

# KWMS Panther Paws

April 19th, 2024

## Message from the Principal

As we approach the final stretch of this school year, I wanted to take a moment to encourage all of our students and families to finish strong! These last few weeks are crucial for academic progress, and I believe that with dedication and focus, we can achieve great things together.

**Academic Focus:** Let's keep our eyes on the prize and prioritize academics. Whether it's completing assignments, studying for exams, or participating actively in class discussions, every effort counts towards your child's academic success. Remember, consistent effort leads to outstanding results!

**Attendance Matters:** Regular attendance is key to academic achievement. I encourage all students to attend school regularly and on time. Each day of learning is an opportunity for growth and progress, and we don't want anyone to miss out on that.

**Kindness and Respect:** In our school community, kindness and respect are values we hold dear. Let's continue to show compassion, support, and understanding to one another. A kind word or gesture can make a world of difference and create a positive atmosphere for everyone.

**Upcoming Events:** We have some exciting events lined up for the remainder of the school year, including quite a few fieldtrips, the 8th grade dance and 8th grade Recognition. I encourage all families to participate and make lasting memories together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can finish this year on a high note and set the stage for an even brighter future ahead.

Best Regards  
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!





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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**

Each month one student is chosen from each of the different departments as their Student of the Month. These students exemplify what it means to Live the Kenyon Way. Teachers are looking for students who are kind, take initiative, go above and beyond in their classes, students who help others in need and students who have positive attitudes.

**They Respect Others and Act Responsibly each and every day.**

**Congratulations to these students for being chosen as the  
Students of the Month for APRIL!!**

**Nico DeLaGarza**

**Jack Billips**

**Bhavya Shah**

**Gaby Moore**

**Giovanni Nieves**

**Diego Juarez**

**Ishi Thakkar**

**Cody York**

**Allison Garbacz**

**Robert Guillen**

**Uyuky Gomez**

**Jayden Robelo**

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## **ALL THAT JAZZ!**

Congratulations to Connor Ignacio who performed with the Jazz Band I at the District 9 Illinois Music Education Association Jazz Festival last weekend. He auditioned and earned the honor to



perform with the best musicians in the western suburbs.





KENYON WOODS PRESENTS

# KENYON'S GOT TALENT



Come check it out and support your friends!

April 25, 2024 | 6 to 8 P.M.

Admission:

Students \$1, Adults \$2



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE 8TH GRADE DANCE!

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!

## HELP US WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 – May 10. To make this week extra special for our teachers and staff, Student Council is 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. To send a note, [please fill out this form](#).



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Scan here to leave a note!



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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.**

KWMS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS



## *Night of the Masquerade*

May 2nd

6 to 8:30 PM

At Villa Olivia

Tickets are \$20

Dinner, dancing, and photo booth included

Tickets for sale now. Turn your money into the office  
in an envelope with your name and lunch hour on it.

Tickets will be distributed on April 29.

### **SEHS SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS 2024 ARE NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!!**

Summer Camp REGISTRATION is now OPEN!! To register for a summer camp, start by clicking on the registration tab on the left. If your student was registered for a sport last year, or if he/she registered for a summer camp in the past, you need to use the same log-in email and password as before. If this is your first time registering on 8to18, you will need to use an email and create a password. This email is used by coaches and the athletic office for sending out messages and other sports related information to you. **Once we have the additional information for the camps not listed, they will be added to registration.** Check back for them. Head to <https://schools.snap.app/sehs> to read the announcement and register.

Also, put Friday, August 23 on your calendar!! That is the date for, "Taste Under the Lights". All Fall Sports will be involved, and it is a great family event with Food Trucks, a lot of sports, and games!

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

Art 3 Students have completed their Landscape Paintings. They painted with acrylic paints on canvas, recreating landscape images in their own styles and interpretations. Here are two examples from 8th graders **Cynthia Sanchez-Mora** and **Draan Spasoievic**.





Art 4 students just finished one of their most challenging projects - creating their very own comic book! They learned about how to write and illustrate an original graphic novel, complete with their own original characters. This was a tough assignment, but **Izzy Townsend**, **Blake Flynn**, and **Kyla Lopez** rose to the occasion!




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**ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS - FRESHMAN CONNECTION IS NOT AVAILABLE**



U-46 will host the **Freshman Connection** for all students who will be first-time freshmen in a U-46 high school for the 2024-25 school year. The Freshman Connection is a two-day voluntary in-person program that will be hosted at each comprehensive high school. Students who register will attend programming at the high school where they will be enrolled for the 2024-25 school year. No fees are required, and transportation will be provided for eligible students.

This in-person program will feature community and team-building activities aligned to social-emotional learning standards and help familiarize freshmen with their teachers, their new buildings, and high school schedules. Students will participate in a variety of activities for critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Register [here](#).

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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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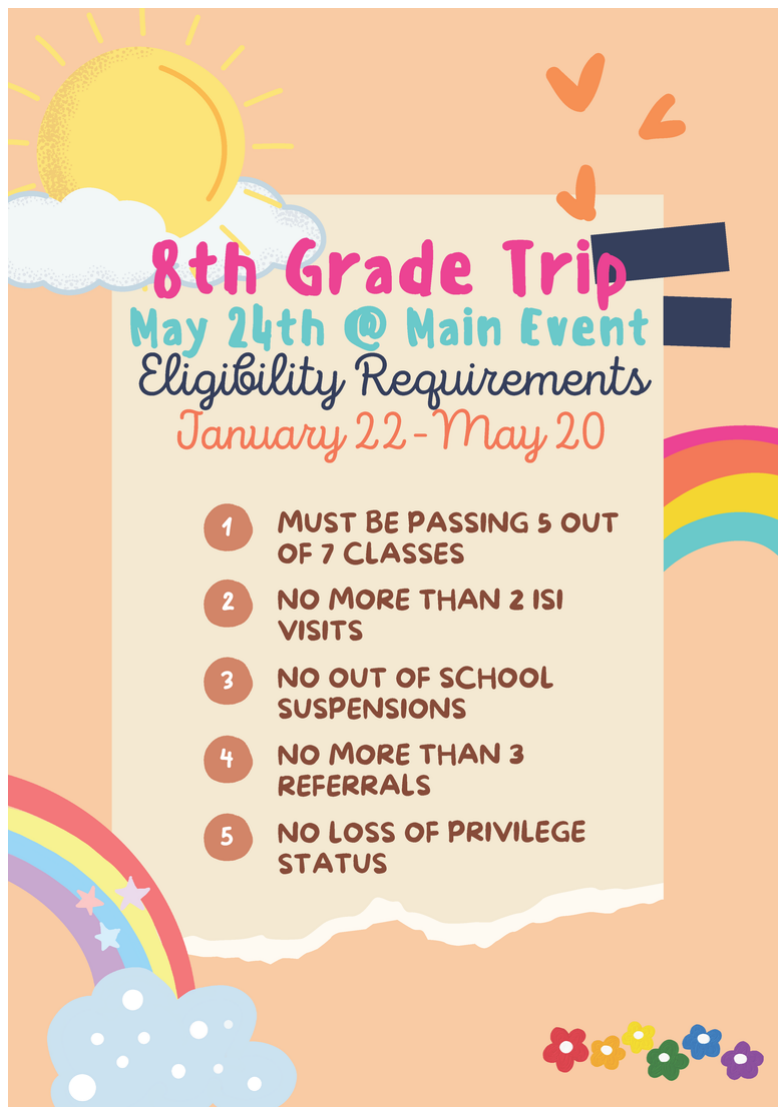
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### **SPORTS TEAM PICTURE ARE AVAILABLE!**

Your athlete's photos will be posted online at [vipis.com](https://www.vipis.com) within 3 weeks of your photo day for viewing and ordering. On this page they can order photos and contact our customer support team.

<https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->

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[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU](#)

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### IMPORTANT DATES

4/22/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Tefft @ Away  
4/24/24 - Boys Volleyball vs Canton @ Home  
4/25/24 - Talent Show - 6 pm  
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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