

KWMS Panther Paws

October 14, 2022

Message from the Principal

Wow – I cannot believe first quarter has come to an end already. We hope that your student is having a positive learning experience here at Kenyon Woods! Next week, please go into Infinite Campus and check out your student’s “In Progress” grades. It is important to remember, students have the opportunity to improve their grades significantly over the next 9 weeks. Please partner with your student’s team of teachers to help them finish strong.



As we prepare for Parent-Teacher Conferences, we look forward to your insights regarding your child’s education and input about the school year. . Over the last week, teacher should have shared their conference schedule with you and information on how to sign up for those conferences. If you have questions, please contact the teacher directly. Together, we can make a difference!

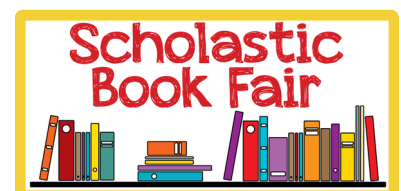
Thank You
Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Kenyon Woods from Oct 24 until Oct 28!!



Students will have the opportunity to preview and purchase an amazing selection of books from Scholastic through their English classes. In addition, this year

the Book Fair will be available during the evening hours of the Kenyon Woods Fall Fest on Oct 28. Cash and credit is accepted. Parents can even utilize a safe cash-free way to shop the fair through Ewallet. You can preload and set a spending limit at the following web address!!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kenyonwoodsmiddleschool>

CELEBRATION OF US! WE NEED PERFORMERS!

Celebration of US! - Week of Nov. 14th. This week we will be celebrating all the different cultures we have here at Kenyon Woods that make us unique and special. Celebrating diversity at our school fosters respect, understanding, and open-mindedness in our students and community. It also reinforces that we are stronger together, because our differences make us versatile and prepared.

Besides daily activities, on Nov 15th our 7th graders will be hosting a Cultural Fest after school from 4 - 7 pm. All families are welcome to attend. **Then on Nov. 18th, we will end our day with a Celebration of US assembly.** We are looking for any groups that would like to celebrate their culture through music or dance during that assembly. If you would like to participate, please contact Ms. Mattei at MarilynMattei@u-46.org.

IF YOU PICK UP YOUR STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL - BE CAREFUL!

Parents - Please help us to keep our students and staff safe at dismissal time.

- **PULL ALL THE WAY UP** - Do not stop in the middle of the lanes. Your students can walk the extra few feet to your car.
- **BE CAREFUL WHEN PULLING OUT** - We have had a few close calls, please go slow and look out your right mirror before pulling out.
- **SLOW DOWN!!**

If we all practice these few things, we will keep everyone safe!



KENYON WOODS FALL FEST - WE NEED YOU!

Come join in on the fun and help out at the Kenyon Woods Fall Fest! We are looking for fun parents that can help volunteer at each game along with food and drink donations. Please have all donated items dropped off on Wednesday October 26th by 4 pm, except baked goods. We are asking for larger store bought baked goods such as, cakes, a tray of brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pies and other desserts for a cake walk game (please no items that need refrigeration). Baked goods for the cake walk can be dropped off by 4pm on the day of the event unless you are volunteering. Then you can bring it when you check in to volunteer. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Please reach out to the front office if you have any questions. We are looking forward to making this a great event for our kids with your help!

SIGN UP TO DONATE OR HELP HERE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EAEAC2DA5F85-kenyon1>

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS ARE NEXT WEEK!

8th Grade Boys Basketball Try-Outs will start next week on **Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday October 13th after school at 3:30pm**. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Try-Outs will be the following week on **Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th after school at 3:30pm**. Try-Outs will end by 4:50pm so students will have an opportunity to take the late activity bus home.



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Students will need to have three forms signed by their parent or guardian in order to try-out. These forms are the eligibility guidelines form, the consent to participate form, and the concussion information sheet. All of these forms can be found in the Basketball Information Packet which has been available to students to pick up in the Commons during their lunch period or from the main office.

Students will also need an up-to-date sport physical on file with the Health Office before being able to try-out. If students are unsure whether the Health Office has an up-to-date sport physical, they are encouraged to check with the school nurse during their lunch period.

If you have any questions please contact Coach Perdikaris (7th grade coach) at veperdikaris@u-46.org or Coach Hardiman (8th grade coach) at seanhardiman@u-46.org.

FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMIC BOOK FANS



13th Annual Comic Book Mania!

Saturday, October 15
10 am – 3 pm



Gail Borden
Public Library District
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL 60120

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

- Free comic book for everyone!
- Wear a costume and receive a prize! (while supplies last)
- Thousands of comics for sale!
- Buttons & crafts to make
- Free Temporary tattoos



Superhero Storytime

10 am
Sally Lee Rooms

Enjoy a Superhero Storytime followed by a meet & greet with a Superhero. Participants will also receive an autographed keepsake photo printed on the spot.



Please register.

Draw Yourself as a Superhero

11 am
Grove Room



Gene Ha, comic book artist and writer, will lead students in a drawing workshop that encourages young artists to apply imagination to problem solving.

Please register. Note: This class is not about learning new drawing techniques. For grades 2nd -12th.

Heroes of STEAM

1 pm
Sally Lee Fox Room



Jim McClain, comic book writer and artist, will lead this hands-on program based on his Heroes of STEAM game. After learning how to play, kids will create their own characters and play against each other like the X-men in the Danger Room! For grades 4th - 12th.

Please register.

BANG!

Meet and Greet

Cosplayers from Windy City Ghostbusters & League of Enchantment Chicago.



Visit our Artist Alley to meet artists and writers!



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB COMING TO SOUTH ELGIN!



The Boys & Girls Club South Elgin Clubhouse is opening soon! Boys & Girls Club is a FREE after school program, serving students in kindergarten through 8th grade, open from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided from select nearby schools upon dismissal to the Clubhouse.

Each day members will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs and activities, including STEM and academic enrichment, arts, sports and recreation, leadership, social emotional learning, and career exploration.

Pre-enroll today to secure a position for your child(ren) at the brand-new facility in South Elgin, located at 735 Martin Drive. Pre-enrollment can be completed online at www.bgcnelgin.org/apply or in-person at the South Elgin Clubhouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, paper copies of the membership form will be available at your child's school office if preferred and can be submitted at the South Elgin Clubhouse. **The first 100 members to enroll will receive a free t-shirt!**

Parents - we need your help. We are having several issues with students using their cell phones in the hallways and in the classrooms. **PHONES SHOULD BE AWAY FOR THE DAY!** Unfortunately, our students are struggling with appropriate cell phone usage and we are having issues with online bullying and other issues revolving around social media. Cell phones are a distraction during the day at school. This is why we are asking that students keep their phones in their locker during the day. If you need to communicate with your child during the day, please call the main office. Please do not text or call them while they are in class. Help us to create a safe and productive learning environment for all!



SCHOOL PICTURES AND YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Don't forget to order your yearbook! Right now is the best price. <https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->



Information below is about choosing your yearbook picture and/or retakes if needed.

Families - School pictures taken in August are available to view and order. Please select which fall School Portrait will appear in your Yearbook/Composite at this time.*

To view and select your photo, look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to [vipis.com](https://www.vipis.com) to search for your gallery. (A student ID number may be required.) If you have any questions or cannot find your images, please contact VIP at support@vipis.com.

*If you have not yet taken a photo or need a new one, your Retake/Make up Day is on **10/5/2022, 10:30-1:30pm**. All students must have a current portrait in order to appear in this year's yearbook/composite.

The final yearbook image selection deadline is two weeks after Retake/Make up Day; at that time VIP will choose an image for you.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/20/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4 -8 pm
- 10/21/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 7 - 8 am
- 10/28/22 - Family FallFest - 6 - 8 pm
- 11/1/22 - Boys Basketball vs Ellis - Away
- 11/2/22 - Boys Basketball vs Kimball - Home
- 11/7/22 - Boys Basketball vs Larsen - Home
- 11/8/22 - NO SCHOOL

