

Important Dates:

December

- 21 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 22 - College Logo Painting

January

- 6 - Teacher Workday, No School
- 9 - Professional Development Day No School
- 10 - Students Return to School
- 16 - Martin Luther King Holiday No School

February

- 20 - President's Day Holiday No School

March

- 15 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 16-24 Spring Recess

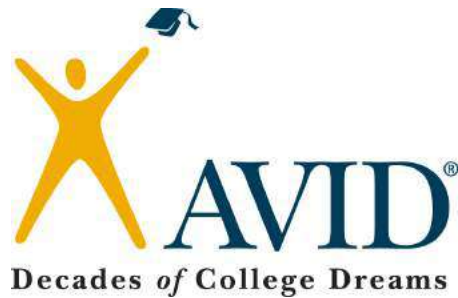
AVID Students Rock Their 1st Quarter Grades

Grade	Q1
6th	3.47
7th	3.38
8th	3.66

*Average AVID Class G.P.A.

We know what we are, but know not what we may be.

William Shakespeare



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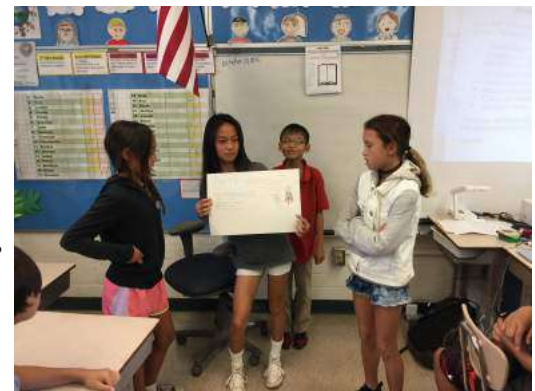
AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

7th and 8th Grade AVID Classes Give our Feeder Schools a Lesson In AVID 101

On November 1st and 2nd, Stevenson's 7th and 8th grade classes visited two of our feeder schools; Lincoln and Kaahumanu Schools, respectively. Our students shared what AVID at Stevenson is to the 5th grade classes, in order for them to decide if AVID might be a good fit for them. In addition to a powerpoint presentation, our students lead an activity called, "AVID University." For this activity, the students brainstormed what kind of University they would like to create. Included would be their mission statement, what kind of student they would like to recruit, a mascot, school colors, location and more. Lots of unique and interesting Universities were created that day. For example, Bottle Flip University's mission was to protect our environment. Forty-Niner Univeristy was created to promote physical wellness and athletic performance. The mascot for Shark University was, predictably a shark. They would focus on marine life and improving the ocean babitat.



The 5th graders at Kaahumanu pose with the University they created with the guidance of our 8th graders, Kulana, Mekayla, Krysllyn, Ryan, Selena & Caitlyn.



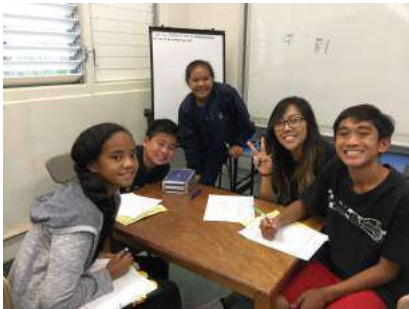
Lincoln Elementary School's 5th graders share as Makayla Furuto (7th gr.) assists them.



8th grade AVID student, Draven Fesili, entertains Kaahumanu's 5th graders.

Tutorials Help AVID Students Get Ahead

Tutorials are an essential part of Stevenson's AVID program. We currently employ 8 college students to facilitate small groups to help students better understand their classwork. It's crucial that students complete their Tutorial Request Forms as homework. Preparation is necessary for tutorials to be beneficial. The other important factor is participation. It's amazing what happens when everyone works together.



Braden Fujii, Rekeil Masaki, Sharon Kim (Tutor) and Jerico Costales working together.



Our AVID tutors, l-r, Kendra, Joshua, Ryan, Sharon, Tyler and Blaine (not pictured, Joelle and Val) all smiles for tutorials.



Deric Huynh methodically writing possible solutions to his problem.

AVID Students Lead the 55 by '25 Cause



The 8th grade AVID class lead a schoolwide assembly with DJ Steezy from 102.7 Da Bomb, to promote the 55 by '25 campaign. The students created a rap, performed by Maria Smith & Jade Higa, Mr. Tom spoke about the benefits of college, and the students also lead a college jeopardy game. It all culminated in the entire school signing the 55 by '25 banner and pledge.

Student Thoughts...



What college do you hope to attend one day and why?



The University of Chicago! It has a lot of activities to do, like basketball and tennis. - Aron Baliao

Michigan or Michigan State. They have very good nature programs. I want to one day become a zoologist. - Nika Aguilar



Duke baby! I like it because of the basketball program and my dad says it's a good college. - Dean "Mizu" Mizukami

Chaminade University. The campus is nice and the education seems good. Also if you have a high G.P.A. in high school, you can get thousands off your tuition. - Trenton Basug



I'll try to get in to Harvard! I want to become an attorney. - Ashanti Cabais

Yale University! They offer a lot of majors and have lots of clubs to join. - Jennifer Do



Michigan. Because they have a good football program and engineering program. - Draven Fesili

UH Manoa, because I don't want to go too far from home. It's also cheaper. - Sierra Tulabot



I would like to attend Oregon and work for Nike!!! My uncle also lives in Oregon. - Brad Yoshioka

Cornell Note Taking: Give AVID Students a Tool to Increase Their Academic Achievement

Cornell Note Taking is a system that each AVID student is expected to be efficient at. There are four parts to Cornell Note Taking:

- Note-Taking:** Writing down key points of the lecture or reading.
- Note-Making:** Revising notes, generating questions and collaboration to create meaning.
- Note-Interacting:** Writing of summary/Use notes as a learning tool.
- Note-Reflecting:** Use of feedback to make improvements.



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