

Weekly Board Report 15 April 2016

The sophomores at CVHS participated in the AIMS Science test on Tuesday, April 12th, with the 10th grade students taking the test during first and second periods. Mrs. Mathews, Mrs. Weir, Mr. King and Mrs. Westfield proctored the test, while the rest of the student body attended regular classes. Hopefully we will receive the results before the end of the school year, and the science teachers will use the results as part of the student's final exam. On Wednesday, April 20th thankfully the last of the state tests will be given at Camp Verde High School. The Junior and Senior students at Camp Verde High School will take the End of Program CTE Exit exam, with more than 70% of the seniors having already passed the exam. The few remaining seniors will take it for the last time, and when they pass they will be counted in our completed list for the state.

The FFA program received word that the following students will receive their State Farmers degree this year, Bryon McCrary, Krysten Lynn Pederson and Baily Parker. They will receive the award at the state conference in Tucson the first part of June...pretty amazing award for these students.

The CVHS Student of the month award winners are: Taya Smith and Abbie Brown. Last week the National Honor Society at Camp Verde High School inducted 20 new members during the ceremony. This is the largest number of inductees for CVHS, while the high school choir performed at the beginning of the ceremony.

On Wednesday, April 13th the new Intern Superintendent for VACTE, Lisa Aragon, visited CVHS. She had a tour of our CTE programs and met each CTE teacher along with some of our students. She is very excited about the bright future of VACTE and Camp Verde High School relationship getting closer and moving to support the two centralized programs. While visiting with Mr. Weir and Dr. Goodwin, there was a very positive discussion regarding the past and future rolls Camp Verde High School and VACTE will play together. The VACTE school board will hold a special meeting this Wednesday as they tour the Camp Verde High School Expo and Art Fair.

The CVHS Expo and Art Fair is Wednesday, April 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to an exciting and educational event. The teachers and students have been working hard to finalize their projects and performances.

The coming week is Prom 2016 week, with prom occurring on Saturday, April 23rd at the Town of Camp Verde Gym. Prom will run from 9:00 pm until midnight, with juniors working this weekend on decorations in preparation for the event.

We had an amazing week at Camp Verde Middle School. This week, Mr. Tankesley's 7th grade Science students are beginning to learn about the sun and are creating a space log where students can log their travels through space as they progress. At parent night on Wednesday, he had science lab stations that the students completed previously this year, so parents could walk around and perform labs that their students had participated in.

In PE, Coach Stone came up with a high energy game for 6th graders called Race, Tac, Toe. The following is the link to watch a video of some students participating: <http://youtu.be/Ythjpo9Er8>.

Adrienne Wright's PBL is off and running. Today, Tyler McDonald's dad's company came and dropped dirt. Ace donated \$50.00 which paid for the starter plant soil and some seeds. Many of the seeds were donated by students and Mrs. Kurtz. The students all brought in an item to reuse and begin starter plants. The students calculated the volume of the planter beds because they need to take the dirt out in order to drill the cement that is currently on the bottom to create drainage. The students calculated the amount of soil it would take to fill the plant able space. They also calculated the cost including tax. Finally, they calculated the unit price of soil per student.



Abbie Monroe's 8th grade Math classes created tessellations after learning about geometric transformations. Many of them turned out really well. It was fun to see how many of them could take different patterns and create something out of them. They ended up with a dog, some elephants, fish, dinosaurs, birds, monsters, etc. Also, her good friend Staff Sgt. Riley, came to speak to her classes. She shared her life experience in the Army after two tours in Afghanistan and answered many questions for the students. It was eye opening and inspirational to many of them; a wonderful experience.



6th grade has been reading Hatchet in Language Arts. The students had the opportunity to be a "teacher." They had to create their own quiz to give to a classmate. They graded and discussed their answers when they were finished. The students really enjoyed trying to stump their classmates.

Camp Verde Middle School had its talent show this past Wednesday and there was a lot of talent to go around! The audience got to see students sing, rap, dance, do comedy, and rock out. Bennet Holm took first place honors with an outstanding voice and great CKH message, which left most with watery eyes. The show was closed out with Coach Stone and Mr. Tankesley rocking on the guitar and 8th grader Amanda Lozanilla on the drums! It was a great time and students, along with staff really seemed to enjoy it. Thanks goes out to Mr. Shanks for organizing the show.



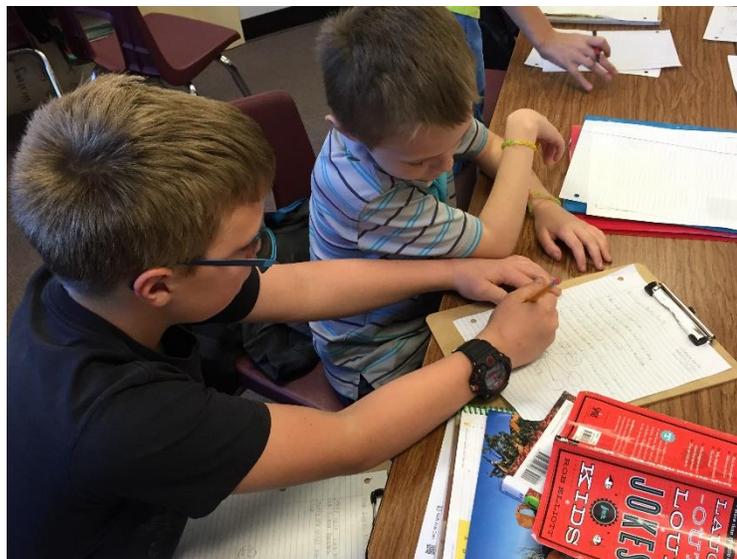
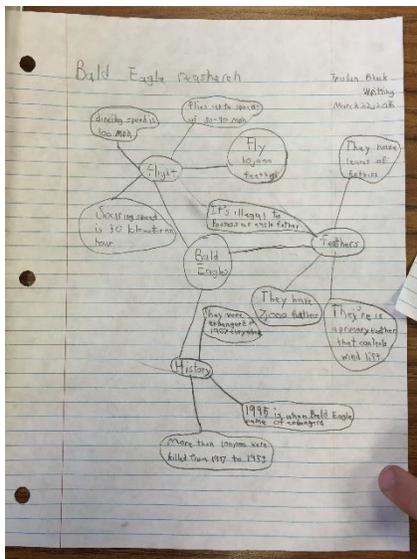


Wednesday evening, Camp Verde Middle School hosted its Family Fun Night, with approximately 80 families participating. When families showed up, they were able to enter a drawing for many door prizes that were donated by local businesses, students were given a free T-shirt, and if people chose they got to munch on free popcorn. While touring the classrooms, parents and students were able to participate in many activities including but not limited to, creating a family flag in Ms. D's Social Studies, writing in Chinese in Mr. Shanks, brain puzzles in Math, many Language Arts activities, and they could even build a raft in Mrs. Koeppe's using only a 20cm x 20cm piece of tin foil and 4 drinking straws. There were many compliments about the evening, including one shared by a grandmother about how her granddaughter couldn't wait to go to school each day because of how the teachers cared and made her feel. It brought tears to my eyes and re-enforced why we're in this profession.



This morning Mr. Howe attended Kiwanis breakfast, to honor 8th grade student of the month, Mya Wetzal.

Mrs. Grubbs class has been working on a multi-disciplinary project using mind maps to help plan their social studies writing. Students were charged with researching information about the Great Seal of the United States and Bald Eagles. Once they had gathered the information they needed, they worked in teams to create mind maps. This allowed them to share information, identify areas for further research, and use each other as sounding boards for writing ideas. Once the mind maps were completed, students used them to guide their writing for a multiple-paragraph essay.



A while ago, we reported that Home Depot built a storage cabinet for our robotic team equipment. It was a beautifully designed cabinet, and the team members were really excited to receive it. As a thank you, Peggy Dickey (robotics coach) had a plaque created to present to Home Depot. On a recent walk through Home Depot, the plaque was spotted on their community involvement wall:



The elementary school will now have a Yavapai-Apache language class for the next six weeks. Seven students, grades 2nd-5th, will be studying the Apache language, and seven students in the same grades will be studying Yavapai. Classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The students will ride the bus to the culture building and the Y-A Recreation Department will be transporting the students home after class.

Denise Meyer, elementary gifted instructor, recently attended three Saturday workshops which were outstanding. The workshops addressed using formative assessment effectively, project-based learning, and STEM/STEAM. These workshops were offered free through Yavapai County. Some of the tools Mrs. Meyer garnered from the workshops include:

- Graphic organizers, daily monitoring tools, and planning tools for PBL and STEAM projects.
- Children's literature to use in conjunction with STEAM projects.
- Next Generation Science Standards.
- Sample lessons.
- Connections with other instructors of gifted students.

Using the PBL format, gifted elementary students have begun a project with the driving question, "How can we determine a good leader for our country/classroom?" They are conducting interviews with teachers and district leaders as a first step in this exciting learning experience.

Thursday, April 14 was Yavapai-Apache student recognition day with Tribal Council. There was a total of 43 JOM Camp Verde Elementary School students who attended and received certificates. Way to go!



Our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students enjoyed a visit from the Verde Valley LAFS (Life and Fire Safety) group, which consists of volunteers from fire agencies throughout the Verde Valley as well as the U.S. Forest Service and Verde Valley Ambulance Company (VVAC). LAFS performs twice a year in the elementary schools of the Verde Valley. True to their namesake, they present messages of life and fire safety utilizing costumes, puppets and clowns to reach their target audience of kindergarten through 3rd grade. Our students loved the latest performance that focused on fire safety while camping.



Another senior graduated from South Verde this week. Rosemary Crespo has attended the school for the past three years, maturing into a beautiful young woman with aspirations of working in the medical field one day. She has been employed throughout the year on a full-time basis and balancing those hours with her school time. We are thrilled that she has joined the ranks of South Verde's other graduates this year.

Wednesday, April 13, served as the last time this school year for South Verde students to volunteer at the Food Bank. Deon Murphy led the troops, supervising the twelve "angels" who assisted her and the other volunteers. Deon arrived back to the school that day positively breathless stating how incredibly busy they had been and how they could have used more help. She was very pleased with the students' performance, though. One particularly shy student truly opened up during her time there and was smiling broadly by the end of the morning. All the students were smiling, in fact, and very polite. And one man told a junior student that she was "a keeper." The SV staff wholeheartedly agrees.

Luke Hicks has decided to shelve the plans for kayaking down the river until April 29. Instead, he will be taking the hiking club to Bull Pen today for a leisurely afternoon of hiking and swimming. While the water may be a bit too chilly for most, youth are usually impervious to cold water so they should enjoy themselves. Hopefully some great pictures will be taken to be shared and enjoyed.

There is a staff meeting planned at SV this afternoon to discuss final projects/events. The meeting will also include an evaluation of the students' progress in all their classes, particularly in the areas of A+ and Aleks (the math program). Every student will get a personalized plan and will meet with a staff member to discuss how to finish the school year strong, especially credit-wise. Attendance has been a definite factor in being a barrier to student success. Ways to improve will be addressed.

Testing is complete in the district as far as AzMERIT and AIMS Science are concerned. The testing has been boxed and sent to the scoring locations. We should see results from these assessments the end of May to the middle of June. This is much earlier than last year when the results were not available until November.

The Builders Club went shopping for supplies for the residents of The Haven. The students purchase items that the residents do not normally receive on a regular basis. These supplies are shared with the residents who leave with shopping bags of goodies and smiles. Ms. Carter reports that the students really enjoy the activity and so do the residents.