

KWMS Panther Paws

February 16th, 2024

Message from the Principal

As February unfolds its wings, it brings with it a gentle reminder: it's National Kindness Month! In a world where every act of kindness reverberates, this month offers us the perfect opportunity to sprinkle a little extra compassion into our daily lives.

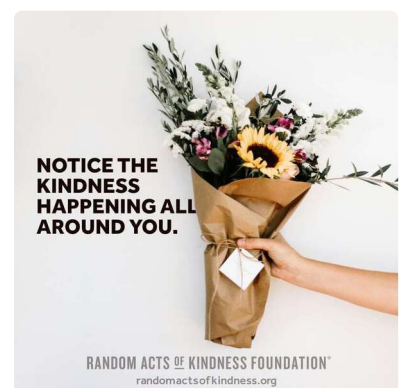
Kindness is not just a gesture; it's a language that transcends barriers and connects hearts. Whether it's a smile to brighten someone's day or a helping hand extended to a stranger, each act of kindness holds the power to uplift spirits and create ripples of positivity.

Kindness is the cornerstone of our community here at Kenyon Woods. It's what binds us together, creating an atmosphere of warmth, understanding, and support. In celebrating National Kindness Month, we honor not just a virtue, but a way of life that defines who we are as individuals and as a school family.

This month, let's amplify our acts of kindness, both big and small. Whether it's lending a helping hand to a classmate, offering words of encouragement to a friend, or simply sharing a smile with someone in need, each act of kindness sends ripples of positivity throughout our school and beyond.

As parents and guardians, your role in nurturing kindness within your children's hearts is paramount. Your guidance and example set the foundation for the compassionate individuals they are becoming. I encourage you to take this opportunity to engage in conversations with your children about the power of kindness and the profound impact it can have on others.

Together, let's make this National Kindness Month one to remember. Let's ignite a chain reaction of kindness that reverberates far beyond the confines of our school walls, touching the lives of all those we encounter.



Thank you for your unwavering support in fostering a culture of kindness here at Kenyon Woods MS. Together, we can make a difference, one act of kindness at a time.

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**

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
April 9, 10, 11th - School Wide - Illinois Assessment of Readiness

PANTHERS AT THE JAZZ COFFEE HOUSE!

Great job to the jazz band on a spectacular performance at the SEHS Jazz Coffee House night last week!



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

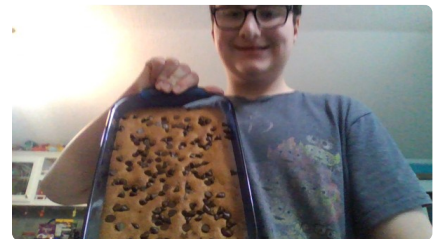
participation. Please remember, when looking for Kenyon Woods, you need to choose Kane County as that is where we reside.

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

Culinary students were encouraged to practice their new measuring skills at home by making the same recipes we demonstrated in class.





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?

KWMS SHARK TANK CLUB

COME JOIN US STARTING FEB. 27TH
EVERY TUES & THURS AFTER SCHOOL
FROM 3:30-5PM IN ROOM C142



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
QUESTIONS COME SEE MR PASCALE
IN ROOM C142

PHENOMENONS IN SCIENCE

Why are plants dying by saltwater intrusion?
Testing freshwater Elodea vs Saltwater Elodea.



BOYS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS - DATE CHANGE!

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

*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!

FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 2 classes just completed learning about two-point perspective techniques while creating the illusion of depth. They also learned about the historical significance of *castles* around the world and from various geographic areas. They combined all of this learning to create their very own castle drawings using pencil. Here are just four examples, although so many more could be shown as there were many successful drawings! These examples are from **Chloe Su, Cora Benco, Elisa Soto, and Riley Anderson.**



ALL DRINKWARE 25% OFF!

This week only, all Kenyon Woods drinkware is 25% off! **This includes all Camelbak water bottles!** 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 Drinkware Now!](#)

DEAL OF THE **WEEK**

ADD TO CART



**WATER
BOTTLES**

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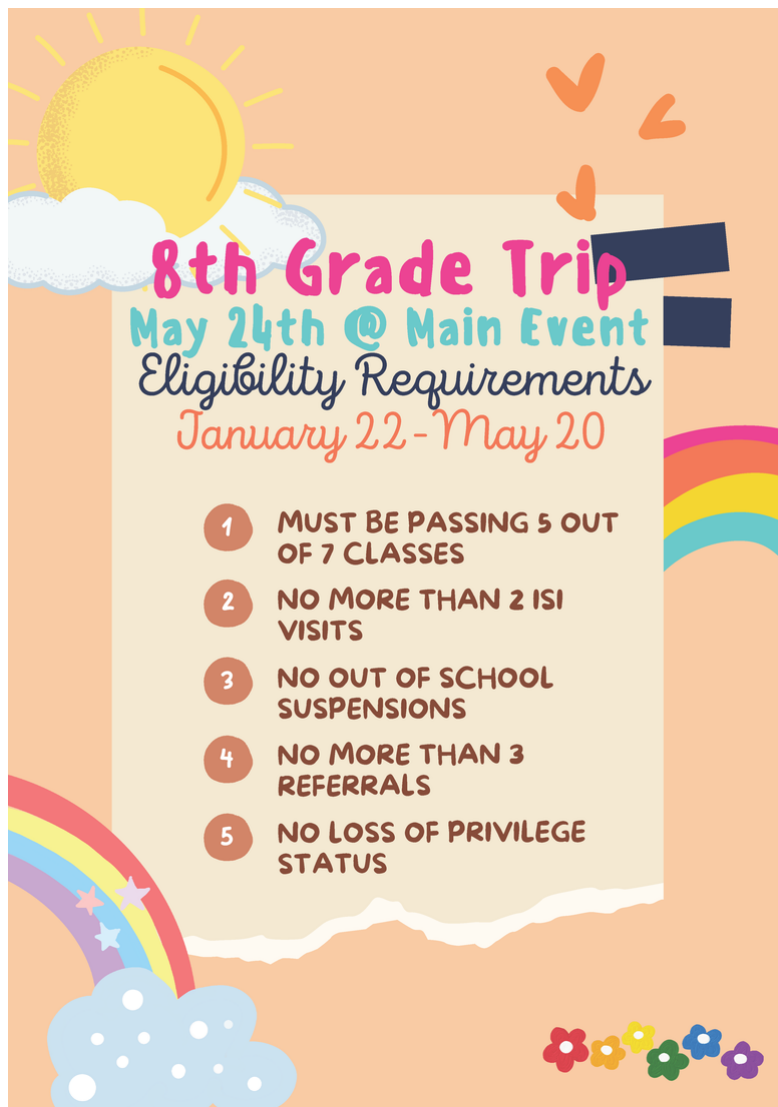
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IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
- 3/4/24 - PTO Mtg - 6:30 pm via Zoom
- 3/6/24 - Orchestra Concert at SEHS
- 3/7 & 3/8 - Play Performance
- 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

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