# KWMS Panther Paws

March 8th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

Now that we are officially into March, time will fly by! Before we know it, we will be at the end of the year. Please make sure you are reviewing this newsletter each week for important dates and information. For your easy reference, here are a few of the major highlights:



March 13th - Illinois Science Assessment - 8th Grade Only

March 15th - End of the 3rd Quarter

March 23 - April 1st - Spring Break

April 9th - 11th - Illinois Assessment of Readiness - Whole School Testing

May 2nd - 8th Grade Dance

May 24th - 8th Grade Trip - Main Event

May 29th - 8th Grade Registration

May 30th - Last day of School

I encourage both parents and students to stay involved and actively engaged in our school and in our classrooms. Only together can we build the type of learning community that we all want for all our children. Dare to DREAM BIG panthers because together, we will achieve those DREAMS!

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



#### DRESS FOR SUCCESS

As the warm weather seems to be here to stay, I just want to remind everyone of the Dress Guidelines for school.

Students can choose clothing that makes them feel comfortable and safe, as long as it complies with the following guidelines:

- 1. Does not depict any violence, hatred, drugs, alcohol, gang affiliation, profanity, sexual, phobic language or cruelty of any kind
- 2. Covers all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include: stomach, chest and sides (both male and female) and butt/pelvic/upper thigh areas.
- 3. Items such as tank tops, sleeveless shirts, any type of shorts, coats, jackets, etc. are all allowed provided they adhere to #2 of this Section. (Low backs are not a problem)
- 4. Jewelry is allowed, unless it becomes a safety concern.
- 5. Hats, hoods, and other types of head coverings are not allowed unless required for religious or medical purposes.
- 6. Footwear must be worn for health reasons (cannot go shoeless). Due to safety concerns, Flip Flops and Slides are not to be worn in school.

#### 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: <a href="http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/">http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/</a>

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!





### Low to No Cost Youth Programs South Elgin Clubhouse

735 Martin Drive in South Elgin

Youth Served: K-8th SY | Rising 1st-6th Summer

Days: Monday to Friday

**School Year Hours:** 7:00 - 8:30 A.M. | 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Summer Hours: 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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

Art 4 students completed their Advanced Painting projects last week with great results! Artists were able to pick not only the subject and media of their artwork, but also the *Essential Questions* and *Learning Objectives*. Artists were also challenged by working on a scale larger than ever - 18 x 24 inches! Here are examples from **Lily Patel** and **Anshkumar Patel**:







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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

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