KVMS Panther Paws

May 24th, 2024

Message from the Principal

Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Departing Staff Members

With only one week left in the school year, we find ourselves in the bittersweet position of saying goodbye to some incredible teachers and staff members who have made a significant impact at Kenyon Woods. While we do not have any retirements this year, a few of our beloved staff are moving on to exciting new adventures in their lives.



Mrs. Shauna McNally

Mrs. McNally is one of the original teachers who helped open Kenyon Woods 20 years ago. She has made the tough decision to bring her passion for science to our elementary students and will be joining the Fox Meadow staff next year. While we will deeply miss her at Kenyon Woods, we are comforted knowing she is just down the street, and we look forward to hearing about her amazing science experiments from the 6th graders who will join us in future years.

Officer Hunt

Officer Hunt has been a valuable member of our Kenyon Woods family for the last five years. He has been an excellent resource for both students and staff, always ready with a smile and a helping hand. Officer Hunt has built meaningful connections within our community, often greeting students warmly outside of school. He will be returning to the South Elgin Police Department this summer, and we wish him all the best in his continued service.

Ms. Chiara Lagioia

Although Ms. Lagioia has only been with us for the past year, her positive attitude and the strong relationships she has built with students have left a lasting impression. Ms. Lagioia recently got engaged and will be relocating to Utah to join her fiancé in the coming months. Her presence at Kenyon Woods will be missed, but we are excited for her new journey ahead.

Please join me in extending our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. McNally, Officer Hunt, and Ms. Lagioia for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have made at Kenyon Woods. They will be

greatly missed, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Best Regards Lisa Olsem ~ Principals

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To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also DREAM; not only plan, but also BELIEVE! ~ Anatole France

PANTHER **OUNTDOWN**

MAY 20 PRIDE DAY--SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE IN SOMETHING (TEAM, CULTURE, ETC.) MAY 21 ALL DENIM DAY MAY 22 NAUGHT DAY--DRESS LIKE IT'S THE 2000S MAY 23 TIE DYE DAY MAY 24 HAT DAY MAY 28 EASY DAY--TAKE IT EASY AND WEAR COMFY CLOTHES MAY 29 RAD DAY--DRESS LIKE IT'S THE 80S MAY 30 SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY--WEAR YOUR KENYON GEAR!

SIGN UP FOR ORCHESTRA SUMMER CAMP

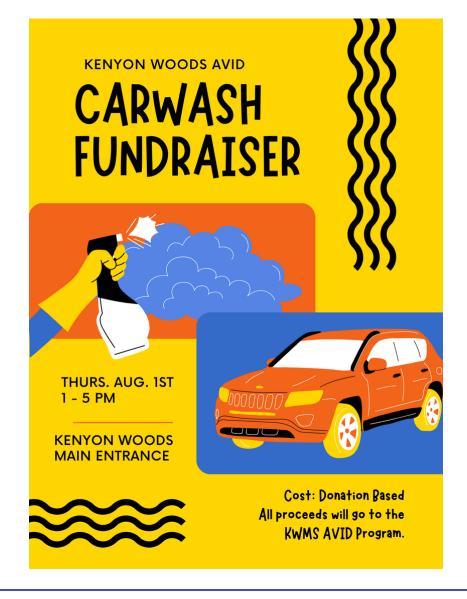
Orchestra Summer Camp will be June 24th-28th from 10:30-12:00 at Kenyon Woods. There is no cost for this camp. <u>Sign Up using this link</u>

8TH GRADE SIGNS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!



Students in Interactive Media are finishing up their last project. The goal: choose a unit we focused on during the class and create a website about the history of the technology, careers related to it, or explain how to use the program we used in class.





Students in Mrs. McNally's class are using frog dissection as evidence that the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells. Despite having an odor, this offers a unique opportunity for learning and making connections.









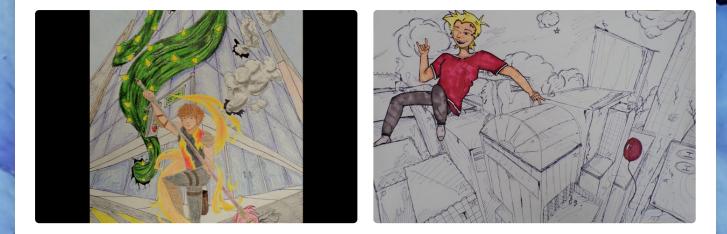


FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Isabelle Ajeigbe has been working for several weeks to finish this amazing Creative Color wheel. She used the personalities of the characters to represent the different colors of the color wheel.



Art 3 students are finishing up their year with some *super* creative drawings. Their task was to utilize what they learned about figure drawing, proportions, AND three point perspective to invent their own super hero or villain, then placing them in an urban background. They learned about making their artwork dynamic, with action poses and big angles in their cityscape backgrounds. Here are two excellent examples from **Kyleigh Karikitan** and **Gabriella Banach**.



Culinary and Leadership class is finishing up the child development where they planned a birthday party for a preschooler. Here are the winners.













Students in Mrs. Elliott's and Mrs. McCann's classes presenting their Migration Presentation.



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.

CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THIS MONTHS CAFETERIA MENU

IMPORTANT DATES

5/29/24 - Locker Clean Out 5/29/24 - 8th Grade Recognition - 6 pm

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