

# KWMS Panther Paws

February 23rd, 2024

## Message from the Principal

February is by far one of the hardest months of the school year. Spring break is too far away and winter break is a distant memory. The beauty and wonder of the first few snow falls have given away to gray skies and the endless days of cold though, this year has not been as bad as it has been in the past. We miss the sun and we miss being outside. In the schools, we tend to see a spike in behavior issues and drop in grades during February. It is important that we recognize this pattern and take steps to avoid getting caught in it. During this month, take some time to talk to your students about their classes and what they are studying. Monitor Infinite Campus to make sure work is being turned in on time and google classroom to see what is coming up in each subject. It is also important to talk with our children about making good choices and being kind to each other. At this time of year, a little act of kindness can go a long way! Everyone is affected by an act of kindness. Kindness is contagious and you never know just how big of an impact a small gesture of kindness can have.

Kindness improves our quality of life in the school as well as in the community. It brings people together.

Doing good for others feels good. Showing kindness to others is just as rewarding as receiving it from someone else.

Stop and think before you talk or act (Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?).

Remember to laugh throughout the day. Spreading joy is its own act of kindness.

Now is your moment: Spread a little joy, make a difference in someone's day, and remember to always be kind!

With gratitude and warmest wishes,

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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### AVID GOES TO COLLEGE!

The 8th grade AVID classes took their second college visit last week to University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. They got to tour the campus and learn about what the school offers in ways of academics, community, sports, extracurriculars and of course food! Our 8th grade AVID students have now seen a small and medium school. Coming soon, the large school - PURDUE!



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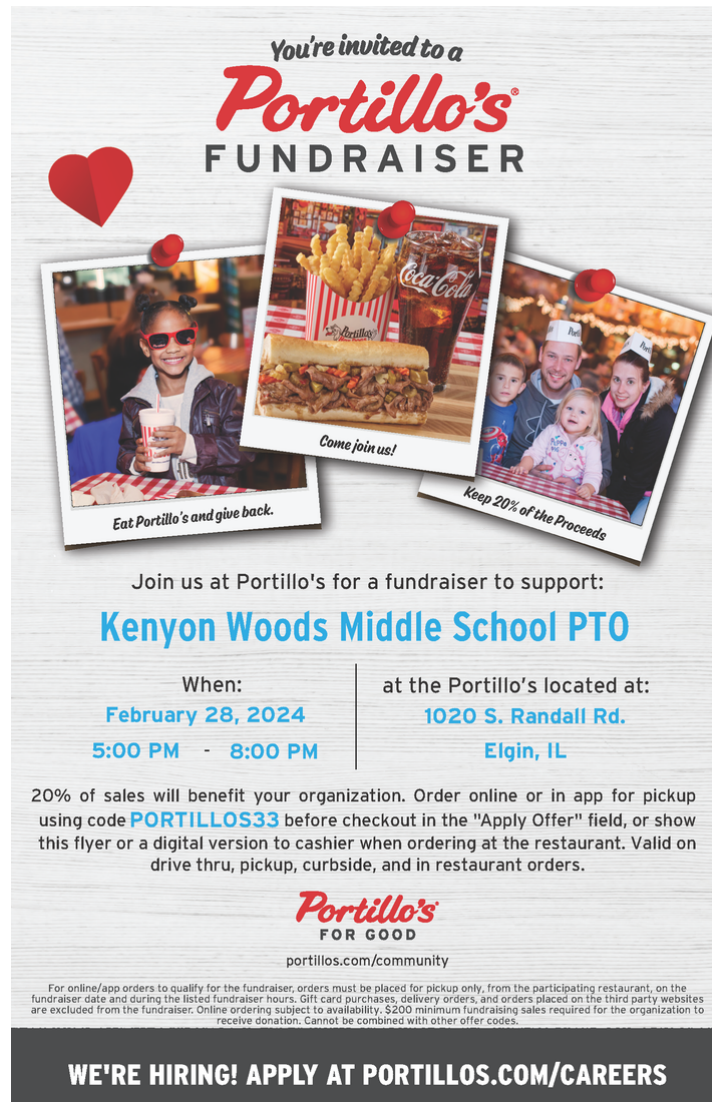
### SAVE THE DATES - IMPORTANT TESTING DAYS

As we enter spring, we have two very important state tests coming up. Please make sure your child will be in attendance all day on these days.

**Wednesday, March 13th** - 8th Graders Only - Illinois Science Assessment



## NO COOK NIGHT - FEBRUARY 28th



The flyer is for a Portillo's fundraiser. At the top, it says "You're invited to a Portillo's FUNDRAISER" with a red heart icon. Below this are three Polaroid-style photos: a girl with a drink, a large sandwich and fries, and a family. Each photo has a caption: "Eat Portillo's and give back.", "Come join us!", and "Keep 20% of the Proceeds". The main text says "Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support: Kenyon Woods Middle School PTO". It provides the date and time: "When: February 28, 2024, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM" and the location: "at the Portillo's located at: 1020 S. Randall Rd. Elgin, IL". A note states: "20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code PORTILLOS33 before checkout in the 'Apply Offer' field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders." The Portillo's logo and "FOR GOOD" tagline are at the bottom, along with the website "portillos.com/community". A small disclaimer at the very bottom explains the rules for online/app orders. A black banner at the bottom says "WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS".

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## 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

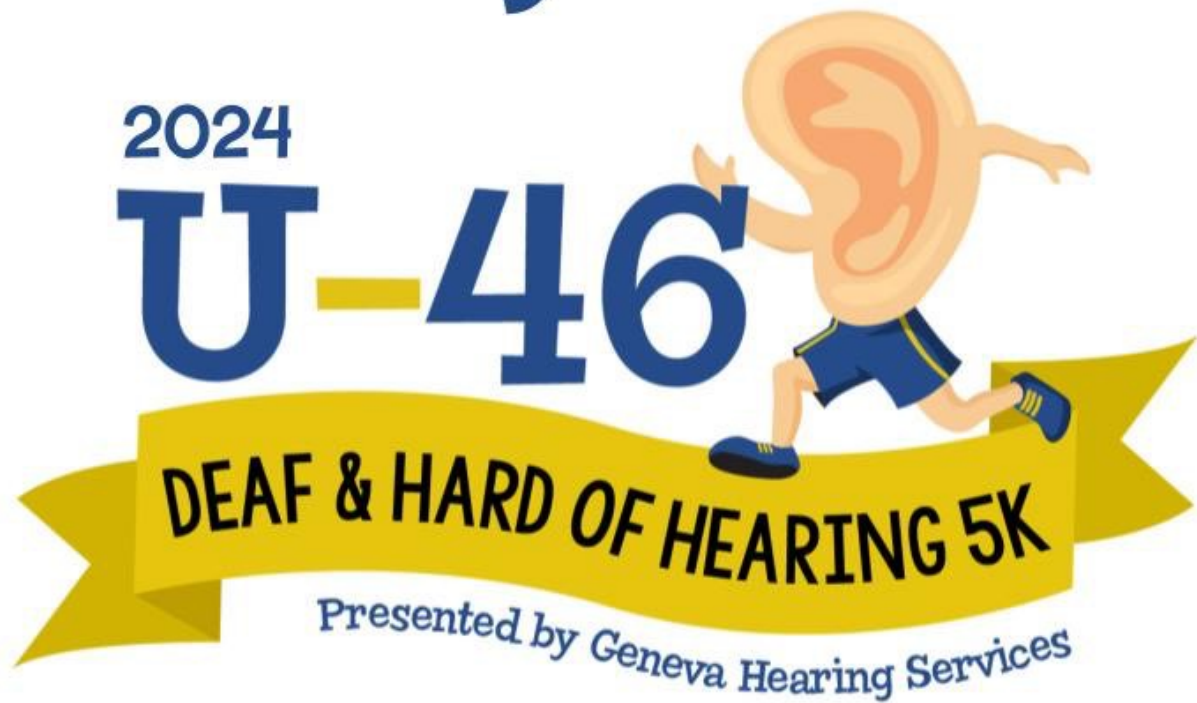
Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

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 54 families that have completed this survey. Please be one of those parents for us!

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# Save the Date

## May 11th



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### 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?





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## **BOYS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS - DATE CHANGE!**

**Thursday February 29th and Monday March 4th, both tryout dates are mandatory.**

All boys wanting to try out for volleyball, a reminder that all paperwork including a copy of a sports physical is due by 3:28 to the coaches on Monday February 26th. There will be no exceptions made.

Physicians Express, Walgreens and CVS all offer sports physicals!

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## **FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!**

7th Period 8th grade Art 3 class finished their second self-portrait assignment. In this one, they used oil pastels to create an *Abstract Self-Portrait*. They studied various methods of abstracting themselves and finally used their imaginations and creativity to come up with these very expressive works of art!



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### **LONG SLEEVE TEES JUST \$20.99!**

This week only, Kenyon Woods cotton Bella+Canvas long sleeve tees are discounted \$12 to just \$20.99! 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 Long Sleeves Now!](#)



**DEAL** OF THE **WEEK**



ADD TO CART

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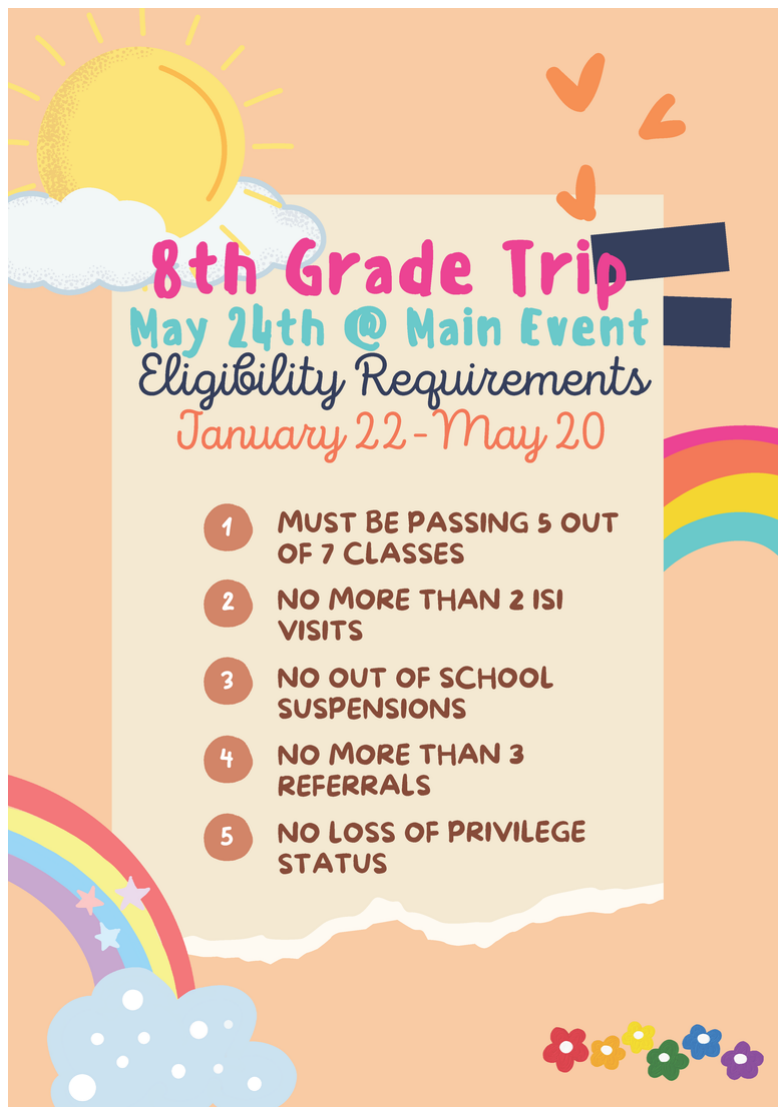
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### IMPORTANT DATES

3/1/24 - No School - Institute Day  
3/4/24 - PTO Mtg - 6:30 pm via Zoom  
3/6/24 - Orchestra Concert at SEHS  
3/7 & 3/8 - Play Performance - "A Night of Fairy Tales" @ 7pm  
3/9/24 - "Art Madness" show at Elgin State Bank  
3/11/24 - Middle School Choral Festival  
3/12/24 - Band Concert at SEHS  
3/13/24 - Illinois Science Test - 8th grade only  
3/16/24 - Middle School Band Festival  
3/18/24 - Boys Volleyball vs. Ellis @ Home  
3/20/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Kimball @ Away  
3/23 - 4/1 - Spring Recess



## Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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