

Weekly Board Report 16 September 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1632 as compared 1584 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 698 vs. 709; Middle School 383 vs. 350; Camp Verde High School 484 vs. 449; Accommodations School 33 vs. 13; South Verde High School 34 vs. 73.

We have submitted the county election IGA to the appropriate individuals with the county in support of the upcoming elections regarding our school board members.

We have received bids to replace the carpeting in portions of the elementary school. The carpets are having significant issues in high traffic areas. We have gone out for bids and over Christmas break we will replace the carpeting in the entrance through the hallway around the computer room, and all the way out to the door leading to the north playground.

We have some exciting plans forming up in our strategic planning efforts. I am excited to integrate them into the plans and implement them in the future.

I still have on my queue to go through the board policies. I want to progress with this over the next few months as available time presents itself.

We learned this week the State is having problems transitioning their technology to account for current year funding, new ESSA rules, and other changes. Consequently, they informed us our grant allocations are still not available and they could not tell us when they would be. This means we are still not able to write our Title grant applications (they are usually written by this time) and it could be a while before we see the money arrive. Everyone is certain the money will be available, when and how much is still not clear.

A follow-up to questions regarding retrofit project asked during the energy report at Tuesday's board meeting: We are in year 12 of a 30 year lease/purchase agreement. We are scheduled to pay \$213,257.20 this year with approximately \$80,000.00 coming from government rebates and the remainder from our M & O.

We held our first 2016-17 Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 14th and it was a rousing success. Our Student Council did an amazing job coordinating the event. We are looking forward to hosting our next one on December 7th.

Our Robotics Club members moved all of their equipment for this year to their new home in room 124 this week. It is exciting to see the students so pumped to start their new projects and get ready for some competitions this year. Thanks to Mr. Andrews for sponsoring this club.

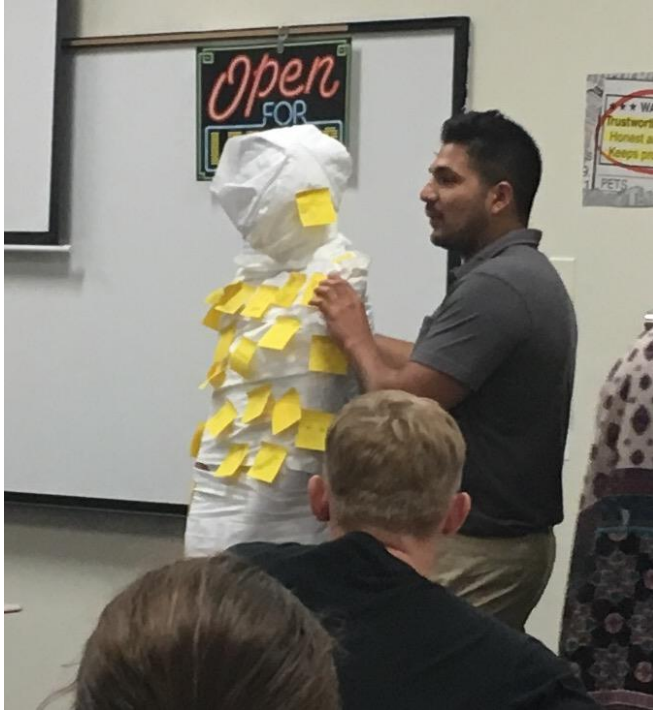
Our Culinary Kids were at it again creating one of my favorites...Pecan Pie! It's amazing what they come up with every day in that food lab!



All the while in our woods class, students were learning how to make their very first cuts using different types of saws.



Finally, in our World History Classes, Mr. Luera used a mummy and sticky notes as a teaching tool to help student reinforce what they learned. Super Cool!



The Boys PE classes have been working on agility and strategies this week. They have been playing a game called U-Be which the teachers brought back from a State PE conference. The game is high energy and non-stop action!

In 6th grade Math, Mr. Hansen's students have been reviewing decimal numbers and the importance of being able to estimate values, as well as calculate them. They began with addition and subtraction and are now "summing up" with multiplication and division. They also looked at how using the powers of 10, can make math so much easier, by just bouncing the decimal to the right for multiplication and to the left for division. All the students have been doing the majority of class assignments on their new IXL online accounts, which gives them immediate feedback and review steps when mistakes are made. They can log on anywhere there is internet!

In Mrs. Gillman's 6th grade Language Arts, they started the novel, Maniac Magee. The students seem to be enjoying it. On Monday, they spent the day talking about September 11, 2001 and the heroes that helped that day. They watched a short Brainpop video, a powerpoint slideshow about the heroes and then brainstormed words that come to mind when you think about a hero. The students ended the lesson by making a 9/11 quilt square. Each student individualized their quilt square to remind them of the heroes of that day. The quilt is on display in her classroom.

Mr. Colbert's Title 1 Math was busy this week. In 8th grade they reviewed converting mixed numbers to and from improper fractions. They practiced adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators. Thursday the students took two quizzes; one on converting mixed numbers to and from improper fractions and another on adding and subtracting fractions. In 7th grade they reviewed multi-digit multiplication. They practiced converting mixed numbers to and from improper fractions. Thursday the students took a quiz on converting mixed numbers to and from improper fractions. In 6th grade they took the whole week to practice multi-digit multiplication and multi-digit division for the second week. Thursday the students took a quiz on multi digit multiplication and division. Some of the students got the ah-ha moment during the

week but not all. Depending on the results of the quizzes, they might practice multi-digit multiplication and division next week as well.

This week in 7th grade Science, students are applying their knowledge of metric and standard measurements by measuring various items in the courtyard. Tasks will include using the meter stick and converting units of measure.

The Gifted and Science club will meet this Friday, the 16th at 8 AM to begin construction on their trebuchets. There is a “Pumpkin Chunkin” competition at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds on October 29th.

In Mrs. Tankesley’s 8th grade Language Arts, students will read more of *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. Thursday they role played in an activity where they pretended that they were the actual characters from the book and had to describe the life of a teenager. Without knowing the objective in the beginning, the students discovered a few of the themes from *The Outsiders*. Staff even got involved as you can see from the picture below.





The football team had a game Wednesday against Williams. They looked much better than they did last week, but lost 14-6. Next week they travel to Fountain Hills. Cross country is running like crazy, doing a great job in Cottonwood this week. Nic Colbert took 2nd place for the 3rd week in a row. Volleyball is looking great. Tuesday they played at Mayer. Next week they play Sedona at home on Tuesday and travel to Beaver Creek on Thursday. The golf team will continue to practice at various golf courses and attend a Jr. Tournament on Saturday at the Pine Shadows Golf Course.

Child Safety Awareness Week

Our S.R.O., Mike Toporak is working with the Camp Verde Marshall's Office and the elementary school to host a Child Safety Awareness Week in the elementary parking lot before school in the near future. Normally, Child Safety Awareness Week is held nationally in June of each year. Since we are not in school then, the plan is to host it in the fall when more parents can be reached. Handouts will include goody bags, pamphlets, and car seats (free--if families cannot afford one on their own.) Officer Mike reports that they are trying to involve the fire department in the outreach effort as well. There will be more to come on this great effort as plans are confirmed.

National I.T. Professionals Day

This coming Tuesday, October 20th is National I.T. Professionals Day! Celebrated annually every third Tuesday in September, National IT Professionals Day is set aside to honor the "technology geeks" of the world we all rely on to keep us connected. The elementary school

would like to acknowledge our wonderful Tech Guru, Gary Lagoy, for all he does to keep us plugged in. Here, in Mrs. Rodriguez's words, is just one example of why we appreciate Gary so much:

Good morning,

I would love to give out a shout to Gary, our wonderful tech pro. I love that Gary is mindful of teacher's needs not only with technology but in all areas that help the teacher to be successful in the classroom. A recent example is that Gary took the time to help remove bulky TVs from two of our rooms—TVs that were right over our reading centers where we meet with kids in small groups. I can't tell you how many times I've hit my head on it. Gary never hesitates in lending a helping hand whether it's helping a panicking teacher with student testing, moving furniture, or loading iPads. I wouldn't have survived my first year at CV without Gary. Throughout the year I've shown my appreciation with small gift cards. If there is any way I can honor him at the district level for "things unseen", I would love the opportunity. I'm sure many more have stories like mine. I'd like to show my appreciation for Gary, a gem.

Thx,

Lucy Rodriguez

Yavapai and Apache Language Classes Begin for Elementary Students

Laurie Stevens, our Title VII Liaison, has organized language classes for our Native American students. Beginning Monday, September 29th, students will attend a class of their choosing at the Yavapai-Apache Nation Cultural Building. Classes will last for six weeks each and will cover basics in either Yavapai or Apache, depending on the students' choices of enrollment. In the Yavapai class, our enrollment includes three 3rd graders, five 4th graders, and three 5th graders. In the Apache class, enrollment includes three 2nd graders, two 3rd graders, three 4th graders, and one 5th grader.

9/11 Remembrance Activities

Mrs. Wattenbarger's class spent some time with their heroes on Monday, September 12th in honor of 9/11. The heroes were members of the Copper Canyon FD (formerly known as C.V.F.D.) Each firefighter led a reading group with "A School for Heroes," which was a short reading selection that introduced students to the training academy for firefighters just beginning their career. While their visit was cut short as the heroes were called out to help another person in need, their visit left a lasting impression on the students.

In addition to the firefighters' visit, the Camp Verde Marshall's Office sent out their Commander who explained her career and answered numerous questions the students had written. The Commander's greatest accomplishment was the formation of a non-profit agency called angelsonpatrol.org. We look forward to seeing these folks at our Read Across America Week also!

After the visit, the students made a thank-you cards that that will be dropped off this weekend.



Other remembrances included Mrs. Reddell's class and Mrs. Howe's class creating 9/11 bulletin boards.



Elementary Students at Play

This year at the elementary school, we are focusing more on play and student health. Recess times have been added at all grade levels, and teachers have been encouraged to “read” their students to help identify times when they need to take a brain break. Research suggests that expanding unstructured play time results in students who are more focused and who have larger academic gains. This is challenging to embrace at a time when state-mandated achievement tests are held up as the watermark for “good teaching.” We are working on a paradigm shift across the district, with children’s mental and physical well-being as our most important focus. Below are just a couple of pictures of students and teachers at play—Mr. Showers jumping rope with our 3rd graders, and 5th grade students taking a brain break by playing *Simon Says*.



Minion Week in the Preschool

This week's theme in our preschool class was MINIONS!!!! Lessons, dress, and play centered on our favorite yellow movie friends. The letter "M" was the focus for reading and writing lessons, while yellow was the color of the week. Craft activities also were Minion-themed, allowing students the time needed to practice their cutting, gluing, sharing, and focusing skills. Even teachers got into the act with Minion-themed clothing.



Special Education

In the first six weeks of school 69 IEP meetings have been held.

As of 9/16/16, 225 special education students are enrolled in school.

SCHOOL	As of 9/16/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Preschool	21	+4	17
Elementary School	93	0	93
Middle School	38	-4	42
Accommodation School	4	+1	3
High School	61	-2	63
South Verde High School	4	-2	6
TOTALS	225	+1	224

504 Students

SCHOOL	As of 9/16/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
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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
TOTALS	20	+2	0

Gifted (High School students may choose to attend AP classes.)

SCHOOL	As of 9/16/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Elementary School	26	+2	24
Middle School	24	+4	20
Accommodation School	0	0	0
High School	21	+2	19)
South Verde High School	0	0	0
TOTAL IN PROGRAM	51	+9	44

Preschool

Mrs. Jackson and her team led creative and interactive lessons on this week's theme about "Minions!" The students finished their "All about me!" books and learned about friendship. They had fun developing their fine motor skills through painting and



Gifted

Ms. Meyer met with the families and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students in the elementary gifted program Thursday evening. Through discussion and family friendly interactive activities the elementary gifted program and plan for the year was explained. This year's theme will be a gifted curriculum on the human body. Students will be learning about the body through STEAM investigations.

