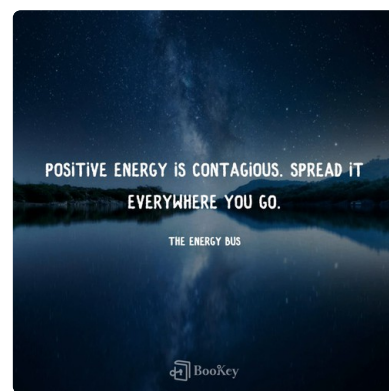


# KWMS Panther Pride

August 30, 2024

## Message from the Principal

Family engagement plays a crucial role in shaping student outcomes, impacting grades, attendance, persistence, and motivation. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night this week. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, and I truly appreciate it. It was wonderful to put faces to the names I've been communicating with, meet our new families, and reconnect with familiar ones.



For those who couldn't join us, rest assured there will be many more opportunities to get involved throughout the school year.

A special thank you to our dedicated teachers who make Kenyon Woods a safe and nurturing environment where students can thrive. Your tireless efforts in supporting all learners with both challenging and supportive instruction are deeply valued.

Let's continue to work together to help our students turn their dreams into reality! Have a great 3 day weekend!

Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

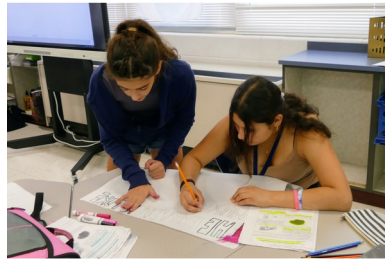
**WE ARE KENYON WOODS AND WE DREAM BIG**

**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



Mr. Pascales class making Labor Day art projects! They will be doing a writing assignment about Labor Day and how they celebrate their day off from school with their families.



Students in Intro to Computers and Interactive Media are using technology tools to share some fun facts about themselves. By using a Google slide template students are adding text, inserting images, and using drawing tools to add color to create unique sneakers or cars that represent their interests and hobbies.



Paul Kuesis



CJ Mahoney



Krisha Patel



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## EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

Daily attendance is a huge key to a successful school year! It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call the attendance office within 24 hours of any absence and verify the reason for the absence.

### DID YOU KNOW:

- According to the State of Illinois, student must be in school for at least 300 instructional minutes to be considered present for a full day. Our day is 315 minutes long.
- Present for 150 - 299 instructional minutes is considered a half day
- Present for 0 - 149 instructional minutes equals a full absence.
- **This means if you miss more than 15 minutes in a day, you are absent for a half day!**

Please call 847-289-6685 x6654 to report an absence.

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## BECOME AN OBSERVER ON YOUR CHILD'S CANVAS COURSE

If you would like to become an observer on your child's class canvas pages (most teachers put all classwork here), please follow the directions on this link. Please note that your child will need to be present in order to generate a code for you on his/her canvas account as per the directions.

### How to Be Added as an Observer to a Class Canvas Page

Parents can be added to a Canvas page as observers. Students can generate a pairing code for each parent observer they want to link to their Canvas account. The observer can then enter the code in their User Settings Observing tab.

Here are some steps to add a parent as an observer:

- Click Account
- Click Settings
- Under Ways to Connect, click Pair with Observer
- A code will be generated. This code is case sensitive, so it's recommended to copy or write it down
- The parent can then create a Canvas account using the institution's Canvas URL. They can type in [u46.instructure.com](https://u46.instructure.com) and select Login to Canvas as a Parent.
- In the app, the parent can click Find School and type in the district. They can then select Parents as the pairing option.

Once linked, the parent observer can view the student's course content, such as announcements and assignment due dates, but they can't participate in the course. They can also use the Inbox to message teachers.

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# Math Help

**Math help is available for everyone!**

Monday before school with Mrs. Walker-- meet in C150  
Tuesday after school with Mrs. Buesse--meet in the Gym  
Thursday after school with Mr. Becker--meet in F207  
Thursday before school with Mrs. Young--meet in A108

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## PROMOTING RESPECT AND KINDNESS IN OUR SCHOOL

At School District U-46, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students where every child feels respected and valued. Our focus is the concerns regarding hate speech in our schools and online, as such behavior has no place in our learning community. To support this, we encourage parents to have an open dialogue about the importance of kindness and respect. This will help children understand the emotional and psychological harm that hate speech causes. Encouraging respectful communication and discouraging offensive language fosters empathy and creates a more inclusive environment for everyone. [This quick guide](#) is a resource that could assist you with your conversation. Together, let's continue to foster a positive and supportive atmosphere where every student can thrive. Please note that any behavior that violates these principles will be addressed according to our Student Code of Conduct, [linked here](#).

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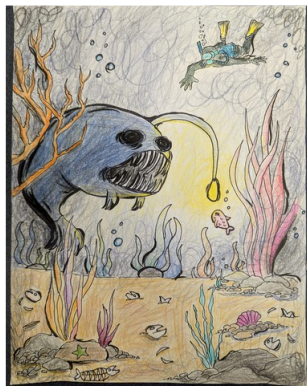
- facilitate student-led tutorial groups
- coach and encourage students in problem-solving



QUESTIONS? EMAIL DISTRICT DIRECTOR [ELIZABETHMCKINNEY@U-46.ORG](mailto:ELIZABETHMCKINNEY@U-46.ORG)

## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS!

Art 1 students are starting off great! They are learning about the *Art Process* and being **creative**! Last week they finished their introductory project, which was to use their imaginations to complete an already started image of an Amazing Underwater Discovery. They also received initial instructions on good coloring techniques with color pencils. Here are two great examples from **Laney Albers** and **Thea Divi**:







## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

If you are interested in joining Boy's Cross Country this year please pick up an informational packet in the commons during lunch periods this week or next week!

We will be practicing Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday after school starting Tuesday, September 3rd. Practice runs from 3:30-4:45pm, please ensure that your ride is here on time or you can take the Activity Bus that leaves promptly at 5pm. Please return permission

slip, concussion form and fee to Coach Zimmerman (E197) or Coach Guzman or bring to first practice on 9/3.



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*Do you like hanging  
out in a library?*

*Snacks*

*Do you want  
to talk about  
the books you  
are reading?*

# BOOK CLUB

**When:** Thursday's after  
school from 3:30pm to  
5pm starting September  
5th (you can join anytime  
all year long)

**Location:** Library



*Do you want to  
know what books  
your peers like to  
read?*

*Choose your  
own books  
to read!*

*Raffles*

*Do you  
want a  
quiet  
place to  
read?*

*Games*

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**LINK TO THE LUNCH MENU**

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## KWMS SPIRITWEAR

Don't forget to place your orders for the Kenyon Woods back-to-school sale! You'll save 30% off the entire site. These are the lowest the prices will be all year. In addition, all orders over \$75 will receive free shipping. [Shop Now!](#)



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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/2/24 - No School - Labor Day
- 9/3/24 - Boys Soccer vs Ellis - Home
- 9/3/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Ellis - Away
- 9/4/24 - Boys Soccer vs Kimball - Away
- 9/4/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Kimball - Home
- 9/9/24 - Boys Soccer vs Larsen - Away
- 9/9/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Larsen - Home
- 9/11/24 - Boys Soccer vs Abbott - Home
- 9/11/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Abbott - Away
- 9/16/24 - Boys Soccer vs Eastview - Away
- 9/16/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Eastview - Home
- 9/18/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Home
- 9/18/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Away
- 9/23/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Away
- 9/23/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Home
- 9/25/24 - EXPLORE Parent Night - NOW Arena 6 -7:30 pm
- 9/26/24 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Graders
- 9/27/24 - 7th Grade Dance - 6 - 8 pm
- 9/28/24 - Boys Cross Country Meet @ BHS



9/30/24 - Boys Soccer vs Tefft - Away  
9/30/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Tefft - Home  
10/2/24 - Picture Re-take Day  
10/2/24 - Boys Soccer vs Canton - Home  
10/2/24 - Girls Volleyball vs Canton - Away

## Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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**Lisa Olsem**

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