School Counselor Newsletter

Welcome Back! The Best is Yet to Come! 😊

We are so excited to welcome new and returning families to Lange Middle School! This newsletter features our AVID program. Please read about this super support for ALL our students. Belinda Woods-Galbreath is our site coordinator.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)—AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing ALL students for college readiness and success in a global society. The AVID program holds students accountable to the highest standards and provides academic and social support so that students can rise to the challenge.

This summer Lange Middle School sent eight educators to be trained to use research-based practices in order to prepare our students for success in middle school, high school, college, and a career. Every month, all Lange educators receive training and practice on AVID strategies.

This year, each student was given a three inch binder, and a string back bag. They are color coded by grade level: 6th grade—black binder, black bag, 7th grade—grey binder, tan bag, and 8th grade—blue binder, blue bag. All students also are given a LMS planner. Students will be using these items to learn organizational skills that will benefit them throughout their lifetime.

AVID is a school-wide program, AND it is an elective class that students apply for in the spring. This year we have both a seventh grade and an eighth grade class. Students in the AVID elective class have blue binders, even if they are in 7th grade. We have seen such success with this amazing program and are excited to offer more to support our students!

How can your School Counselors help?

We help meet the needs of students by proactively teaching safe, respectful, and responsible behaviors in classrooms, small groups, and individually. We strive for a comprehensive school counseling program, which means that ALL students have access to their School Counselor throughout the year.

“Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.” —Oscar Wilde