

# KWMS Panther Paws

September 29, 2023

## Message from the Principal

At KWMS we are always striving to build a climate and culture where our students feel that they belong and feel valued. For us, a sense of belonging at school means that students have a feeling of acceptance, respect, inclusion and support in a learning environment. Students who feel a sense of belonging at school are typically more energized, more likely to spend time on-task and return to activities, and more likely to choose to be in the school environment. Throughout the year, we offer both students and parents ways to get involved. Please watch this newsletter for clubs, sports and events that our open to all students and encourage your students to get involved!



This week Student Government hosted their first dance of the year. This one was just for 7th graders. It was incredible seeing our students out on the dance floor having fun and hanging out together. The energy was so positive, we even had quite a few teachers showing off their moves on the dance floor! The best part was that students were unplugged and having fun! Thank you to the Student Government for providing this great experience. Thank you to all the parents that came out to feed the masses and clean up after the dance. We couldn't have done it without you! I am looking forward to our next big event which is our Fall Festival on October 27th. I hope to see many of you there!

Thank You

Lisa Olsem ~ Principal

**¡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!**

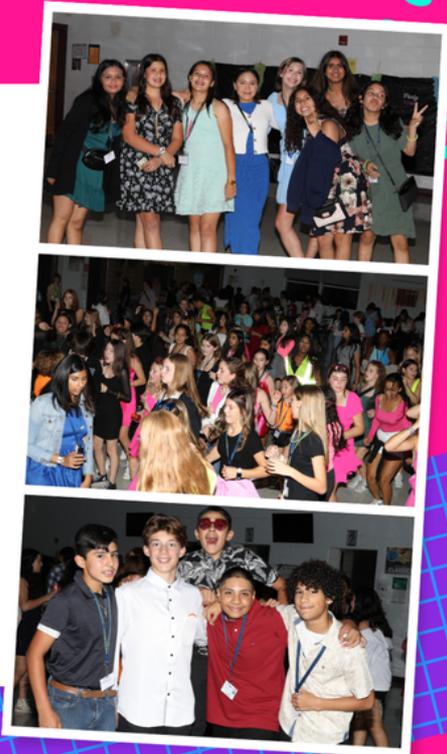
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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK!



★ Thank you! ★

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR FIRST DANCE OF THE YEAR A SUCCESS! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FIRST ALL SCHOOL DANCE OF THE YEAR ON DECEMBER 14



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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS X-COUNTY TEAMS!

Congratulations to the 7th & 8th grade girls x-country teams. 8th grade took 2nd place and 7th grade took 1st place. Congratulations to the top 5 girls on the 8th grade team: Melody Guzman, Allison Garbacz, Kadence Edwards, Leilani Mitchell, Kayden Trickey. Congratulations to the top 5 girls on the 7th grade team: Mia Fenner, Emily Foster, Delaney O'Deay, Anabelle Chmielak, and Maddie Gustafson. Great job ladies!



8TH GRADE TEAM



7TH GRADE TEAM

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**MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MATH SUPPORT!**

# Math Help

Math help is available for everyone!

**Tuesdays starting at 8 AM with Mr. Becker. Meet in F207**  
**Tuesdays after school with Mrs. Buesse. Meet in the gym.**

**Thursdays starting at 8 AM with Mrs. Young. Meet in**  
**A108.**

No appointment necessary, just show up with your math questions.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS X-COUNTRY TEAMS!

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Boys Cross Country team for finishing 2nd place at the district championship on Saturday! Special shout-out to the top 5 finishers for KW: Diego Juarez, Graham Altergott, Freddy Keiler, Kaleb Bokalders & Abdiel Navedo.

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Boys Cross Country team for bringing home the district championship on Saturday! Back to back district champions!! Special shout-out to the top 5 finishers for KW: Jake Slowinski, Owen Olson Baird, AJ McDonald, Kaysen Parker & Josh Mackowiak.

Coach Guzman and Coach Zimmerman are SO proud of your hard work this season! GO PANTHERS!!



# FREE

## Children's Orthopedic Clinic

Does your child:

- Complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow or wrist pain?
- Complain about back pain? • Curvature of the spine.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 2:00-4:00 PM

(By Appointment Only)

Scott Ferry, Physician

Held at:

OrthoIllinois

1550 N. Randall Road

Elgin, IL

Please Call 1-800-272-0074

Between 9 and 4 M-F to register for clinic.

Sponsored by:

Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation &  
Elgin Elks Lodge 737



### ON THE STAGE IN SPEECH CLASS!

Students in Mrs. Turcan's Speech classes were participating in Oral Interpretation. Oral Interpretation is the study and practice of vocally expressing the meaning of written compositions. Their performances were incredible!



### CREATIVE CLUB IS BACK!

**Creative Club** is starting up the first Tuesday of October (03OCT23) and will run every other Tuesday thereafter. It will go from right after school until 5 PM and meet in G206 (the Art room). Students can bring their own supplies and work on their own, no specific lessons will be taught. It is a place to be with your friends and be *CREATIVE*. You can email [andykerwin@u-46.org](mailto:andykerwin@u-46.org) with any questions. **Please be advised that seating is limited and rides must be here promptly at 5 PM or you will take the activity bus home!**



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## CHOOSE YOUR YEARBOOK PHOTO NOW!

View your School Portraits, and select your yearbook/class picture before Retake Day!\*

- \*The final deadline is two weeks after retake day; if you do not pick an image VIP will choose a yearbook/class picture image for you
- To view your student's school portraits look for an email sent to you by "Visual Image Photography", or go to [vipis.com](http://vipis.com) (student ID number may be required)
- Retake pictures will be taken on **10/4/23**.
- Retake photos will be added to your online image gallery about a week after photo day
- If you have any questions, please email [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com)

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## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Please purchase your yearbook by clicking on this link  
<https://www.vipis.com/group/f58a5727/kenyon-woods-middle-school->



Note that you purchase your yearbook on-line and will be given to your student at school in May. Please get your yearbooks now before the price goes up.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL REMINDERS!

### Pre-Season Informational Meeting:

Attendance at ONE of the two dates provided is Mandatory for all students who will be participating in tryouts. If you can not attend, then please email your grade level coach ASAP.

**When? BEFORE SCHOOL on Monday, Oct. 2nd OR Tuesday, Oct. 3rd  
At 8:30am**



8th Grade Coach: Mr Hardiman - [seanhardiman@u-46.org](mailto:seanhardiman@u-46.org)

## FROM THE CREATIVE MINDS OF OUR PANTHERS

The Art 3 class just finished the follow up to their self-portrait drawings, having created ABSTRACT versions using oil pastels. They let their creativity go wild, experimenting with several different methods of abstraction. Once they sketched a variety of designs they learned to get rich and intense color variations out of the oil pastels. Hopefully you will enjoy seeing their artwork more than they enjoyed posing for this picture!





# FALL FEST

Fall Fest is October 27!

Raffle tickets will be sold starting Monday October 23th during lunch periods. It's \$5 for 6 tickets or \$20 for 30 tickets. Tickets are needed to play all games to win prizes and can also be used for the raffle baskets. Prizes and raffle baskets are valued between \$5-\$400.

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***KWMS SPIRITWEAR SHOP!***

# KENYON WOODS SPIRIT WEAR STORE



## TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



[1stplace.sale/33326](https://1stplace.sale/33326)



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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/2/23 - Girls Volleyball @ Tefft
- 10/4/23 - Picture Retake Day - During all lunch periods
- 10/4/23 - Girls Volleyball - Home vs. Canton
- 10/4/23 - EXPLORE Family night at the SEARS Center.
- 10/5/22 - EXPLORE 2023 - Fieldtrip for all 8th Grader
- 10/9/23 - No School - Columbus Day
- 10/11/23 - Girls Volleyball Tournament at Streamwood HS
- 10/14/23 - Boys Soccer Tournament - KWMS
- 10/18/23 - PSAT Testing for all 8th graders
- 10/19 & 10/20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/20/23 - No School - Institute Day
- 10/27/23 - Fallfest 2023 - 6 pm

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