these opportunities possible.

As next week is a short week, this will be my last newsletter of 2023. I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous winter break. May your days be filled with love and family. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness

Take Care Everyone!  
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**

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## DO YOU HAVE A FLAIR FOR DRAMA?

Announcing Open Auditions for this year's school play. Auditions will be held Tuesday, December 19. Students can choose to audition at 8 am or 3:40 pm in B137. If a student has a conflict, they

should speak with Mrs. Turcan for an alternate option. Please click [here](#) for all the details and permission slip.



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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER 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  
Students of the Month for December!!**

Nathan Binkley  
Shayla Partia  
Nicole Hladeck  
Lily Piemonte  
Scarlett Rivera  
Rishan Dev  
Gabi Bajorek  
Sam Mirante  
Ava Lazare  
Amy Lloyd  
Khloe Argote  
Anthony Cordone  
Aaliyah Bivian

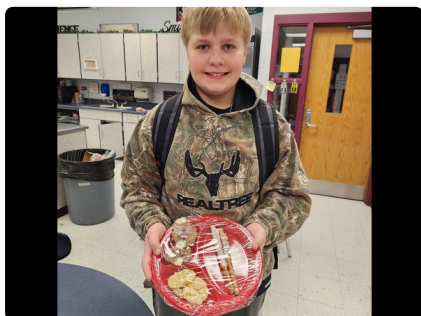
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## **PARENT UNIVERSITY ~ The Quiet Storm: Anxiety in Tween/Teens**

As the number of tween/teens experiencing anxiety and/or depression continues to skyrocket in our culture, we as parents can help our adolescents find emotional well-being by understanding the causes, hidden and not so hidden symptoms, and interventions. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 18th at 6:00pm as Riverview Counseling Services provides a presentation on Anxiety in Tween/Teens at Kenyon Woods Middle School! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. See you there!

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# HOLIDAY COOKING CAMP!



## DINE-2-DONATE

### YOU'RE INVITED TO A "DINE-2-DONATE" EVENT!

Thank you for assisting the organization/group listed below in their efforts to raise funds with our "Dine-2-Donate" event. We realize that every dollar counts, and we will do our best to provide a fun atmosphere with high quality food and service to make a memorable and profitable experience for the organization. Here is how it works. It is an all-day event, so you can come for lunch, dinner or both (open to close). You can bring your business colleagues from work for lunch and then the family for dinner! Make sure you bring a flyer for each visit!

- These flyers may be copied and passed out to anyone and everyone **PRIOR** to the scheduled event. **ANYONE** suspected of passing out flyers on the day of the event on Village Tavern & Grill property may cause a penalty deduction or forfeit the entire donation. Unfortunately, this clause was added due to past abuse of our charitable nature.
- This flyer must be turned in to your server at the time of payment along with a copy of your bill in-order to receive credit for the donation. Once you have left the building you may not return with a flyer to apply to a bill.
- Although groups may request sitting in the same section when booking the event, it is not necessary to receive the donation. We may not be able to grant all seating request.
- **20% of the pre-taxed bill, minus any discounts will be donated back to the organization including carry-out orders.**
- **If your group is interested in booking a "Dine-2-Donate" event at Village Tavern & Grill, please call 224-535-8440**



FOR: KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

DAY: **TUESDAY** DATE: **DEC. 19, 2023** TIME: **11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> party carryout**

Dine-2-Donate Event Location: **VILLAGE TAVERN & GRILL**  
464 Redington Dr. • South Elgin, IL 60177 • (224) 535-8440 • Web: [www.villagetavernandgrill.com](http://www.villagetavernandgrill.com)

SUB-TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SERVER: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BEFORE TAXES AND ANY DISCOUNTS



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## WINTER BREAK!

Students are in class through Thursday, Dec. 21. Winter recess begins Friday, Dec. 22, and will last through Friday, Jan. 5. As we approach winter recess, we ask that families ensure their children attend school every day, as consistent attendance is important for maintaining the excitement for learning and classroom activities. We'll be glad to see our students back in the classroom in 2024 - the first day of classes after recess will be Monday, Jan. 8. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2023-24 at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u-46.org/calendar).

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## GRADES AND INFINITE CAMPUS!

Our semester officially ends on Dec. 21st. You will be able to see final grades in Infinite Campus. Report cards will be mailed out after the holidays. Please note that U-46's Information Services department will be performing maintenance on Infinite Campus over the holiday break. As a result, Infinite Campus will not be available to staff, students, or parents starting on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. The work will be conducted as quickly as possible, but the Infinite Campus system will be back on-line and available at the latest by Tuesday, Jan. 2. Please direct any questions or concerns to U-46's Helpdesk at [helpdesk@u-46.org](mailto:helpdesk@u-46.org).



## **ATTENTION GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS!**

Girls basketball informational meeting will be December 19th and 20th at 8:30 in the gym before school.

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## **MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER!**

Congratulations to our 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Orchestras on a fantastic Winter concert! Mr. Botwinski would like to thank all of the students for their dedication and preparation as well as all parents, teachers, administrators, and community members for their support of our students' music education.







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# Season of giving

**DONATE BLOOD TODAY!**

**Thursday  
December**

**21**

**2:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.**

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.**

**South Elgin Police Department  
Community Blood Drive 2:30PM- 7PM**

10 N Water St. South Elgin, IL.  
Drive will be held in the Board Room 2nd Floor

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

Questions? Text Dr. Dom at 224-622-6365.



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## HELPED WANTED!

Help wanted! Come join our cafeteria team! A fun atmosphere with the students and staff! Part time positions available 10:15 - 2:00. Holidays and summers off! Paid sick days and some holidays! If interested, contact Jane Russo, 847-289-6685 ext 2227.

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# 20% OFF MINTED

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE'RE PARTNERING WITH MINTED TO HELP US FUNDRAISE! PLEASE SUPPORT THE KENYON WOODS STUDENT COUNCIL BY ORDERING YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS & GIFTS FROM MINTED USING OUR PROMO CODE **FUNDRAISEKWMS**. YOU'LL GET 20% OFF YOUR ORDER AND 15% OF EVERY PURCHASE MADE USING OUR CODE WILL BE DONATED BACK TO US AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

Art 1 students are finishing up the semester with one of their most creative projects yet. They have been studying *Family Folk Art*. They were tasked to write a story that was passed down to them through their families and then create artwork that illustrated it. *Folk Art* is art that is by the people and for the people, not necessarily what you would find in a "traditional" art gallery. Here are a couple contributions from artists **Josh Higdon** and **Bella Brown**.





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

## IMPORTANT DATES

12/22/23 - NO SCHOOL - Start of Winter Break

1/8/2024 - Classes Resume

**Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters**



## Kenyon Woods Middle School

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**Attendance line:** 847-289-6685 Ext: 6654

