

Weekly Board Report 16 January 2018

District News

The overall enrollment of Camp Verde Unified School District is 1537 as compared 1604 one year ago. Current enrollment vs. same time last year: Elementary 656 vs. 699; Middle School 351 vs. 380; Camp Verde High School 471 vs. 467; Accommodations School 24 vs. 26; South Verde High School 35 vs. 32.

Our auditors are visiting us this week. Many departments will be busy answering their questions and verifying our transparency, accuracy, and compliance. On another financial note: We have been discussing with our insurance representatives changes in health benefits due to the changing national picture. It looks like we will be changing our health insurance provider but keeping the same claims manager. Our present provider was looking to raise costs considerably. What this means is we should keep most of the same providers with what we hope are reduced costs. We should find out the exact insurance costs within the next few weeks.

CVHS Announcements

NHS is providing Tutoring on Monday & Wednesdays in room 123 for any students that need a little extra help in a class.

Senior Night for wrestling on Thursday, January 18th. First matches start at 4:30 PM in the CVHS gym.

Awards assembly in the CVHS gym on Thursday, January 18th @ 8:30 AM.

Air Force and Army recruiters will be on campus at lunch this week.

V'ACTE Fire Science will be on campus Wednesday, January 17th from 1-3 PM for their testing sessions.

8th grade orientation will be Monday, January 22nd from 9 AM until noon. We will be welcoming the CVMS and Beaver Creek 8th grade students on our campus. Tours for those students will be provided.

South Verde High School Happenings

Math:

Math has started out strong at South Verde as almost every student has progressed from semester 1 to semester 2 with passing grades. This semester we changed things up by walking our students through at least one lesson a day which ensures all students will finish their class prior to the end of the semester.

Food Bank:

Once again, South Verde students volunteered at the food bank this Wednesday. Since we are growing as a school, students are rotated each month ensuring that everyone gets a chance to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Kiwanis student of the quarter:

The student of the quarter for the Kiwanis Club is Josephine Yazzie. On January 24th Josephine and her teacher will attend an awards ceremony at the Days Inn at 6 pm.

Enrollment:

South Verde is growing. This week alone we had 5 students interested in attending South Verde. By the end of the month we will have close to 40 students.

Camp Verde Middle School - Good Things

Camp Verde Middle School would like to congratulate its Students of the Month:



6th grade Violet Chatlin



7th grade Lidia Aguirre



8th grade Bryce Seekins



Athlete Thor Oothoudt

CVMS would also like to recognize its employee of the month:



Donnie Shanks teaches Teen Leadership and coaches 7th & 8th grade Boys' basketball. He dj's the school's dances and does many different things for the community throughout the year. We are proud to call him ours!

On Monday, January 15th, CVMS student Chandler Plante organized and presided over the 7th annual Martin Luther King Walk in Camp Verde. His poise and public speaking ability was an example to everyone there. The keynote speaker was impressed as well

and commented on his drive and his enthusiasm for public service. It was an impressive event!

On Tuesday, January 16th, the 2nd quarter awards assembly was held. Over 70 students were recognized for making the honor roll, 20 of which had a 4.0 grade pt. average. More than 60 students had perfect attendance. Awards were also given for athletics.

Camp Verde Elementary news and events

Kindergarteners Perform a Holiday Musical Program

The Kindergarten class took to the stage in December before winter break to perform traditional holiday songs. Each class had their moment to shine—Mrs. Hughes' class performed *Frosty, the Snowman*, Mrs. Showers' class sang *Must Be Santa*, Mrs. Godfrey's students covered *Jingle Bell Rock*, and Mrs. Benson's class performed *There Was a Little Baby*.

Other holiday favorites that were performed by the whole kindergarten group included *Have a Holly Jolly Christmas*, *Up on the Housetop*, *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*, *Jingle Bells*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, and *Feliz Navidad*. A hearty congratulations goes out to Mrs. Murlless and all the kindergarten teachers and students for putting on such a fantastic show!





4th Graders Experience “Bee’s Amazing Adventure”

Stacy De Vours from the University of Arizona visited all of the 4th grade classes this week and read a story called "Bee's Amazing Adventures." The main character, a bee, describes the different Arizona agriculture products such as cattle, cotton, and citrus and how each is used in Arizona.

Kenly Shanks, a 4th grader in Ms. Vargo’s class described the visit, *“The lady that came to our class talked about bees and how they are responsible for pollination. She also talked about agriculture with fruit and veggies. She said in Arizona, with our temperature, we can grow all year. We also learned about farmers and their machines and also the 5c’s like cotton.”*

During the visit, each student was given a newspaper with information about distinguishing a fruit (seed bearing) from a vegetable (other plant parts like roots, leaves, or stems). The students had to fill in a diagram labeling the parts of a plant (leaf, seeds, fruit, stem, flower, and plant). The entire middle section included lists of vegetables available each part of the year. The last page described three careers in the agriculture field and spotlighted 3 different people—a food safety specialist, a beekeeper, and a farmer.



First Semester Awards Ceremonies

First semester awards ceremonies for the elementary school were held the week prior to winter break in the Phillip England Performing Arts Center. Family and friends watched as elementary students in 1st through 5th grade received awards in reading, math, spelling, writing, citizenship, and perfect attendance. Special awards were handed out to students in the 4th and 5th grades who achieved perfect scores on the math section of AzMERIT last spring.



An Invitation from Mrs. LeBeau's 3rd Grade Class

During the second quarter, our class completed research projects about Arizona Ecosystems and the animals that live there. We focused on the forest ecosystem and the desert ecosystem. The kids picked which animal they wanted to research and completed their own drawings and a report for our informative writing unit.


We have made displays for each, and wanted to cordially invite you and/or your classes to come see our "Arizona Ecosystem Museum" next Tuesday, January 16th anytime between 1:30pm and 2:30pm in room 613. We will have the desks set up in rows, so you can walk through in lines and view each students display. Each of the kids will be at their display to answer questions about their animal :) It is really a very small thing, but the kids worked very hard on their projects and are very excited about sharing their work.

If you plan on swinging through with a class, could you please just drop me a quick email and let me know what about what time so I can plan accordingly?

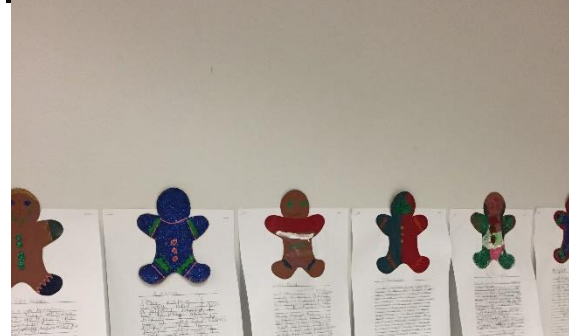
Thank you. Have a great day!

Important Upcoming Dates for Elementary School

15	16	17	18	19
No School— MLK, jr. Day			Staff Breakfast @ 7:00 in art room	P.D. 8:00- 12:00

	3:00 Literacy Team Meeting in room 210	CKH process champion meeting— 3:45		
22 PLC @ 3:00 in lab	23 4th graders – 5Cs of Arizona Gifted teachers' meeting-- room 205 @ 3:00	24	25	26
29 3:00 SAC meeting in room 208	30	31	Feb. 1 1st graders to Pirate play at YCPAC	2

In **Preschool**, Mrs. Mazur's students had a grand time learning letters and baking prior to the Winter Break. They had a festive time of learning.



District- Good Things

In High School, Mrs. Anderson's students demonstrated their culinary and decorating skills as they prepared a feast for the staff and decorated their stockings prior to Winter Break.



The **ESS Department** had our Professional Learning Community on Friday, 1/12/18. We were honored to have Jay Johnson and Kim Rice from the Arizona Department of Education present to us this day. Jay is the Education Program Specialist for Post School Outcomes Initiatives within the Exceptional Student Services Department. Kim Rice is the Educational Program Specialist for Exceptional Student Services and has a vast knowledge of Literacy and how to support students in K-12 classrooms.

The CVUSD Exceptional Student Services team participated in the half day training which focused on ways to help our students in Preschool through graduation with transition goals. The team walked away with a deeper understanding of how to help our Exceptional Students achieve their goals for independence within the community and how to work toward college and career goals.

