

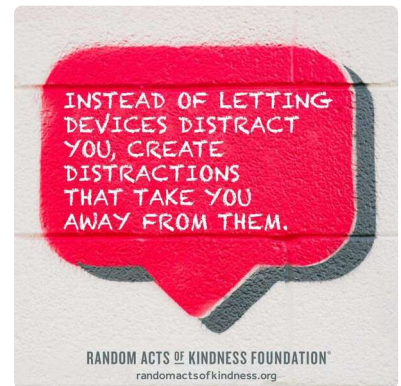
KWMS Panther Paws

March 15th, 2024

Message from the Principal

I feel like there have been a lot of communication this week so I am simply going to wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing spring break! Enjoy your time off. Come back ready to finish our 4th quarter strong!

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE IAR TESTING APRIL 9TH, 10TH and 11TH. STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL ON THOSE DAYS!



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCIENCE OLYMPIADS!

On Saturday, March 16th, Amy Lloyd, Sophie Stieglitz, Pranav Alaparathi, Pradval Kadapala, and Rishaan Dev proudly represented Kenyon Woods in the Science Olympiad. Their day began bright and early at 6 am, embarking on a 45-minute journey to a local college in Rockford. Throughout the year, these dedicated students have been diligently collaborating with Ms. Ziegler, their coach, on constructing roller coaster models and honing their skills to tackle the diverse array of challenges that test their scientific knowledge and understanding.



The Science Olympiad is a prestigious academic competition that encompasses various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines. It is typically organized at local, regional, state, and national levels, offering students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork skills in a competitive environment. Participants engage in a wide range of events, including laboratory experiments, hands-on challenges, written tests, and engineering projects, covering subjects such as biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth science, and engineering. The Science Olympiad promotes STEM education and fosters a passion for science among students, encouraging them to pursue careers in related fields.

🔬 **Calling all aspiring scientists, engineers, and problem-solvers!** ✨

Are you ready to ignite your passion for science and push the boundaries of your knowledge? Join us for the exhilarating adventure of the Science Olympiad next year!

- 🔬 Dive into captivating experiments.
- 🔧 Engineer innovative solutions.
- 🏆 Test your skills against the best and brightest.

Unleash your potential, fuel your curiosity, and join a community of like-minded individuals dedicated to exploring the wonders of STEM.

Don't miss out on the chance to showcase your talents and make lifelong memories. Start your journey with us in the Science Olympiad today! 🌟🔬



ATTENTION GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOCCER PLAYERS

Girls Intramural Soccer will begin on Wednesday, April 3rd for both 7th and 8th grade. Any student that is interested must pick up an informational packet in the main office or on the stage in the commons during their lunch.

Completed participation forms and fees are due to Coach Ventrella or Coach Besinaiz at or before the first practice.



SAVE THE DATE

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MONTH

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KENYON WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL
AVID COLLEGE & CAREER GALLERY WALK
5:00 - 6:30 PM

SPRING RECESS

U-46's spring recess will begin on Monday, March 25, and last through Monday, April 1. After that, classes for students are scheduled through Thursday, May 30, which is the last day for students if no additional emergency days are used. Remember that May 3 is now a student attendance day.

When classes are in session, it's extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day, for the entire school day.

Each day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

We hope you plan your Spring Recess vacation in time for your child(ren) to return to school on Tuesday, April 2. We'll look forward to seeing them back in class!

For our Student Attendance Guidelines as part of our Student Handbook, please visit u46.org/attendance.



ECLIPSE PERMISSION SLIPS

The permission slip to allow your student to safely view the eclipse on Monday, April 8, is now available [here](#). Use your Infinite Campus credentials to log in and get access to the permission slip. You'll then see a waiver with the names of all of your children who are in U-46 schools. Next to each name will be a drop-down menu that will allow you to choose "yes" or "no" granting permission. **The online slip must be signed before midnight on Wednesday, April 3.**

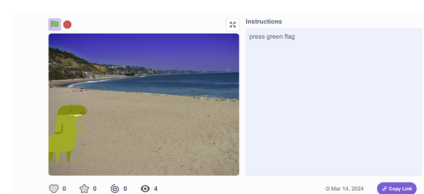
Students whose parents have signed the slip - and whose teacher has completed the necessary professional development - will be provided eclipse glasses or an eclipse viewer in class on Monday, April 8.

The [U-46 Planetarium](#) is continuing to host special public sky shows focused on the eclipse. Admission is free for these shows, but seating is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 4 p.m. on these dates, and the hour-long shows are being offered on:

- Thursday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For videos, suggested reading, and more on the eclipse, visit u-46.org/eclipse.

Students in Mr. Nolan's Interactive Media class created original stories using Scratch block coding. Some super creative stories were turned in with multiple backgrounds, moving characters, and interesting dialogue!



HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED

Dear Parents and Guardians, I have been getting requests for hygienic type items for our students. I am hoping to get some donations of these items to make available to our students in need. If you are able to support this please have your students drop them off in my room G203 (Mrs. Dellis -

Health room) or drop them in the main office with my name on them. I sincerely appreciate any help you can provide!

Items in need:

Deodorants

Toothbrushes

Travel toothpaste

Travel Mouthwash

Chapstick

Hair Elastics

Or any other Hygienic Type Items



IMPORTANT DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW!

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 Recognition

May 30th - Last day of School

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.
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Tuesday, April 2, 2024
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Bear Family McDonald's
453 Redington Dr., South Elgin, IL

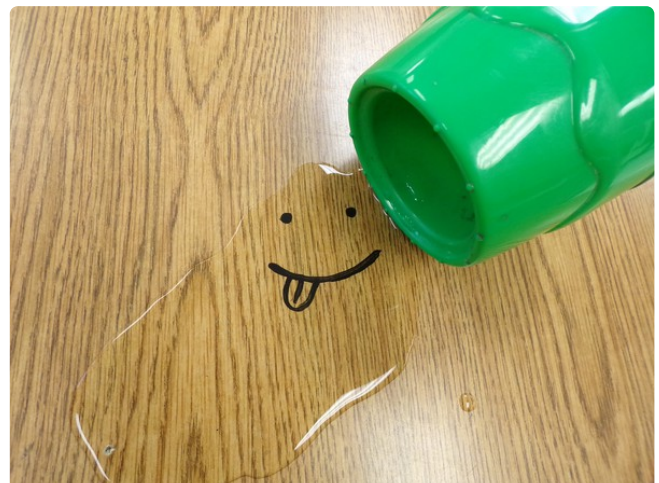
Stop by to meet your local police officers and receive a complimentary Ice Cream Cone!

Cone with a Cop is an opportunity for the public to meet with officers in a comfortable environment and talk about any subject — from crime trends to neighborhood nuisance issues, public safety management, or how to join our team. Meet us under the arches with your questions and enjoy an ice cream cone with us!



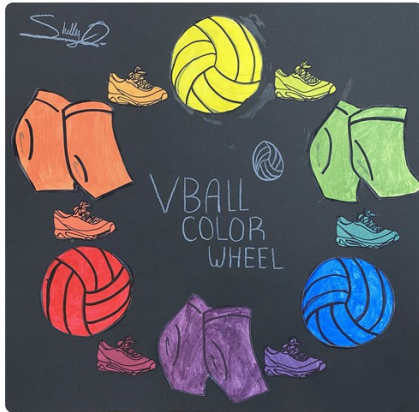
FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art4 students have finished a unit on digital photography. They used digital cameras to experiment with the settings and composition to create images in a whole new way. Here are two images that take normal objects and turn them into the extraordinary from **Ariana Saez** and **Anshkumar Patel**.



Art 1 has just finished their color unit where students got to create their own creative color wheel using tempera paint. They color mixed their own colors using only the primary colors (red, blue and

yellow). Here are some of the fantastic themes that students made for their color wheels. These will be displayed in the school library through spring break. Playing cards color wheel was made by Damian Galecki; Michelle O'Hearn created the volley ball themed color wheel. Fabiana Ferreira created characters to represent the colors of the color wheel, she even used black and white to create tints and shades.



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN
FOR SUMMER AND
SCHOOL YEAR 24-25!**

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



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25% Off Spring Sale Ends Soon! Free Shipping over \$60

The Kenyon Woods Spring Sale ends soon! Save 25% sitewide including new [Nike Dri-Fit tees](#)! There is also **free shipping** on all orders over \$60. [Shop Now](#).

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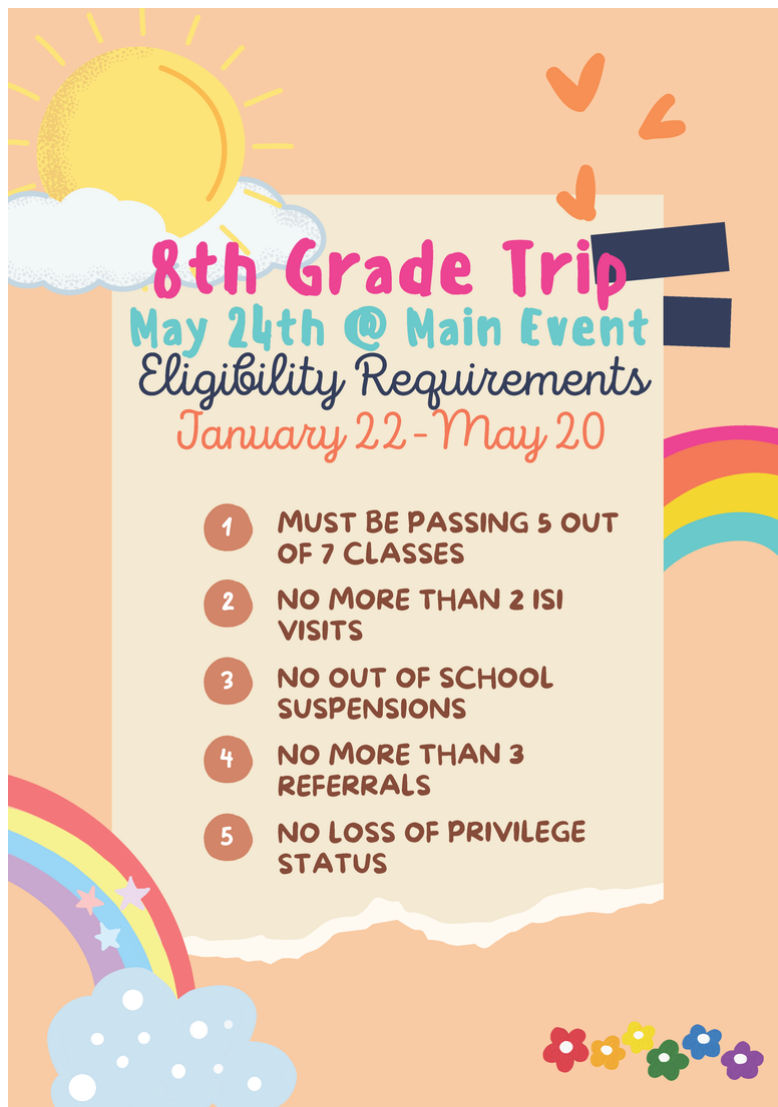
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IMPORTANT DATES

3/22/24 - End of 3rd Quarter
3/23 - 4/1 - Spring Recess
4/3/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Larsen @ Away
4/4/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Abbott @ Home
4/8/24 - Solar Eclipse - 2:00 pm
4/9 - 4/11 - IAR Testing
4/8/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview @ Away
4/10/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Home
4/15/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Away
4/16/24 - AVID Gallery Walk - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
4/17/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Eastview@ Home
4/22/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Away
4/24/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Home
5/2/24 - 8th Grade Dance - 6 pm

5/8/24 - Orchestra Concert
5/9/24 - Chorus Concert
5/15/24 - Band Concert
5/24/24 - 8th Grade Trip to Main Event
5/29/24 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm

[Link to all 2023/24 KWMS Panther Newsletters](#)



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