

## Weekly Board Report 3 February 2017

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1621 as compared 1593 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 707 vs. 721; Middle School 382 vs. 343; Camp Verde High School 468 vs. 436; Accommodations School 28 vs. 25; South Verde High School 36 vs. 68.

Free and reduced numbers: Camp Verde Unified School District; Free 976; Reduced 117. Current numbers at Elementary free 464; reduced 49; Middle School free 233; reduced 30; High School free 230; reduced 37; Accommodations School free 25; reduced 1; South Verde High School free 24; reduced 0. The percentages for each school: Elementary – 72.56%; Middle School – 68.85%; Camp Verde High School 57.05%; Accommodation School 92.86%. South Verde High School 66.67%. Camp Verde School district percentage of Free/Reduced – 67.43%.

This week we began offering an exciting new benefit to all District employees. Healthiest You is a telemedicine program offering doctor visits, prescription ordering and price comparisons, insurance connectivity, and many other medical services by smart phone, internet, or a regular phone call. This benefit is fully funded by the District and we believe is another step toward the goal of supporting the awesome employees of our District.

Here is a picture from the Student Council State Conference in Lake Havasu City. The kids really enjoyed their time meeting with other student councils. Time to implement some of the new ideas they received from networking with them.



Here is a picture of the group of welders that went on the field trip to Phoenix Cement in Clarkdale on 2/1/17.



Senior Night for basketball players will be Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Girls varsity tips off @ 5:30 PM so stop by and watch our seniors end the regular season with a win!

Good news! We (Digital Media) have won another contest, putting us on the map and have put money in our student's pockets!

As always, we entered one of the annual contests MATFORCE puts on for schools within Yavapai County. This particular contest is a design for pizza box art that conveys MATFORCE's Underage Drinking Campaign. Pizza restaurants from around the county place the winning art work on their boxes being delivered over the busy Super Bowl weekend...what a fabulous way for our budding graphic designers to have their work displayed across our community! Not only were we able to win the top prize again, but several other intermediate and advanced design students were able to clench a secondary prize. Winners are as follows:

William Schultz-first place \$100 (Advanced)  
Nick Daniels-\$10 Amazon Gift Card (Advanced)  
Daniel Killman-\$10 Amazon Gift Card (Advanced)  
Daniel Carley-\$10 Amazon Gift Card (Intermediate)  
Colten Cecil-\$10 Amazon Gift Card (Intermediate)  
Rafael Gonzales-\$10 Amazon Gift Card (Intermediate)

We would like to arrange a quick presentation/photo shoot if possible, to include our SRO, Mr. Helm from the Bugle, and anyone else wishing to be present.

If you happen to see one of our design students on campus please congratulate them...And look for our great designs on your Super Bowl delivery pizza!! Please see attached the winning designs!

**Don't Miss  
Your **Mark!****



**Stay Drug  
**Free!****

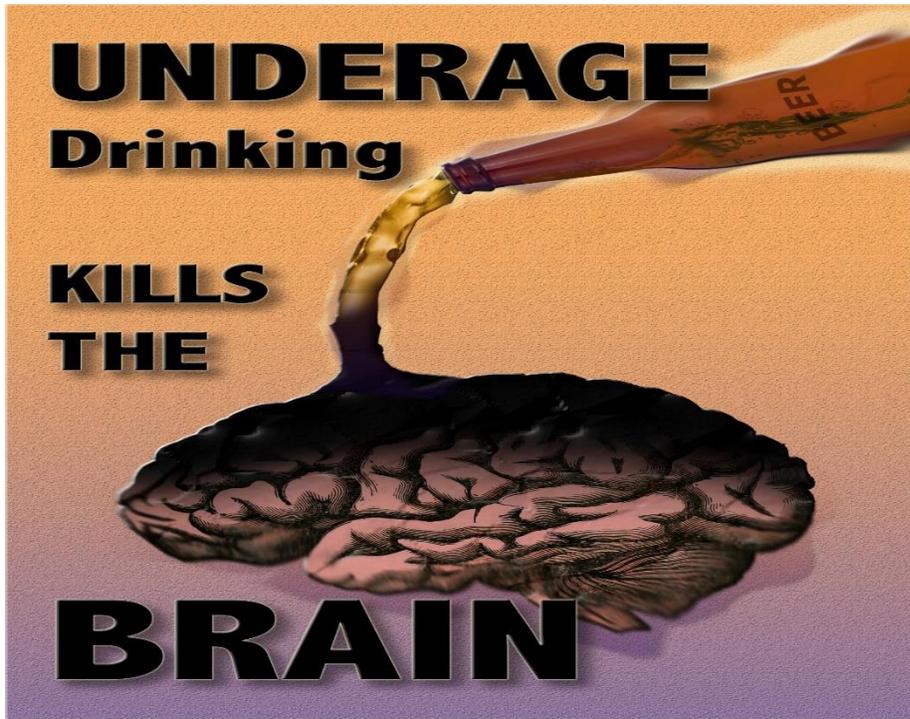
**Underage Drinking is  
NOT OK!**



**Don't Let It Control You.**

*11% of teenagers die  
from drunk driving in Arizona*

*So quit  
underage  
drinking*



Camp Verde Middle School had some visitors on its campus this Wednesday. Debbie Witt had bragged to ADE about how successful our Title 1 program was at the Middle School. Another school who is struggling with their program was told by ADE to contact us. On Wednesday, the principal, assistant principal, mentor teacher, and two Title 1 teachers from that school spent the day on our campus. They observed our program and met with our Title 1 teachers to get ideas on how they could improve. They were also impressed with Capturing Kids' Hearts. It was a great day!

Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate its Employee of the Month: Mrs. Adrienne Wright. Adrienne is our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher, one of the Student Council sponsors, serves on the Strategic Planning Committee and just recently became a long term sub for one period of 7<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish. She is very energetic, committed to the school, and cares deeply about her students. We are proud of you Adrienne! Congratulations!

This week in Mrs. Monroe's Teen Leadership class, the students presented their "I Have a Dream" group speeches. All of the groups were prepared with their parts memorized and there were some really creative group presentations.

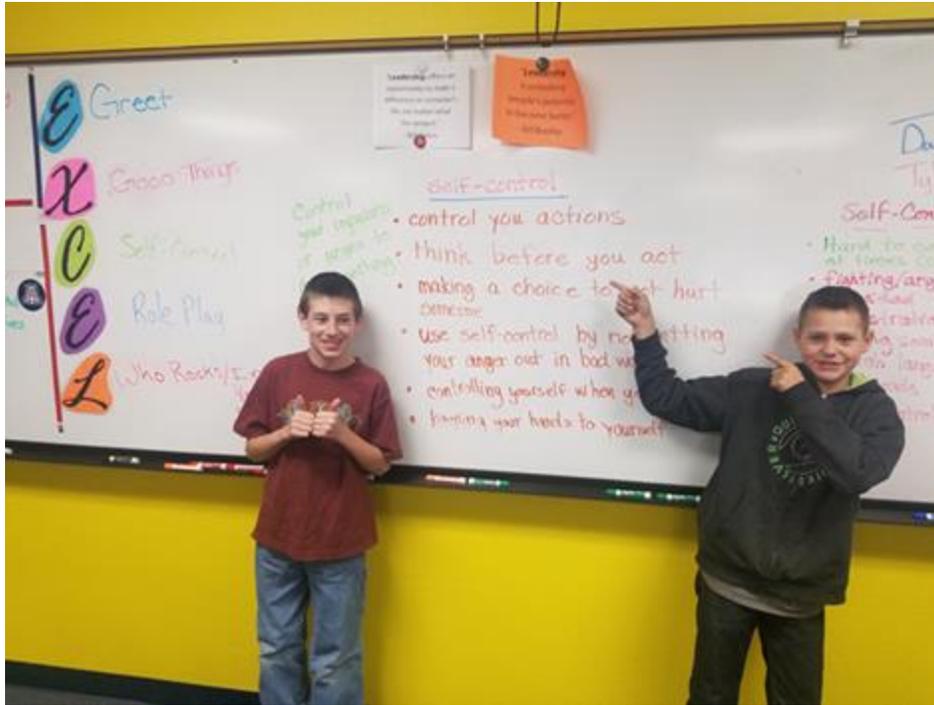


On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Wright and several other staff members went to a community event to support our students as they performed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and March on Main Street in Camp Verde. Chandler Plante, a sixth grade middle schooler organized the event and gave a very heartwarming speech on the impact of kindness and value of people. A seventh-grader, Silas Gagnon, who won the speech contest and \$50, read his speech aloud and brought most of the audience to tears with his story on the impact of MLK by, again, valuing people. He discussed valuing his little brother who has special needs and the impacts that his challenges have had on his life. The Camp Verde High School senior choir performed as well as many students from the Middle School in the KC Tae Kwan Do performances. It was very nice

to see our students and staff participate together in a community event that supported kindness and appreciation of people.



6<sup>th</sup> grade Teen Leadership is looking at the I-POSSESS skills: Self-control and Empathy. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have made the connection between self-control and how it controls laws and rules that are in place or being considered and the freedoms we have.



The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys basketball season has come to an end. The season has had many highlights with some great victories! The boys' biggest improvement was on defense, as they learned to play help man "d", zone and a mix of man and zone. The boys also adopted a family of 8 over the holiday season and bought the family clothes, food and toys. In the tournament the boys were able to come out with the 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy along with Blake Chapman and Jose Santana receiving all-tournament honors. Coach Shanks really enjoyed this group of boys and is very proud of all that the boys achieved this season.



Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls basketball team for being crowned the Verde Valley League Champions. Congratulations as well to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Conrad Noone as he was crowned State Champion wrestler last weekend. Great job Cowboys!!!

### **Elementary Girls' Coding Club**

Many of you may have noticed that our Cyber Cowboys robotics team is made up entirely of boys this year. In an effort to bring more females into the science and engineering fields and into our own robotic programs, elementary technology teacher Shelley Surber is offering a Coding Club after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

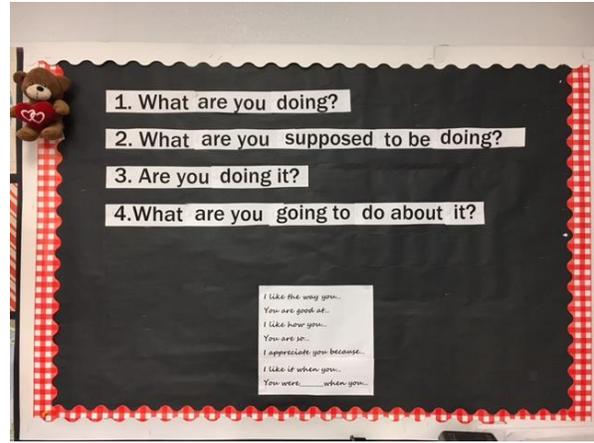
The students will start learning with an online, block coding program called Code.org. The program starts teaching JavaScript by dragging and dropping blocks of code into a work area. The program advances slowly to help students understand how the code works.

In order to participate, students must be in good standing with grades (C or higher), up to date on all assigned work by the teacher, and have no discipline referrals. There is no fee for this program.

### **Capturing Kids' Hearts—Elementary Style**

Our Capturing Kids' Hearts program is going strong at the elementary school. In addition to our fifth-graders greeting students at the front door (pictured below), we have a great implementation continuing. Teachers are finding wonderful launches to share at our PLC meetings, which are organized using the EXCEL model. Classrooms have a wide array of social contracts and affirmation boards in use. Students are using checking to help each other stay focused. The 4-questions are being used to guide students back on track. In all, the program is helping everyone to think about their words and actions, making our school a happier place to be.





### These United States

Students in Mrs. Howe's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class have finished tackling one of their biggest projects of the year. They have spent time creating a map of the United States, color coding each state by region, and labeling them with the state name and capital. This is time-consuming and meticulous work, but the payoff is worth the effort involved. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of United States geography while creating these works of art.





### Our Smallest Students Speak Their Minds

Seven-year-old Bayley Dykstra, a student in Mrs. Padilla's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, got a hands-on lesson in democracy on Tuesday evening when she expressed her opinion of our school schedule at the special board meeting forum. Several elementary, middle, and high school students took time to speak to the board, and in doing so, exercised their rights as citizens to have a voice in the governing process. Even though the crowd was large, Bayley waited her turn in line, signed in, and took the microphone in hand. We are proud of our students and of our board for creating an experience that was educational and empowering for everyone involved!



## Special Education

**Preschool** had a Super Bowl Party Thursday, 2/2/17! Students and teachers dressed up in their favorite sport jersey.

We talked about "teamwork", building blocks together, fine motor skills with finger painting, gross motor with playing football, and having fun finger snacks!



In **Middle School**, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are enjoying planning their high school careers. Some of the students' comments were:

- "I want to get a good paying job, so I like planning. I want to make new friends and join a club."
- "I am excited about getting a locker. Also, learning about credits is kind of scary."
- "I am excited about high school, being treated more maturely, making new friends, and learning new languages."
- "I hope to get good grades!"

Our **High School** Special Education Teacher, Lisa Powers has been participating in the Co-Teaching Book Study this semester. Each time Tammey Carter (Special Education Teacher at the Middle School) advertises the Co-Teaching book study class, Lisa sends out an email to her High School teachers to see if anyone would like to take the class together. Becky Westfield took her up on the offer. Lisa and Becky began taking the Co-Teaching Book Study and hope that they will be able to participate in Co-Teaching some English courses next year.