

# KWMS Panther Pride

January 17, 2025

## Message from the Principal

Happy Friday! As we head into the weekend, I want to thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students' success. Our Panthers have been working hard, and it's exciting to see the progress they're making every day.

This weekend, while we enjoy the extra day off, it's important to reflect on the incredible contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His legacy of equality, justice, and service continues to inspire us all to create a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Kenyon Woods community. Let's continue working together to make great things happen for our Panthers!

Thank you Everyone!  
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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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH!

Congrats to all the 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 Student of the Month for January!!**

**Austin Kenny**

**Lena Zima**

**Sofia Rafael Garcia**

**Soha Iqbal**

**Livia Thomas**

**Marcel Golaszewski**

**Blake Piekarz**

**Aliana Raincrow**

**McKenna Jurgovan**

**Johnny Villa**

**2024-2025**

## **8TH GRADE TRIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**MAY 19TH [AT] MAIN EVENT  
MEASURED JANUARY 6-MAY 16**

**MUST BE PASSING 5 OUT  
OF 7 CLASSES**

**NO MORE THAN 1 ISI**

**NO OUT OF SCHOOL  
SUSPENSIONS**

**NO MORE THAN 3 REFERRALS AND  
PHONE VIOLATIONS**

**NO LOSS OF PRIVILEGE STATUS DURING  
THE DURATION OF 2ND SEMESTER**

**AVID INTERVIEW MAKE-UPS**

AVID Interview Make-ups will be held on Wednesday, February 5th between 4 - 5 pm through Zoom. If you were unable to attend our AVID Interview Night event on January 8th, this is your opportunity to complete your required interview for consideration. No appointments necessary, you need only join the Zoom between 4 and 5 pm on that date.

Topic: AVID Make-up Interviews

Time: Feb 5, 2025 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87513652730?pwd=ajbpps9f1jaXLwmw41qXLNOCjbu5Lyf.1>

Meeting ID: 875 1365 2730

Passcode: 841321

## Math Help

IS AN EXTRA PLACE TO GET MATH SUPPORT WITH A TEACHER AND A VOLUNTARY COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS THAT WANT HELP WITH MATH OR ARE WORKING ON A RETAKE. EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BRING WORK TO DO, REMAIN ON TASK, BE PATIENT WITH THE PROCESS, TRY THEIR HARDEST, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

- Monday 8:00 to 8:50 AM-- meet in C150
- Tuesday 3:30 to 4:50 -- meet in the Gym then we'll go to A104
- Wednesday 3:30 to 4:50--meet in F204
- Thursday 8:00 to 8:50 AM-- meet in A108
- Thursday 3:30 to 4:50-- meet in F207
- **No pass necessary, just show up!**

### DURING LUNCH

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Grab a laminated pass from front of the stage and get your lunch first in line
- When called, follow the math teacher with your lunch and supplies

## FROM THE COACHES CLIPBOARD

**Panthers Athletics Home Games Themes and Giveaways**

1-22 Theme Wear Spirt Wear - Giveaway Popcorn

1-27 Theme Looney Tunes T-shirt - Giveaway Candy

2-3 Pack The Place "Wear White" - Giveaway Cheese Burger

2-10 Theme "Basketball NBA Jersey or NBA T-shirt Night" - Giveaway Takis

2-19 Parent Night Theme "Bring Poster Board with The Players Name" - Giveaway mini basketballs

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## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

We are back with a new semester of Art students! Art 2 classes have completed their first assignment of using Advanced Coloring Techniques by finishing an image of a dragon using what they have learned and creativity Below is a great example from **Addison Stredney**. Art 1 students completed an Imagination Drawing of an Underwater Discovery using their imaginations, and here is a creative example from **Suzette Sanchez**.



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## Calling all middle school students! Share your ideas and flex your civics knowledge in the National Civics Bee®.

### ABOUT THE BEE

The Elgin Area Chamber is partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to host a nonpartisan civics competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Participating 6th, 7th and 8th graders will flex their civics knowledge for a chance to win recognition and cash prizes. Finalists will be invited to Washington, DC to compete in the National Civics Bee® national championship in Fall 2025.

### WHY CIVICS

The Elgin Area Chamber is participating in the National Civics Bee® because we believe that informed and active citizens make for a strong country, a strong economy, and a strong workforce, and that our continued prosperity depends on the strength of all three. Through the Bee, we are promoting greater civic knowledge in Illinois and celebrating our civic pride.

### HOW TO ENTER

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student residing in Illinois with an idea about using civics to improve their community may submit their essay to participate in one local competition in their state. All essays must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. Visit

[www.nationalcivicsbee.org](http://www.nationalcivicsbee.org) for the latest news on the application portal, entry deadlines, and resources.

Students should review the Contest Rules and Essay Guide below and then apply using the following link: [2025 National Civics Bee® Application Link](#).

**RESOURCES/ADDITIONAL INFO:**

- [Essay Guide](#)
- [National Civics Bee® Highlights Video](#)
- [National Civics Bee® Website](#)
- [Student Flyer](#)
- [2025 National Civics Bee® Contest Rules – Essay Round](#)

[How to Submit an Essay](#)

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you interested in showcasing your company's commitment to developing active and engaged citizens? For information about available corporate sponsorships, please contact us at [info@elginchamber.com](mailto:info@elginchamber.com)

**SOUTH ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL**

*Essentials Exchange*

*Free Clothing Fridays*

**Event dates:**  
1/24  
2/21  
3/21  
4/25  
5/16

**3:30  
to  
6:30  
PM**

Please park in the back of the school by the mobile units (near tennis courts)

760 East Main Street; South Elgin, IL 60177  
Questions: please email [genevievehebeka@u-46.org](mailto:genevievehebeka@u-46.org)

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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



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[LINK TO LUNCH MENU](#)

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/20/25 - No School - Martin Luther King Day
- 1/21/25 - Girls Basketball vs. Ellis - Away
- 1/22/25 - Girls Basketball vs Kimball - Home
- 1/27/25 - Girls Basketball vs Larseon - Home
- 1/28/25 - ACCESS Testing - Listening
- 1/29/25 - ACCESS Testing - Reading
- 1/29/25 - Girls Basketball vs Abbott - Away
- 1/31/25 - No School - Institute Day
- 2/3/25 - Girls Basketball vs Eastview - Home
- 2/4/24 - ACCESS Testing - Speaking Test
- 2/5/25 - Girls Basketball vs Tefft - AWAY
- 2/6/25 - ACCESS Testing - Writing Test
- 2/10/25 - Girls Basketball vs Canton - Home
- 2/12/25 - Girls Basketball vs Eastview - AWAY
- 2/19/25 - Girls Basketball vs Tefft - Home
- 2/20/25 - Girls Basketball vs Canton - AWAY
- 2/22/25 - Cheer Clinic
- 2/22/25 - U46 Solo & Ensemble Festival
- 2/26/25 - ESPY Winter Sports Award Ceremony
- 2/28/25 - No School - Institute Day

## Link to all 2024/25 KWMS Panther Newsletters



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