

# KWMS Panther Paws

April 12th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

After all the rainy and gray days, there is something about birds singing in the morning and the sun shining bright that helps to start the day off right. Of course, it also helps that we have now completed all our state testing for the year and this weekend promises more beautiful weather!



I recently came across a quote that I love: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." It really resonated with me because it's true in so many ways. We're constantly evolving; who we are today isn't who we were last year, last week, or even a minute ago. Life keeps moving forward no matter what. This means that while change is unavoidable, we also have the power to make positive changes in ourselves, growing into better versions of who we can be. How can we achieve this? By accepting that change is a natural part of life, understanding that every moment carries the potential for positive transformation, and staying connected to our inner peace. So, on this beautiful day, my wish for everyone is to find inner peace and happiness.

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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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK!





## Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 - May 10



Scan here to leave a note!



To make this week extra special for our teachers and staff, we're collecting notes of appreciation from families. These notes can be short messages expressing gratitude, sharing specific examples of how a teacher has made a positive impact on your student, or simply conveying words of encouragement and thanks.

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### REMINDER ABOUT DRESS GUIDELINES

With the warm weather we tend to see quite a few new fashion styles. While they may be in style for going out, they are not always appropriate for school. Please check what your student is wearing before they leave for school. If you question it, it is probably not right 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, phobic language, sexual content 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.**





## AVID College and Career Gallery Walk

**Who:** AVID Students and Families

**When:** Tuesday, April 16th

**Time:** 5:00 - 6:30 pm

**Location:** KWMS Commons

Come view all the hard work our 7th and 8th grade AVID students have done this quarter on their college and career research projects.



# *Night of the Masquerade*

Student Council is looking for donations to help make the 8th grade dance extra special. Please consider donating something off this Amazon list so we can decorate the space. Thank you!



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## **8th GRADE PANORAMIC PICTURES ARE COMING!**

It is time for the Kenyon Woods Annual 8th Grade Panoramic Picture. The picture will be taken on April 26th in our Gymnasium. The picture will be available for purchase. More details on purchasing this picture to follow.

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## **GRILLED CHEESE OFF!**

Students in our Culinary class competed against each other to choose the best gourmet grilled cheese! Yum Yum!





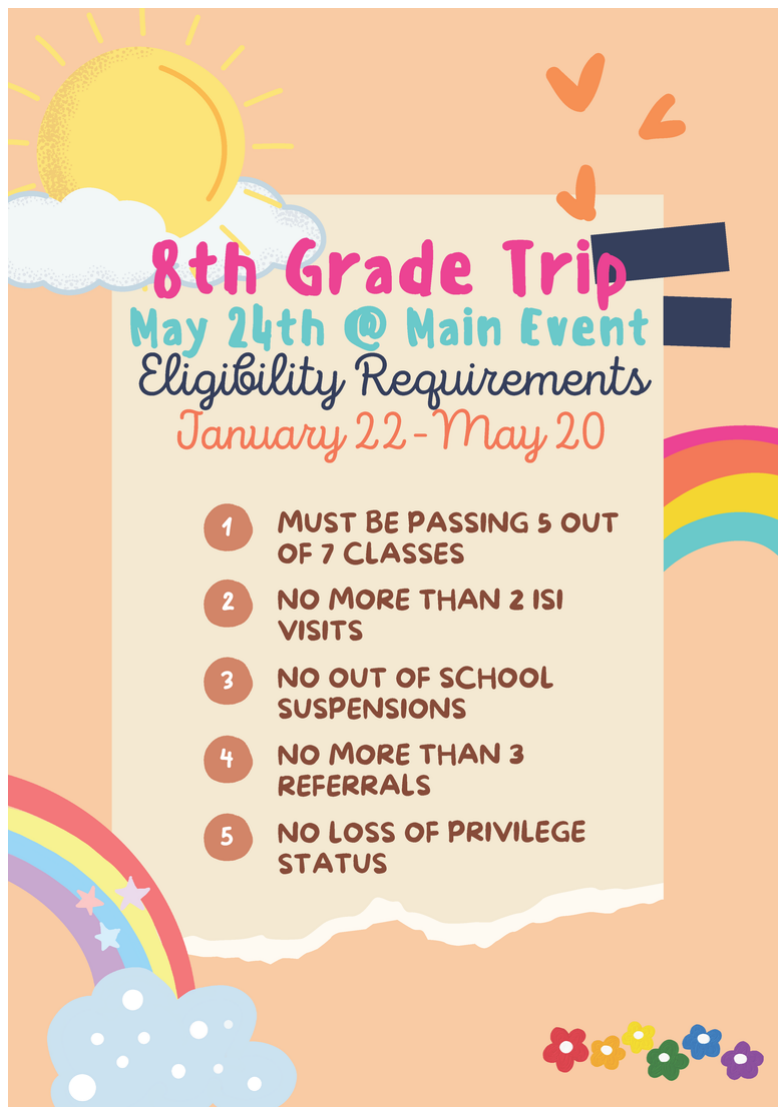
## SPORTS TEAM PICTURE DAY!

Sports team picture day is coming up! Your athlete's photos will be posted online at [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) within 3 weeks of your photo day for viewing and ordering. Please click here to sign up for email notification when your photo is ready to view and order: [www.vipis.com/q/r](http://www.vipis.com/q/r) When asked for "School or organization full name" please enter:  
Kenyon Woods Middle School

## VIRTUAL REALITY SPACES!

Students in Interactive Media are at the beginning of their Augmented/Virtual Reality Unit. These Virtual Dioramas are created using a site called Cospaces and include images, .GIF's, and 3D Characters within the program. The first theme for students is "What I like Now"





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### IMPORTANT DATES

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  
5/11/24 - Girls Soccer Game  
5/15/24 - Band Concert  
5/24/24 - 8th Grade Trip to Main Event  
5/29/24 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm

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