

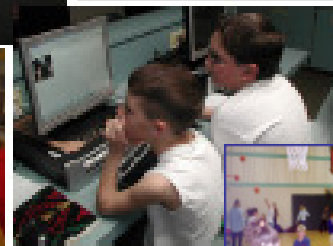
Tavelli Dream Team

The Dream Team before school peer mentoring program was founded in 1993 by then P.E. teacher Bill Patterson and Title I teacher Kelly Thompson. The vision is to give 4th & 5th grade students leadership roles and the opportunity to help younger students improve their reading skills, in addition to develop positive relationships. Dream Team currently includes 110 tutors and students.

How to Become a Dream Teamer...

First through third grade students who are recommended for the program by teachers and Title I students are given first priority, while interested 4th-5th grade students fill out applications for the tutoring positions. If tutors have younger siblings, the siblings are welcome to attend, regardless of need. If there are openings left for younger students, they can join on a first come, first served basis. Students who attend Dream Team 80% or more of the time get to go on an all day field trip at the end of the year.

A typical day in Dream Team begins at 7:45, when the gym opens for unstructured play time. At 8:00, there is a structured fitness activity. At 8:15, students go to either the computer lab, the library, or stay in the gym for Reader's Theater activities. At 9:50, it's time to begin the regular school day.



All activities have a Reading, Spelling, or Math focus. Here's a snapshot of our week:

- Readers' Theater group in gym with Mrs. Russell all week. (Group changes weekly.)
- Monday: Go to Computer Labs to take Spelling Pre-Test and practice spelling.
- Tuesday: Practice Spelling, partner read online books from Treasures Online Database, and practice Math Facts.
- Wednesday: Mr. Deal's team in Library, Mr. Deakin's team in lab, partner reading, practicing math facts, or spelling.
- Thursday: Mr. Deakin's team partner reading in Library, Mr. Deal's Team in Lab.
- Friday: Work on projects in labs.

Dream Team is funded by the Tavelli PTO and through its own fundraising efforts.

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