

## Weekly Board Report 19 August 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1637. Current enrollment at each school: Elementary 693; Middle School 390; High School 489; Accommodations School 32; South Verde High School 33. The tenth day enrollment will occur on Tuesday next week, so will begin to track current year vs. previous year starting with next week's board report.

Strategic planning will resume in earnest on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Evaluating the best path to add an additional well to our water needs. We are evaluating different options to best provide water and a redundant water supply for the district.

The single morning bus route pick up continues to go very well...I have been pleased with the wonderful and great support the drivers have had in making this change occur at our district.

We are making more changes at the cafeteria in the morning to deal with the large numbers of students who arrive within a 20 minute window in the morning.

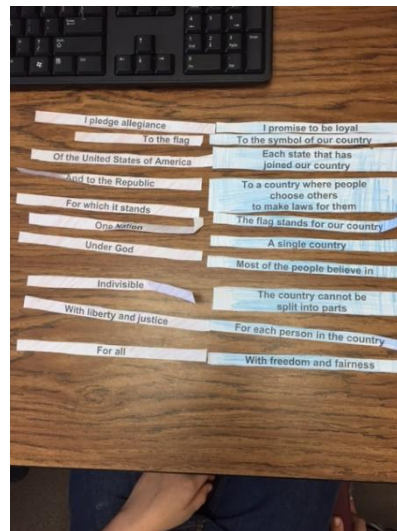
Our elementary robotics team is back in full swing this year starting today. Peggy Dickey will once again lead the Cyber Cowboys in their exploration of the world of S.T.E.A.M. (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rts, and **M**ath) education as they design, build, and program robots for competition in the First Lego League Animal Allies contest.

The team will meet on Fridays from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Participants must be 9 years of age and eligibility for participation is based on grades and behavior.

The robotic team engages in many activities including journaling, research, guest speakers, field trips, and related project designs and presentations. Last year, our students created a presentation on how our school could turn lunch scraps into bacon. We can't wait to see the focus of their project for this year. Their first field trip for the year is on September 10<sup>th</sup> at ASU's college of engineering.

### Fifth-Grade Students Get Going!

Mrs. Elsea's class jumped right into learning during their first weeks of school. They spent time engaging in CKH group activities to build community, *Go Math!* group games in Chapter 1 that reinforce vocabulary, and learning the meaning of the Pledge and the preamble to the Declaration of Independence



Meanwhile, Melissa Howe's 5<sup>th</sup> graders took a break from their books to practice teamwork with water transportation games! Given the hot weather, they were more than happy to participate in this challenge!



### Fit Kids

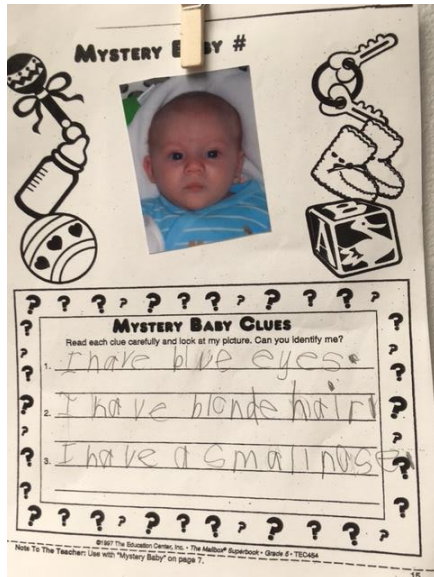
Miss Erica is back as our Fit Kids instructor this year. She has fully embraced her Capturing Kids' Hearts training—so much so that she has restructured the activities in her classes to focus on building an attitude of teamwork in her students. In her own words, "There's so much competition in the world out there already, let's help each other out rather than trying to always 'win.'" *Below: Miss Erica teaching kindergarteners who are trying to find the triangles on the wall after running the circles on the floor.*





### Mrs. Ayers—Guess Who?

Mrs. Ayers taught a great lesson this week, inspiring students to think and write about themselves and each other. Students were asked to write clues about themselves and bring in a baby picture. Other students then could guess which assignment belonged to other classmates, based on the clues. This was a great lesson in writing and problem solving for our first-graders!



## Lisa Young—Our New Special Education Teacher

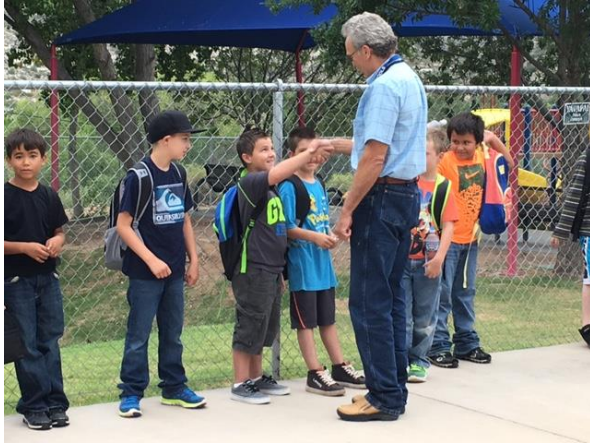
When faced with a shortage in special education teachers, the elementary school asked Lisa Young, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, if she would be willing to step up to the challenge. Lisa had a long-standing goal of becoming a special ed. teacher and had just begun taking classes to obtain her master's degree in special education.

Given very little time to move rooms, study and pass the exam that would allow her to teach as an intern, and plan for classes, Lisa accomplished all of these goals quickly and with great success. She is now under the mentorship of Chris Gilbert, who has her doctoral degree in special education, and Kim Peaslee, our fantastic new Director of Student Services.

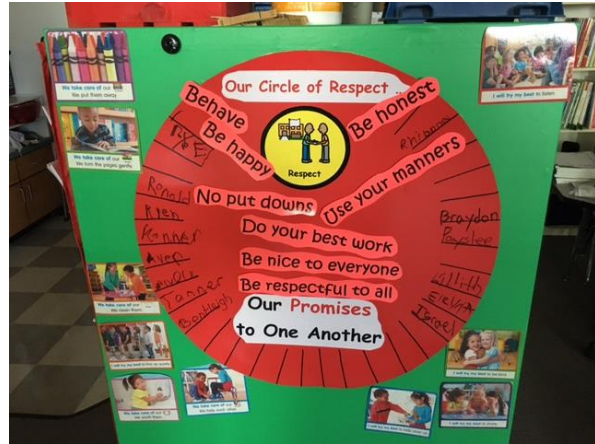
Lisa deserves a big thanks and round of applause for helping us out in a time of need!

*Mr. Copper's class: shaking hands*

*Mrs. Hughes's class: social contract*



*Mrs. Elsea's class: practicing "checking"*



*Mrs. Eckel's class: affirmations wall*



The Middle School has had two fantastic weeks to kick off the new school year. Wednesday evening we hosted our Open House, and had a terrific turn out. Here is a picture of the marquee that welcomed parents and students. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Wright for putting it together.





Thursday, we had students from South Verde, Middle, and High schools attend a post-secondary education forum for the Verde Valley at Yavapai College in Clarkdale. It was very well received by our students. Conrad Noone from the Middle School was so interested that he was invited back to the next leadership forum at the casino in September.



In Mrs. Franklin's Title 1 Reading class, the 6-8th graders have finished pretesting and their Social Contracts are done. They were all very excited to begin their class novel, *Maximum Ride* after watching some cool book trailers. Through sharing this book, they will be working hard to expand their vocabularies and improve comprehension and fluency skills.

In Mrs. Norman's Title 1 Reading class, they have been building relationships and social contracts. They have also completed several pretests. They are looking forward to setting up Reading Buddies at the Elementary school again this year.

In Title 1 Math, all three grades finished taking their four-part pretests (one pretest each day) this week (they started last week). The three classes then made their social contracts and did CKH activities: Interview and report on a classmate; and completing a "Who am I" assignment so the students can learn about each other.

After finishing up the social contracts and learning the expectations in PE, the boys are working on learning the game of flag football, enjoying an active lifestyle in the sunshine and fresh air. The girls have started playing volleyball and baton tag for the 6th graders. It is going to be a great year!!

Mrs. Monroe has started a review of integers in 8th grade Math which has been great! The students seem to have a good understanding of them from last year- go Mrs. Wright:)! They are also still getting to know each other through different activities. This week's was an important item sharing circle where they got to see what is special to each person in class.

This week finds Mrs. Koeppe's 8th graders developing their classroom social contracts and learning more about each other with inclusion activities like "Bag it!" During 'Bag It Share', students fill a small, paper lunch sack with 3-8 articles that represent their hobbies, important events/people, favorite book or music and whatever they hold most dear. During their presentations, they build community and practice respectful behavior, including active listening!



7th grade Math is off to an amazing start. The students have started the year learning about Number Sense, which includes algebraic patterns, number lines, properties of addition and multiplication, the real number system, the concept of the equals sign and the idea/functions of zero. Mrs. Wright spent her summer at Intel Math training, which has transferred into the classroom through mathematical practices and rigor of practice.

Mr. Wilson's tech class students are working on a multitude of great projects including legos, fischertechnik, corel draw, photoshop and crazy talk. In his 7th grade social studies classes, they are creating posters explaining the 5 themes of Geography.

Mrs. Gillman's 6th Grade Language Arts has been super busy this week working on their ELA Pretest. They have made poems about themselves, called "I AM" poems. They are wrapping up the second week with the Social Contracts. The students seem to really have a grasp of what goes into the Social Contract and how to follow it!!

Mrs. Boland has been doing team builders in class and has been really stressing to the new 6th graders to communicate with their teachers and her if they are having a problem. Next week they are going to talk about "how to not get Fs" in 6th grade.

Mr. Yost has instruments in band now and have been working on the first 3 notes and learning about standard band rehearsal procedures, expectations and rules. All classes have finished their social contracts as well. He's been working with Kathleen Murless at the elementary to get the 5th grade band running on Monday. Based on the slips he got back from the students they should have about ten in that group, maybe a little more. Here is a picture of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band.





Student Council is off to a great start. Our students ran for student council offices over the past two weeks. The student body was also asked to participate and exercise the democratic process by registering to vote for the student government election. The students running for office wrote and gave a speech in front of the student body, staff and parents. The students did an amazing job! The students spoke of Capturing Kids Hearts, communication and leadership. We received many complements on the professionalism and voice of our students who gave speeches. Student council will meet next week to discuss a Color Fun Run, District Support Staff Appreciation Brunch and our Fort Verde Days float (last year we won Best Educational Float).



Mr. Howe would like to give a big shout out to the Elementary for their work with CKH last year. One can definitely tell that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year used CKH as 5<sup>th</sup> graders last year. The Middle School staff can't wait for the day that a "kinder" with 6 years of CKH enters CVMS.

Camp Verde High School students participated in the Verde Valley Leadership Forum at Yavapai College on August 18th, 2016 (pictures below). We had a student selected to go to the main conference on September 9th.

Despite the rain our Open House was a success. We went through almost all of the food and the teachers and I had the chance to meet many new parents.

Unfortunately our football scrimmage scheduled for Friday, August 19th has been canceled. We look forward to our first official game @ Chino Valley on Friday, August 26th.

FFA will have a BBQ event at the gazebo on Main St. Wednesday, August 24th from 6-7:30. Admission is free. We asking those that participate to bring a side dish.

Young Aggies, sponsored by FFA will begin On Tuesday, August 23rd after school. We hope to have many elementary students participate.











### Child Find

The first preschool Child Find appointments are scheduled for this Friday 8/26/16 in the preschool room at the Elementary School.

On 8/12/16 Dale DeVries and Tammey Carter provided a full 8 hour Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training to 7 staff from Camp Verde Unified School District, Beaver Creek School District, and Sedona Unified School District.

CPI Trainings will be held on 8/20 (4 hours recertification) and 8/26 (4 hours recertification and 8 hours initial training) for the remaining returning and new special education staff for Beaver Creek and Sedona.

Dale and Tammey will provide initial training for school administrators and counselors in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) on Friday 9/30/16 at the Middle School.

### Community Supports for Families with Special Needs Children

A support group has started for parents of children with Autism living in the Verde Valley. The group held its first meeting on 8/16/16 and will be meeting at the Camp Verde Town Library the third Tuesday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Special Education

In the first two weeks of school 24 IEP meetings have been held.

As of 8/18/16 246 special education students are enrolled in school this week:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 8/18/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
Preschool	17	0	17
Elementary School	111	-4	115
Middle School	40	-2	42
Accommodation School	3	0	3
High School	70	+7	63
South Verde High School	7	+1	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>246</b>

504 Students

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 8/18/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
Preschool	0	0	0
Elementary School	4	+2	2
Middle School	5	0	5
Accommodation School	1	0	1
High School	9	0	9
South Verde High School	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>0</b>

### Gifted

Denise Meyer is providing half-time gifted services in the afternoon for 26 eligible students at the elementary school. Denise teaches at the South Verde campus in the mornings. Parent

night for gifted students will be held on 9/15/16 from 6:00-6:30 in room 517 at the Elementary School.

Robin Tankesley provides gifted services to the middle school students.

Gifted high school students are able to enroll in Advanced Placement classes.

Gifted student testing for elementary students will begin in October for students nominated by teachers, parents, students, staff, and administrators.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 8/18/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
Elementary School	26	+2	24
Middle School	20	0	20
Accommodation School	0	0	0
High School	19	0	19
South Verde High School	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>24</b>