

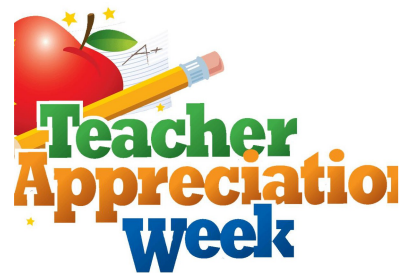
KWMS Panther Paws

May 3rd, 2024

Message from the Principal

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week so I am going to share a message that I have shared in the past. Please take a moment to thank all those incredible teachers who have made a difference in your child's lives.

This is a time for us to say thank you to all those wonderful, patient teachers that work so hard to inspire and motivate our children. In honor of them, I would like to share a few excerpts from an article I found written by a teacher entitled "What Teacher Really Want for Teacher Appreciation Day".



May is here. The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and people across the country are thinking of ways they can show thanks and appreciation for teachers.

For Teacher Appreciation Week, I've received pencils with "Awesome Teacher" in gold letters, mugs with catchy phrases like "The Goodest Teecher," and candles. I definitely appreciate the effort, especially if it's coming from the hearts of kids and parents. However, this is what teachers really want for Teacher Appreciation Day.

We want to hear from our students and former students. A handwritten note would be great, but we would be just as thrilled with an email. We want kids popping their heads into our room between classes, telling us we're awesome. Or that we made them realize how wonderful it is to escape into a good book. Or how our classes have made them want to go out and fight for justice in an unjust world.

We want to hear positive things from parents. We want to hear from the parents of our students as well, so they can tell us how far their children have come under our tutelage. We'd love to hear those little stories or examples of ways we made a difference that we probably didn't even know about. Are your kids confident, happy, and excited for school now? Tell us, please!

I'm sure the teachers at Kenyon Woods would greatly appreciate your kind words and support during Teacher Appreciation Week. It's so important to recognize the dedication and impact that teachers have on their students and communities. If you're a fellow teacher, a student or a parent, your encouragement and acknowledgment mean so much. Please flood those email boxes with all the love and kindness they deserve!

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**

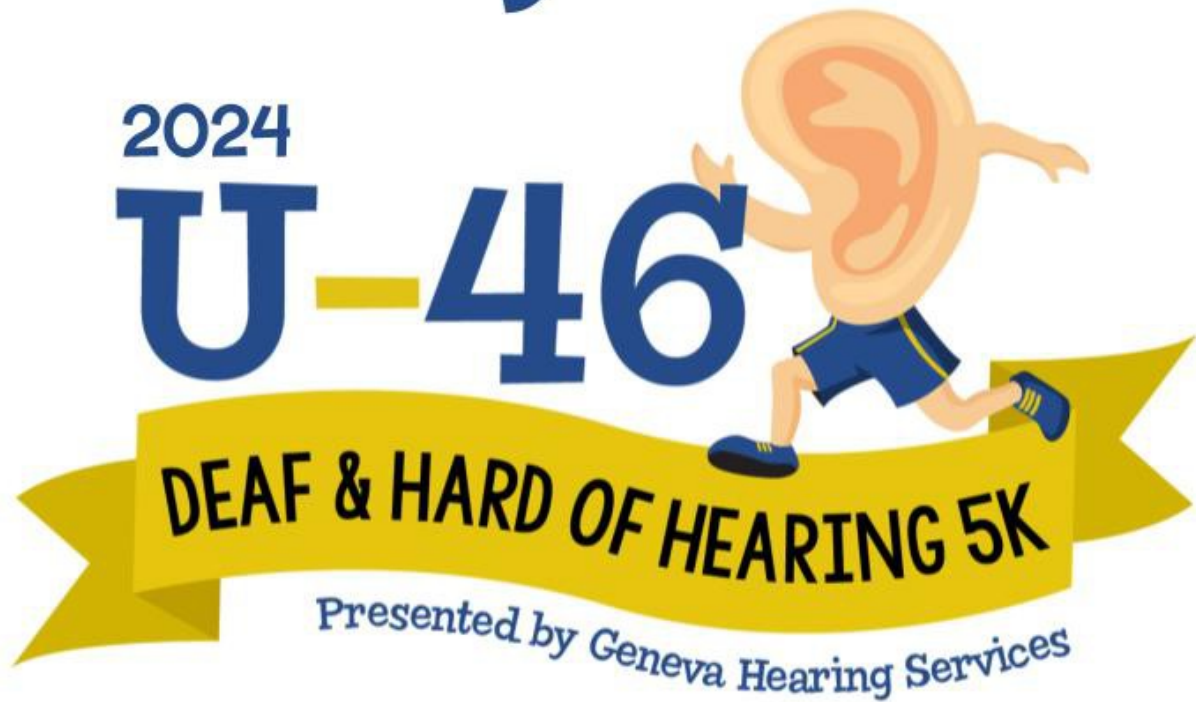
ARE YOU OUR NEXT SPEAKER AT 8TH GRADE RECOGNITION?

So, you think you've got what it takes to speak at your 8th Grade Recognition? Well, congratulations! You've already got one thing you will need: confidence. However, confidence can only take you so far. You will also need something valuable to say and a charismatic way of saying it. Oh, yeah, and one more thing; you will need to audition in front of a teacher panel for final selection. If you still think you have all that it takes, then CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES!

Recognition Speech auditions will be held Tuesday, May 14 from 3:45-5:00 pm. Interested students should submit their speech to Mrs. Turcan to secure an audition slot. If you can't make the date/time, please contact Mrs Turcan for an alternative audition time.

Save the Date

May 11th



8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

Join us at the Main Event in Hoffman Estates on Friday, May 24, 2024. We will be leaving from school by 9:15 and returning to the school by 2:00pm. You may arrange to have your parents pick you up early. If they cannot pick you up early we will be in the commons watching a movie until dismissal at the end of the school day.

While at the Main Event you and your friends will be able to have 3 hours of: unlimited play in the arcade, lasertag, ropes course, bowling, pool tables and overall hanging out with your friends. You will also receive a lunch of pizza and unlimited pop.

The cost of the trip will be **\$30, and it is not refundable**. This money is used to cover all the costs of buses, entrance to Main Event and lunch. Cash or Check needs to be exact change to streamline the process for our administrative assistants.

Students will be expected to meet the following behavior and academic expectations until May 20, 2024.

To begin 1/22/24 - 2nd Semester Behavior and Academic Requirements:

- Students will have No Out of School Suspensions (OSS)
- Students can not have been placed in In School Intervention (ISI) more than twice
- Students can not receive more than 3 referrals

- Students must be Passing 5 of their 7 classes, including electives, PE and Health, with a D or higher.
- Students can not have reached the “Loss of Privilege” status for 2nd semester on the Kenyon Woods M.S. Tardy policy (8 tardies to a single class or 20 tardies total)

Students who do not meet the criteria will remain at school and follow their regular class schedule.

All permission slips must be turned in by MONDAY, MAY 13TH.

Cash or checks will be accepted. The signed permission slip as well as the money should be turned into the main office.



COME OUT AND SUPPORT GIRLS INTRAMURAL SOCCER!

On Saturday, May 11th, Kenyon Woods will host the district soccer tournament at our home fields. Games start at 9:00am and continue every hour until the championship game.

Come enjoy the nice weather while cheering on your team!

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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THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO MADE

Night at the Masquerade

A night to remember!



REMINDER ABOUT DRESS GUIDELINES

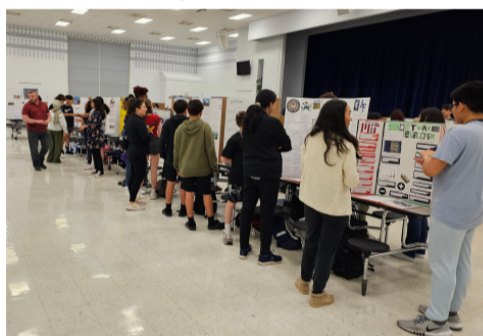
With the warm weather we tend to see quite a few new fashion styles. While they may be in style for going out, they are not always appropriate for school. Please check what your student is wearing before they leave for school. If you question it, it is probably not right for school. Students can choose 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 EXPLORES COLLEGE & CAREERS!



*College & Career Gallery Walk
April 2024*



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!

AVID MEETS THE BOILERMAKERS!



FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 3 students recently completed their Digital Mosaics. They learned about the ancient art of creating mosaics and why many survived until this day. We used modern technology (Google Draw) to create our own animal mosaics digitally on Chromebooks. Here are two very nice examples from **Khloe Argote** and **Nick Khounviseth**, enjoy!



ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS - FRESHMAN CONNECTION IS NOW 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](#).

GREAT GIFTS FOR MOMS AND GRANDMAS!

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and we've got just the gifts you are looking for! Kenyon Woods. Order by Saturday to ensure delivery before Mother's Day. Plus, you'll get **FREE SHIPPING** with code: **MOM24**. Don't wait, [Shop Now!](#)



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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/8/24 - Orchestra Concert
- 5/9/24 - Chorus Concert
- 5/11/24 - Girls Soccer Tournament
- 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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