

Weekly Board Report 19 February 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1528 as compared 1510 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 724 vs. 748; Middle School 344 vs. 327; High School 426 vs. 409; Accommodations School 34 vs. 26. South Verde Magnet School 76 vs. 97.

Had a great meeting with NAU on Monday of this week. Three main ideas that I asked to the NAU President Dr. Cheng: Dual credit at our high school, Cohort for teachers in the Verde Valley to earn their master's degree, and adult education courses offered at our school or other Verde Valley schools. Dr. Cheng was very interested in progressing in talks regarding all three components. I have already been contacted and am progressing in discussions for a teacher cohort here at our school district. We have also been asked to potentially hold culinary classes here at our high school for adult students. The executive director from NAU has asked to meet with us to find a way to set this program up here at our district. Obviously more information will be occurring in the future.

A bill repealing the Joint Technical Education District (JTED) cuts set to begin in 2017 was signed into effect this week. What this means is drastic cuts to our Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding scheduled to go into effect will not happen. CTE funding for our programs should continue and there is hope funding may even increase. This is good news for our District as we can continue offering a variety of CTE programs for our students.

Camp Verde High School held the 8th grade orientation and 8th grade parent night on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Over 160 students from American Heritage Academy, United Christian School, Beaver Creek, Camp Verde Middle School and student from Cottonwood IB school attended the event. The student council did an outstanding job organizing the opening assembly and guiding the students on the tour of CVHS campus and CTE courses. The CTE teachers gave exciting presentation and showed examples of what they may learn if they take their courses. The day ended with lunch provided by CVHS and an opportunity to visit with club and sports team members and sponsors. The parent night had over 110 in attendance. They were introduced to the CVHS staff and a performance by the CVHS choir. After the presentation they had time to visit with the CVHS teachers and view what sports and clubs CVHS offers.

Over the past three weeks Mr. Howe, Mrs. Zawel, Mr. Benson, Mr. Wall and Mr. Weir have researched and listened to several presentation on credit recovery software. The new software will replace the A+ credit recovery software at SVHS, CVHS and the Accommodation school. The three companies who gave presentation to the group were Compass Learning, Apex Learning and Fuel Ed. The group went through several courses to see the instruction and testing materials. After the review and presentations Fuel Ed was selected. The representative from Fuel Ed gave a follow up demonstration to Mr. Howe, Dr. Goodwin and Mr. Weir. The price for the online software is \$100 per student, and the plan will be to purchase 200 student licenses and a two day training for an estimated \$24,000. The rigor of the courses has been increased and the instructional videos for each lesson has been added to the Fuel Ed software. The possibility of blended learning for the teachers to use in the regular classroom is also included in the Fuel Ed software. The program can be used for different foreign languages, upper level academic courses, and the credit recovery courses.

The wrestling team finished in 5th place at the state Division IV Tournament. Matt Mejia won his second state championship at 132lbs. He went undefeated this season with a 34 – 0 record. He has received a wrestling and academic scholarship to Ft. Hays State in Hays, KS. Hayden Uhler won his 3rd state championship at 126lbs. Ez Casillas was state runner-up at 120lbs and Jesus Curiel was 5th place at

285lbs. Great job to the wrestlers and coaching staff. The girls' basketball team will play in the first round of the state tournament on Friday, Feb. 19th at 12:00 pm at Prescott Valley Event Center. The Robotics club will attend the first competition at Salt River HS this Saturday. Good luck to the girls' basketball team and the Robotics club.

National FFA Week is Feb. 22 – 26. Camp Verde FFA will be holding dress up days and lunch time activities each day during the week. On Thursday, Feb. 25th they will hold Ag Day at CVHS for over 800 students to tour and participate in Ag. related activities throughout the day at CVHS. This is put on by the Ag. Teachers (Ms. Taylor and Mrs. Mulcaire) and the Ag. Science students.

Digital Media Advanced students have designed a logo for Shea Padilla, AZ Department of Ed Program Specialist, in hopes that she will select it as her new logo for the Communication Media Technologies Dept.

All Digital Media students are competing in the MATFORCE anti-drug campaign. We are designing posters for this year's theme, "Stand By Me, Be Drug Free!" Grand prize earnings are \$250!!

Advanced students are also competing in the video contest for a \$300 prize!

We have completed the logo/design work for a local hotel. Their large interstate sign will be resurrected within a month. Students and Mr. Weir are communicating with a large pro sign company out of Phoenix to complete this project. Copper Canyon Inn (formerly Super 8) will be sporting our very own design work...a huge accomplishment, as this is a professional project.

Moscato, the newest restaurant in town has contacted us as well. The owner is interested in hiring our advanced students to design a website for them. We will meet with him next week to tour the venue and discuss his needs.

Yearbook hosted a fun marketing blitz for Valentine's Day last week. Photo backdrops were set up in the courtyard with tons of fun props. During lunch break, students dressed up and posed with friends for photos that will be featured on our "How Sweet It Is" spread. Cotton candy was an added bonus.

Just a follow up from last week's report about Mrs. Koeppe's 8th grade Science class and their fingerprints. Students learned that everyone is truly unique with their individual prints.



Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate its students of the month for February: 6th grade Tara Daniels, 7th grade Chelsey Battise, 8th grade Monica Orellana, and athlete Tanna

Decker. Way to go kids! Hey all girls this month! Each month Mr. Howe takes the 8th grade student of the month to breakfast at the Kiwanis meeting to be recognized.

Robin Tankesley and Mark Colbert switched 4th period classes this week so Mrs. Tankesley's gifted students could learn some higher math. Mr. Colbert was teaching them matrices, substitution, elimination, and probability. If the feedback from the gifted class is positive, the teachers will look at switching classes again next quarter for a couple of weeks.

In Mrs. Monroe's 8th grade Math classes, they did a poster project that compared Obi-Wan and Yoda to see who defeats more clone troopers over time. It was a comparison of two graphs, looking at the rates of change and initial values. They will be wrapping up their unit on functions next week.

Steve Wilson's 5th and 6th period 7th Grade Social Studies classes completed a Civil War poster and oral presentation. The results were outstanding. Some students were shy about making presentations in front of the class. They still did well and many of the posters were amazing. Right now they are learning about Reconstruction and the emphasis on the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments.

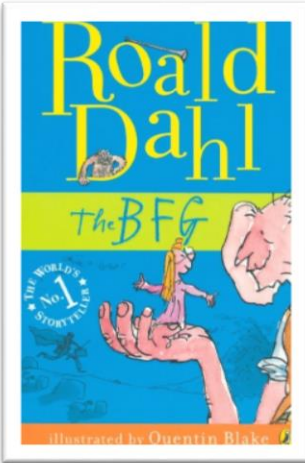
This week, Camp Verde Middle School 8th graders attended orientation at the High School. They were really well behaved and enjoyed their time checking out their new "home." Mr. Howe would like to thank Mr. Weir and all the High School staff for the outstanding job they did of making the students feel welcome. Plus the hot dogs were tasty as well!

This coming Friday, February 26th, Mark Colbert, Eric Hansen and Adrienne Wright are taking 3 teams of Math students to Bradshaw Mountain High School to compete in the Northern Arizona Math Championships. Mr. Howe will include results in next week's Board report. Good Luck Camp Verde Middle School! You will do well!

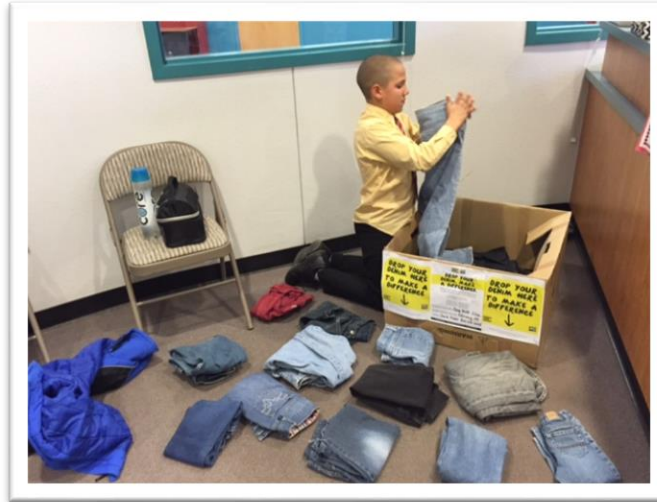
Spring sports are in full swing as Softball plays Cornville here Tuesday and Baseball hosts Clarkdale on Thursday, both at 4:00. Soccer practice kicks off Monday and Track will be running on February 29th. Good luck to all the spring athletes and teams. Go Cowboys!!

On, Wednesday, February 10th, First and fifth-grade students took field trips to see a stage production of *The BFG* (a.k.a.—Big, Friendly Giant) based on the book by Roald Dahl. Adapted for the stage by David Wood, this production was held at Yavapai College Performing Arts Center. (Fun fact: *The BFG* was Roald Dahl's personal favorite of his numerous stories.) The play included puppets and actors telling the story of a vegetarian giant with a tender heart.

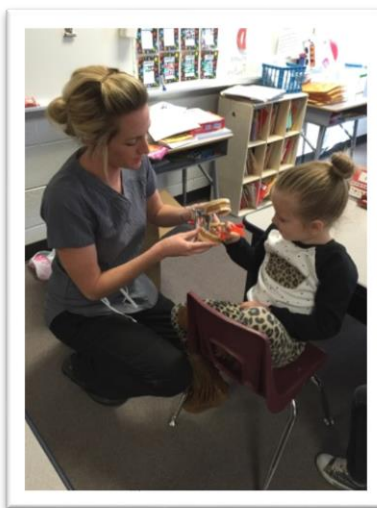
The first-grade students also stopped for lunch at A.C. Williams Granite Creek Park, where they had a chance to explore and spend a little saved-up energy.



Chandler Plante's Jeans for Teens project has collected 70 pairs of jeans so far. The collection boxes will be in place until the end of February, so there is still time to donate. Below is a photo of Chandler counting the first "clean out" of the collection box in the elementary school office.



Mrs. Rodriguez's first-grade class had a visit from a dental hygienist, Brittany Armstrong. The students learned about the importance of good oral hygiene, proper techniques for brushing teeth, what to expect on a visit to the dentist, and tips for cavity prevention. Students also received a toothbrush and toothpaste in a small kit. Below are photos of students learning proper brushing techniques.



We have a new Fit Kids instructor at the elementary school. Mrs. Erica Crittenden has joined our team! You will find Mrs. Erica in many places around campus: on the playgrounds in the morning and at lunch playing games with the students, in the classroom on the cafeteria stage teaching about healthy living, running kindergarteners through a lively game with parachutes outside on our field by the bus zone. She has also put together a program for elementary students on Fridays. There are three classes being offered, each 45 minutes in length, for grades K & 1, 2 & 3, and 4 & 5. Classes will include 35 minute active game playing and a ten minute health component that will focus on lifestyle choices that lead to good health. Stop by and welcome Mrs. Erica to our team!

The elementary school music teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Murlless, took 5th grade students on a field trip to see the symphony this past Thursday at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center. Students spent the past two months learning about the instruments used by symphony musicians and musical pieces that they would hear during the performance. This is the fifth year that Mrs. Murlless has arranged a symphony field trip for her music students.



There was a life-size version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos in the elementary gym this past week. Fit kids instructor, Mrs. Crittenden, and P.E. teacher, Mrs. Surber, combined their creativity and classes to turn the gym into a giant game board. Students used belly boards, baskets, and colorful ball-pit balls to recreate the popular kids' game. Everyone participated throughout the whole game and had a great time scoring points for their team.



South Verde enrolled three new students this week, bringing the enrollment total to seventy-eight students. The new freshman joined four other freshmen; the new sophomore joined twenty-two other sophomores; the new junior joined twenty-four other juniors; and the senior class is holding steady at twenty-five. South Verde has been working hard to maintain its numbers, and also welcoming any fresh faces who may arrive at any time.

After much deliberation and thought and after looking closely at student productivity and conduct as well as considering other options, the staff at SV decided to cancel this year's softball season. Unfortunately, two-thirds of the students who signed up to play are not eligible. The staff made great efforts to entice student who would be eligible, but to no avail. However, a negative is being turned into a positive and a teachable moment. The hats Luke Hicks ordered will be used as incentive tools, a way to bolster work skills, note skills, grades, attendance, and kindness toward others. SV is striving to send a message of responsibility to the students and make them mindful that they are students first.

SV started the ECAP process the week of February 8 and have completed all the profiles and assessments. The lab staff is currently meeting with the freshmen and are preparing a course plan based on the students' interest inventory and job preference survey. ECAP will be completed for all freshmen by the end of today.

SV now has nine pairs of jeans for the Jeans for Teens program. A minimum of twenty jeans is still the goal, but every pair counts. For the remaining six days, SV will continue to push and strive for more.

The Pre-School enjoyed community guest speakers this week as they had cowboys and construction workers come into class to talk about what they do and to read with the students. The students love to have people come into class and share with them. Ms. Jackson welcomes visitors to her room. The interaction with the students is beneficial to both the presenters and to the students. Ms. Jackson would love to have visitors come into the classroom to read with the students.



Ms. Carter's math class went to Denny's this week to work on budgeting and purchasing food in a restaurant. The students also worked on restaurant etiquette, quiet conversation in a public setting, planning for a tip when eating in a restaurant, and ordering from a menu. The students were very excited to go to the restaurant and to have the chance to show their newly acquired skills in public. Mr. DeVries was very impressed with the students from the Middle School and the way they represented themselves. It is very encouraging to see the Middle School students representing their school so well.