

# Panther Paws - August 26, 2022

Weekly Newsletter for KWMS

## Message from the Principal

Of all the factors that determine student outcomes, family engagement is at the top of the list. Partnerships between schools and families can improve students' grades, attendance, persistence, and motivation. I would like to thank all the parents who came to our Back to School night this week. I have received an incredible amount of positive feedback about the night and I appreciate it. I loved putting faces to all those I communicate with, meeting our new families, and seeing old friends. For those that were not able to join us, we will have plenty of other opportunities for you to get involved throughout the school year. Thank you to the teachers who make Kenyon Woods a safe and nurturing place where students can succeed and dream. We appreciate how you work tirelessly to support students at all levels and to provide supportive yet rigorous instruction for all learners. It is my hope that we all continue to work together to help our students **MAKE THEIR DREAMS BECOME REALITY!**

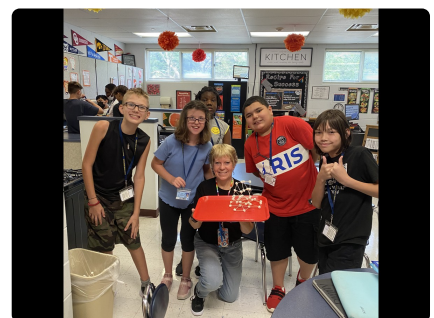
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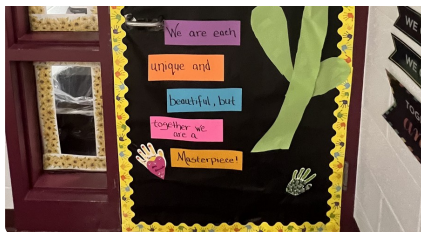
Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

## 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





Students in Mrs. Newland's class used Gummy Bears to demonstrate osmosis in class.

Students in our FACS classes challenged themselves to make the best marshmellow towers!

Students from Mrs. Newland's class decorated their door to show off their Master Piece!

## NO COOK NIGHT - Panda Express

Help support our students! Visit Panda Express in South Elgin and KWMS will receive 20% of the proceeds.

**Date:** August 31, 2022

**Time:** 05:00 PM to 09:00 PM

### Location:

388 South Randall Rd  
847-841-1877

### Two ways to order!

Order online through [PandaExpress.com](https://pandaexpress.com) or the App. Enter 337516 in the fundraiser code box

In-Person - Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone



Fundraiser for

### Kenyon Woods Middle School PTO

20% of event sales will be donated

The Kenyon Woods Middle School PTO fundraisers help fund school and student activities.



#### When

Wednesday, August 31, 2022  
Time: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

#### Where

Panda Express located at:  
388 South Randall Rd South Elgin IL 60177  
(847) 841 - 1877

#### How to Order



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Bring paper flyer or show it on  
your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Wednesday, August 31, 2022



#### Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety, Panda Express is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser.

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## PICTURE DAY IS AUGUST 31ST



School Portrait day/s will be held on **Wednesday, August 31, 2022**. Afterwards, you'll be able to select your image for your yearbook (please remember to do so before it's selected for you), and all orders will be delivered to your home. To view and order photos from Picture Day: You'll receive an email when your images are ready to view online. Or, you can search for them at [vipis.com](https://vipis.com) shortly after photos are taken. If you need further

assistance, contact VIP at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com).

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## SUPPORT OUR KENYON CLOSET!

Our School Social Worker, Mrs. Guzman is looking for some help from our wonderful Panther community. She is in need of **New** Female underwear in all sizes (Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large) as well as **New** socks for our Kenyon Closet. The Kenyon Closet helps students in need with clothing essentials. If you are interested in donating, please drop off donations at the main office.

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## PTO NEEDS YOU!



**Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 pm in the KWMS library.**

While we understand that many parents are short on time, we also know that you have a strong desire to become engaged not only in your student's education, but in helping to create a cooperative, positive environment in our school. Perhaps the single best way to make this happen is to join the PTO.

A parent teacher organization (PTO) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. And with today's tight budgets, a strong, well-functioning PTO can be a teacher's most important ally when it comes to achieving curricular and fundraising goals.

The purpose of the PTO is to encourage parents to assist with various school activities/functions/services, provide financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, foster a community atmosphere, and support the mission and vision of the school and school district.



WE NEED YOU! If you are interested in participating in PTO and/or coordinating some of our activities/events, please fill out the form below. Thank You!

[FOLLOW THIS LINK TO GET INVOLVED](#)

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## DON'T MISS OUT ON KWMS SPIRIT WEAR!



Find all of your Kenyon Woods Panthers spirit wear and school spirit apparel for [youth](#), [women](#), and [men](#), all in one place with 1st Place Spiritwear. From [t-shirts](#), to [hoodies](#), to [face masks](#), we have everything you need to represent your school both on and off-campus this school year. Our Kenyon Woods apparel shop includes a variety of more than 150 different clothing options to choose from, with selections for current students, future students, parents, [teachers](#), alumni, and fans, with new items being added regularly. **Everything ships directly to you!** Join our VIP Club by providing your email below to save 10% on your first Kenyon Woods Panthers apparel order.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS ALL OUR AWESOME DESIGNS!](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE - FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!

1515 Raymond St.

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Kenyon Woods

# Fall Fest Family Night

October  
**28**  
Friday

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Are you ready for some Fall fun?  
Featuring music, arts and craft, games and prizes  
for the whole family, hayrides, raffle baskets, lots of food  
and much much more...

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

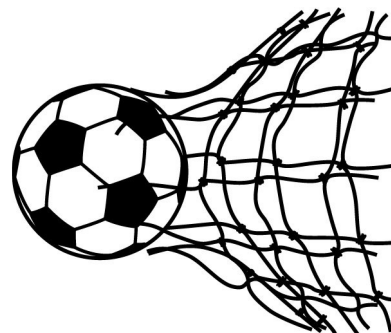


7th & 8th Grade boys intramural cross country will be starting Tuesday August 30th. Practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays after school until 4:45pm (students may take the 5pm activity bus). Packets are available in the commons and should be returned to Coach Guzman or Coach Zimmerman prior to or at the first practice.

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## BOYS SOCCER IS STARTING

7th and 8th grade boys intramural soccer will be starting **Tuesday August 30th**. Practices will be three times a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 3:30pm to 5:00pm every week until the tournament on Saturday, October 1st. The soccer packet (attached) and the 20 dollar fee will need to be turned in at, or prior to, the first practice to Coach Ventrella or Coach Besinaiz. Packets are also available at school.



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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!



Girls cross country is looking for more students to participate in this awesome after school sport. Everyone is welcome! Informational packets are in the commons. Any questions see Coach Torres or Coach Bennett.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL IS TAKING APPLICATIONS!

Student Council is taking applications! Student Council is a unique, cohesive group of students who care about our school and genuinely want to have an important leadership role in our community. In Student Council, you are responsible for working with both the staff and administration of Kenyon Woods Middle School to build school spirit. If you are interested in joining, please get an application off the stage or see Mrs. Buesse in A104. All completed forms are due to Mrs. Buesse (A104) or Mrs. McIntosh (C143), by Monday, August 29th. No incomplete applications will be considered, so make sure to read carefully and turn everything in on time! A list of Student Council Representatives will be posted outside Mrs. Buesse's (Room A104) or Mrs. McIntosh (Room C143) rooms on Friday, September 2nd.

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## WANT A LA CARTE ITEMS?

### ADD MONEY TO STUDENT'S MYSCHOOLBUCKS ACCOUNT.

This school year (SY2022-23) students will be able to purchase items a la carte, such as milk. **To do so, they need to have money loaded onto their MySchoolBuck account. No cash will be accepted.** Visit [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) to register and add money to your student's account.

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## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Only visitors on official school business are permitted on school grounds. All visitors to KWMS must display a valid picture ID upon entrance to the main office and clearly display their visitors pass while on campus. At the conclusion of their visit, visitors will return to the main office to sign-out, return their visitors pass, and leave campus. The KWMS administration reserves the right to regulate visitations on campus.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

8/31/22 - Picture Day  
9/5/22 - No School - Labor Day  
10/6/22 - EXPLORE 2022 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Grader  
10/10/22 - No School - Columbus Day

**What's on the MENU this month?**

**Link to all 2022/23 KWMS Panther Newsletters**





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