

## Weekly Board Report 22 January 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1536 as compared 1488 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 728 vs. 733; Middle School 340 vs. 323; High School 440 vs. 408; Accommodations School 28 vs. 24. South Verde Magnet School 68 vs. 97.

Camp Verde High School Counseling Department held the 2nd Annual Jr./Sr. College and Financial Aid Night at the theater and cafeteria on Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 6:00 pm. There were 22 post-secondary schools which included military, universities, community colleges and trade schools. Each post-secondary organization had handouts and recruitment materials to supply to the student and parents. Yavapai College started the night with a presentation on FASFA and what steps are required for admissions to colleges. The parents and students had an opportunity to use our computers to start the FASFA financial process with help from YC. Over 95 parents and students attended the event. CVHS invited American Heritage Academy to the event and several student and parents attended.

FFA is hosting a Father/Daughter Dance January 30th in the Camp Verde Town gym from 5-8pm. They will be serving a spaghetti dinner and dessert as well as dancing and a photo booth. They are pleased at all the efforts coming forward to help with this event and hope it will be a special night for the fathers and daughters of the community. One of the chapter's goal this year is to become more involved with the community, this is another event to provide opportunities for families in Camp Verde. The Camp Verde FFA held another Aggie Boot Camp for Camp Verde Elementary and Middle School students. Over 60 students participated in the two hour event.

Camp Verde High School held the Camp Verde SciTech meeting. The SciTech will be held at CVHS on April 7th. Several community organizations and businesses attended the meeting. Last year, the Camp Verde SciTech had the largest number of student participation in a single SciTech event in Yavapai County. The group will continue to meet monthly as they plan this coming year's event.

This week, students in Mrs. Koeppe's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science classes are learning the difference between dominant and recessive genes (genotype) and how they are expressed in how we look (phenotype). With the Penny Toss Lab, they toss two coins together--heads will be a dominant characteristic and tails represent a recessive trait. Each student will create and illustrate their very own creature. A parade of fantastic genetic anomalies will be marching around the classroom all month! In Mrs. Monroe's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math classes, students are learning how to graph linear equations. They are also learning about the slope-intercept equation  $y=mx+b$ . It was Greek week in Mr. Shanks' 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes. Students brought in exhibits from foods to models of the Parthenon.

This morning, the Middle School SAC met. Mr. Howe, Mr. Colbert, Tami Colbert, and Eric Lawton were in attendance. Items that were discussed included the Book Fair that's taking place February 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, ordering T-shirts for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders coming to middle school, the Gifted/student council trip to San Diego in May, and we will start looking at revision recommendations for the student handbook.

Tuesday was a tough day again for the basketball teams as nobody won against Big Park. However there was a great display of sportsmanship on the part of the Camp Verde Middle School players. An elementary teacher had this to say about the game on Tuesday: *"I just wanted to let you know that last night I was at the 7th/8th grade girls' basketball game. I myself do not have a 7th or 8th grader, but I was asked by some of my former students if I could go and watch them and so I made the effort to (Since they were basically my kids for a year :)). I have to throw out there WOW those girls rock. I enjoyed watching them so much that I went to 3 or 4 games this year. Last night was a rough game, but they played hard and I was so proud of them. I was mostly proud of how they acted and how they treated each*

*other and the other team. Our girls even when losing were still showing respect to one another and the other team. I have to say this makes me super excited to see what Camp Verde is going to become. Thank you, teachers, parents and staff for showing our students how to act and treat one another."*

Tomorrow, Donnie Shanks' 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball players are hosting a lunch for the police and firefighters of Camp Verde:

## Camp Verde Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue

Lunch-In

Friday January 22nd at 11:30 AM till 12:45 PM

*Camp Verde School Cafeteria*

**Lunch Provided by the Camp Verde Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team**

## **OUR WAY OF SAYING "THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!"**

The MLK Jr. March for the town of Camp Verde, organized for the past five years by Chandler Plante, was a great success! The March began with a walk around the main area of downtown, followed by speeches, including an inspirational speech from Chandler on the importance of having faith in your dreams. The Yavapai-Apache nation performed several dances that featured elementary school students. The event ended with everyone sharing in cake and enjoying each other's company. There were quite a few familiar faces in the crowd including board members Helen Freeman and Kitty McDowell. Elementary teachers in attendance included Grant Hendrikse, Janna White, Stephanie King, Lindsey Lowman, and Shelley Surber.





Our new elementary school 5<sup>th</sup> day program—*Battle of the Bots*—has 20 students enrolled. Students will spend the first four weeks learning how to design, build, and program their robots. The final two Fridays, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>, will be spent in battle. We will be inviting parents and members of the community to attend the battles that will be hosted in the elementary school gym. This is a great time to come out and see what our push for S.T.E.A.M. education is accomplishing.

Third-grade student, Jordan Fullmer, has won the Elks Hoop Shoot competition for the North District. He will move on to the state competition to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> in Apache Junction. Jordan's picture appeared in the Camp Verde Bugle:

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# Elks Hoop Shoot competition held at Camp Verde

## Camp Verde student Jordan Fullmer advances to state competition in Elks Hoop Shoot

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**CAMP VERDE**—The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest originated back in Corvallis, Oregon in 1946 by Frank Hise, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the fraternal organization. In 1958, the Elks' Oregon State Association took it to the state level. In 2015 nearly three millions kids ages 8 through 13 competed in the nationwide competition.

On Saturday, kids from 12 cities converged on Camp Verde Middle School to compete in the North District competition.

Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 had three boys and one girl compete at the North District tournament, and one of them will be moving on to the State Contest held in Apache Junction on February 13.

Jordan Fullmer from Camp Verde School District was the winner of the 8-9 boys age group and will be moving on to the State contest on February 13. He competed alongside Jason Fullmer (10-11 boys), Cody Lara (12-13 boys) and Tori Black (12-13 girls).

Tori Black competed at Apache Junction in last year's competition and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the district competition.

With only four districts in the state of Arizona, four shooters in each age group will compete at Apache Junction.

Other winners from Saturday included, Kenadi Stuart from Show Low Lodge #2090 taking home the 8-9 girls age group.

Mylee Demath from Holbrook Lodge #2452, and Tristan Yarbrough from Kingman Lodge #468 took home the 10-11 age group.

The 12-13 age group were won by Ariazna Haven of Show Low Lodge #2090 and Damon Atakui of Holbrook Lodge #2450.

All six shooters will compete at Apache Junction on February 13.

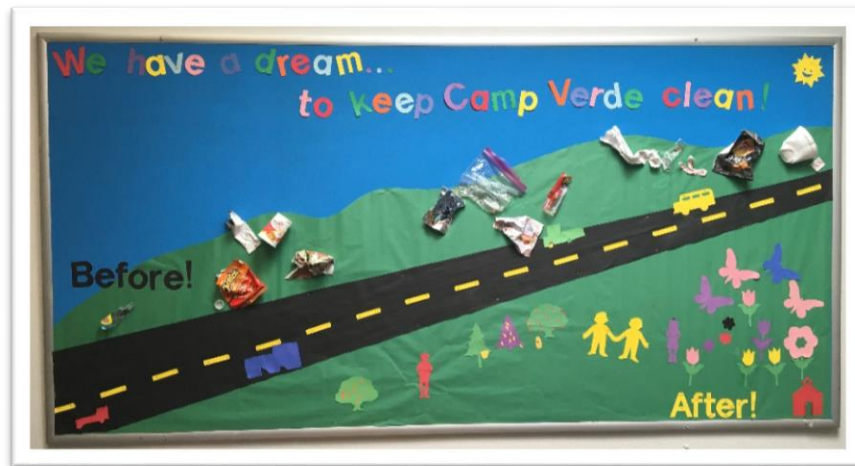
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Jordan Fullmer, middle, poses with State of Arizona Hoop Shoot Chairman Gregg Boyce (Left) and Arizona North District Hoop Shoot Chairman Russel Hall (Right) after winning the 8-9 boys age group of the Elks Hoop Shoot competition held at Camp Verde Middle School this week. Fullmer will compete at the State competition at Apache Junction on February 13. (Photo by Greg Macafee)

The winners of the MLK Bulletin Board Contest at the elementary school are Ms. Grubb's class and Mrs. Wattenbarger's class. This year was our best year yet. We had 15 classes participate by creating fantastic "My Dream" boards. Both Mrs. Wateenbarger and Ms. Grubbs took their bulletin boards and put them into action.

Mrs. Wattenbarger's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is well on their way to 1000 cans of food for the Camp Verde Food Pantry. If you'd like to donate to a wonderful cause inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., please drop them by the elementary school and we will get them to Mrs. Wattenbarger's class.

Mrs. Grubbs' class has requested permission to arrange a clean-up Camp Verde project that goes along with their board:



"My class has a 'Dream' to keep Camp Verde clean! We would like to put on a clean-up day on Main Street in Camp Verde on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 10-12. We would like to work in the classroom on letters requesting support from the city and area businesses. We will need to find donations of gloves and trash bags. We will also need to coordinate pick-up of full bags of trash after we have finished. Before the event, we will make posters advertising the event and requesting help/volunteers."

The variety and creative spirit with this contest was awe-inspiring. You are all invited to visit the school to read about our students' dreams for the future! (Bring tissue—you'll need it!)





The Americans Motorcycle Club paid a visit to the elementary school on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Americans Motorcycle Club is a non-profit organization of motorcycle riders and enthusiasts that raises funds so they can support children's charities. Their aim is to do charitable deeds in the world and impress upon people that there are good individuals in all walks of life. The event was called *Bikers and Books* and it allowed our preschool students a chance to meet the bikers, see their motorcycles, and perform songs. In turn, the bikers brought reading books for the preschool and Special Education students in Mrs. Jenny's class and Mrs. Justus' class. The students even wore their best "biker gear" for the guests.



South Verde enrolled four more students this week, with a total now of 79 students. One freshman, a sophomore, and two juniors are acclimating well into the school climate, all with prior experience on A+. One junior has been out of school for four months, but has jumped back into the structure of school life.

On the first day back after Christmas break, South Verde implemented a new policy where students who are tardy in the morning or in the afternoon after lunch will serve detention the following day. Since then, there has been a marked decrease in the number of late arrivals, which not only benefits the students but also the staff and the classroom environment.

This week SV was the proud recipient of a bundle of free newspapers from the *Camp Verde Bugle*. Both Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Zawel are planning interesting activities to use in conjunction with the printed press. Few students watch or listen to the news, whether it's local, state, nation-wide, or global. Therefore, the newspapers will serve as a connection for the students with their community and beyond.

The SV basketball team "won" their game this week against Southwestern. Unfortunately, the "win" was by default after Southwestern forfeited. The Bulldogs next scheduled game - hopefully with a legitimate win - is Monday, January 25, against Spring Ridge.

Last Friday, January 15, Kathy Davis from the League of Women Voters provided valuable information about the value of voting as a United States citizen and voting rights to the student body. After a fifteen minute discussion, the senior class was moved to a classroom and were given the voting registration paperwork to complete, if they so choose. Some students expressed excitement at the knowledge that they

would be able to participate this year in such a remarkable act, acknowledging how the simplicity of voting can have far-reaching consequences.

The band class was headed by Molly Ebel this week, a young woman with immeasurable musical talent. Just three years out of high school herself, Molly responds well to the band members, and vice versa. Cass Mitchell has agreed to officially take over the program next Monday, January 25. He volunteers at the Camp Verde Christian Assembly, as well, and is thrilled to be a part of South Verde's music class and lead the highly talented young musicians. Cass mentioned that one student - a senior - is particularly adept on the guitar, so much so that Cass may also learn from him.

The Yavapai College dual enrollment program began this Tuesday. Four SV students are enrolled and have excitedly begun their classes. Two students are in the First Year Experience class, one in Psychology 101, and the fourth in Video Game Development 171. One student, a senior, had this say about her first day in class: "My college class is fantastic! The professor is high energy and entertaining. She makes psychology very interesting. I feel as though everyone should take a college class because it gets you hyped up to get an extended education." Apropos words.

We are moving fast towards tightening the security at the Middle School through some gate and door hardware possible changes. A local fabrication company has been given a potential scope of work to price so we have a close number to what the cost would be. Once facilities completes the exact design for the entrances/cameras, Stacey can get a solid security hardware cost to present to the Superintendent. Progressive Roofing has been on site all week making repairs and upgrades to our Elementary, and Cafeteria roofs. I feel that we as a whole campus are better prepared for storms and damaging rains.

Transportation is still waiting for the morning we come into find DPS sitting at our gates ready to do inspections. We feel ready for them and are sure that our students ride the best buses in the State.

Good news from the ADE as they made more funds available for the State Tutor Grant. We were not eligible in the first round of funding, but have been given a \$2,000 allotment for the second round of funding. These funds can be used to pay for tutors at the high school as they prepare students for the AZMERIT test during spring semester. Mr. Moya has done a great job in pricing iPad for the American Indian Student Needs Grant. Originally the grant was written for 4 iPads but will now be able to purchase 7 with the \$2,000 funded by the grant. On Monday, Part I of the Title VII grant opens. During this initial phase we submit a count of Native American students for which we have a completed 506 form. In Middle School Language Arts class with Ms. Carter, Ms. Carter stated this; "After reading Touching Spirit Bear, my students made totem poles of animals that represented them. They had to select four to five animals and draw them on their pole. They then presented them to the class explaining what emotion each animal represented. I was amazed at how they all were very engaged in the project and presentations were awesome. There was some very personal sharing and I believe we all learned a little more about each other. I wish I would have recorded some."

Mrs. Justus' Life Skills class has been working on a weather unit. We are collecting data for the month of January. Students are recording; temperature, what it looks like outside (cloudy, sunny, rainy and etc...) and how it feels (cool, cold, hot and etc...). The students are loving it. We check out Camp Verde's weather page to collect our information/data. If I forget or are behind, they are sure to remind me. After the month is over, we will look at our data and chart the results.

We may have some future Meteorologists in the works right here in Camp Verde thanks to the work Ms. Justus is doing with her students.

Special Olympics update; our floor hockey team is currently getting ready to compete in state games in Flagstaff at NAU. Our team is a unified team, which means it is half partners and half athletes. We have 15 players ranging from age 18-58! Three of those athletes come from Camp Verde High School and 3 are past graduates of Camp Verde High, they are psyched to win! They think they will take the gold medal!

It is a great partnership between community organizations and Camp Verde Unified School District to make these opportunities available. Our students benefit from the activities and from the comradery that is developed. They practice teamwork and develop strategies that will help them later on in life as they participate in these activities. Ms. Justus is the Camp Verde Unified School District representative/coach for Special Olympics.

Here is some information from the High School concerning Inclusion. Inclusion involves placing students in general education classes as much as possible to gain the content that is expected on the State assessments and providing support for those students so that the student is successful in the general education setting. This also involves scaffolding information that the student may have missed to help the student understand the material in the general education class.

The students utilized two staff all day during finals week at the High School.

Camp Verde High School students are beginning to self-advocate and are coming to the resource teacher to let the teacher know the student needs help in class or which day the student will be coming in for a test. It is great to have the students begin to plan ahead and advocate for themselves. When students begin to take responsibility for their own learning, academic success improves.

Ms. Gilbert, who works with students at Camp Verde Elementary, sent the following information concerning her students and their academic success so far this year. Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Pittman, who also works with student at Camp Verde Elementary, both utilize MobyMax as part of their instruction and re-enforcement of instruction for their students. The data is showing some very good gains for students as they work with this program and with the instruction they are getting.

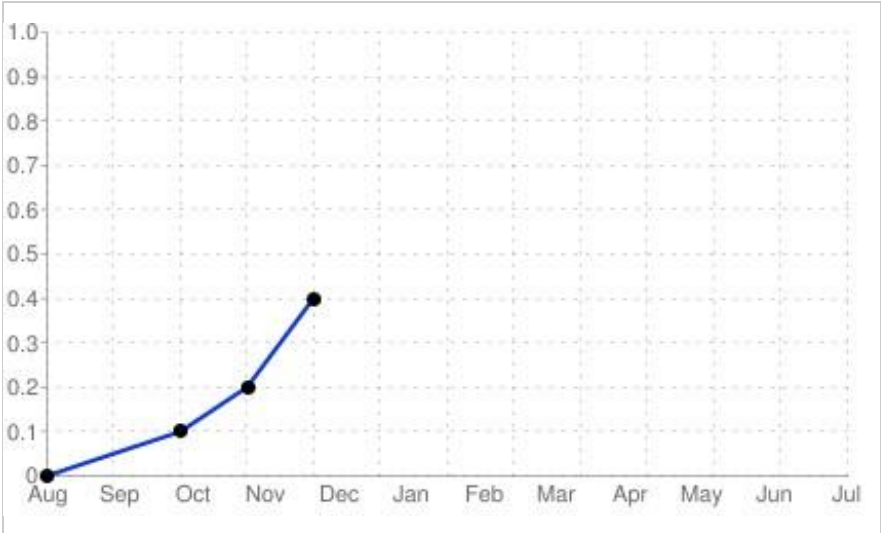
To help the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students advance academically, Ms. Gilbert has been utilizing MobyMax.com as a supplement to the general education. The students enjoy working and learning with MobyMax.com as well as earning minutes for the MobyMax academic games. MobyMax.com results show an academic increase since August in both reading and math skills. In reading, the students have covered 54 State Standards. In math, they have covered 17 State Standards.

MobyMax is an accelerated personalized learning tool for every K-8 subject with adaptive differentiation and student motivation. MobyMax is built from the Common Core Standards.

Here is a graph of our student's results since August for reading and math.



### Reading Grade Level Increase per Month



### Math Grade Level Increase per Month

