

Weekly Board Report 23 September 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1632 as compared 1594 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 702 vs. 709; Middle School 385 vs. 350; Camp Verde High School 479 vs. 449; Accommodations School 31 vs. 13; South Verde High School 35 vs. 73.

We have signed off on the ballot for the November board election. We have everything in place to support the upcoming board member election.

I attended the Northern Arizona Business-Education Summit this week in Flagstaff. Topics of discussion were "Challenges in Educating Native American Students", "Local Business Supporting Education", and we had the pleasure of hearing from State Senator Sylvia Allen and also running for State Senator in our district, Nikki Bagley. Very positive support from both candidates on what our needs are in education...primarily funding. Discussion arose with the Governor wanting to cut taxes across the state. That it seems like Prop 123 was our funding growth for the next several years...and now he will cut taxes and reduce the revenue stream into the state coffers. Additionally the topic of renewing 301 funding for teachers came up. We discussed the shortage of teachers across the state...the current shortfall is 2500 teachers state wide. Yup...that was correct...2500 classrooms that lacked the proper teacher credentials. They believe this number will continue to rise. The state funding average for our teachers based upon an elementary teacher salary is 75% of the national average.

This coming week Mr. Howe and I will be going to the Northern Arizona School Emergency Preparedness and Response Consortium. This is a group that meets every quarter at the Coconino County Law Enforcement Administrative Facility. The goal of this consortium is to create a cohort in school preparedness and emergency response planning. Additionally it is to work together to create and support building and updating school emergency response plans for the different districts.

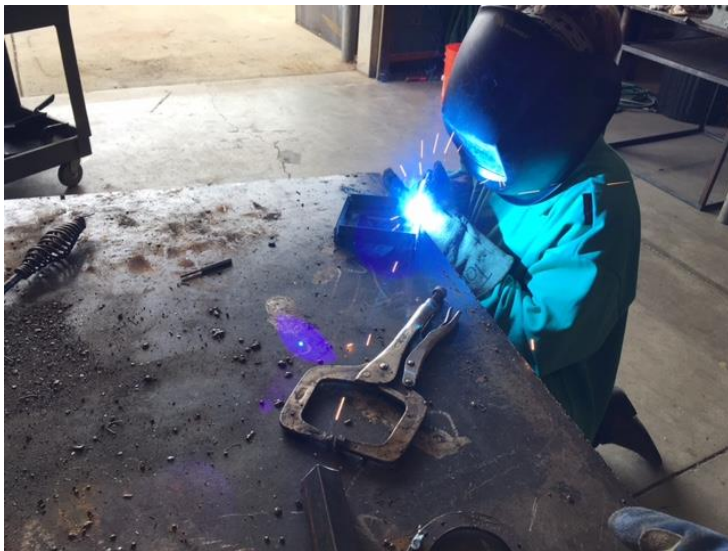
We received our yearly allocation of Forest Fees Funds this week. The amount we receive varies from year to year, this year's amount came in just under \$60,000.00. This is money from the federal government to offset unpaid property taxes due to Forest Service land located within the district boundaries. Lately rumors have surfaced as to whether these funds will continue or at least significantly decrease. This money is unrestricted and usually used for unbudgeted "surprises" that come along throughout the year.

Camp Verde High School:

Here is a picture of the plaques that will be given to the winners of the Cross Country Meet. Mr. O'Callaghan supplied the wooden backs and the second hour welding students cut out, painted and attached the Cowboy emblem to them. Mr. O'Callaghan and Mr. Douvikas think they turned out great!



Also in Welding class, our students are practicing different welding angles.



FFA will be having their Pie/Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 27th @ 6 PM in the MUC.

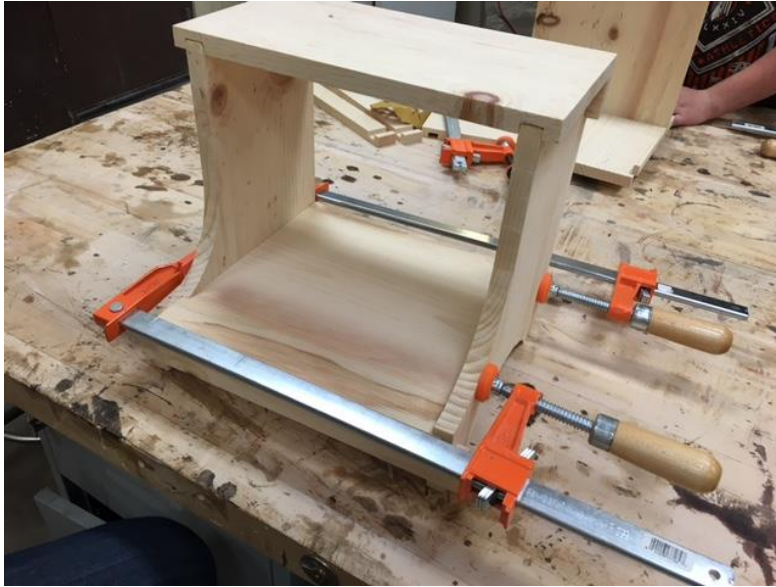
Balfour has been on campus to meet with the student classes to discuss class rings, graduation rings, etc... and will be here again on September 28th from 5-7 PM to meet with parents who would like to place orders.

Key Club will be working with Kiwanis on:

10/1 Saturday to clean the highway around the high school for the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

10/8 Saturday at the Fort Verde Days at the Pancake Breakfast.

Our Woods students are currently in the process of making stools. Here is the last step after the wood glue has been applied. Clamps are used to hold the pieces in place until the glue dries.



Our art students were practicing make-up and face painting in preparation for their photo shoot.

It was a busy week at Camp Verde Middle School!

This week the JOM and the Yavapai-Apache Culture provided a culture performance celebrating Native American Week. The "Lil Warriors" performed an Apache war dance, while Delmundo Cepress (JOM elementary tutor) sang and drummed. Then Ron Juan sang and gourd while the Yavapai Bird dancers performed. Miss Marley Juan (Miss Yavapai-Apache, JOM high school tutor) explained Native American Week to students. A great time was had by all.





A week ago Friday, the gifted and teen leadership classes built trebuchets for a contest on October 29th at the Verde Valley Fair Grounds. Steven Mahan's dad was a great help as he along with other parents donated all of the materials that were needed for the build. Mr. Mahan also donated his time on Friday by helping the students organize, design and build the trebuchet.



8th Grade Language Arts continued reading *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. This week the students focused on characterization, theme, and point of view. The students are really getting into the book, and had fun dressing up last Thursday for "Greaser Day." It is the hope of 8th grade teachers that this tradition of having a Greaser Day will continue into the years to come.

This week in Mrs. Tankesley's gifted class, the students will be adopting a unit/platoon from a Project Frontlines. They will be writing letters, and sending care packages to our soldiers who are so bravely defending our freedom to be in public education.

In 7th grade Science, the students are measuring volume and mass and then calculating the densities of regular and irregular shapes.

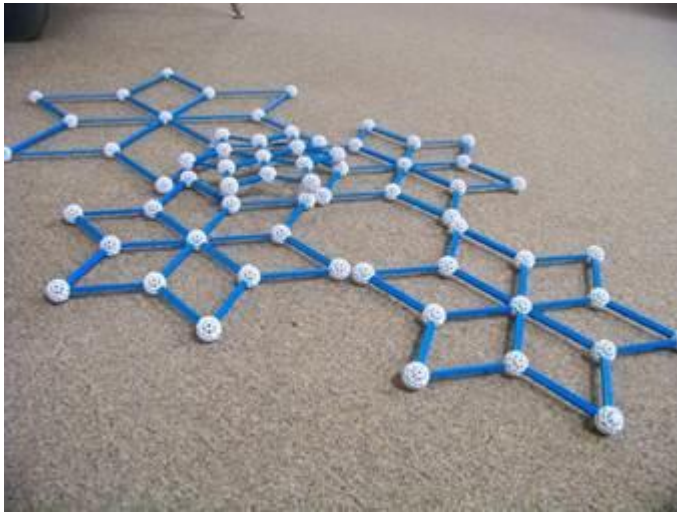


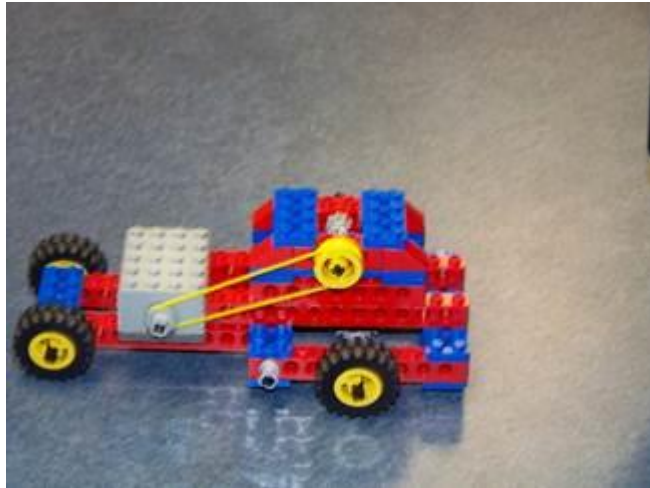
Donnie Shanks' 6th grade Teen Leadership class has been exploring the concept of "Personal Mastery" this week. They have discussed that it is important that we are always reaching to get better and always setting new goals. The students finished the week by giving a speech on a smart goal that they want to achieve by the time they get to high school.

Mrs. Gustin's Accommodation School students are learning to play chess as a reward for working hard. Mrs. Gustin donated all of the boards and pieces. A BIG THANK YOU! to her for her outstanding dedication to these students.

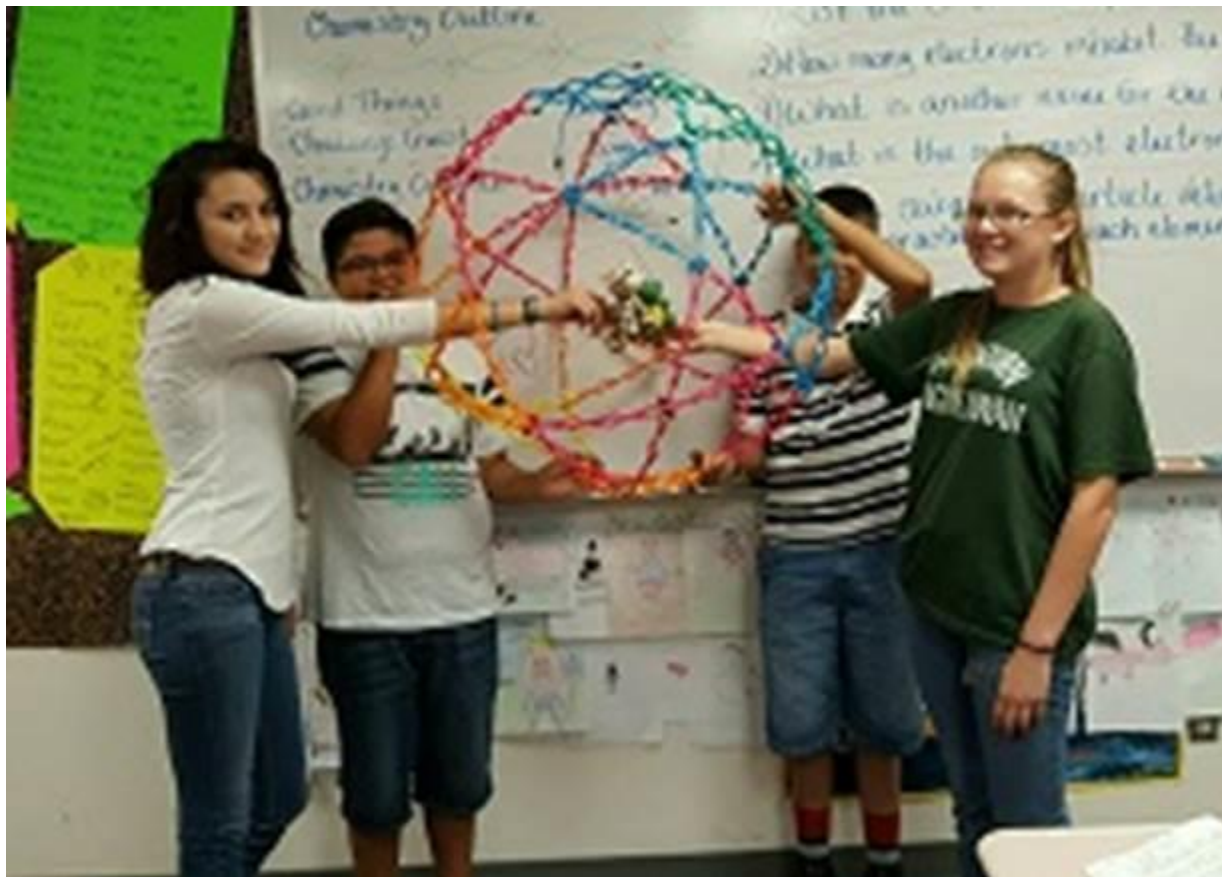
Mr. Wilson's 7th grade Social Studies class is studying the War of 1812. They have already covered the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. They have learned who wrote the Star Spangled Banner and the circumstances that were taking place while it was being written. It was originally a poem later put to music.

The 7th grade Tech class is working on creating projects with Legos and Fischertechnicks while the 8th grade is working on Knex and Zometool projects.





Mrs. Koeppe's 8th grade Science students are unlocking the mystery of the atom. After investigating the interrelationships of electrons, protons, neutrons, electromagnetic force and strong force, they will adopt their own element! The 'Adopt-An-Element-Project' will find students researching their own element in order to create an information sheet and an advertisement proclaiming the exciting attributes of their element! These will be presented in class.





The Golf team did an amazing job at that their tournament. Here are the awards they took:

First in etiquette: Lindsey Hazelwood and Logan Jocewicz

First in team points: Silas Gagnon

4th in Competitive class: Erick Lyles

Longest putt: Zack McKay

Mr. Howe wants to give a big public shout out to his amazing staff. CVMS rocks!!!!!!



Elementary Beginning Robotics Class Prepares for the Future!

The elementary beginning robotics class has had a busy few weeks. They have been taking inventory of supplies, assembling, and charging their robots. These are all time-consuming activities that must be performed with extreme precision. Next week, they will begin programming the robots, again taking careful work to accomplish successfully. All of this is preparation for the time when they will move from the being a “cadet” to being a member of the Cyber Cowboys Robotics Team.



Elementary Students Celebrate Native American Week

On Wednesday morning, students at the elementary school were treated to a performance by the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Members of the Yavapai-Apache tribe (including many who are elementary students in our school) performed traditional dances including a warrior dance and a bird song dance. Students heard stories about the dances from a tribal elder, and got to meet Miss Yavapai-Apache. The performance lasted 45 minutes and left a lasting impression on our students.



Child Safety Awareness Week

Child Safety Awareness Week went very well at the elementary campus this week. The Camp Verde Marshall's Office and the elementary school hosted a Child Safety Awareness Week in the elementary parking lot before school on Monday.

The most important aspect of this goodwill effort was handing out child car seats to families who did not have one or could not afford one on their own. Officers checked car seats to make sure they were properly installed, handed out goody bags, and met the families as they dropped their children off for school.

This was an excellent opportunity to show that we are working hard in collaboration with the Camp Verde Marshall's Office to keep our students safe and happy. Special thanks to Office Mike for arranging this event!! Below are pictures of the event:



Parent-Teacher Conferences a Success!

Elementary school teachers finished up their first round of parent-teacher conferences last week. In this busy time, teachers reach out to parents of all their students to arrange a meeting with them so they can discuss their child's academic success and needs. Many times, these meetings must take place in the evening in order to accommodate parents' busy schedules. Another way our teachers reach out is to set phone conferences or send home detailed academic reports for parents to examine. In all, teachers reported a great turn out of parents.

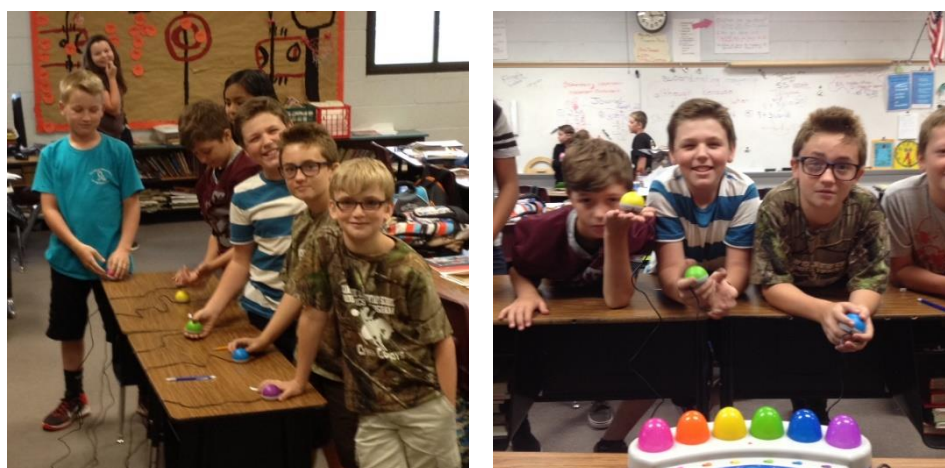
In order to support our teaching staff, the paraprofessionals at the elementary campus got together and brought in food for teachers to snack on during their late-night meetings. It was an incredibly kind thing gesture and the teachers truly appreciated it.



Who's the "Eggspert?"

Mrs. Howe's class had a busy week in social studies. The students have been studying the American landscape—regions, land formations, and climate. This segues into a unit on the five regions of the U.S., along with States and Capitals.

In order to test their knowledge, the class was broken up into six teams for a quiz show style review. Questions from study guide were game questions, and allowed the student a chance to review for the test, which they took in the afternoon. Below, the students are ready to jump into the game!



In the first seven weeks of school 84 IEP meetings have been held.

As of 9/23/16, **225** special education students are enrolled in school.

SCHOOL	As of 9/23/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Preschool	19	+2	17
Elementary School	91	-2	93
Middle School	39	-3	42
Accommodation School	4	+1	3

High School	62	-1	63
South Verde High School	8	+2	6
TOTALS	223	-1	224

504 Students

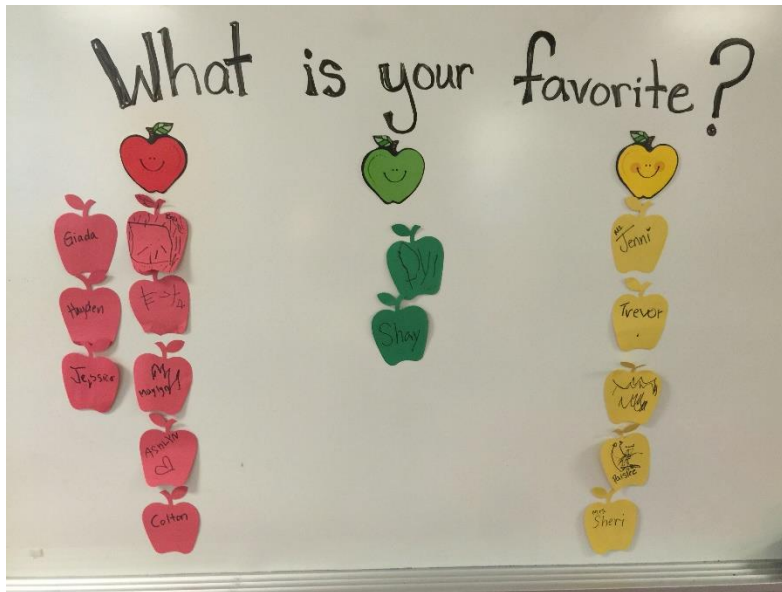
SCHOOL	As of 9/23/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Preschool	0	0	0
Elementary School	4	+2	2
Middle School	5	0	5
Accommodation School	1	0	1
High School	9	0	9
South Verde High School	1	0	1
TOTALS	20	+2	0

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

SCHOOL	As of 9/23/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Elementary School	27	+3	24
Middle School	24	+4	20
Accommodation School	0	0	0
<i>(High School)</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>+2</i>	<i>19)</i>
South Verde High School	0	0	0
TOTAL IN PROGRAM	51	+7	44

Mrs. Jackson's preschool students are getting ready for Fall! They are learning about apples. Friday the preschooler's tasted the different kinds of apples and then they made a graph!





Gifted – Elementary

This week has been full of learning and fun, fun, fun!!! Last Thursday evening, Mrs. Meyer hosted a Family Gifted Night. Families were able to learn a bit more about Capturing Kids' Hearts, the gifted curriculum, upcoming gifted testing, and the after-school enrichment club which begins September 22nd. They also worked in groups to work through family math activities. It was such a joyous experience to listen to families talk through the process.

In all classes, students have been engaged in age-appropriate spontaneous problem solving. Students have experience with verbal, hands-on, and verbal hands-on problem solving. Students have been introduced to numerical palindromes and are converting numbers 0-100 to palindromes.

The students are continuing with the body systems unit and will begin next week with a guest speaker. Jacque Zepeda, the mother of a student and a registered nurse in the community, will introduce us to life in the medical field.

Vocational Rehabilitation

This week district high school teachers and counselors met with Lu Anne Behrle, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor from Cottonwood. Daria Weir, Lisa Powers, Lois Warren, Janet Andrews, Marie Zewel, and Marie Gustin attended.

Our district's Vocational Rehab counselor, Lu Anne Behrle, announced a new Federal program focused on preparing students ages 14-22 for entry into the job market. This new program brings some funding as well which will allow Lu Anne to spend 4 hours per week in the Camp Verde School District working directly with CVUSD high school students.

This exciting opportunity for VR services is extended to any student with a disability or health condition that affects the ability to work in competitive employment. In order to take advantage of VR services, students must have a documented disability, i.e. have an IEP, 504 Plan, or a

limiting health condition verified by a medical doctor, and already have a goal of education, training, or work after high school graduation. VR does not provide services to students eligible for DDD funded and provided post-secondary programs.

A rich discussion by the group centered on compatible transition services for students already addressed by the district ECAP and IEP Transition Plans. We discovered that addressing and developing self-advocacy skills (which includes self-awareness of the disability) is an area that has received little focus in the high school setting but is a critical skill for post-secondary success.

In mid-October, once Lu Anne's schedule settles down after wrapping up responsibilities in Payson, she'll be in district on Wednesday mornings from 8:00-12:00. From 8:00-9:00 she'll be visiting the Accommodation School and South Verde as needed. The rest of the time she'll be at the High School working with individual students starting with graduating seniors to determine eligibility, their VR priority status, and initiating post high school connections so eligible students have supports for education, training, or work the day after graduation.

In addition to working with our seniors, Lu Anne will also be working with small groups of 9th – 11th grade student to orient them to services VR can offer and providing individual guidance to students.