

## Weekly Board Report 11 October 2018

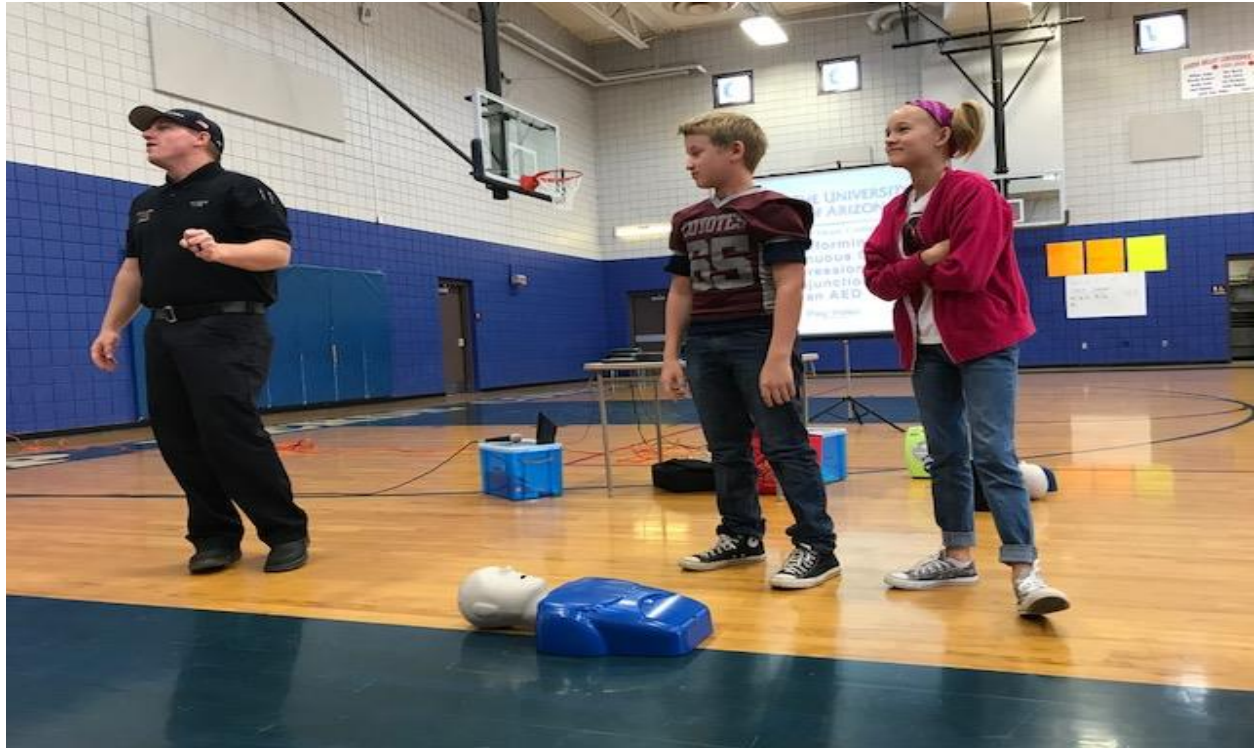
The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1559 as compared 1612 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 651 vs. 691: Middle School 365 vs. 382; Camp Verde High School 497 vs. 473: Accommodations School 20 vs. 31: South Verde High School 26 vs. 35.

Teachers who taught in Arizona in fiscal year 2017 and are teaching again this year are eligible for a 1.06% raise. At the time of this summer's budget adoption we estimated the number of teachers and their compensation. Now that the year has started we need to revise the number of teachers and their compensation amounts to our actual numbers. In this month's board meeting the board will be asked to approve a revised budget to reflect this change. The budget revision reflects a small increase in Maintenance and Operations.

At CVHS we are striving to increase the academic rigor at our school. We are including more vocabulary development in lessons for our students in our English and Social Studies classes. We recently brokered a deal with an assessment company which will allow us to give the Pre-ACT test to all of our students this year for free. This is in addition to the ACT which we give to all our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students at no cost. So you can see we are trying to improve our students' literacy skills as well as give them credible tests which provide valuable feedback which teachers and administrators can use to baseline our students. Then we can prepare plans for our students so we can help them grow academically. While the letter grade is just a letter, it does tell us some areas of weakness so we can plan accordingly.

For the last 8 years, Camp Verde Middle School has worked with local fire departments to teach hands only CPR to all of its students. Here are our 6<sup>th</sup> graders:







It's Spirit Week this week at CVMS. Today is twin or group day. Here is a picture of the best staff and best school in the district. We are truly a family here at Camp Verde Middle School, as everyone dressed up as their boss. They made my day!!



The first quarter at South Verde has been wonderful. Our student body is growing every week and our students are gaining ground on their required credits.

### **Volunteering/Community Service**

- A beneficial event for our school and the community has included a monthly visit to the food bank where students help organize donations and package and hand out food.
- Mrs. Murphy is getting ready for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual spook house for Halloween. Every year Mrs. Murphy transforms our school into a haunted house for the community to enjoy. Hours are between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Last week, Mrs. Wilson organized CPR training for our students. The local fire department provided hands only CPR which certified our students for the next two years. Fire fighters from the fire department next door to our school attended at the same time making the experience extraordinary. Soon, they will allow us to walk through the fire station and learn about the life of a firefighter.

### **Science**

- We have organized a science club where students participate in activities after school that is related to science. Currently, we are building a trebuchet for a pumpkin chucking contest at the fairgrounds in Cottonwood on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Just last week most of our students traveled to Scottsdale where they attended a Science Engineering Technology and Math (STEM) class on physics. The first half of their day was spent learning to measure and calculate the surface area of their body then use that data to calculate how much wind speed is required to lift them from the ground. During the last portion of the day, students tested their estimates in an actual wind tunnel used as a sky diving simulation. They suited up, entered the wind tunnel and were able to experience sky diving and record data. The data was analyzed by comparing the actual wind speed that lifted the students with the estimated wind speed they calculated earlier.

- **I fly Video**



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## **Math**

- Math is going very well this year. Mr. Allred, who is an engineer and one of our paraprofessionals, has been a wonderful help in getting our students either caught up or on track. Our recent STEM visit to ifly has given our students the ability to make a meaningful connection to the math that is taught in class with the world they live within.
- Recently, Mr. Allred has set aside two hours per week to tutor students in math. Students are chosen based on our observations of their understanding of math concepts. Our initial goal is to first offer the foundational skills needed to be successful in high school math.

## **English**

- This week in English, Mrs. Zawel is making connections to other disciplines with English. Our first hour class is reading the Chocolate War by Robert Cormier. Its contents exemplify the harms of intimidation and students are exploring both public and private consequences.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, students are reading the Great Gatsby and 3<sup>rd</sup> hour is reading Frankenstein. As students delve deeper into Frankenstein, they connect their literature with research on multiple sciences such as stem cell research and genetic engineering.

## **Art**

- This week in art, our students prepared images on mini canvases that are going to be displayed at the Cottonwood Fair this year. The works of art will be auctioned off and proceeds are donated to charity.

## **Leadership**

- This year we have combined our career essentials class with leadership. Recently, students have been completing job applications, creating resumes and preparing speeches on topics such as ethics, values and goals. Soon, students will use their career portfolio to prepare for mock interviews with individuals from our community.

## **Growing Gardens**

It has been a goal for a couple of years now to start an official garden program here at Camp Verde Elementary School. This year, we added a gardening club to our Friday camps. Mr. Lewy



has worked with Gardens for Humanity for a long time, keeping a garden plot for his class in our upper elementary courtyard. This year, he agreed to run the gardening program and has expanded the number of garden beds. The club has also added bird feeders and a bird bath. In addition, students have asked for a butterfly garden. The goal is for each teacher to have a plot or a container for their class. They can design lessons that fold gardening into reading, math, and science classes.



### **Native American Day Performance**

In honor of Native American Day, many students who are members of the Yavapai-Apache Nation presented a wonderful celebration filled with traditional music and dancing. The performers included Arianna Lopez, Janae Medina, Nevaeh Hicks, Delilah Ibarra, K'leigh Lewis, Adrianna Cooper, Eli James, Fernando Sanchez, Ethan Lewis Beauty, Joshua Beauty, Jonah Bates, Adam Honwyte, Ron Juas (head singer) and Delmundo Cepress (JOM Tutor). The songs included: Yellow Pollen, Travel Song, Walking Song, Lightening Song, Evening Song and Victory Song. It was a beautiful and memorable performance! Well done!



### **Cyber Cowboys Gear Up for Competition**

Our Cyber Cowboys Robotics Team traveled to Arizona State University recently for the First Lego League kickoff! Our Cyber Cowboys asked questions of the experts about projects on Hydro Dynamics. This year's challenge is to come up with a solution to a problem that we have within our water systems. Our students also asked the referees some clarifying questions about their robot missions to help with planning. They enjoyed a great lunch and spent some time exploring ASU as well. Check back here often to read about our Cyber Cowboys as they compete this season.



### **Cowboy Community Pride in Action**

Mrs. Howe's students showed us the meaning of school pride and active citizenship recently. Both of our custodians were out, and these great students volunteered to go around the school collecting trash from the classrooms at the end of the day. They took it upon themselves to make sure our school looked great for classes on Monday morning. Way to show that Cowboy pride!





#### **4<sup>th</sup> Graders Perform *Celebrate Arizona* for a packed house**

Our talented 4th graders took to the stage last Thursday evening to perform their musical--*Celebrate Arizona*--to a packed house! Fourth-graders study the state of Arizona in social studies, and the songs they performed took the audience on a musical tour of our state. The performance started with three songs focused on our Native American musical history and included drumming and sign language. Audience members were also treated to a song titled *Fifty Nifty United States*. (Incidentally, this song is a great way for our students to memorize all of the states in our nation.) A beautiful rendition of *De Colores*, sung in both Spanish and English, was performed and included a dance with scarves.

Students sang our two state songs--The Arizona March Song written by Margaret Rowe Clifford and adopted February 28, 1919, and *Arizona*, a song written and performed by Rex Allen, Jr. as an alternate state anthem in 1982. The performance also included recorder performances and historical tidbits between songs. Well done, students!



### Upcoming event at the elementary school

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year hosting the **Fall Family Round-up** for CVES families. Last year, we had 981 attendees at this event. This year, our goal is to have 1,000! Each classroom will have an activity or display for our students to share with their families along with a gallery walk of student work that will be hung on the walls in the gym. We will have free popcorn and apples, lots of door prizes, a reading corral, a book fair, a pumpkin decorating contest between classes and voted on by attendees, make-and-take activities, and lots more! Attached is a flyer.



*Camp Verde Elementary School*

# Fall Family Round-up

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**5:00 to 7:00 pm**

*at* **200 Camp  
Lincoln Road**

## *Activities*

Class Activities  
Book Fair  
Reading Corral  
Gallery Walk  
Title 1 Information



## *Prizes*

Games  
Free Apples  
Free Popcorn  
"Cake" Walk  
Make & Takes

*Bring the whole family – See you there!*

In the Developmental Preschool, Mrs. Mazur has been busy teaching the little ones their alphabet and tying the learning in with cooking. The students made scrambled eggs one morning. As you can tell, some were a little more enthused than other, but all enjoyed tasting their fruit of their efforts.



You can tell there is a lot of learning going on in our Developmental Preschool when the little ones can no longer hold on and take a nap right in the middle of their learning activity.





The Exceptional Student Services Department held their first ever ESS Parent University, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The first meeting introduced the Camp Verde Unified School District Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers. Parents also received a mini lesson on the Special Education Process within the schools. At the end of the meeting, we had time to answer questions, get to know one another, and enjoy tasty snacks. Children had the opportunity to color or play during the presentation.

Our next ESS Parent University Meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2017 where we will discuss how the Student Study Team and Child Find work. The ESS Parent University is not just limited to parents within Camp Verde Unified School District, the community is invited to attend as well. So, please join us as we learn about the Special Education process and way we, as a community, can better help our students and families with exceptional needs.

Please check out the Special Education Website link on our Camp Verde Unified School District website for information presented at the ESS Parent University, upcoming meetings, parent information/resources and additional information parents may need pertaining to Exceptional Student Services.



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## ESS Parent University



- ✓ Do you wonder about the district's Special Education Services?
- ✓ Do you have questions about the Student Study Team or Child Find processes?
- ✓ Perhaps you want to know about assessments and eligibility for Special Education?
- ✓ Would you like to learn more about the IEP and have a better understanding?

The **Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Parent University** is the place for you. Please join us for informative meetings where you will learn the answers to these questions and many more as well as meet the CVUSD ESS Staff and Related Service folks.

**When:** 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning October 10, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Camp Verde Elementary School – Art Room

\* Light refreshments will be provided.



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