

Weekly Board Report 5 February 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1525 as compared 1496 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 723 vs. 741; Middle School 345 vs. 323; High School 429 vs. 407; Accommodations School 28 vs. 25. South Verde Magnet School 79 vs. 94.

Free and reduced numbers: Camp Verde Unified School District; Free 1003; Reduced 114. Current numbers at Elementary free 503; reduced 49; Middle School free 220; reduced 26; High School free 220; reduced 33; Accommodations School free 20; reduced 1; South Verde Magnet School free 40; reduced 5. The percentages for each school: Elementary – 76.35%; Middle School – 71.30%; High School 58.97%; Accommodation School 75.0%. Camp Verde School district percentage of Free/Reduced – 70.3%. South Verde Magnet School District 56.96%.

Some information has been made available for the Fiscal Year 16-17 budget consideration. Final 40th day Average Daily Membership (ADM) calculations at the State level have us increasing 5.931 ADM district-wide over last year. However, because of the makeup of our student population (i.e., more Sped, more high school students) our weighted student count is up 30.843. If Proposition 123 passes on May 17th that should increase our Base Support Level (the amount of money we receive for each ADM) by about \$158. Both the ADM increase and the Base Support Level increase give us an estimated budget increase of around \$400,000.00.

Current Year Funding has been a major topic of late. This is set to go into effect for the 16-17 school year. Simply, this means we will be creating a budget and approving a budget based on estimated ADM for the year, rather than the prior year's 100th day ADM. At this point, some scenarios to consider are the hiring of staff and committing to teacher contracts in the spring months before enrollment is known. Our district tax rate will need to be set before we know how much money we actually need. It has been estimated Current Year Funding will have a negative financial impact for about 60% of the districts in the state. These are districts who project declining enrollment for the coming year. We have had steady or increasing enrollment since 2012 and do not project a negative financial impact.

Camp Verde High School SkillsUSA Regionals was held in Snowflake Friday January 29, 2016. We had favorable results from Mr. Harper's Cabinetmaking students as well as Coach Darby's Fire Science crew.

Out of 10 competitors in the Cabinetmaking Contest, Senior, Trevor Heyer, took 1st place and Freshman, Brooklynne Robach took 3rd place. Senior, Laramie Mahan, was a close 4th.

Fire Science did very well in their six practical competitions and are looking forward to tackling the challenging written exam at state. They placed several student in the top ten. See attached photos.





MATFORCE contests are underway for Yavapai County's anti-drug campaign. Intro and Intermediate Digital Media classes will be competing in the poster contest. Advanced Digital Media classes will compete by producing anti-drug videos.

Camp Verde FFA attended the Regional contest in Chino Valley on Thursday, Feb. 4th. They did an outstanding job. The following are the results and photo of the group.

Vet Science-1st place team

Libby Johnson-1st place individual

Jade Oium-2nd place individual

Cheyenne Reece-3rd place individual

Soils-2nd place team

Braydon Barker-1st place individual tied

Joanne McCormick-1st place individual tied

Forestry-2nd place team

Shayla Campbell-4th place individual



Camp Verde High School completed registration for the 15-16 school year this past week. The number of students choosing each course will be reviewed and the departments will start planning how many teachers each will need and which teachers will be teaching each course for next year. On February 17th, CVHS will hold its annual 8th Grade Orientation Day for students from CVMS, Beaver Creek, American

Heritage, United Christian School and some students from the Cottonwood IB School. They will have a half day of fun activities, food and a tour of our campus. That night the CVHS staff will hold the 8th Grade Parent Night. The night program will highlight the teachers, clubs, sports and time to tour the campus and ask the teachers questions.

Camp Verde Middle School had another great week! We'd like to start off by congratulating our students of the month for February: 6th grade, Tara Daniels; 7th grade, Chelsey Battise; 8th grade, Monica Orellana; and student/athlete of the month, Tanna Decker. Congratulations, we are proud of you!

Some good news to be shared out of Title 1 Math from Mr. Colbert. After a couple weeks of school at the start of second semester, he had 10 students that had an "F" in Math. Two days ago when grades were turned in for progress reports, all but 1 have brought up their grades. Mr. Colbert has done an excellent job of creating individualized plans for each of his students, to help them in the areas that they are struggling. Keep up the great work!

Sara Boland, Middle School Counselor along with High School Counselor Daria Weir spent two days in 8th grade rooms helping students build their 4 year plans for high school. They discussed careers and resumes and did a career interest inventory if they had time. When they were done, the students left with a print out of their plan, so now all they have to do is register for those classes in high school. Mrs. Boland is starting this same sort of planning with our 6th and 7th graders. Way to go!!

This week the Middle School hosted a Scholastic Book Fair, with much success earning close to \$2,000. We get 50% of the profit to spend on Reading and instructional materials for the classrooms. Part of our success was that it was held during the week of Parent/Teacher conferences, and included a Family Event. If parents came in and purchased an item, they were entered into a give-away where they could get gift certificates that were donated by local businesses. Laura Norman, our Title 1 Reading teacher, organized the fair and can be credited with doing an awesome job! Way to go Laura! She was assisted by Title 1 para, Jessica Acock. Thanks to both of you!

Some big news to share about athletics at the Middle School this week. Our basketball and wrestling teams had good showings at their respective tournaments, although not winning them, they showed great sportsmanship. However, some individual athletes need to be recognized. Maya Hedges and Amanda Lozanilla received medals for the girl's all-tournament team and Tanna Decker was selected as the Verde Valley League's Most Valuable Player, beating out the winning team's athlete. For the boys, Jason Collier and Manuel Interiano made the all-tournament team. In wrestling, Conrad Noone was crowned State Champion in his weight class, and Korben Uhler took runner-up in his. Congratulations to all of our athletes for a job well done!

Each month, teachers take turns decorating the bulletin board at the front of the courtyard, usually taking on the theme of that given month. Well, Rhonda Koepp along with yearbook sponsor/photographer and Title 1 para Jessica Acock, set the bar pretty high this time. Combining Valentine's Day and Capturing Kids' Hearts created this amazing display of students forming hearts with their arms, and capturing some great shots! "Roses are red, violets are blue. Capturing Kids' Hearts, that's what we do!" Please come by and check it out.



A total of 226 cans of food were donated to Mrs. Wattenbarger's class for their food drive. The students combined their philanthropic efforts with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and asked everyone to donate to the cause by bringing in cans of food. The food donations were picked up by the Seventh Day Adventist Food Bank last Tuesday. They were very appreciative of the students' efforts and wished to extend a thank you to all of the students, teachers, and staff who participated.



Several elementary teachers have been promoting Valentines for Veterans in their classrooms this week. Valentines for Veterans is a program sponsored by Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to help our veterans feel appreciated on Valentine's Day. This coincides with Veteran's National Salute Week and is a great way for students to learn about and thank our nation's veterans for the service they have provided. Mrs. King's class (pictured below) is one of many who are creating Valentines for our nation's veterans. The cards will be distributed to local veterans' organizations including hospitals, residential centers, and retirement homes.



Camp Verde Elementary School is well on its way to having an official Parent-Teacher Association! A group of parents and staff have met on several occasions to discuss the need for an organization whose focus is fundraising and support for the elementary school. The group, including Carrie Bickford, Leah Robbins, Vanessa Siler, Debbie Whitelaw, Sheri Gardner, and several others met with Heather Hermen, Northern Arizona Region Director of Arizona PTA®. She was instrumental in helping guide the group through the process of forming a PTA, which includes writing by-laws, structuring leadership, and determining membership criteria. The first official meeting of the C.V.E.S.P.T.A. is scheduled for March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Everyone is invited to attend *and join* so they can vote on officers and by-laws.

Fifth-graders receive a visit from ACE Hardware owners

Mrs. Grubbs' Class participated in the Valentine's Day ad design contest hosted by the Verde Valley News every year. Mrs. Grubbs' class was assigned Camp Verde's ACE Hardware as their business. They designed ads (a great way to teach persuasive writing!) that would be submitted to the owners,

On Wednesday, February 3, 2016, ACE Hardware owners, Melanie Bonelli and Christiaan Bonelli, visited Ms. Grubbs' classroom to present appreciation gifts to the students in her class. The Bonelli's ACE has been participating in the advertising challenge for about four years. They stated that the advertisements presented this year were by far the most creative they had ever received. They did not announce the actual winner of the challenge because they wanted it to be a surprise when the paper comes out. Each student received a \$5 gift card and Ms. Grubbs received a \$50 gift certificate. In addition to gifts, the Bonelli's also described their business and answered prepared questions posed by the class.

After the Bonelli's left, the students offered to use their gift cards to buy supplies needed for their "clean up Camp Verde" campaign they are currently organizing. Ms. Grubbs told the students to use their cards on themselves and she would use her gift certificate to purchase the supplies they needed!



Chandler Plante, a 5th grader at the elementary school, has been in the news a lot lately! Below is another front-page story on his Teens for Jeans philanthropy project. Go Chandler!

Camp Verde schools to participate in Teens for Jeans program



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Staff Reporter

CAMP VERDE - Camp Verde resident **Chandler Plante** wants to help fight homelessness.

Plante, a student at Camp Verde Elementary School, is teaming up with Camp Verde schools and Teens for Jeans.

Chandler says that each year, he participates in a project to make a difference

This year, Teens for Jeans stole his heart, he says.

Teens for Jeans is an organization that encourages students and community members to donate lightly worn jeans to local homeless shelters. Camp Verde elementary, middle and high schools, as well as South Verde High School are participating drop-off points this year.

Last year, 80,000 young people from 13,000 different schools in the United States participated in the program.

More than 800,000 pairs of jeans were collected for the homeless.

Between the schools participating in the country, the top three collecting schools win grants. First place is \$3,000, second is \$2,000 and third is \$1,000, plus all three schools receive \$500 to throw a celebration party.

All students who collect a minimum of two pairs of jeans and report back are entered to win a \$5,000 scholarship.

The program runs from Monday Feb. 1 through Monday, Feb. 29.

Such high hopes (hoops!) for the South Verde basketball team, but, alas, their last game of the season against Southwestern ended in yet another defeat. This loss, however, did not involve a large margin, with only a nine point differential - 47 to 38. The previous game on January 29 had also ended in a loss. Leupp trumped SV, 43 to 28. The next sport, softball, will begin at the end of February. So far nine students have signed up; hopefully more will be added to the list today. Luke Hicks is ordering some beautiful custom-made hats for the team with extras to be used as an incentive for those students who need a boost to their academics. Luke, the students, and the staff are looking forward to a winning season with softball, hoping the great outdoors may serve as an inspiration to excellence. Go Bulldogs!



Camp Verde Elementary School student **Chandler Plante** has partnered with the Teens for Jeans program to help collect clothing for the homeless. (Photo by Aryssa Carvalho)

South Verde congratulated another graduate this week. Senior student Dakota Johnson completed her remaining credits. Dakota proved to be a dedicated and forthright student; her due diligence paid off. She is excited to add more hours to her work day and is eagerly anticipating the 17th of May and join in the graduation festivities.

Gail Wilson ordered diplomas for the twenty-one anticipated graduates, as well as three extras. The SV staff is communicating frequently - daily, weekly - with the senior students, keeping them abreast of their progress, praising their efforts, and bolstering their confidence, while also pushing them to stay focused and be consistent in productivity.

Gail Wilson and Hailey Elm, a junior at SV, were chosen this week to judge an art contest. The instructor Jason Voss divided his 5th period art class into teams for a collaborative piece. Five pieces of creative art were presented. Individuals added their own unique style and interpretation to each combined piece of art. Gail and Hailey chose a painting with an outer space motif. Different textures, paints and pastels were used to depict a surreal vision of a world outside our own. Congrats to the artists Felix Espinoza and Cristofer Caballero!

Today, February 5, South Verde is hosting its second parent/teacher conferences this year. Twelve parents came last September 11, representing ten students. The staff anticipates a much higher number today, as every parent has been contacted and students have been inundated with flyers and reminders on a daily basis. A group effort - staff, parents, students - is vital for the success of every student, every day.

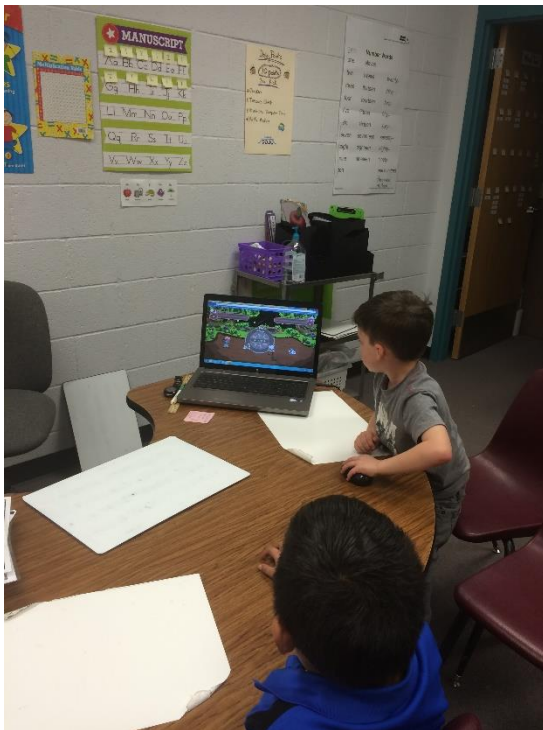
In Mrs. Pittman's elementary resource room we use all types of technology. From low tech, such as matching cards, to high tech, such as Moby Max and iPad games. We use computer programs to teach the students how to use the keyboard in the form of games and in typing programs. Each student in Mrs. Pittman's resource class has made progress in their goal areas. They are pretty proud of what they have accomplished so far this year. Please feel free to come in anytime!

Ms. Gilbert's Students

Prodigy has been introduced to Ms. Gilbert's students to help support their math skills. This program offers over 900 crucial math skills for grades 1-8 within the common core curriculum. The program addresses the student's individual needs by doing diagnostic tests to place students in the correct grade and using embedded assessment and automatic differentiation. Everything the student works on in Prodigy is reported back to the teacher in real time so the teacher is able to quickly see which skills the students have mastered and where they need further assistance. Prodigy is free for teachers. Parents have the option to upgrade, which only unlocks extra game content and has no impact on Prodigy's educational quality.

www.ProdigyGame.com

Ms. Gilbert's students worked as a group to learn the game and then began working on their own. The students are engaged and very excited to come in, complete their classroom assignments and work on Prodigy. Here are some pictures of the students:



The transportation department was excited to get the chance to read to the preschool and let them get aboard the big blue travel bus. Every year we spend time with the kids and help them to understand safety, and at the same time build that bond with the students so they know we are here for them.

Facilities received our quotes for the middle school entrance and exit safety gates. We will be looking forward to working together to accomplish the best plan for the safety of our students.