

## Weekly Board Report 21 October 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1616 as compared 1578 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 693 vs. 705: Middle School 383 vs. 350; Camp Verde High School 473 vs. 437: Accommodations School 31 vs. 18: South Verde High School 36 vs. 68.

The Strategic Plan is being finalized for presentation. There are still a few reviews that will no doubt produce future revisions. However, as our Strategic Plan evolves it is becoming what we hope will be a tool to take our Verde Valley children, with all their particular Verde Valley distinctive, and shape them into the “productive citizens” we envision. Whether a student chooses to directly enter the workforce, military, or go on to post secondary studies, the plan attempts to channel our limited resources to provide each student with “a safe and caring environment in which knowledge, skills, and attitudes enable learners to become productive citizens.”

Under your internet browser...Internet explorer, this video played for me. This was from a recent volleyball game here at our gym:

<https://www.facebook.com/campverdecowboysvolleyball/videos/302707870115597/>

Our ASVAB and PSAT testing went great on 10/19. We were able to get all of the seniors to take the ASVAB, including those seniors from South Verde HS. We are very thankful to the many military recruiters who came to help support that test. Our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT and the feedback from the students was positive. Also, all seniors took the initial Civics test which is necessary for graduation. Initial feedback from that was also positive. We will offer it several more times over the course of the school year, but we anticipate that most of the students passed the test on their first try. As a side note, we are planning on offering the ACT on February 28<sup>th</sup> to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders and for any senior who wants one more crack at it before they graduate.

Our picture retake day will be Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will have an Awards Assembly on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM. These will include academic awards from the first quarter grading period as well as perfect attendance and a few awards from the previous school year.

Float building for the parade has been both crazy and exciting, but the students have come up with some very creative and decorative floats this year.





Lunchtime activities for HC week were also a big success. The pie eating contest was CLASSIC!



Our HC Pep Assembly was loud and full of school spirit.



Coach Rhoades introduces the Varsity Football team...



Students show off their school spirit with a group photo during lunch. Lots of Cowboy Blue in that picture!



Wow! First quarter ended and report cards were mailed home this week. Remediation Friday School starts this Friday from 8-noon. This year we are providing transportation. That should help some students attend.

This week at the Middle School in boys' PE, they started a basketball unit, working on skills



such as dribbling, correct shooting form, and layup shooting. This is a picture of the boys playing a dribbling game called "knock out", where you maintain your dribble while trying to knock another player's basketball out of play. Great fun for all these kids!

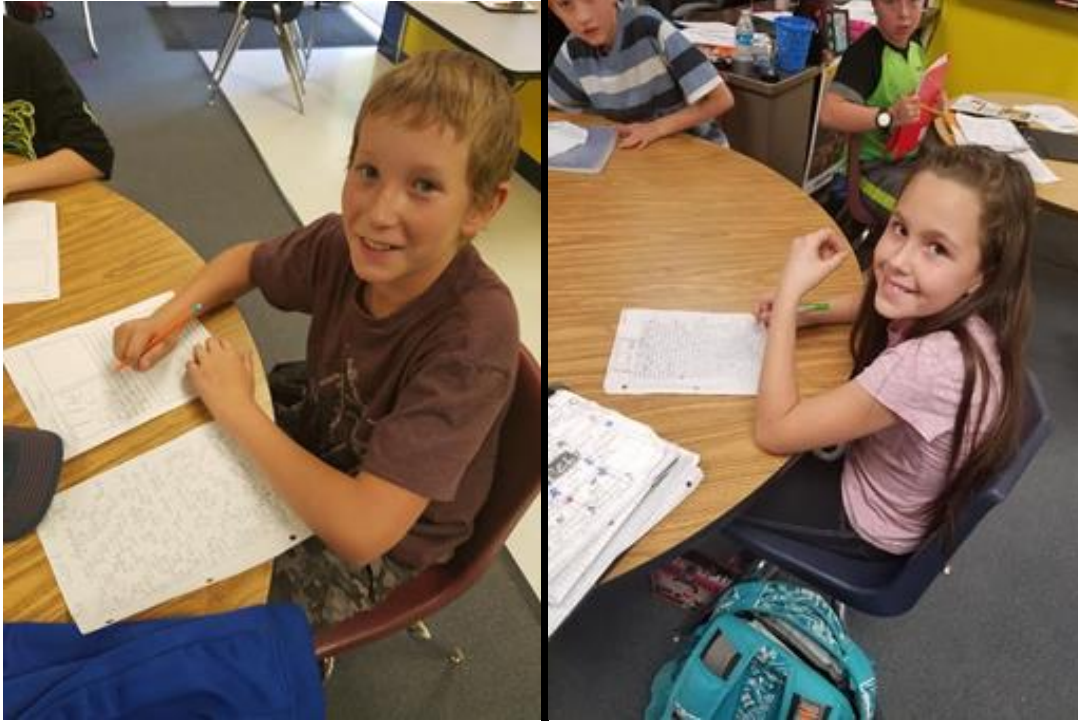
Mr. Hansen's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math class had a "create a healthy good-tasting soda" competition, using what they have learned about ratios. They used orange juice as a sweetener and seltzer water for fizz. After creating three samples and taste testing each one, they chose their favorite recipe and used that ratio to create a double portion of their creation. They then named it, labeled it and listed the ingredients as a simplified percentage ratio.



6th grade Language Arts has been busy completing their first STAR Reading Test through Reading Renaissance. The students were anxious to know their current reading level and record it in their Data Folders. They will be setting their AR Goals in the coming week and visiting the library to check out books. They are continuing to read *Maniac Magee*, which the students are very interested in. They can't believe a young boy is going to teach an old man to read!! Very inspiring!!

Mr. Pelfrey's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science students were wrapping up the understanding of the Scientific Method and how we use it in everyday life, not just for Science. They learned about Quantitative v. Qualitative Data, Independent and Dependent Variables, and Constants in an experiment. They will be going into the study of the Animal and Plant Cells, Bacteria and Protists.

6th grade Teen Leadership, taught by Mr. Shanks, has been talking about "Re-framing" negative situations with a positive perspective. The students then started writing their own children's book about a character that is in a negative situation and re-frames it to have a positive outcome.



This week, 7th grade Math has been working on understanding unit rates. Today they did an investigation into real-world consumer spending and unit pricing. The students investigated food items that are priced per pound using local grocery ads. They compared Fry's, Bashas, and Safeway, pricing three items that are sold by the pound. Students selected items of their choice and determined price per pound and the price of buying different quantities. Next week they will work on graphing these using the principles of linear models and predict how much it would cost if they bought larger amounts.



Last week Mrs. Koeppe's kids completed their unit on Chemistry with a water lab. Water molecules are polar. Their positive and negative sides keep water attracted to itself. Cohesion, adhesion surface tension and high heat of vaporization were explored. Then, it was time for some silliness!



In Title I Math this week, the 7th and 8th graders have been practicing dividing whole numbers and fractions by whole numbers and fractions. The 6th graders practiced subtracting mixed numbers and multiplying fractions with whole numbers and fractions. All Title I Math classes take notes in their notebook to create their own "how to" math book. This year's classes have done an outstanding job - writing clearly and remembering to catch up when they are absent.

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In Title I Reading, Mrs. Norman's students finished reading Tuck Everlasting. They are going to watch the movie and compare and contrast the two.



The brand new 30-student strong band had a very successful debut performance on Tuesday 10/11/2016, with a nearly full house to encourage them. Mr. Yost and his crew showed off their hard work and dedication with a collection of fun and familiar folk tunes. They did an awesome job!! The 7th & 8th grade Choir then provided an entertaining performance, including a choreographed song & dance number originally recorded by Megan Trainor. Later, they teamed up with the high school choir to rock the house with a little Mozart & some Pentatonix!

The volleyball team travels to Pine this Friday and Saturday for their league tournament. The football team has its last game this coming Tuesday in Cottonwood. Basketball season is just around the corner as the boys try outs start this coming Monday.

### Fall Family Round-Up

This past week at the elementary school, it was all about preparation for Fall Family Round-Up. On Thursday night, we hosted 391 adults and 590 children (that's 981 total!) for an evening of fun and time to connect as a learning community. Teachers hosted a large variety of activities in their rooms including crafts, town building, rocket building, bingo, STEM activities, problem solving, carnival games, and reading activities. There was also the Scholastic Book Fair taking place in our art room, which brought in over \$3000 on Thursday night alone, and a *Go Math!* presentation and Q & A session.

There were a few other goodies around for families to enjoy throughout the school. Pumpkins of various shapes and sizes were hidden throughout the school and a table was set up for guessing (or counting for the more enthusiastic kiddos) the total number of pumpkins. The student who guessed closest without going over received a trick-or-treating candy tote filled with goodies. In addition, there was a Title 1 information table with free take-aways, a story-time area with stories being read by one of our wonderful paraprofessionals and books given out to students who sat for a story, and door prizes called every half hour. The door prizes were the most popular for the grown-ups--\$25 gift cards to Bashas'!

In our gym, there was an on-going cake walk, free popcorn and apples, a class pumpkin decorating contest with the winner determined by votes from attendees, fall temporary tattoos, a display from the Verde Valley Archaeology Center and Museum, a Head-Start table for parents of young children, and a gallery walk of wonderful art and academic work by each class.

It takes MANY hands to pull together an event like this. The teachers and paraprofessionals have worked tirelessly to ensure this event is fun, educational, and organized. Throughout the entire school, fall bulletin boards and decorations set the mood for our festivities. Our FFR committee members have spent the past several weeks shopping, planning, organizing, assembling, taping, and gathering everything needed for this one event. (We need to send a special thanks to Melissa and Danny Howe for saving the day when our popcorn popper began to fail just 30 minutes before the event started. They whisked over the middle school's popcorn machine and we were back in business before anyone noticed what had happened.) It's also important to recognize the extra efforts of our custodial staff. It takes a lot of time to set up and clean up after 981 people have visited the school in one night! Special thanks, too, for our board members who attended. It really made the staff feel proud to host you at our Round-Up! *Below is a picture gallery from the evening:*







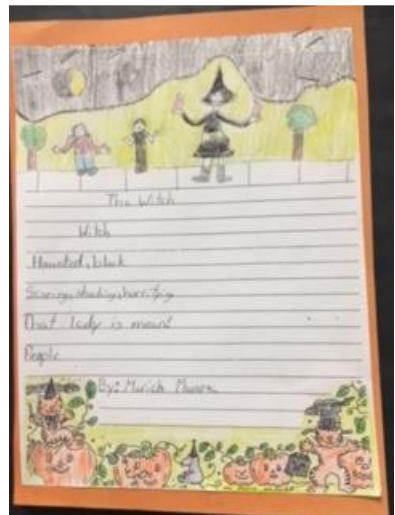
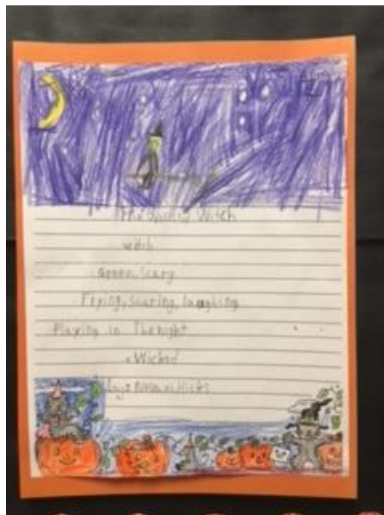












In the first twelve weeks of school 137 IEP meetings have been held.

As of 10/21/16 225 special education students are enrolled in school.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 10/21/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
Preschool	23	+6	17
Elementary School	89	-4	93
Middle School	38	-4	42
Accommodation School	4	+1	3
High School	62	-1	63
South Verde High School	9	+3	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>224</b>

504 Students

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 10/21/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
Preschool	0	0	0
Elementary School	5	+3	2
Middle School	5	0	5
Accommodation School	1	0	1
High School	10	+1	9
South Verde High School	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>18</b>

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

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>As of 10/21/16</b>	<b>+ Gain or - Loss</b>	<b>As of 8/11/16</b>
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
<b>TOTAL IN PROGRAM</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>44</b>

### Preschool and CHILD FIND

The next date for Preschool Child Find screenings for preschool aged children (ages 3-5 but not eligible for Kindergarten) will take place on Friday 12/2/16 from 9:00 am to noon. Child Find screenings will take place in the preschool classroom at the Elementary School. Screenings will be conducted by Jenni Jackson-Preschool Teacher, Dr. Sami Worsam-School Psychologist, and Toni Kohlbeck-Speech-Language Pathologist.

To schedule an appointment for a preschool aged child to be screened, please call Mrs. Jackson at 928-203-2682. The remaining dates for preschool Child Find screenings are: 1/20/17, 3/3/17, 4/21/17, and 6/16/17.

### Special Olympics

Our very own elementary Special Education Teacher Debbie Justus is the regional Special Olympics coach for the Verde Valley for students and adults with disabilities. Last weekend she

and her coaching staff took a team of 52 students and adults to the Arizona Special Olympics Fall Games held at Skyline High School in Mesa. CVUSD was represented by four current and three graduated students participated in swimming, Bocce, and softball. Our students took home gold, silver, and bronze medals and everyone not medaling received ribbons. CONGRATULATIONS to our Special Olympians!



Bronze Medal 25 m Backstroke Team  
Middle School Colin Plante



Bronze Medal 25 m Freestyle Relay  
Colin Plante 2<sup>nd</sup> from Left



Bronze Medal Unified Softball Team with CVUSD Senior Braydon Barker and CVUSD Graduates William Robison & William Kirk

### Early Childhood Parent Resource

First Things First is a State initiative to help families and schools get children ready for school. The Birth to Five Helpline is FREE to anyone with questions about children ages five and under. Staffed by Southwest Human Development, their expert child development specialists are there to help.

1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

Technology update:

#### Wireless Network Upgrade

We are still waiting on an updated proposal from the vendor.

#### South Verde Content Filter

The WatchGuard content filter is on hand. After installing the system we had an issue with A+. We have disabled the device until we can determine what part of A+ is being blocked. We have a call in to the A+ tech folks. Estimated in-service date is 27 October 2016.

#### HS Bell/Paging system

The system is in and working. It has been discovered that a few of the classroom speakers are not functioning properly, and according to the teachers have not been for a while. These items are not covered under the installation contract, because we were not notified until after the fact that they were problems. We will need to list all of those that have failed and put in another purchase order for repairs in the future. We will turn this system over to maintenance when this project is complete. Estimated completion date 1 November 2016.

#### Heat issues in the MUCC Server Room

We have had a couple of AC issues in the MUCC server room. Maintenance has fixed the AC issues. To help with early notification, we have ordered a temperature sensor that works in conjunction with our APC battery backups to protect our server. The sensor can email several people and warn them that the temperature is rising and if we so choose will begin shutting down systems in a safe manner. Estimated completion date 5 December 2016.

#### Server Upgrade

It is time to consider replacing our servers. This year we would like to replace at least one with a blade style server. This project is still in the planning stages.

#### Radio Base Stations

We are currently researching the best price and model for the base stations. We expect to have the purchase request in by 26 October 2016. Estimated in-service date is 15 December 2016.