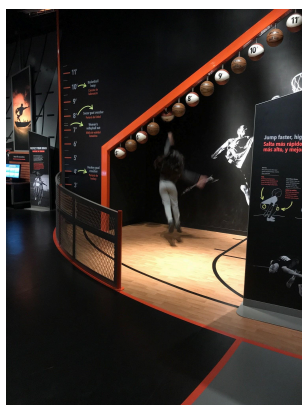


In this month's AVID/SPARCSS Newsletter you'll find information on Indian Mounds Elementary's trip to the Science Museum, Olson Middle's mile-a-minute vocabulary practice; Kennedy High students' career exploration, PGP work, Cargill career day trip, and AVID graduates' visit to Valley View Elementary ; Olson Elementary's formal day; Valley View Middle students' trip to Feed My Starving Children and work with Valley View Elementary first and second graders; and the Magnet Summaries Strategy.

AVID Adventures & SPARCSS Stories

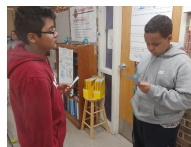
IM 5th Graders to Science Museum

Fifth graders at Indian Mounds explored the Science Museum of Minnesota recently. During this hands-on field trip, students saw exhibits such as Game Changers, The Fire Triangle, Free Fall, dinosaurs and fossils, The Human Body and Math Moves. They also viewed the film, "Cuba". It was a fun and educational experience for all!

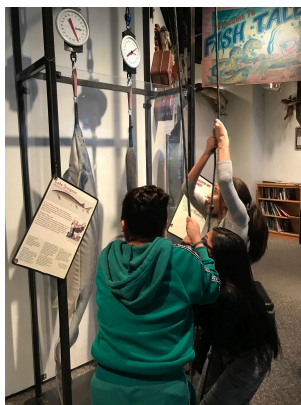


OMS 6th Graders Play Mile-a-Minute

[Mile-a-Minute](#) is a great way to get students talking about an idea or concept. Students work in pairs and have cards with 4-6 vocabulary terms. The goal is to describe each term well enough that a partner can identify and say them as quickly as possible. Students in Mrs. Cindy Nelson's class used this game as a way to review facts and vocabulary associated with their unit on immigration. They described words to one another such as: congress, treaty, federalism, emigration, immigration, Hans Mattson, and more!



**KHS AVID Explore Career Fields through PGP
Activities in Naviance**



Formal Day at OLE

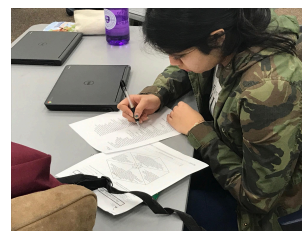
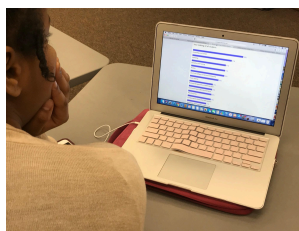
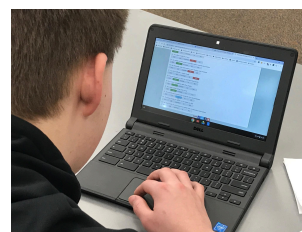
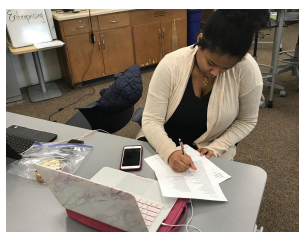
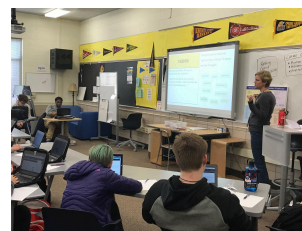
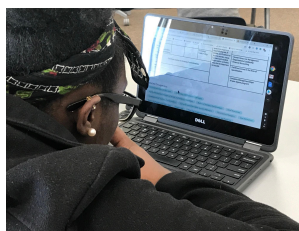
Dr. Erin Smith and her students have been studying Greek/Latin roots/affixes. One of their recent roots was ‘voc,’ meaning voice or calling. When the students realized the celebration of Formal Day at Olson Elementary coincided with their study of the term *convocation*, they asked Dr. Smith to wear her formal graduation cap, gown, and regalia in honor of the definition of convocation, “calling together a group of people for a formal assembly.”



KHS AVID Leadership Team Helps with Senior PGP Career Assessment

Seniors gathered during advisory in the Kennedy media center with the Career & College Center, guidance counselors, and AVID leadership to help answer any questions and complete the PGP

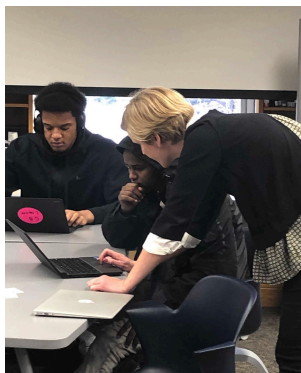
Kennedy AVID students in all grades worked with Mrs. Kristin Donnelly to use data from their Personal Growth Plan activities to determine which career fields they might be interested in. Seniors used this information to cluster into groups of students who had similar results to discuss their future college and career plans. Sophomores used their results as a way to brainstorm ideas for an upcoming research project on a career of their choice.



Cargill Career Day

Cargill partners with [BestPrep](#), a nonprofit organization that provides resources to ensure students are college-prepared, work-ready, and career-bound, to arrange an annual career day for high school students across central Minnesota. Kennedy AVID 11 attended the most recent career day, during which they heard about a variety of jobs and roles within the company.

Career Assessment to help them plan their future. AVID students were partnered up with non-AVID students to answer any questions or work one-on-one with those who might have additional questions or need additional support.



VVM teaches 1st & 2nd Graders at VVE

Valley View Middle AVID students prepared a lesson for Valley View Elementary first and second graders around the Dr. Suess book, *Oh the Places You'll Go!* In small groups, 7th and 8th graders worked with six different classes. First, they read the book aloud to the younger students, and then engaged them in an activity around what they want to be when they grow up.



VVM to FMSC

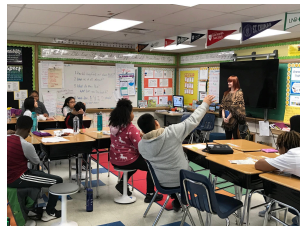
A very important pillar of AVID is performing community service. Valley View Middle AVID students accomplished this by packing food for Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations.





KHS AVID Alumn Talk with VVE Students

Valley View Elementary 4th graders had a special surprise recently when six former Kennedy High School AVID students came back to Bloomington to share their college experiences. Medori, Peter, Hao, Alec, Brianna, and Brittney are all 2016 graduates, and are all currently still in college pursuing a variety of careers in the fields of law, social work, medicine, and criminal justice.



AVID/SPARCSS Instructional Strategy of the Month

Magnet Summaries

The Magnet Summaries strategy provides many advantages as an after-reading strategy. While it gives students practice in expressing key concepts in their own words, its greatest value lies in providing a logical and simple procedure for helping students determine relevant and irrelevant details as they synthesize the information.

1. Determine 4-5 keywords that directly relate to a concept from a text, video, lecture, unit, etc.

2. Record each keyword on a 3x5 index card.
3. Students to recall details that are connected to the magnet words and record them on the index cards.
4. Students develop a one-sentence summary for each card.
5. Once all the cards have been summarized, students arrange their sentences in logical order to develop a coherent, complete summary. (They may need to edit sentences so their summaries will flow smoothly.)

Magnet Summary Example for Math

KEYWORDS

closed

simple

plane figure

rectangle

MAGNET WORD

Polygon

KEYWORDS

Three or more segments

triangle

hexagon

SUMMARY:

A polygon is a simple, closed, plane figure that made up of three or more line segments. Some examples are a rectangle, a triangle and a hexagon.