

Weekly Board Report 8 April 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1529 as compared 1503 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 735 vs. 756; Middle School 350 vs. 321; High School 413 vs. 402; Accommodations School 31 vs. 23. South Verde Magnet School 68 vs. 100.

Free and reduced numbers: Camp Verde Unified School District; Free 1013; Reduced 113. Current numbers at Elementary free 509; reduced 51; Middle School free 225; reduced 26; High School free 214; reduced 31; Accommodations School free 24; reduced 1; South Verde Magnet School free 41; reduced 4. The percentages for each school: Elementary – 76.19%; Middle School – 71.71%; High School 59.32%; Accommodation School 80.65%. Camp Verde School district percentage of Free/Reduced – 70.7%. South Verde Magnet School District 66.18%.

Camp Verde High School hosted the 3rd Annual Verde Valley - Camp Verde SciTech Festival on Thursday, April 7th in the high school gym and parking lot. This event had over 15 different activities. We had demonstrations and representatives from Camp Verde Marshal's Office, Camp Verde Fire Department, Camp Verde Town Library, Local Astronomy group, Verde River, Unisource and many more. A friend of Mr. Malloy's built a full working glider in the middle of the gym floor for the students to view and learn how it works. Mr. Gagnon and the town librarian were the main organizers of the event and did a terrific job. The event started at 10:00 am and ended at 3:00 pm. The 3rd - 5th grade Camp Verde Elementary students and teachers attended the event. Some middle school students attended and the Camp Verde High School math, science and CTE students and teachers attended the event throughout the day.

The highlight of the event was the Biology 2 and Physics students from CVHS conducted their own activities for the students to participate and experience. A special thank you to Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Malloy and their classes for helping with the Sci-tech events. The Biology 2 students had live snakes and lizards for students to view and touch. They had different animal skulls and other science experiments during the event to show and explain. The physics students had the hover craft for kids to ride, chemical reaction experiments and the large bowling ball example of Newton's Cradle. Over thirty students helped during this exciting event.

The high school track team helped with the middle school track meet on Thursday, April 7th. They did an outstanding job giving back to the younger athletes. The softball team won both games this past week and the baseball team went 1 - 1. The golf team won their meet with Vance Tewawina performing a 36, which is his season best score. Also, Andrew Witt shot his season best. Three time state champion Junior wrestler, Hayden Uhler, went to the National High School Junior National tournament in Virginia Beach. He placed 9th out of 64 of the top wrestlers at his weight class in the nation.

The SkillsUSA culinary arts, cabinet making, automotive and graphic design students are still waiting for results from the state contest from last week. We were informed that the Camp Verde High School Fire Science program will be able to represent the State of Arizona at the National SkillsUSA contest this summer. The state champion is unable to attend, so the 2nd place finisher from the CVHS program will be able to compete at the national level. Mr. Darby will be accompanying this student at this National event.

On Thursday, April 7th Mrs. Taylor took two students to the Black Canyon District FFA contest for Agriculture Science Education contest. Camp Verde HS FFA won 1st and 2nd at the event. Kaylea Oesterreich won first and Loni Faith Ferguson won second. It was held at Desert Edge High School in Buckeye. They will compete in the state contest in June during the State FFA Conference. (See picture)

This coming week the Sophomores will take the AIMS Science test on Tuesday, April 12th in the morning. The culinary arts program will provide refreshments, snacks and a lunch for the AdvancedEd evaluation team this Monday, April 11th at CVHS. The team will be performing their annual evaluation of CVUSD for accreditation.

CVHS started a Mandatory Friday Tutoring program for students who have 3 or more F's. Last Friday 27 students attended. The students who did not attend were assigned after school detention. The detention was one hour of tutoring after school each night with a teacher that they had an F in. They will continue to be required to attend until all of their grades are D's or higher.



Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate its Students of the Month for April: 6th grade, Daniel Camacho; 7th grade, Kyria Roa; 8th grade, Mya Wetzel; Athlete, Sydnie Snyder. Congratulations!

On Wednesday evening, the Camp Verde Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held its induction ceremony. Congratulations to the 2016 inductees: Liliana Anzar, Heath Lawton,

Brittney Ruvalcaba, Audrey Norman, Timber Reedy, Paige Seneca, Reanna Crittenden, Kyria Roa, Bridgette Fitzgerald, Waylon Wright, Chelsey Battise, and Lindsey Hazelwood. Thanks goes out to its chapter sponsor, Mrs. Abbie Monroe for organizing the event.

Last Friday, the District had an in-service training on PBL, Problem Based Learning. The Middle School staff had a very positive experience, coming away with ideas that they have already begun to implement. Seventh grade Math teacher Adrienne Wright is going to start a garden. On Tuesday, April 5th, Mrs. Mezulis' second grade class came and helped Mrs. Wright's second hour 7th grade Math class measure the garden, calculate area, pull weeds, and rake. They measured the water hose and placed it as they saw fit, problem solving through the space. They are doing research from multiple non-fiction articles and that is transferring into ELA during reteach and enrich. They will begin by writing about their ideal learning experience. Then they will learn and write about sustainability, doing research about what it means and how it works in the real world. In Math, they will be doing research on climate ranges and plants, determining needed area for growth of chosen climate and appropriate plants/fruits/veggies. They will use the measurements to create an accurate scale drawing of the potential garden, then execute the plan. They have received a \$50 donation from Camp Verde Ace Hardware and are working on a letter for Home Depot.





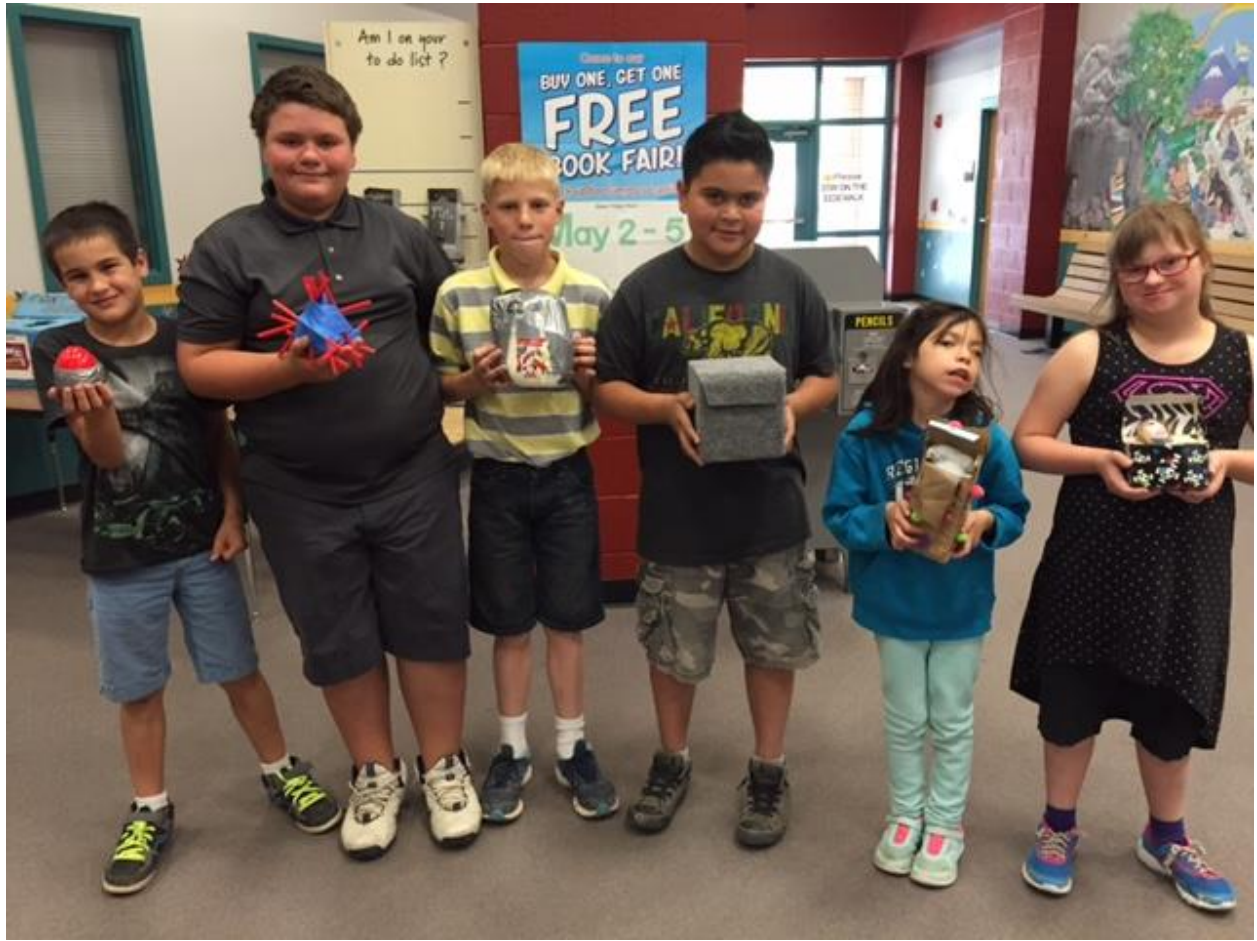


PBL took off on Wednesday at the Accommodation School, as Mrs. Gusten's students started designing their "ultimate classroom." They were measuring and discussing work stations, looking at placing computer monitors on the wall, and having "stand up" computer stations. They also talked about the role plants play in helping students focus. The 8th grade team at the Middle School is planning their whole next year based on PBL.

Thursday, Camp Verde Middle School hosted its annual invitational track meet, with 11 schools attending and over 300 students participating. The meet started at 9:00 and was over by 2:15. Every year we are complimented by all the coaches for hosting the "best" meet. There were hurdle races, dashes, distance runs, relays, shot put, discus, high jumps, and long jumps to name the events. Mr. Howe would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help: the High School Track team, Coach Prow, Coach O'Callahan, Brittany Armstrong, Amy and Dan Wall, Mark Showers, John Bohan, Mr. Wade, Mike Edgerton, Rick Watkins, Tanis Moore, the Camp Verde Middle School Softball girls, Robin Roth, the CVMS Track coaches, Jim Frank, Mike Baker, Robert Plante, and anyone else he might have left out. Without everyone's help, our meet would not be possible. Mr. Howe would like to give a big public shout out "Thanks" to his wife, Mrs. Melissa Howe for her continued, infinite, unflinching support in everything he does. She is his "unofficial" Assistant Athletic Director!!!

The elementary school had an amazing week! Our first big accomplishment is that we completed all but 5 make-up test sessions for AzMERIT (two of which could not be completed because the student moved away!) This means that out of 2,124 test sessions we were required to conduct, we had a 99.76% completion rate. A round of applause goes to Rebecca McIlvaine for organizing this monumental task!

Mrs. Reddell's 4th grade students participated in an engineering and math project this week involving raw eggs. The challenge was to design and build a casing for a raw chicken egg that would prevent it from breaking when dropped from the top of the bleachers. The casing could not be bigger than 7" x 7" x 7". This was a great STEAM project that had the students honing their engineering skills. There were a variety of designs, five in all, with three successfully completing the challenge. The best part is that the students themselves analyzed what went wrong with the two designs that didn't protect the egg. One student surmised that the straws used as shock absorbers were a little too flimsy and bent rather than doing their intended job of protecting the egg.





Mrs. Ayers' students participated in an Earth Day project designed to inspire our town to reuse, reduce, and recycle. Using grocery bags loaned by Bashas', student designed Earth Day messages and decorated the bags. Mrs. Ayers will be returning the bags to Bashas' where they will be used for customers' groceries on Earth Day. Stop in the store that day to take home a piece of CVES student artwork!



Taking their cue from the sidewalk chalk art on the primary playground...



...first grade students have created a series of container gardens. They have planted seeds and small plants as a part of their science program. Students love checking on the progress the plants have made each day. It is a good lesson in patience and care.



Along those same lines, a plan for a larger garden area in the intermediate courtyard is underway. Third-grade teacher, Mr. Lewy, has had a garden bed for several years. He has reached out to the group Gardens for Humanities who have pledged to help with the funding of supplies once our plan is complete. We are looking to build six garden beds and house several other smaller container garden spaces, so classes have a variety of areas to choose from when planning their planting projects. Fifth-grade teacher, Angi Grubbs, has a horticulture certificate and is working with Mr. Lewy in the planning and implementation of the elementary garden project.

The mural that has been a joint project between South Verde students and Mrs. Meyer's elementary gifted students has been completed! The emphasis is on STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Students were guided by Joan Bourque, a local artist who has created murals in our district for many years. Stop by room 517 if you'd like to get an up-close look!



Spring has sprung! And Deon Murphy at South Verde has Prom on the brain. She is finalizing her design plans for the annual dance to be held April 30 at the cafeteria. Deon has been given a green light on purchasing all the goodies/decor for this much anticipated night. Students are discussing who is going with who and gown designs. Soon a long list of appropriate songs will be written up for the DJ (a graduate of SV) and student volunteers will begin creating decorations. Mrs. Zawel can hardly wait to get on her dancing shoes!

Last Friday's hiking trip with Luke Hicks was a success. Unfortunately, photos were not taken but all enjoyed the trip and survived the jaunt. The next excursion is planned for April 15. Luke has contacted

Sedona Adventures to rent some kayaks for students to go to Beasley Flats at the end of Salt Mine Road and coast down the river. This will be a fantastic opportunity for eligible students to appreciate nature at its spring time best and to test their balancing and motor skills.

SVHS finished its second week of State testing. Yahoo! This week entailed the AzMerit math portion and AIMS Science for the sophomores. A number of the students did struggle with the math. Mrs. Zewel is talking to her staff and lining up a game plan to best help every student with what has proven to be a most challenging subject. The sophomores who took the AIMS Science test appeared to do fairly well. They were diligent and worked slowly and methodically throughout the testing session. Some students are doing make-up tests, due to absences. SV is working hard toward getting every student to school and finishing the testing process.

Two more seniors completed their required courses and have graduated this week. Chasidy Allen and Aubriana Trejo both took their last finals this past Monday. Aubriana had withdrawn a month ago and moved to Oklahoma. Shortly thereafter she moved back to the Verde Valley. She must have felt how much everyone missed her at SVHS! The girls were thrilled to pieces to have completed their high school educations. And now they will hopefully be on to bigger and better opportunities in life.

The AzMERIT paper based test has been finished and shipped to the company that will score them. The online version of AzMERIT is not complete at this time but will be as students, who are absent return to school. The AIMS Science test will be completed and sent to be scored next week in both districts.

Special Education

In the preschool the FFA class came down and showed the preschoolers the new chicks. The FFA class has been great with including the preschoolers with what is going on in their classrooms. We are going to pick lettuce this week also.



In Ms. Justus' class we have completed our tooth brushing/oral hygiene unit. Our final activity was to go visit the dentist and see what the dentist office is like. Dr. Dian was fabulous! Each of the students took turns to be the dentist and they got to work on a patient (another student) by brushing their teeth correctly (with parent permission). The students loved it! They got to adjust

the lights and everything. Dr. Dian had an Easter egg hunt for them, gave them EACH an Easter basket that was filled with a tooth brush, tooth paste, and coloring activities. What a great PBL! We may have some future dentists or dental assistants in the class.



In the Inclusion Program at the high school we are seeing more and more students come to the see the teacher, especially on test days. It seems many of the teachers give tests at the same time and we have more and more students coming to see the teacher to take tests. Some days there are so many students coming in to take tests that it is difficult to get out to work with kids in their classrooms. While it means more supervising and watching students who are taking tests during this time the teacher is seeing several of the students using the strategies that have been taught to them and they are becoming more independent and doing well with less intervention from the teacher and the teacher is having to do less guiding students to locate and answer. The teacher reports that she loves working at CVUSD where the staff is awesome and very supportive. It is great to work in a place where student success IS the focus!!!!