

## Advanced Learner Program Moving to Middle School

### Start of the School Year:

- **Email/meeting to invite students into ALP Google Classroom (Extended opportunities, competitions, etc.)**

#### TOPICS

Accelerated Weekend Exp...

All subjects

Coding (for girls, grades 4-...

Competition Participants

Competition Sign Ups (Gra...

Drive2Life

First Inspires (Lego Comp...

Genes in Space

Grades 5-7

History Bee

Jack Kent Cooke Young S...

Madison Area Math League

Math

Math Counts

Math Counts (Problem of t...

Math Jam Online Math Op...

Math Olympiad (MOEMS)

Math Olympiad, Division E

Math Olympiad, Division M

Math Performance Tasks

Math Talent Search (Grad...

NaNoWriMo

National History Day - gra...

Newsletter

On-line Math Open

Performance Tasks

Reading

Science Bowl

Science Fair

UW-Platteville Girls STEM ...

Vocabulary.com

**WEA Art Contest**



Wisconsin Crystal Growin...

Wisconsin Energy Institute

Writing, grades 5-7

Yahara

- "9th Hour" or Contact email list need to be set up each year
- Contacts (both parents and students) directly emailed (receive notifications: Welcome/Newsletters, competitions, Parent Learning Sessions, etc)
- Teachers get a list of ALP students (all those identified and flagged in Infinite Campus)
- Successful Habits cohort for nurturing self-awareness and advocacy

Some tips to help ease academic concerns:

- If your child has a Differentiated Education Plan, meet with the middle school ALP Specialist no later than the spring before your child enters the new school. Discuss the qualities of the "ideal" teacher for your child to help ensure the best placements.
- Meet with teachers early in the school year. Give them a profile of your child's strengths and where they need help.
- Encourage teachers to continue using strategies that have worked for your child in the past, such as writing homework assignments on the board, or assigning your child a "homework buddy" they can contact if they forget what their assignments are. If the school has a homework posting (on-line), make sure you and child know how to access.
- Help your student with time management skills. Work together on a schedule for study time, break time, chores, etc.
- Work out an organizational system with your student. Acknowledge and make allowances for their anxiety; at first, they may need to carry everything for all classes all the time in order to feel prepared. Before school starts its year, walk through their schedule with them to find rooms and time it takes to gather locker materials.
- Avoid overreacting to grades. Making sure your child gets a handle on how to meet the demands of the new school is the critical factor in the early weeks.
- Stay connected to your child's school work. Try to teach your student to work more independently while supporting them enough to give them confidence.

- Go to back-to-school night, open houses, parent-teacher conferences and other events where you can connect with your child's teachers.
- Help your child be their own advocate. Encourage them to discuss problems and solutions with teachers on their own, but be ready to step in and help as needed. Contact your ALP Specialist for additional advocating.

**Some things that you can do to ease the social transition:**

- Encourage your child to join sports teams, clubs, or other extracurricular activities.
- Ease any loneliness in the early weeks of school by [helping your child arrange weekend social activities](#) with neighborhood, church, or grade school friends.
- Encourage your child to join group conversations. Discuss how to join in without interrupting, to add something relevant to conversation in progress, etc.
- Talk about traits that make a good friend (such as being a good listener).
- Talk about social skills. Discuss how words and actions can affect other people.
- Practice skills needed for difficult social situations.
- Remind your child to make eye contact when speaking or listening.

**Advanced Learner Program  
Math Events Calendar 2017-2018**

**During School Day**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time/Where/Grade</b>
Ongoing intervention	Exemplar supplemental math	Grade 6/7
Ongoing intervention (as needed/wanted)	Khan Academy, Frontrow, Prodigy, MATHia, Tenmarks	PVMS, PMMS, CHUMS Grades 6, 7, 8
Ongoing intervention	Math Counts	<a href="https://www.mathcounts.org/resources/problem-archive/201709">https://www.mathcounts.org/resources/problem-archive/201709</a>
Weekly, start November	Math 24 Lunch Bunch	Lunches - - 6th, 7th
Weekly, start November	Science Bowl Club	Lunches - - 6th, 7th
Weekly, start November	History Bee	Lunches - - 6th, 7th
5 contests throughout the year	Math Olympiad	During math class, pull out
Put out monthly	<a href="#">Wisconsin Math Talent Search</a>	<a href="https://www.math.wisc.edu/talent/?q=node/1">https://www.math.wisc.edu/talent/?q=node/1</a>
TBD (February)	<a href="#">MATHCOUNTS</a> Chapter Competition Problem of the week Warm-up and Workouts	PVMS, PMMS, CHUMS Grades 6, 7, 8
TBD (February)	Math24 Tournaments	UW-Madison, Grades 4-8
TBD (End of Feb/Beginning of March)	Math Meet (local and regional)	Dane County, Grades 4-8

**Outside of School Day**

Bi-semester	Math Night	6:30-8:00 p.m. at CHUMS, grades 6-8
(4 contests, starting end of October)	Madison Area Math League Competition (MAML); prerequisite, in Algebra I	Contact: Bethany Konz, Aaron Knoploh, Craig Brandl Location: Madison High Schools rotation, 3:30-6:30 PM
Weekly	Math Club	Ms. Mueller, room

**Advanced Learner Program  
Science Events Calendar 2017-2018**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time/Where/Grade</b>
Per Quarter	STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)	During science period, Mr. Brandl, Grades 6/7
October	Ecology Explorer	PVMS (5th), Olbrich Gardens/UW-Dairy Cattle Center/Babcock Hall
November	<a href="#">Science Festival</a>	PVMS & PMMS (6th grade), CHUMS (8th)
November	EYH, <a href="#">Expand Your Horizons</a> , for girls (grade 6-8), engineers UW-Madison	<b>UW-Madison, Union South</b>
November	Science Fair, 6:30-7:30	Prairie View, , Royal Oaks, Creekside, Westside, Horizon, - Grades K-7
January	<a href="#">National Science Bowl</a>	PVMS and PMMS, grades 6-8
March	<a href="#">UW-P Pioneering Your Future in STEM Day</a>	UW-Platteville, girls in grades 7-8
April	<a href="#">UW-Engineering Expo</a>	UW-Engineering School, grades 5, 6, & 7
Green Team Emphasis: Environmental and science	Advisor: Mrs. Angela Larkins Room 306 aalarki@sunprairieschools.org	Tuesdays, 3-4pm, for grades 6/7
Discovery Club	Advisor: Mark Smith, masmith@sunprairieschools.org Room 410	Thursdays, 3-4pm, for grades 5, 6, & 7

## English/Language Arts

### During School Day

Date	Event	Time/Where Grade
October-January	Yahara River Writers Anthology Project	
<a href="#">MENSA</a>	<a href="#">Grades 4-6</a> , <a href="#">Grades 7-8</a> , <a href="#">Grades 9-12</a>	<a href="http://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/">http://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/</a>
Newbery Medal/Honors	<a href="#">List</a>	
CommonLit	<a href="#">articles and related text</a>	<a href="https://www.commonlit.org/themes">https://www.commonlit.org/themes</a>
Co-planning between classroom teacher and ALP Specialist	<a href="#">Choice/extensions</a>	
Weekly	<a href="#">Vocabulary.com</a>	

## Social Studies

### During School Day

Date	Event	Time/Where Grade
January	National History Day	<a href="https://www.nhd.org/national-contest">https://www.nhd.org/national-contest</a>
March	National History Bee	<a href="http://www.historybowl.com/other-events/middle-school-history-bee/">http://www.historybowl.com/other-events/middle-school-history-bee/</a> , <b>grades 4-6, 7, 8</b>