

Yermo School.....

Yermo School held their annual Site Strategic Planning meeting on October 23rd, 2015. With 20 people in attendance, the team was composed of teachers, classified staff, parents, students, and both site and district administration.

Besides hearing about the success at the district level, Yermo staff members reported out on four different areas of focus for the school: Kate Henson & Alisa Garcia presented on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Robert Kirkaldie and two students presented on Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID), Joshua Jauss presented on Response to Intervention (RtI)/Enrichment and Diana Sandridge presented on the implementation of Common Core State Standards.

In the afternoon after the whole team finished, staff members stayed and analyzed the input given from the morning. The staff set four goals and an action plan to attain the goals in each of the areas. This was then reported out to the rest of the staff during meeting times to address any further ideas for implementation. It was a great success!

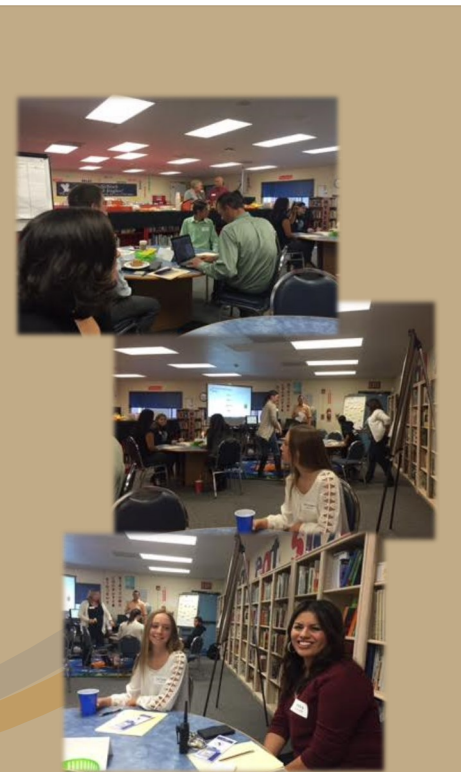
Lewis Elementary School.....

Lewis Elementary School held their Site Strategic Planning Meeting on Friday, January 22, 2016. We had 18 team members in attendance, which comprised of community members, parents, teachers, classified staff, and staff members from Ft. Irwin CYS.

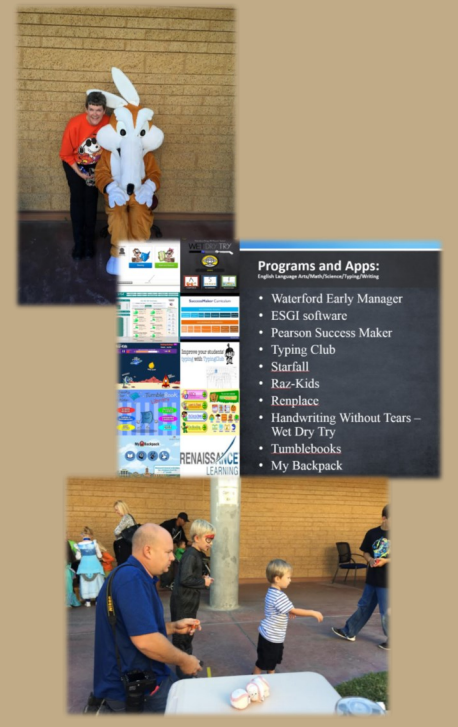
The Site Strategic Planning Meeting consisted of presentations on the four major areas of focus for Lewis: Tess Laudit presented on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Karla Glover presented on Response to Intervention (RtI), Bill Xiong presented on Lewis' technology in the classroom and Amber Baker presented on community involvement and Transitional Kindergarten.

At the end of the meeting each member of the team filled out a 'Final Feedback' form. The form consisted of two questions: 'What was most helpful about today?' and 'What would I like to know more about?' This information was very helpful in order to determine what we did well, and what we still needed to provide more information about. The feedback we received was very positive.

After the Site Strategic Planning Meeting concluded, teachers, classified staff, and administration worked together to create action steps in order to implement the suggestions given by the entire Site Strategic Planning team. They also created a measure to be able to determine how well we are meeting these goals. Overall, the whole team thought that the meeting was a success and that they knew what they needed to do to move forward! We received some great feedback from parents and the CYS (after school program) about how they liked actually seeing what things we were doing in our school to support our students.



Lewis Elementary Pictures!



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From the Superintendent...

Hello and welcome to (almost) spring! We are excited to share with you some of the great going's on in our district since our first edition of this newsletter last fall. At this point in the school year, we have completed site strategic planning at all sites with the exception of Silver Valley High School and the Alternative Education Center. These planning days will take place March 21st for Silver Valley High School and April 13th for the Alternative Education Center. If you haven't had a chance to get involved yet now is the perfect time! Contact your child's school and let us hear your voice.

As we enter into the season of testing, please make sure your student gets plenty of sleep and wakes up to a good breakfast; this is so important to their performance and a good practice for any time of the school year. As always, if there is anything my office can do to help in any way please contact me at superintendent@svusdk12.net. I sincerely wish you all a happy spring!

Jill S. Kemock
Superintendent

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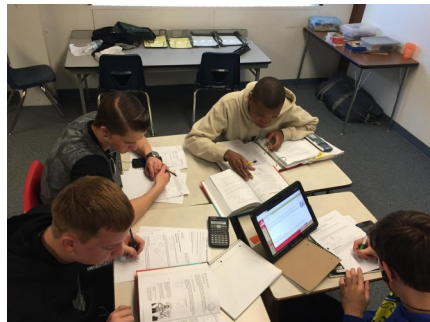
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Common Core Implementation at Silver Valley High School

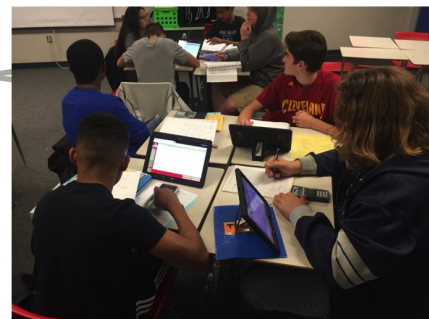
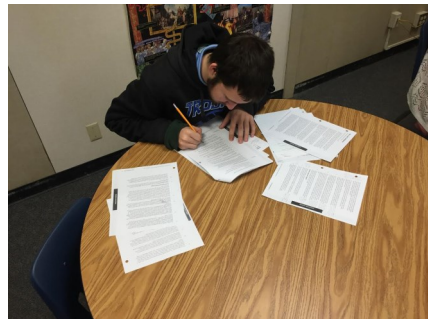
English Language Arts

As we move into the Common Core era, teachers are able to focus on literacy, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills in order to help students be more prepared for college and career readiness.



English/Language Arts teachers have participated in 32 days of on-site professional development, including lesson design, classroom coaching, model lessons, and collaboration. The district also brought in Pat Pavelka, a renowned K-12 speaker, presenter, consultant, and author to work with the ELA teachers on Common Core implementation and strategies.

The Silver Valley High School English Department also offers the Expository Reading Writing Course (ERWC) curriculum created by Cal State University and University of California professors. ERWC strategies have been implemented in the classroom using both ERWC created modules and teacher created lessons. The students are presented with a college preparatory, rhetoric-based English language arts course that is designed to develop academic literacy.



Mathematics

The math department began their transition to Common Core about three years ago by making a dramatic shift in how they taught and how students learned math. The math department began using College Preparatory Math (CPM) curriculum, which emphasizes applying mathematical concepts to real-life situations. Students work in groups and collaborate to solve problems and explain how and why their solutions is a correct.



Students are required use technology and hands on activities to help them learn and better understand mathematical concepts and how they are used in everyday situations. This method has proven to increase student learning as well as retention of learning. This approach gives students an opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge to new and unique situations.

Mathematics teachers have participated in 26 days of professional development including lesson design, classroom coaching, lesson modeling and collaboration. This training has been led and facilitated by a trainer from CPM.



April is Month of the Military Child!

Military children are faced with unique challenges that ordinary children their age never experience: moving and starting over an average of every 1-3 years, attending 6-9 different schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade and multiple deployments of one, or sometimes both, parents. Their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves our respect and admiration. April has been designated as Month of the Military Child and it is a time for all of us to honor and celebrate their contribution to the strength of the military family. Silver Valley Unified School District is honored and proud to support the families of the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, and the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.



Upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments

The Smarter Balanced Assessment System utilizes computer-adaptive tests and performance tasks that allow students to show what they know and are able to do. This system is based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. These Assessments are administered to students in grades three through eight and eleven for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. This year, Silver Valley Unified School District's testing window for the Summative Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics are as follows:

- Grades 3 - 8 March 4 - May 6, 2016
- Grade 11 April 5 - May 6, 2016
- Grades 5, 8 and 10 April 18-29, 2016 CST/CMA Science Assessment

Child Nutrition Services

March is....

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!

The first National Nutrition Week was proclaimed in 1973 to serve as a vehicle for delivering nutrition education messages to the public with the theme "Invest in Yourself—Buy Nutrition" and changing to National Nutrition Month in 1980.

National Nutrition Month has grown dramatically with the support of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), looking to promote major changes in the perception of nutrition and the importance nutrition plays in a healthy lifetime.

National Nutrition Month and the ADA focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Silver Valley Unified School District proclaims March as "Nutrition Month" and urges the residents to choose proper nutrition for a healthy today and tomorrow!

