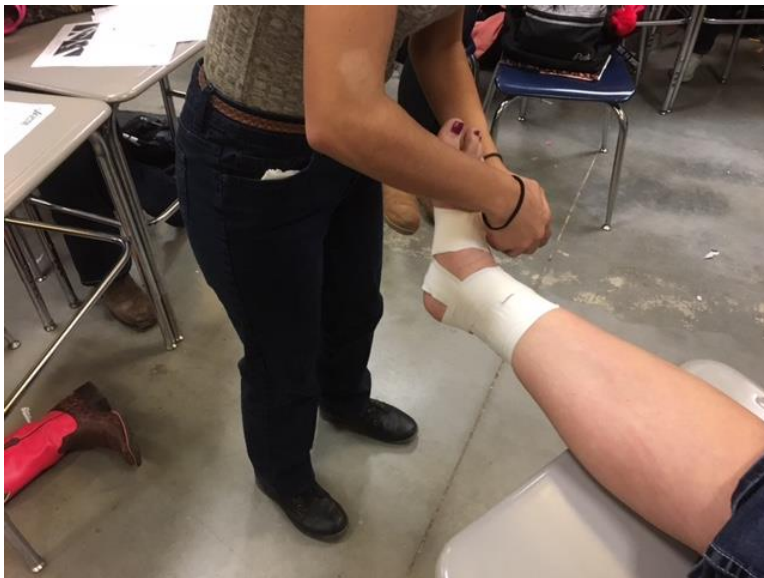


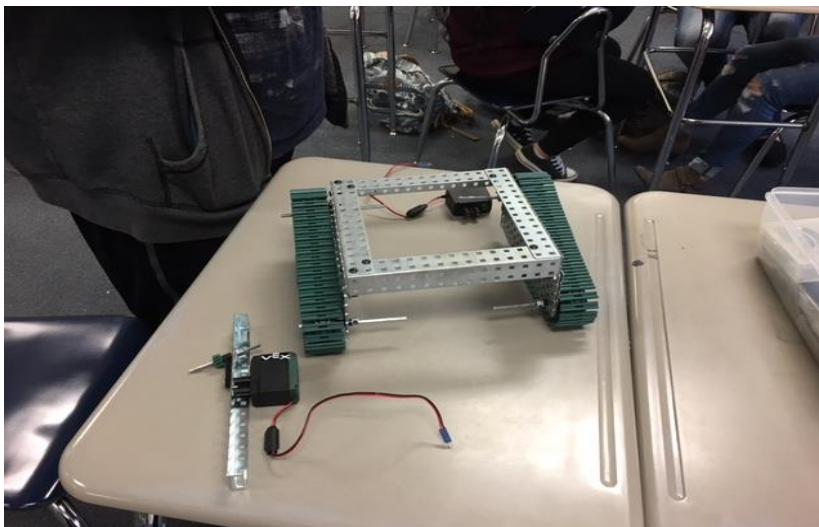
## Weekly Board Report 27 January 2017

The auditors paid us a visit last week. The auditors serve to oversee our compliance to federal and state laws, maintain transparency, and increase efficiency. Though it is rarely a pleasant experience, we work with a good group of auditors and we rely on their expertise. Their review of our District involves a large portion of our staff and many hours of preparation. The audit report is not finalized, but the preliminary results look positive concerning our finances. They did bring our attention to a process we have in place that according to their recommendation requires further review. We began that review last week with another outside source coming to our District to do further investigation. When we receive those results we look forward to cleaning up that process to ensure better compliance and transparency for our students and community.

Sports Medicine students learned the proper technique for taping ankles this week in class...

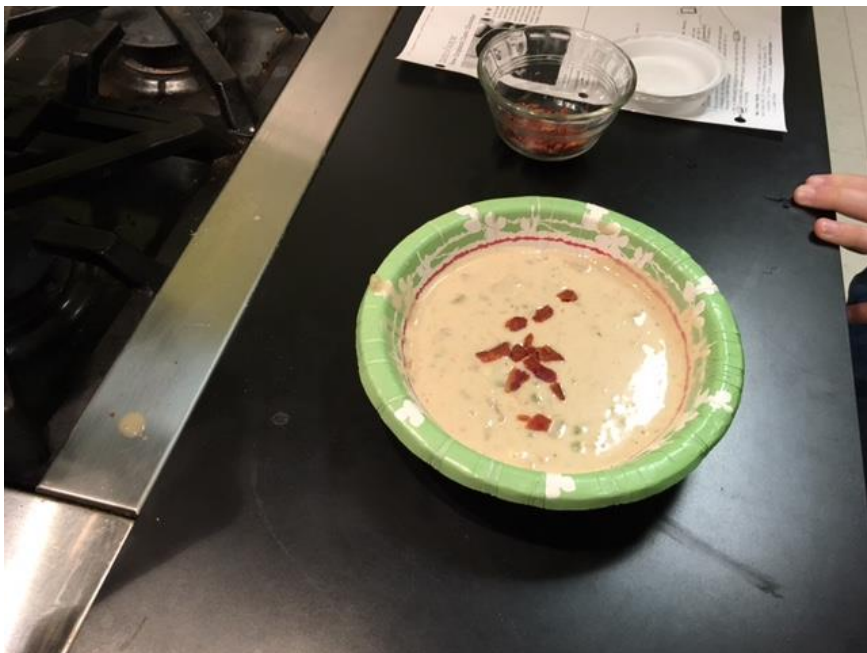


Our Robotics team is back in action. Today they are starting to assemble a tank.



Our Culinary I classes are working on cutting techniques and recipe interpretation. Today they made New England clam chowder! It tasted great!





Our first Native American Cultural class was Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and was a huge success. I spoke to several students who attended and they were very grateful for the opportunity to learn more about their culture, history, and language. Miss Gertrude was leading this class and she taught the students how to count to ten in Yavapai which they thought was neat. She taught them songs and they took notes on vocabulary such as colors, numbers, and how to introduce themselves and their parents.

This week's headline news from Camp Verde Middle School: on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Howe and Mr. Shanks took McKinlee Brewer, Chandler Plante, Cristoph Castro, and Melinda

Brady to speak at a Capturing Kids' Hearts training conference in Phoenix. The students did an outstanding job speaking in front of more than 60 adults from all over, learning about CKH. The students talked about Teen Leadership, CKH, and how those have helped them and also how they have transformed the school. Great job Mr. Shanks as well!!! This is the fourth time Camp Verde Middle School has spoken at a CKH conference.

Mrs. Monroe's 8th grade Math class began a new unit on linear functions this week. The students have been focusing on finding the slope of lines through different activities. The Algebra 1 class is finishing up the unit on systems of equations, focusing on writing equations given different word problems. In her Teen Leadership class, the students have been split up into groups in order to memorize and deliver the MLK Jr. "I Have a Dream" speech. They have been practicing and preparing like crazy and will be ready to go next week. Pictures to follow!

This week in Ms. D's 8th Grade Social Studies, students are learning about some major events during the Cold War. Students have been learning the political ideological difference between the U.S and the Soviet Union (democracy vs. communism) and the economic difference (capitalism vs. socialism). Students finished up Monday learning about the Red Scare and are in the process of learning how to analyze political cartoons from the Red Scare. After they analyze political cartoons from the Red Scare students must find a current events political cartoon to analyze. This is to help students learn about freedom of speech and the press, which we're both being targeted during the Red Scare. Next, students learned about the Cuban Missile Crisis and how that came to a peaceful resolution. Finally, students will finish the week learning about the Space Race and will watch a documentary from CNN, The Sixties series on how the U. S. was able to surpass the Soviet Union and win the Space Race by landing a man on the moon first. During this unit students have played a game to simulate the Red Scare in the U.S during the 1950s with HUAC and McCarthyism, analyzed political cartoons on the Red Scare, played rock, paper, scissors to simulate the differences between capitalism and socialism, created art that they would have drawn on the Berlin Wall to represent what freedom means to them, watch three videos to compare the leaders during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and watch a documentary on the Space Race.

This week in Mr. Tankesley's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science, students are exploring fossils, which includes a fossil lab where they create fossil molds and identify them by measuring and categorizing specific characteristics associated with their appearance.

A big "Thank You!" to Mrs. Wright for stepping up and covering 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish. She is going to long term sub the remainder of the semester during her prep. In the picture below, students are working on the computer on a program like Rosetta Stone, but this one is free. Duolingo, tracks the progress of the students using their google accounts.





The 7th graders have filled the walls of Mrs. Aitken's Language Arts room with their word posters. The students identify 4 words from their library books that they want to learn to use in their writing or in their everyday speech. They choose one from the list that they will teach to the class. Their word poster includes an image which emphasizes the word's meaning. In a week or so, they will saunter around and "read the room" and write down the two words their classmates have taught them.



The 8th grade Title I Math students reviewed solving one and two-step equations. 7th grade students worked with circle graphs, reviewed measures of central tendencies and solved multi-step order of operations problems. The 6th graders finished up dividing with decimals and began working with percentages, fractions and decimals.

CVMS is hosting a Book Fair **February 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Book Fair will be in Room 106. Please encourage students to come visit the Book Fair. The hours for the Book Fair are:

Wed., Feb. 8 – Tues., Feb. 14: 7:15 – 7:30 a.m.

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The Book Fair will also be open from 4:15 – 6:30 p.m. on Parent/Teacher conference night, and Friday morning from 8:00 – 11:15.

Basketball season wraps up this weekend as the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls travel to Clarkdale for their tournament, while the boys play here since we are hosting it. Wrestling also finishes this weekend with their tournament in Tucson. Softball tryouts start Monday. Baseball and soccer tryouts start February 6<sup>th</sup>.

South Verde would like to congratulate its Student of the Quarter Harley Schabatka. She gets dinner at La Fonda's with the Kiwanis.

### **A Frozen Preschool**

Miss Jenni and the preschool class have been celebrating winter with a *Frozen*-themed week. While students dressed up in costumes inspired by the movie *Frozen*, the activities for the week all had something to do with the movie as well. Students sang *Let It Go* as their morning song, played with blue snow, decorated snowflakes of themselves, and created Olaf footprint snowmen for their bulletin board. Even Miss Jenni and Miss Shay dressed as Elsa and Anna!







### **Y.E.S. Program at the Elementary School**

Elementary gifted program teacher, Denise Meyer, is hosting the Y.E.S. Program in her gifted classroom. Y.E.S. stands for Youth Empowerment Services and is 5-week program presented by Verde Valley Sanctuary—a non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence. Part of their outreach effort is to work with students in the areas of self-esteem, healthy choices, healthy relationships, and dealing with feelings of anger and aggression without resorting to violence. By reaching and teaching students, the goal is to create a healthy community that knows how to manage daily struggles and make healthy choices. The program will run from February 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> and is hands-on with many collaborative and creative activities that make learning meaningful.

### **Officer Mike Leads 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in the Walk Against Drugs**

District School Resource Officer Mike Toporek led our 5<sup>th</sup> graders in an awareness walk called *Stand with Me, Be Drug Free* on Wednesday afternoon. The entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade turned out on the football field to join Officer Mike in the symbolic walk against drugs around the track. Mayor Charlie German, Town Manager Russ Martin, Camp Verde Marshall's Officers, and parents all joined in the celebration and cheered the students onward as they walked. Halfway through the walk, several students decided to race Officer Toporek! Afterwards, the student lined up for snacks and *Stand with Me, Be Drug Free* stickers handed out by the volunteers from the various agencies in attendance. The students loved it and even had a chance to talk about the importance of good choices, education, and community pride with the mayor!







### **Taking Coding Classes to the Next Level**

The elementary school's Friday programming is getting a boost this winter. The robotics program has raised enough funds that they are able to purchase ten coding licenses so they can further develop the coding instruction offered at our school. Ms. Surber will be expanding her coding instruction to offer an advanced class for the students who have had two or more years' experience in robotics. This ties in nicely with Mrs. Dickey's Friday program, which is a "free build" robotics class. In this class, students will be able to design, build and program robots according to plans they create. This class will allow students to explore a variety of ideas, test options, and evaluate their programming. It also gives the students a chance to work on robots that they will enter in our upcoming *Battle of the Bots!* We are so excited about the advancements these students are making and grateful to Mrs. Dickey and Ms. Surber for the time and effort they put into these classes.

### **Preschool Team Receives Compliments**

Our wonderful preschool team, led by Jenni Jackson, received compliments from a parent in the form of an email sent earlier this week:



Ms. Booth,

*I just wanted to take a moment to commend Ms. Jenni Jackson and her team of great aides and paraprofessionals in the Preschool program. The ladies are consistently happy, kindhearted, and nurturing, while also pushing the students to be the best learners possible. We have had the pleasure of having our daughter in the class in 2015-2016 and again this year 2016-2017 and have seen such improvement in her social and educational progress. Ashlyn is reading regularly at the age of 4 and with the help of the Teachers, is bringing home work that is more advanced, allowing us to continue to push her to her best at home as well. Not every Teacher or School/District will give the time to the advanced students or average students as well as the students lagging behind. Thanks to Jenni and the wonderful team of ladies around her making every day at Camp Verde Preschool a fun and educational one!!! Your dedication to our students is inspiring!*

*Have a super day!*

*Sincerely,  
Niki Ralston*

The special education department is doing well this week. They have been busy with IEP meetings and meeting the service needs for our students, which is a continuous process for our staff. The team is gearing up for our busy time of year. It seems the last quarter entails a lot of IEP meetings to review student's files with the IEP teams. The alternative and high school special education teachers as well as Dr. Worssam spent time reviewing initial IEPs and transition files for an upcoming ADE audit. Lisa Young, who transferred from teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, to being the special education resource teacher for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, has made improvements in conducting an IEP meeting and is grasping special education laws, rules, and guidelines. Finally, the snow in Flagstaff had a very slight impact on our students. The staff from ASDB (Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind) were not able to come to Camp Verde one day due to snow levels. There was no impact to students as service times were made up.