

KWMS Panther Paws

February 9th, 2024

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.

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**

WE NEED YOU TO TAKE THE 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY

We ask that you please take a moment to take this survey because we really take your feedback to heart. In addition, this is one of the metrics that goes on our state report card – parent participation. Please remember, when looking for Kenyon Woods, you need to choose Kane County as that is where we reside.

2023-24 Illinois Supplemental Parent Survey

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Our goal is to get 35% of our parents to participate in our 5 Essentials Survey. That means that we need approximately 270 parents to take a few minutes and fill this out. At this time we only have 13 families that have completed this survey. Please be one of those parents for us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY 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.

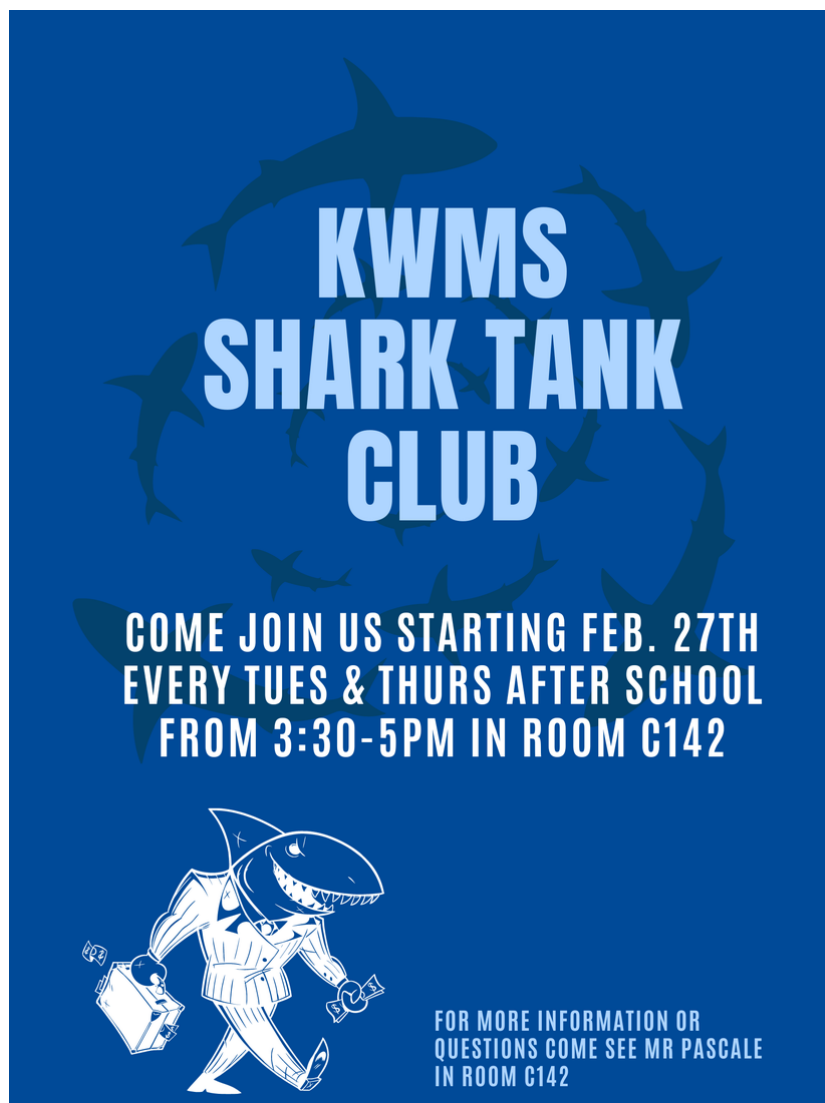
**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the
Students of the Month for February!!**

Riley Warfel
Bella Patitucci
Leo Sanchez

Mina Wehle
Christina Aina
Karla Garza Cardenas
Peyton Cwiklinski
Lindy Vidic
Pranav Alaparthi
Adam DeGrado
Yannuel Escobar
Jasani Atterberry
Joshua Obispo

SHARK TANK CLUB IS COMING TO KWMS!

Hey Panthers, are you creative? Do you have an invention or an idea that would inspire you or others? Come swim with the sharks at Kenyon Woods Shark Tank Club. Have fun with friends, be creative and win prizes. **Shark Tank Club will be Tuesday and Thursday after school in room C142 starting Tues, February 27 from 3:30-5pm.** Who will survive the Sharks?



BOYS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS!

Interested? Attend **one** of the informational meetings next week to go over tryout details and required paperwork.

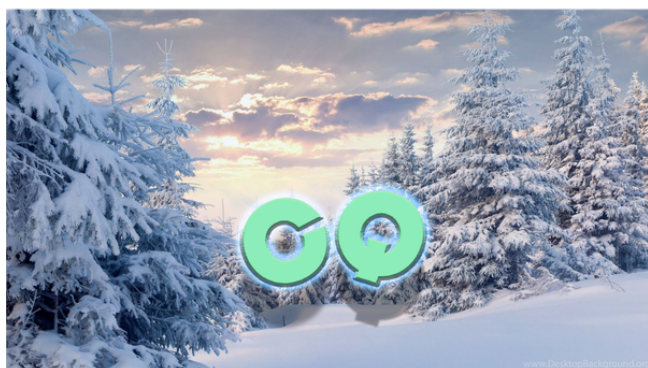
When: Tuesday, February 13th at 8:30 am **OR** Thursday, February 15th at 8:30 am

Where: C141

*You MUST have a current sports physical attached to your paperwork before tryouts. Anyone without a physical will NOT be able to participate in tryouts!

Physicians Express, Walgreens and CVS all offer sports physicals!

Students in Mr. Nolan and Mrs. Shue's Interactive Media class created Personal Logos using Adobe Photoshop. They were required to consider their use of color, text, adding a background, and adding text effects to make their initials/name stand out!



ATTENTION FAMILIES OF THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Sports team portraits are ready to view and order!

Follow these steps to look up your photos:

1. Go to vipis.com
2. Search your school
3. Click on "Sports Team and Individual"

4. Enter your athlete's information, and the school year photos were taken (July 1 - June 30)

5. Select the team/group and search for your athlete

Please contact VIP with any questions by emailing support@vipis.com

*Do you like hanging
out in a library?*

Snacks

*Do you want
to talk about
the books you
are reading?*

BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday's after
school from 3:30pm to
5pm (you can join anytime
all year long)

Location: Library



Raffles

*Do you
want a
quiet place
to read?*

*Do you want to
know what books
your peers like to
read?*

*Choose your
own books to
read!*

Games

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 4 just finished their projects celebrating Black History Month and they are ready to be displayed in the building. Students researched and created artwork of their choosing to highlight a historical figure. Here is **Mikaela Goeltenbott**'s pen and ink drawing of Gordon Parks. He was born into poverty and segregation but was able to become one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century. He was also a distinguished composer, author and filmmaker.



ALL PAJAMA PANTS \$10 OFF!

This week only, all Kenyon Woods flannel pajama pants are \$10 off! They are available in a variety of colors and come in both youth and adult sizes. Plus, you'll get FREE shipping on orders over \$75 and \$5 shipping on orders under \$75. Don't wait, the Kenyon Woods Flash Sale ends Sunday! [Shop Pajama Pants Now!](#)

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DEAL OF THE **WEEK**

ADD TO CART



**PAJAMA
PANTS**

**\$10
OFF**

1ST PLACE 
Spiritwear
OFFER ENDS FEB 12



SHOP AT [1STPLACE.SALE/33326](https://1stplace.sale/33326)



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

IMPORTANT DATES

2/5/24 - Girls Basketball Game vs Eastview @ Eastview
2/7/24 - Girls Basketball Game vs Tefft @ Home
2/7 & 2/8 - AVID Interview Make Up times - 4 pm - to 6 pm
2/8/24 - SEHS Jazz Band Coffee House
2/12/24 - Girls Basketball Game vs. Canton @ Away
2/12/24 - PTO Mtg - 6:30 pm via Zoom
2/14/24 - Girls Basketball vs. Eastview @ Home
2/19/24 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day
2/21/24 - Girls Basketball Game vs Tefft @ Away
2/22/24 - Girls Basketball Game vs Canton @ Home
3/1/24 - No School - Institute Day

Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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