

This morning, Mr. Hicks and myself, met with Linda Fox the Forest Service Representative who handed over and then recorded the Deed to Camp Verde USD for the 20.08 acres of land north of Camp Verde High School. This process was begun eight years ago and was purchased for a cost of \$224.80.

This week Mr. Hicks and I believe we have cleared up some questions on the 80 acres of land south of town by the old airport. Because there has been little mention of this property for years, a lot of uncertainty has existed concerning this property. We have located the deed to the property in the name of Camp Verde USD. The deed claims the property is "75.00 record acres, more or less." The only stipulation on the deed is we cannot use the land for purposes other than the original intent in the application. Meaning, Camp Verde Unified School District may use these acres for the benefit of our school district, ie: new school building, fields...but is not permitted to sell any or all of the land.

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1522 as compared to 1472 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 710 vs. 716; Middle School 351 vs. 321; High School 449 vs. 409; Accommodations School 12 vs. 36. South Verde Magnet School 77 vs. 88.

The Middle and High Schools had their pictures taken for IDs and the yearbook on Thursday, Aug. 27th. The yearbook students did an excellent job of organizing and helping Lifetouch with the pictures. One of our district's past graduates was the photographer for Lifetouch. It was good to see past Student Council President and SkillsUSA state placer working in the field she was involved in during high school. Fallon DelaVega did a great job and was glad to give back to our district.

Camp Verde Cowboys will host the first home football game on Friday, Aug. 28th at 7:00 pm. The student council and junior class officers will be selling a hotdog meal for \$5 which includes a hotdog, chips and drink. Also as long as supplies last you will receive a stadium seat with the hotdog meal purchase. Admission to the game is Adults \$5 and Students \$3.

Several clubs have started at the High School this past week. The rock band club had over 15 students on Thursday night, Key Club had over 12 students attend the meeting and the Interact club had over 15 students attend their meeting. The rock band club will be brought to the September board meeting for approval. The FFA held a Young Aggie day for elementary and middle school students with over 110 students attending. FFA also had over 15 high school students help organize the first agricultural learning event on Tuesday, Aug. 25th...this will continue once a month for the remainder of the school year.

The other evening at our first strategic planning session, the topic of dual enrollment was discussed...currently Camp Verde High School offers the following dual enrollment courses with Yavapai College:

- Agriscience 1 receives 4 credits in Intro to Animal Industry
- Agriscience 2 receives 3 credits in Aquaculture
- Ag. Mech/Welding 3 & 4 receives 3 credits in Agricultural Mechanics
- Automotive 2 - 4 receives 4 credits in Automotive Brakes
- Automotive 2 - 4 receives 4 credits in Auto/Diesel Suspension & Steering
- Automotive 2 - 4 receives 4 credits in Engine Re-Manufacturing
- Automotive 2 - 4 receives 4 credits in Automotive Electrical
- Culinary Art 3 & 4 receives 4 credits in Culinary Principles 101
- Culinary Art 3 & 4 receives 4 credits in Culinary Principles 102
- English 12 receives 3 credits in College Composition 101
- English 12 receives 3 credits in College Composition 102
- Fire Science 2 receives 2 credits in Hazardous Materials First Responder Op.

Fire Science 2 receives 12 credits in Firefighter I & II Academy
College Math/Statistics receives 3 credits in College Mathematics
College Math/Statistics receives 3 credits in Elementary Statistics
Pre-calculus receives 5 credits in Pre-Calculus
Calculus receives 5 credits in Calculus & Analytic Geometry I
Calculus receives 5 credits in Calculus & Analytic Geometry II
Spanish 3 & 4 receives 6 credits in Spanish 202 and 203

Camp Verde High School along with Tri-City Prep in Prescott are the only schools in Yavapai County which offers both Calculus I & II for dual enrollment. We are attempting to add dual enrollment in Chemistry and Digital Media Graphic/Web Design for fall 2016.

In a meeting with Yavapai College, I asked if the college would be interested in renting out any part of our buildings, while offering classes in the evening for Camp Verde residents. We will see if this leads to any benefits for the district. Before this would occur, it would obviously need to be approved by the board.

At the middle school, Lisa Mina has started a robotics club. Shelly Surber is offering to allow 6th graders to attend her technology club at the elementary school.

Middle school student council, sponsored by Adrienne Wright and Robin Tankesly, had their first meeting this week with 40 students coming to the meeting, wanting to be a part of middle school student council. The Builders Club, the middle school's version of the High School Key Club, had their first meeting this week and is sponsored by Tammy Carter, with 30 students attending.

Middle School Athletics is having good numbers this year:

Volleyball, coached by Susan Holm and Karen Crownoble has 3 teams, an 8th grade and 7th grade that play and travel to other schools. The coaches didn't want to let any girls go, so they created an intramural team that plays each other on Wednesdays, for a total of approximately 36 girls between all three teams. Tackle football coached by Bryan Pelfrey has 30 boys from grades 6 – 8. The Cross country team, coached by Rhonda Koeppe and Mark Colbert has 42 girl and boy runners out from grades 5-8. They have had a few meets already this season with several of our runners placing in the top 10 in their divisions.

At the middle school we have 178 students involved in extra-curricular activities, not including the robotics and the technology club. That's over half of the students at the middle school. Granted some might be doubling up in things, but still good numbers. We will continue to track our extra-curricular numbers to increase opportunities for all of our kids.

A group called Captured Hearts in Christ, started by two young ladies at the middle school has about 25 students that meet each Tuesday at lunch.

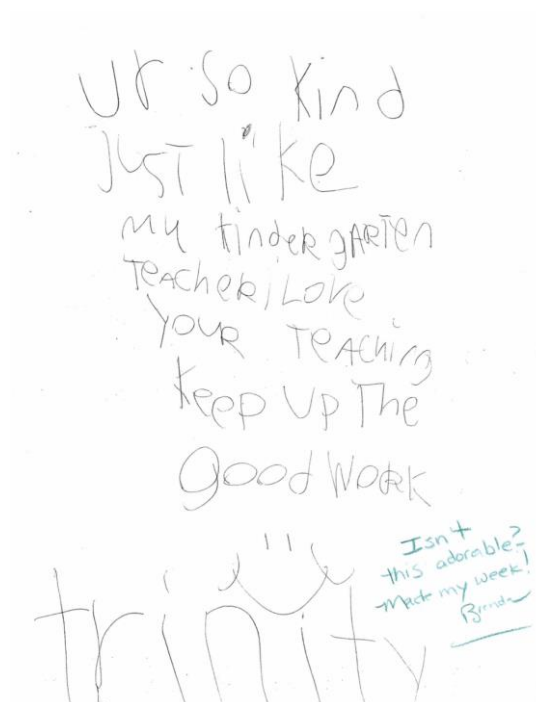
Camp Verde Elementary School has found a new counselor! Rebecca McIlvaine has spent the last two years working at the Hopi Day School in Kykotsmobi, Arizona. She is experienced in the Student Study Team (SST) (The purpose of the SST is to design a support system for students having difficulty in the regular classroom) and Individual Educational Plan (IEP) processes as well as behavioral intervention plans. In addition, she is both a National Certified Counselor and an Arizona State Certified Counselor.

At Camp Verde Elementary School, the Friday programs are slated to begin on September 11th. Current classes include cyber security, which emphasizes steps to limit hacking vulnerabilities, encryption, phishing, and password safety measures.

The elementary school robotics program will focus on programming, building, and running demonstrations with our new robots. This will all lead up to the competition season where our team will compete against other robotics teams in Arizona.

We are beginning a work recovery program on Fridays as well. This will provide students the opportunity to complete missing work, receive individualized tutoring, and develop sound study skills. Mr. Howe, Mr. Weir, Lisa Sandoval, Leona Wathaqoma, Desiree Huey and myself met to discuss methods to get more Native students to come to study time after school, and credit recovery time on Friday's. We have teachers who are available at all three campuses to provide additional recovery time on Fridays.

On a final note from the elementary, here is a sweet message one of our first-grade teachers found on her desk:



Currently our Special Education numbers are 195 students in the program between both Camp Verde Unified School District and Camp Verde Unified dba South Verde Technology Magnet. This number is expected to rise throughout the year as it seems more students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) seem to be moving to the District.

The breakdown of enrollment for students in Special Education is as follows:

- Camp Verde Elementary, including the Preschool has 60 students with IEP's
- Camp Verde Middle has 42 students with IEP's
- Camp Verde High School has 44 students with IEP's
- Speech serves 36 students with IEP's District wide
- Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind serves 6 students District wide
- South Verde Technology Magnet serves 6 students with IEP's
- Camp Verde Accommodation School serves 1 student with an IEP

Parents new to the District have stated that they moved to Camp Verde, from other districts, so their children could receive the quality instruction and services that their students need from our districts, Camp Verde District and South Verde District. This is a great compliment to our Districts and to all of the staff that serve the students, both Special Education and General Education. It is also a big responsibility, one that cannot be taken lightly.

South Verde students interested in sports received physicals at the school last Thursday afternoon during the Open House. Happily, a number of students are wanting to not only exercise their minds, but also exercise their bodies. Five students are on the cross country team, the first time South Verde has ever had a team for this sport. A number of girls are also looking forward to the volleyball season beginning.

The work in the lab, math classes, and English classes has been fruitful. Students are realizing the importance of the written word, and notebooks are being utilized to the fullest extent. Those students with a goal in mind for graduation and higher learning are focused every day and are making every moment count, knowing full well how quickly May comes around. Mrs. Zawel has seen students conferring with staff members about their credits, their current progress, and their future considerably more this year than ever before.

South Verde staff members know their roles as positive examples to our students and reach out to our students to remind them that their future is truly without limitations, despite any negative thoughts or words they have believed or heard.