

Weekly Board Report 2 December 2016

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1630 as compared 1593 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 698 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.

Free and reduced numbers: Camp Verde Unified School District; Free 1015; Reduced 135. Current numbers at Elementary free 470; reduced 55; Middle School free 247; reduced 27; High School free 245; reduced 50; Accommodations School free 26; reduced 1; South Verde High School free 27; reduced 2. The percentages for each school: Elementary – 75.21%; Middle School – 71.73%; Camp Verde High School 61.59%; Accommodation School 84.38%. South Verde High School 74.36%. Camp Verde School district percentage of Free/Reduced – 70.55%.

Please remember to like us on Facebook @ CVHS Cowboy News and follow us on Twitter @ CV Cowboy News.

Our Blood Drive will be Wednesday, December 7th in the CVHS gymnasium. Please donate to this worthy cause.

Our counseling office will be presenting at the AZSCA annual conference in February. It will be interesting for them to present our ECAP program and see what others around the state are doing too...

Both varsity basketball teams will be competing this weekend in Phoenix at a tournament hosted by Phoenix Country Day. Go Cowboys!

This weekend also marks the return of our annual Verde Duels Wrestling tournament which we will host in our gymnasium. Good Luck to our Cowboy wrestlers!

We are pleased to be a part of the following program and hope our students will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity...

Please join the Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona and more than 15 local scholarship providers to learn about 100+ scholarships at our first ever Cash for College scholarship awareness night, sponsored by Yavapai College. The room will be packed with students and people who want to support students in achieving their educational goals after high school.

Discover opportunities at Cash for College!

Tuesday, December 6

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Yavapai College Community Room

601 Black Hills Dr., Clarkdale

The Arizona Community Foundation is the largest private provider of scholarships in the state. Collaboration is one of our guiding principles, and as such, we would like this annual event to include representation from all of the great organizations providing scholarship opportunities to local students. Likewise, we would like to include as many students and their families in the event as possible.

1) **Reaching Students** - Please let us know how best to get the information to your students (guidance counseling offices, websites, Facebook, flyers, messages to students and families, newsletters, twitter etc.)

2) **Reaching Local Scholarship Providers** - Please let us know of any scholarship providers we should include in the Cash for College event. In order to be included in the Cash for College resource guide (printed for all who attend and to be made available online), we will need to obtain this information by November 14.

FFA's mid-year competition starts Friday, December 9th. Good luck to those participating.

A special message to you all from Miss Tina Scott...

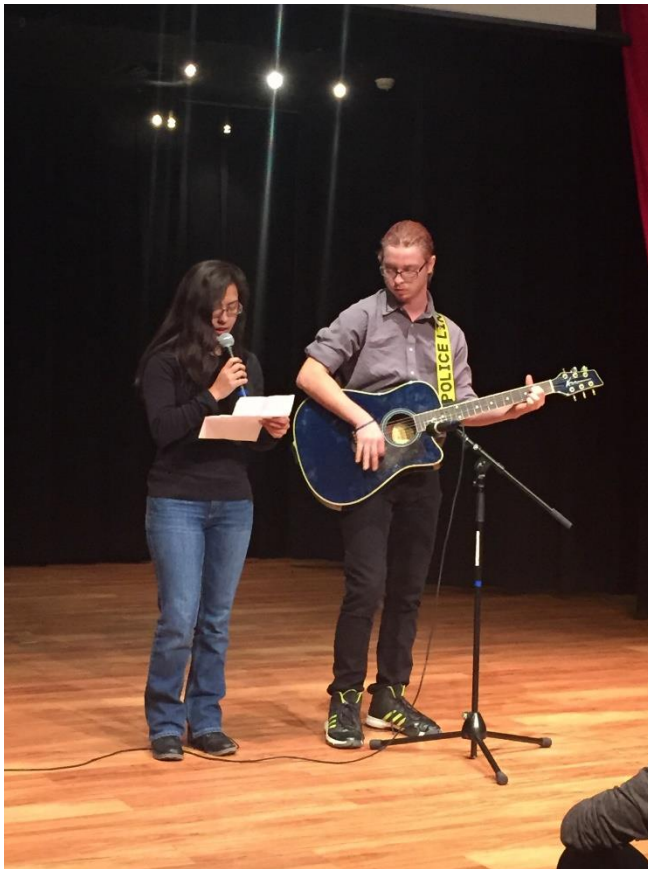
Here are a few group pix from our recent SkillsUSA Leadership Training Camp in Williams. I can honestly say it was the best group I've taken in three years . With me were juniors, Claudia Escobedo, Nick Daniels, William Webster, and sophomore Angel Brady. We were also accompanied by the fabulous photography teacher, Mal Cooper and two of her young ladies, Sarah Lynch and Courtney Chalmers from Red Rock High School. They were a vibrant addition to our team!

Each of them worked hard in advance and were able to earn the coveted Statesman Award. Claudia participated last year so was able to enhance her award to the Advanced Statesman. This award is one of the highest honors our SkillsUSA students can acquire...a fabulous addition to their resumes!

I am also exceptionally proud of their conduct. These young adults carried themselves professionally and made tons of new friends as they learned to network with peers from around our entire state. After hours of academic workshops, we participated in the annual dodgeball tournament as well as the talent show. Last year Claudia shared with me that she was overwhelmed with feelings of angst that prevented her from simply meeting new people. This year, the skills she has acquired, helped her jump up on stage and perform in front of hundreds....she won the whole show!! Together we all laughed that we couldn't rip her from the stage. It was a powerful experience that made me cry witnessing such an amazing transformation. Moments like that shine a spotlight on the positive impact our CTE programs instill in these young adults.

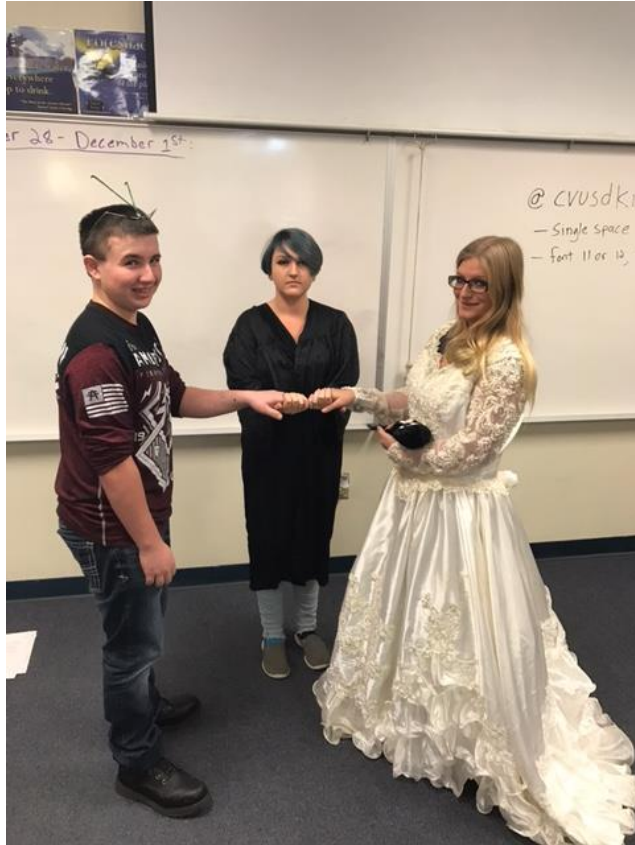
To add to our amazing success at LTC, Nick Daniels, my Equipment Manager, filmed an EPIC mannequin challenge. He is wrapping edits to it now and it will soon be posted on SkillsUSA's state website as well as their Facebook page.

Seriously proud and abundantly thankful for this time with our amazing students!





Students performed a skit in Mr. Fuller's 10th grade pre-AP class. Apparently it is okay for aliens to marry earth women...



Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate its Students of the Month for December: 6th grade Chandler Plante; 7th grade Brooke Leake; 8th grade Maritza Torres; and Athlete Tori Black. Great job boys and girls! Way to go!

In PE this week, students played a game called Bucket Ball. It's a lot like kick ball, but up to 5 students kick at once. The defense works together to get the correct colored kickball back into the correct colored bucket to stop the runners from scoring. In the picture below, kids are showing off their new PE uniforms.



Mrs. Gillman's 6th grade Language Arts had an exciting week as they finished their Maniac Magee book and rocked the final exam! They followed that up with watching the 'made for TV movie', Maniac Magee. Boy were they surprised to see all of the differences between the book and the movie. With only 12 days left for AR Reading and testing this quarter, they are continuing to work hard on their goals.

The 6th graders have started studying Ancient China in Mrs. Smith's Social Studies class. They practiced their map skills by labeling an Ancient China map. This will help them understand the geography of China as they study the dynasties and warring kingdoms.

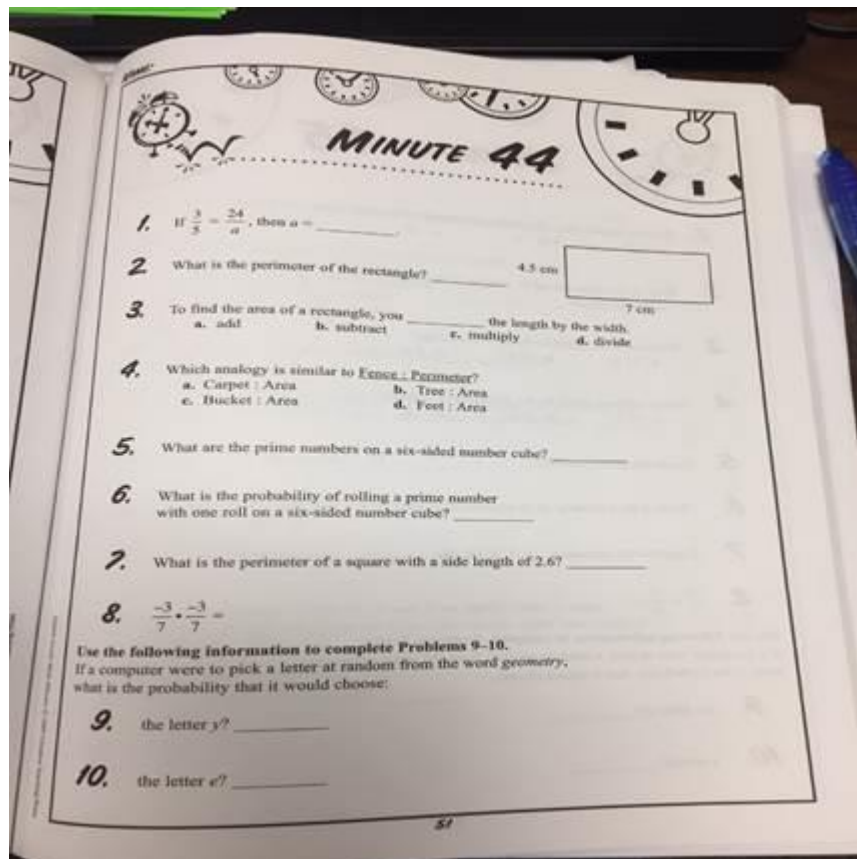


Mrs. Wright's 7th grade general Math is working on many foundation skills for building Algebraic understanding. They have moved on from ratios and are working on solving equations using inverse operations and understanding the distributive property. This foundation week will help them solve proportions. This will also scaffold for January's unit where they incorporate these concepts with negative numbers. Her 7th grade Pre-Algebra class is completing a unit on solving two step equations and inequalities using inverse operations and basic Algebra concepts. They are graphing and interpreting both inequalities and linear equations. The Pre-Algebra class works these problem sets with rational numbers, decimals, and integers in context of the word problem.

Mrs. Tankesley's 8th Grade Language Arts has just been introduced to the book, Night, by Elie Wiesel. The students will spend the next two or three weeks learning what it was like to be in the Holocaust. They will write, and read about stories of survivors of the Holocaust.

Her Gifted students were introduced to the math game Nim. They had to figure out that the game can be a guaranteed win when they start looking at how many figures are in a pile and the powers of 2.

6th grade Title 1 Math students practiced proportions, decimal rounding and converting fractions to decimals. Their quiz covered decimal rounding and fraction conversions. 7th graders practiced estimating decimal products and dividing decimals. They also took a quiz on dividing decimals. 8th graders finished up a review of decimal operations that included subtraction, multiplication and division. They took a quiz on these three operations with decimals. Math Minutes are used for bell work assignments for all grades. Attached is an 8th grade Math Minute, for an example.



Student Council continues to support the staff and students with events and appreciation. On November 22nd, they celebrated our staff by providing Thanksgiving lunch. The Student Council students wrote each staff member an affirmation, which was very much appreciated. Below is a picture of the tree of affirmations that covered one of the office doors.



Our winter is full of events supported and executed by Student Council. We will be selling Christmas Grams which are candy canes and cards. We will also have a winter dance on December 21st. Our winter dance is semi-formal and most students really like to make it special. We will also be doing a Fun Run fundraiser which we are calling the Jolly Jingle Jog. This will be a fundraiser similar to hoops for heart, where students receive pledges for each lap they jog. The students will jog on the afternoon of December 22nd. This is the first time we have tried an active event instead of selling a product. We look forward to the feedback and physical activity this event will encourage.

Camp Verde Middle School Winter athletics are in full motion. All basketball teams are doing well. Next week we have games against Pine and Sedona. Games are at 4&5 on Tuesday and Thursday. Yesterday, the wrestling team hosted the Yavapai County Dual Championships. We'd like to give a big shout out of Thanks to the high school team and Coach Tudor for their help with the tournament.

Disguise a Turkey in 5th Grade

In keeping with the Thanksgiving theme last week, Mrs. Wattenbarger's and Mrs. White's 5th grade classes had a turkey decorating contest. The idea was for students to use their creativity to "disguise" a turkey. Disguises used included a princess, an inmate, the little mermaid, a businessman, and a tree. The winner from each class competed for the grand prize, which ultimately went to Jolie Daharsh for her turkey disguised as a peacock:



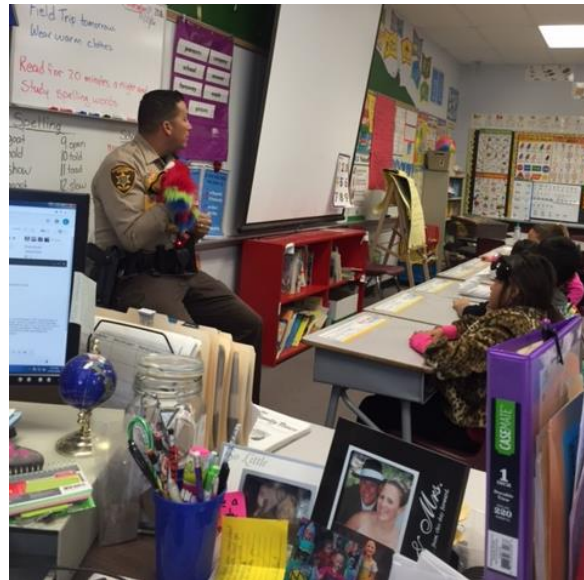
2nd Grade Visits Page Springs Hatchery

All of our 2nd grade students went on a field trip last week to Page Springs Hatchery. The hatchery is the state's largest hatchery and produces an average of 216,000 pounds of trout per year. The hatchery has been in business since 1938, and provided the perfect destination for the students to learn about the life cycle of a fish!



Officer Godina visits the 2nd Grade

Officer Godina of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, recently paid a visit to our 2nd grade classes to bring his entertaining and informative puppet show to our students. Officer Godina's show focus around the topic of bullying, using puppets to act out scenarios in which students might find themselves. Through the use of many different puppets, which bring the emotions of different situations to life, student learn about good choices, bullying prevention, and how feelings can be hurt.



Karen Castillo Leads the Elementary Book Fair to Great Results!!

Our Scholastic Book Fairs are always a huge hit. What most people don't see, however, is the enormous effort it takes to produce such a successful event. Karen Castillo, Title 1 teacher at the elementary school, did a fantastic job this year. The report below outlines the successes of

our book fairs from the past two fairs. Thanks to Karen, our school read 369,763 minutes! Great job, Karen!

IMPACT REPORT: Book Fairs and Student Reading

Scholastic Book Fairs provide four key factors to inspire more students to read. As with any acquired skill, when kids practice reading, they become better readers. And the better they get, the more fun they'll have doing it!

Access: Book Fairs provide kids access to a large selection of books for a wide range of interests and reading levels.

Choice: Kids will read more when they have a choice in what they read. Choice leads to motivation, which leads to increased voluntary reading.

Involvement: Families that demonstrate interest in books and reading help students form lifelong reading habits.

Reading Practice: When kids are enthusiastic about what they read, they get more practice and become better readers and learners.

This Impact Report Was Prepared Specifically for:

CAMP VERDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Name

Enrollment

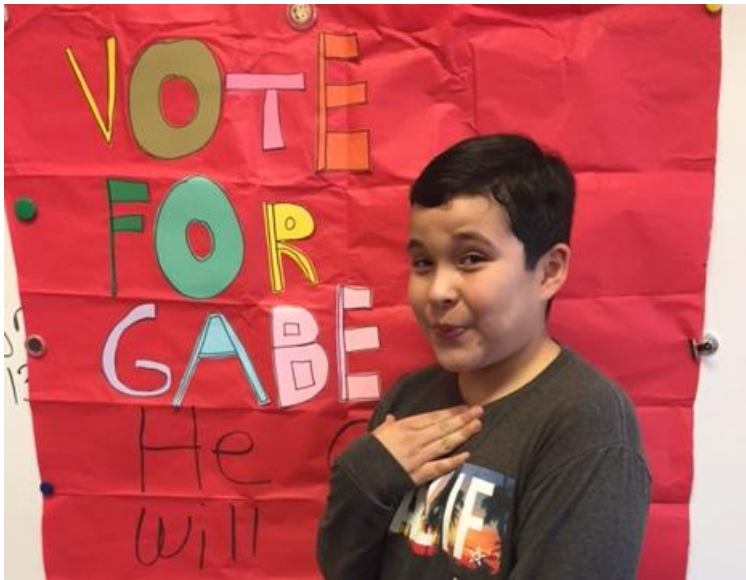
Scholastic Book Fairs School Data	Fall	Spring	Summer Reading/BOGO Fair	Total Combined
Average minutes of voluntary reading per student	255.54	242.13		497.66
Total minutes of voluntary reading by your school	189,864	179,899		369,763
Total number of minutes read through the Scholastic Summer Reading Program				
Total number of books acquired through your Fair	1,054.80	999.44		2,054.24
Average number of books purchased per student	1.42	1.35		2.76



Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

5th Grade Elects Class Representatives

Our fifth grade students recently studied the electoral process and ended the unit by electing a representative for each class. It was an exciting race with final winners being announced after votes were counted. The new class representatives are: Isabella Anzar (Mrs. Elsea's Class), Matthew Morales (Ms. Grubbs' Class), Lexis Griffin (Mrs. White's Class), Bristol Bickford (Mrs. Wattenbarger's Class), and Joshua Ayotte (Mrs. Howe's Class). This newly formed student government group has already drawn up an agenda and requested a meeting with the Elementary School Principal. Stay tuned for the great ideas and changes that will surely come from these politically active students!



To date 200 IEP meetings have been held at the schools.

As of 12/2/16 233 special education students are enrolled in our schools.

SCHOOL	As of 12/2/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Preschool	24	+7	17
Elementary School	90	-3	93
Middle School	41	-1	42
Accommodation School	4	+1	3
High School	66	+3	63
South Verde High School	8	+2	6
TOTALS	233	+9	224

504 Students

SCHOOL	As of 12/2/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Preschool	0	0	0
Elementary School	5	+3	2
Middle School	6	+1	5
Accommodation School	1	0	1
High School	10	+1	9
South Verde High School	1	0	1
TOTALS	23	+5	18

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

SCHOOL	As of 11/4/16	+ Gain or - Loss	As of 8/11/16
Elementary School	32	+8	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

Elementary Special Education – Mrs. Justus

Last week Mrs. Justus' class made a no-bake pumpkin pie and enjoyed their own Thanksgiving cooking!



Preschool

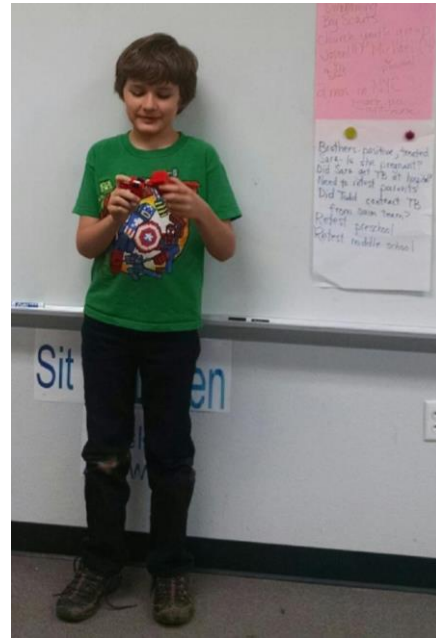
Preschool held their planned Thanksgiving Feast on 11/22/16. The morning class feasted at 9:30 am and the afternoon class feasted at 12:45 pm. Each student created their own hat and personalized placemat. The students all agreed they planned the best feast ever!



Gifted

As the 4th graders are continuing to learn about proper care for their TB patient. As the students study and learn about microorganisms, the visual models they construct and share with classmates deepen their understanding of tuberculosis and its effect on the body.





The Elementary School's Gifted Enrichment Club held an event on Tuesday afternoon 11/22/16. In preparation for the event the students worked in teams to create scavenger hunts that were given to other teams to search – such fun for everyone!



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 **THIS FRIDAY 12/2/16 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: 1/20/17, 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)