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IN THE LOOP



Updates for the Awesome Parents of DREAM Academy



WELCOME BACK DREAM ACADEMY STUDENTS

- We are excited that students will be returning to in-person instruction on April 7th. We will be following student schedules, that were in place, prior to moving to remote learning. Please join me on Thursday, March 25, at 6:00pm to discuss students' schedules and safety plans. I will send the Zoom link on March 24, 2021, as a friendly reminder about the meeting. Please keep in mind that all hybrid students will be in-person (no A/B groups). In-person students will attend Monday through Friday using our typical schedules.



OVERVIEW:

- Return to in-person instruction
- College and Career Opportunities
- Social and Emotional Development

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Upcoming Assessment Information

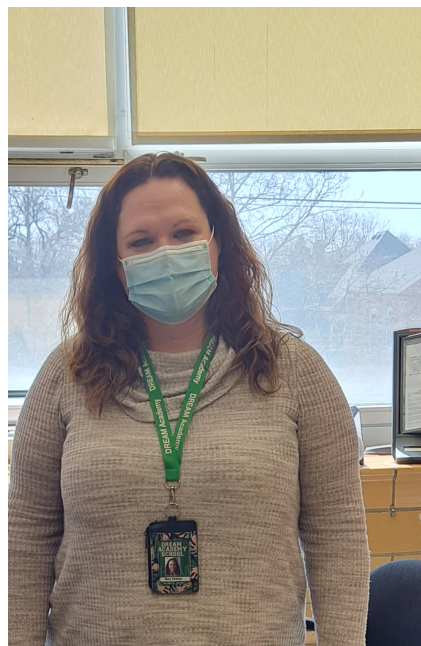
School District U-46 will proceed with a Spring testing window for all State Assessments which includes: ACCESS, IAR, ISA, and SAT. The SAT will be administered on Tuesday, April 13th to 11th grade students. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has determined that SAT will not serve as a graduation requirement for seniors. Students in grades 10 and 12 will participate in asynchronous learning on the day SAT is administered. At this time, transportation for students who participate in distance learning will not be provided. However, students have to opportunity to participate in SAT testing. Ms. Mary Perkins, Associate Principal of DREAM Academy serves as our assessment coordinator. Please feel free to contact her with additional questions or concerns. Email: maryperkins@u-46.org or via phone: (847)888-2761.

The Illinois Science Assessment has a testing window of March 15th - June 30th. There will be additional details provided in regards to dates and times. We will be administering the ISA to our juniors should take this assessment. According to ISBE, the assessment will be administered in an online format and is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which were adopted in 2014.



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING FOR DREAM STUDENTS

We care about the social and emotional development of our students. Daily, we offer students opportunities to engage in activities that empower students to be self-advocates and life-long skills meant to transcend into the workforce. The goal is for student to form small communities within the school that will support each other and will problem-solve alongside each other to make DREAM Academy a safe community for all.



College and Career Opportunities for Students

We have two amazing counselors here at DREAM Academy, Sarah Kostal and Joe Vassallo. Ms. Kostal supports students enrolled in DREAM High School. Mr. Vassallo works with student enrolled in our Phoenix, New Beginnings and job readiness programs. Please encourage your child to register for an upcoming event hosted by Elgin Community College. To register and receive a link to join the webinar, visit elgin.edu/experienceECC. For more information, visit us online or call 847-214-7385

