

AVID Newsletter

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Welcome to the Dream AVID Community! This is our first year implementing AVID at Dream. AVID is a course that provides students with organization and learning strategies they can use wherever their journey takes them. In this newsletter, we will give important AVID updates and share our students' progress!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Last week, six AVID students went on a field trip to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. They earned service learning hours by making food packs to be sent to malnourished children and families all around the world. During this process, they worked together, assigned roles, and worked with new people to get their tasks done!

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

1/5: Start of Second Semester
1/29: NIU Field Trip



AVID STRATEGY OF THE MONTH: SERVICE LEARNING

Service learning is a strategy where AVID students learn through community service. It provides new ways to learn AVID strategies like collaboration and inquiry outside of the classroom while also supporting our community or helping others. Service learning is a requirement for AVID elective students, who need to earn 10 hours of community service each year.

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Every month, AVID teachers will each pick one student to highlight as their student of the month. These students display leadership, organization, and success both in their AVID class and throughout Dream!



3rd Period: Javier Cruz

Javier has shown significant growth, determination, and self-advocacy throughout this semester. I am incredibly proud of his progress and look forward to seeing him continue to succeed!!

– Ms. Kresl

7th Period: Lino Carlos

Lino has been on top of his AVID assignments and other classwork all year. He consistently does the work he needs to do to succeed at a high level. I am looking forward to seeing his continued growth next semester and beyond.

– Mr. Zimmerman



Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a member of our AVID team.

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QUARTER 2 STAFF SHOUT OUTS

Every quarter, AVID students select a staff member that has helped them in one of the 5 WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading) strategies they are learning in AVID that they want to recognize!

Ms. Kresl

Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading
– Chauncey Watson

Mr. Zimmerman

Organization: He has helped me stay really organized and put puzzle pieces back.
– Krissy Pallas

Mr. Weber

Collaboration: During APEX
– Ivan Andrade

Ms. Castillo

She has helped me in a lot of stuff.
– Dasha Santiago

Mr. Blauvelt

Collaboration: He helped me a lot in math class and is a good teacher all around.
– Xavier Perez

Ms. Martinez

Organization: She helped me keep my binder organized
– Javier Cruz

Mr. Zimmerman

Collaboration: He makes a positive environment and makes it easy to collaborate.
– Juli Martinez

Ms. Kresl

Writing, Reading: Helps me understand the assignment.
– Julian Reyna

Ms. Martinez

Writing, Collaboration, Organization: They have helped me get back on track and get my grades up.
– Edgar Avalos

Ms. Fazio

Self explanatory :)
– Sarai Portillo

**Have a great holiday season and Happy New Year!
We will see you all again in January!**