

Weekly Board Report 16 December 2016

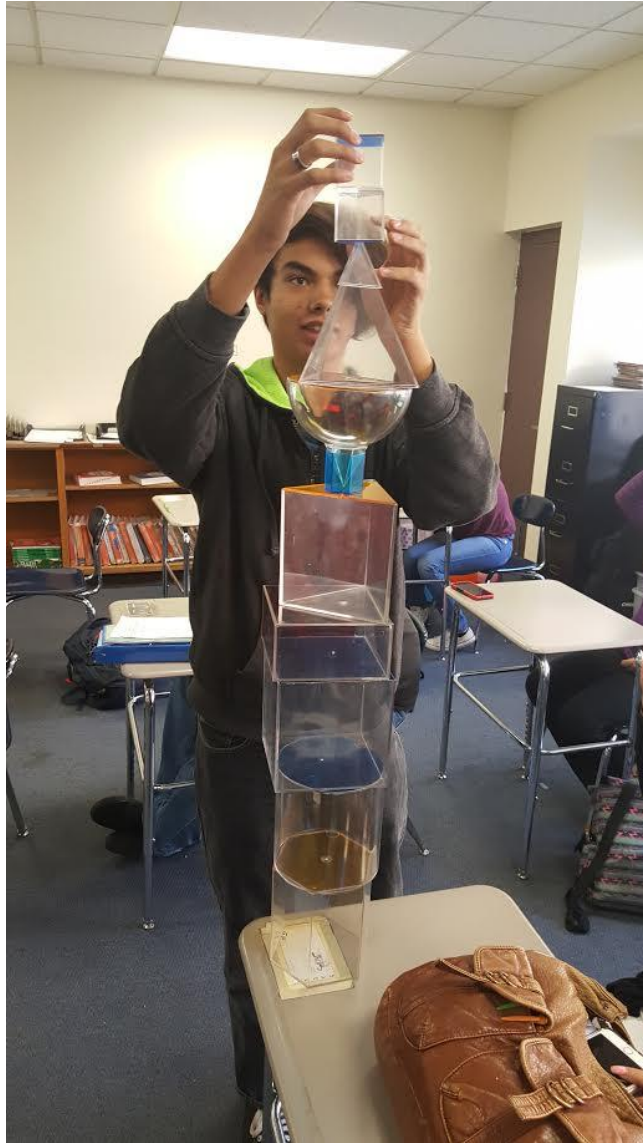
The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1627 as compared 1593 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 695 vs. 721; Middle School 382 vs. 343; Camp Verde High School 479 vs. 436; Accommodations School 32 vs. 25; South Verde High School 39 vs. 68.

Last summer Highland Church located in Scottsdale donated over 100 backpacks and school supplies for our elementary school. Well they once again served our kids and families in our community by donating 50 packages for families in the Adopt a Family program here in Camp Verde. In the following two pictures numerous packages are on our middle school gym floor ready for selected families in our community. Our district was a part of this by working with the church in Scottsdale and bringing these gifts to the Adopt a Family program.



We are talking with Northern Arizona Healthcare investigating their placement of an Athletic Trainer in our District. We presently have a part-time trainer visiting our campuses a couple times a week. The discussions now look to increase the amount of time the trainer would be on our campus, allowing us to utilize a near full-time certified trainer. This would allow us to have a trainer at our athletic events and possibly open the door for more job shadowing and other partnerships with Northern Arizona Healthcare.

Mr. Andrews said for his unit on finding Surface Area & Volume of 3D objects he passed around various Pyramids and Prisms. This led to the inevitable building of towers!



Ours TOPS club in action reading to the elementary students during their lunch period...



Our Science team's second attempt at ant hill recovery...

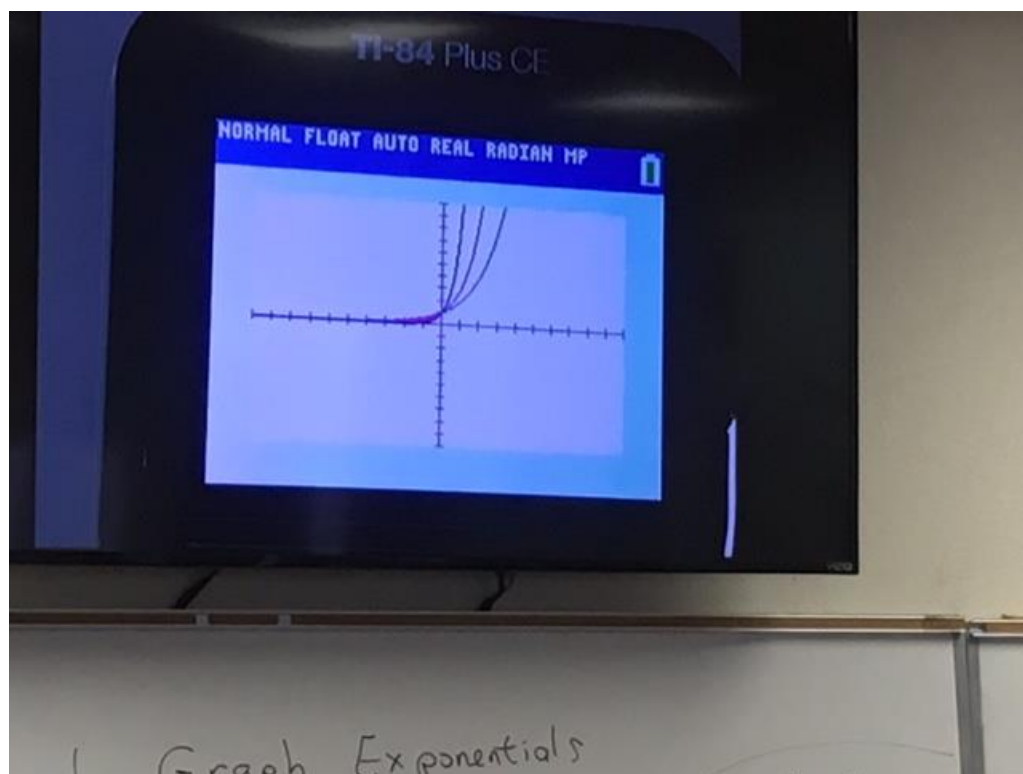
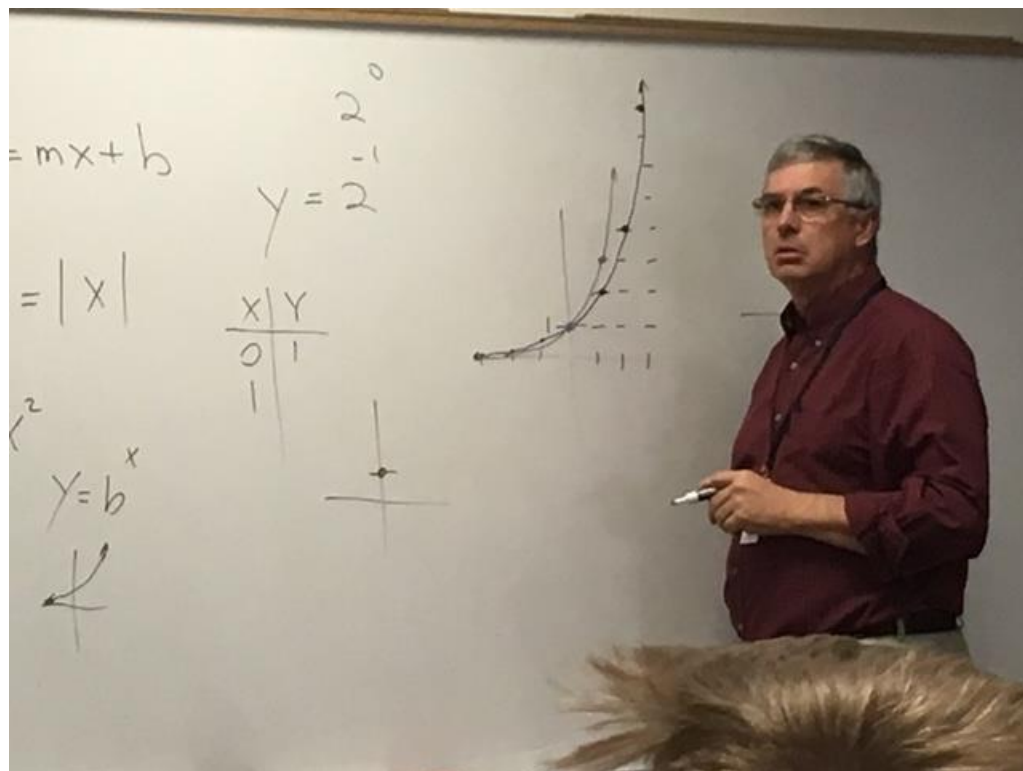




TOPS club had a great time with about 65 ranchers watching a movie at Rainbow Acres. They served popcorn and candy, had about 25 TOPS members show up.



Algebras is much more fun with technology when we graph exponentials in Mr. Schafer's room....



We are in the process of purchasing yet another mobile Chromebook touch screen lab cart. Between the calculators, carts already purchased, flat screen TVs, and wiring we will be well over \$50,000 spent on technology for CVHS students this school year.

Final exam days will be Wednesday, December 21st and Thursday, December 22nd. Those days will also be ½ days for students at CVHS. We will dismiss students @ 12:15 PM on those days.

Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate Mrs. Laura Norman for being our nominee for Yavapai County Teacher of the Year. She is an awesome teacher and does a terrific job with our students! Good Luck Laura! We are proud of you!!!!

Capturing Kids' Hearts is alive and well at the Middle School! Lynn Bray, our trainer for the Middle School staff was on campus Tuesday, and was impressed by what she saw. She was checking to see if we are continuing to grow our relational capacity by observing classrooms, courtyard transitions, and interactions between all stakeholders. I'm proud to say she gave us two thumbs up!! Mr. Tankesley's Teen Leadership kids were responsible for December's decorations in the marquee at the front of the school. They wrote affirmations to the staff and their friends on cut outs of a snowman, snowflake, Christmas ornaments, presents, and lights. Here is a picture of their work. Great job girls and boys! Way to go CVMS!!!



A very busy week, but not a lot of variety to share as teachers gave Quarter 2 tests. In Mr. Hansen's 6th grade Math class, students finished up final assignments and took their quarterly

benchmark test for Quarter 2. The second quarter covered how ratios and proportions can be a useful tool to solve all kinds of problems, from measurement conversions to percent problems. As they begin the third quarter, they will continue division with fractions and move into working with integers.

7th grade Math is wrapping up proportions and will be moving into consumer math including integers, taxes, discounts and interest. They will begin their JA Finance workbooks to prepare for a hands on PBL simulation in May. The workbooks include balancing checkbooks, mock W-2 forms and checks, where students determine the amount of taxes paid on earned income. Students will also learn about investments, debt and simple interest.

In 7th grade Science, they began their week by synthesizing identifying characteristics of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock structures. To complete the rock cycle, students will finish a 3D model of such structures and prepare for their mid-term assessment at the end of the week.

Mr. Wilson's seventh grade Social Studies classes made their assignments for their Civil War Poster Projects and started doing research on Wed. and Thurs. They will be completing the research and beginning to plan the posters and their presentations to finish by the middle of January. They were able to choose an individual, a battle, a topic or issue. When they finish, they will present them to the class.

All three grades of Title I Math reviewed the quarter's Math topics on Monday and Tuesday and took the 2nd Quarter exam on Wednesday and Thursday. The 7th graders received the best test scores of the three classes, followed by the 6th graders and then 8th.

Mrs. Norman's Title I Reading classes finished up their novels this week. The 8th graders finished reading, "Hoot", and will watch the movie next week. They will then compare and contrast the movie and the book. The 7th graders finished reading, "My Side of the Mountain." They will continue watching the movie and compare and contrast next week as well. The 6th graders have already finished reading, "Riding Freedom." Unfortunately, there is not a movie that correlates with this novel. Instead, they will make friendship bracelets next week, as it relates to the events in the novel.

Mr. Shanks' 6th grade Teen Leadership is working on the I-POSSESS skills that make up the Emotional Intelligence Scales.

I = Interpersonal skills

P = Persistence

O = Optimism

S = Self-Awareness

S = Self- Control

E = Empathy

S = Social Skills

S = Self-Motivation

The class is breaking down each skill to get a deep understanding of what they mean and how the skill will help them to become a successful person.

On Thursday, CVMS took 146 students to Shake, Rattle, and Bowl for the PRIDE program. We received several complements on how polite and well behaved our students were. They were respectful and they had a great time. They spent time with friends, ate at Johnny Rockets and played in the arcade.



Thursday evening, all three schools music programs combined to perform a Christmas concert. Mr Howe would like to compliment all who participated. They did a great job in front of a packed house. The Middle School Band also played for the choir to sing along. Compliments

to them and their teacher, Brandon Yost. We have not had a band program in many years.



Can you believe it, one more week 'til Christmas break? Feliz Navidad!

Elks Hoop Shoot

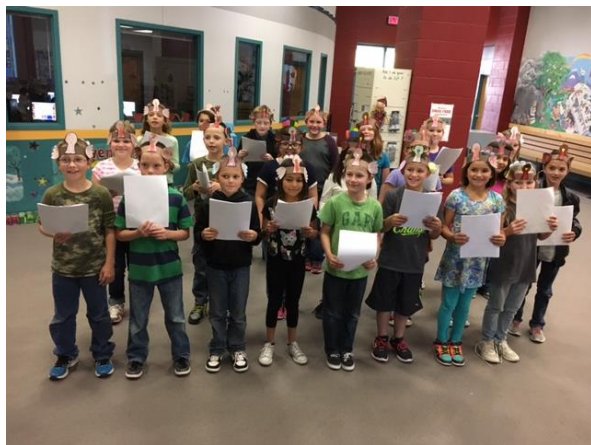
On November 19th, the Elks Lodge held their annual Hoop Shoot Competition at Clarkdale-Jerome school. The Hoop Shoot requires each student to shoot ten shots from the free-throw line without crossing over it. Only three dribbles are allowed between each shot and students must make at least three baskets to qualify to compete in the competition.

All our students in classes 3rd-5th grade spent a week practicing shooting basketball hoops in Fit Kids. Miss Erica, our Fit Kids instructor, held try-outs on the 17th of November. Eight students qualified to go, and of those kids, four students placed and will now go to the state competition in Chino Valley in January. From there, they can qualify to go to Las Vegas, then on to Nationals in Chicago.

Our winners are: Lilian Begay, Danny Castro, and Cipriano Cota who all took first place in their age bracket, while Jayden Hines took second for his age bracket. They won trophies and a pizza party from the Elks lodge that sponsored the event. Well done, everyone!

A Thanksgiving Carol

The day before Thanksgiving break, Mrs. Reddell's class toured the elementary school, singing Thanksgiving carols. These carols were written by the students, set to the tune of popular Christmas songs and included titles like *Turkey Smells* (set to *Jingle Bells*), *Jase, the Black Beak Turkey* (set to *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*), and *Oh, Thanksgiving* (set to *Oh Christmas Tree*). In addition, the students sported home-made turkey hats. It was a festive send-off for all, and a great way to involve students in creative writing.



Congratulations to 5th Grade Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulation to the winner of the 5th grade spelling bee, Matthew Piper! Second place was taken by Lexis Griffin. Both students will move on to the next round in the county spelling bee to be held in Prescott!

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Spring parent-teacher conferences have been set for the week of January 30-February 3rd. Each conference takes approximately 20 minutes per student, which adds up to approximately 8 hours of conference time for the classroom teacher. In order to accomplish this, teachers tend to spread conferences over a week's time, usually staying into the evening a couple of nights in a week. Friday will be used to wrap up conferences with parents who are able to attend during the day.

Fire Prevention Show

The Verde Valley fire fighters put on another great fire prevention education show for our elementary students this week. This show was set at the North Pole and included characters like Hector the Smoke Detector. Students learned about testing smoke detectors once a month and changing batteries once a year. They also learned how to test a door or window with the back of their hand before exiting a building, and staying low to avoid smoke when in a burning building. Students and teachers were pulled from the audience for some on-stage participation. Audience members also learned a fire prevention song, accompanied by Elvis the Singing Elf. Finally, students learned about having a fire plan and a place for family members to meet that is away from the house. It was a great show that ended with some dance moves by the whole audience!



Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Our fantastic kindergarten students graced the stage last Thursday evening so they could perform in our annual Christmas concert. Dressed as gingerbread men, angels, elves, and reindeer, our students sang a variety of seasonal songs including Have a Holly Jolly Christmas, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Jingle Bell Rock, the Dradle Song, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and many others. The concert included dancing and a special performance by each kindergarten class, including a stroll through the audience playing paper guitars by Mrs. Crownoble's class.



Special Education

To date 222 IEP meetings have been held at the schools.

As of 12/16/16 228 special education students are enrolled in our schools.

| SCHOOL | As of 12/16/16 | + Gain or - Loss | As of 8/11/16 |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Preschool | 25 | +8 | 17 |
| Elementary School | 92 | -1 | 93 |
| Middle School | 38 | -4 | 42 |
| Accommodation School | 4 | +1 | 3 |
| High School | 64 | +1 | 63 |
| South Verde High School | 8 | +2 | 6 |
| TOTALS | 231 | +7 | 224 |

504 Students

| SCHOOL | As of 12/16/16 | + Gain or - Loss | As of 8/11/16 |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Preschool | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Elementary School | 5 | +3 | 2 |
| Middle School | 6 | +1 | 5 |
| Accommodation School | 0 | -1 | 1 |
| High School | 10 | 0 | 9 |
| South Verde High School | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 22 | +4 | 18 |

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

| SCHOOL | As of 12/16/16 | + Gain or - Loss | As of 8/11/16 |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Elementary School | 41 | +17 | 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 |

Gifted

Mrs. Meyer has been busy all week individually testing 1st through 5th graders who have been referred to the gifted program. The testing will be completed by next week with teachers and parents notified of their students' eligibility for the program. As of this week the students being served in the gifted program are:

- 1st grade – 6 students
- 2nd grade – 4 students
- 3rd grade – 11 students
- 4th grade – 12 students
- 5th grade – 8 students

Preschool

This week the preschool classes got into the holiday spirit with an Ugly Sweater Contest – but everyone was a winner as far as we could see! They had fun decorating cookies while developing fine motor skills.



Elementary Self-Contained Class

Mrs. Justus' class had an exciting visit from TOP high school students. The high school students engaged in fun and motivational activities with the students. Cookies were decorated, snowflakes were made and all enjoyed a fun game of Christmas BINGO. All the students loved this special time together!



Parents of Home Schooled Students

Parents of home schooled students are invited to a meeting on Friday 12/16/16 at 9:00 AM to discuss the special education referral process and the types of special education services that are available. The meeting will be held in the Student Services conference room and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. A notice about the meeting appeared in the 12/9/16 edition of the Verde Independent.

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 **Friday 1/20/17 from 9:00 am to noon**. Child Find screenings are held in the preschool classroom at the Elementary School. Screenings are conducted by Jenni Jackson-Preschool Teacher, Dr. Worssam-School Psychologist, and Ms. 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: 3/3/17, 4/21/17, and 6/16/17.

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)