

Newberry Springs Elementary Highlights.....

Newberry Springs Elementary School held their Site Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. We had all 20 Site Strategic Planning Team members in attendance comprised of community members, parents, students, classified staff, teachers and the school principal.

Mrs. Elaine Lambert, 1st grade teacher, presented Response to Intervention (RtI) to the team. Mrs. Lambert took the team to her classroom while RtI was live in action. The team was able to see first-hand the RtI process with students, teachers, and instructional aide support.

The second area of focus, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), was presented by Mr. Andreo Palacol. Mr. Palacol showed the team videos of students using the PBIS expectations of being responsible, safe and respectful students in different settings within the school along with increase in daily attendance and decrease in discipline over the last 5 years.

Technology at NSES was presented by Mrs. Cindy Anderson, Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Anderson updated the team on the new technology and computer programs NSES has to offer our students and staff. The team was able to go to the NSES computer lab to see all the different programs students are able to use at school and at home.

Lastly, in the area of Community Involvement, Mrs. Lori Single spoke about the activities and events NSES held during the 2014-2015 school year at NSES. Mrs. Shingle then gave some suggestions/ideas as to what the staff of NSES came up with for Community Involvement at NSES for the 2015-2016 school year.

The last activity the entire team completed was a worksheet which asked “What I Did?”, “What I Learned?”, “Something I found interesting...”, and “Questions I still have?” This was an important part of the meeting in order to find out if there was anything the team didn’t address or area(s) which we can improve.

After the team meeting, the teachers, classified staff, and administration met to create action steps in order to implement the suggestions given by the entire Site Strategic Planning Team. This was a valuable meeting in order to find ways to meet the needs of the community, parents and students and make Newberry Springs Elementary School a safe place for students to learn and grow.

Fort Irwin Middle School Highlights.....

Fort Irwin Middle School (FIMS) held their annual Site Strategic Planning meeting on November 12th, 2015. With 24 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, FIMS staff members reported out on four different areas of focus for the school: Sarah Williar presented on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Crystal Islas and two students presented on Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID), Jahnnylyn Malana presented on Response to Intervention (RtI) and Cheryl Motes presented on the implementation of Common Core State Standards.

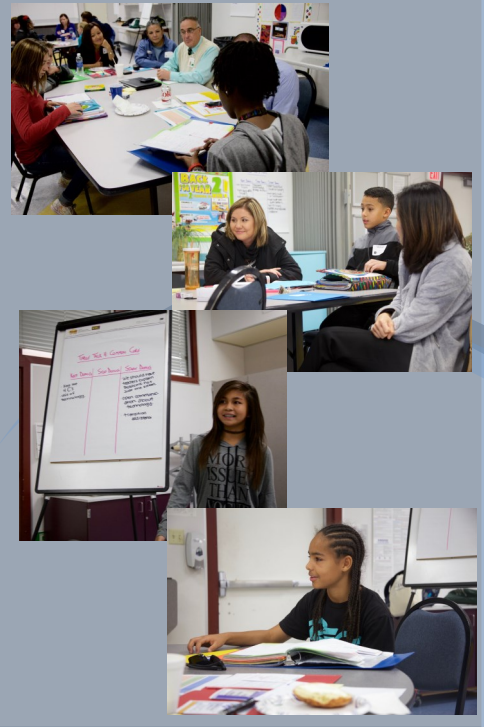
In the afternoon after the whole team finished, staff members stayed and analyzed the input given from the morning. The staff set four goals and an action plan to attain the goals in each of the areas. This was then reported out to the rest of the staff during meeting times to address any further ideas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

It was a great success!

Newberry Springs Pictures!



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Fort Irwin MS Pictures!



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Letter from the Superintendent

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Silver Valley Unified School District Newsletter. We are excited and proud to share with you some of the great things that are going on in our district. This year, in addition to Districtwide Strategic Planning, we are again bringing Site Strategic Planning to all of the schools in our district. This gives us valuable input from you, our stakeholder, as to what is of most importance to you as our students, our parents and our community members. Please seek out your site principal to become involved.

We welcome your input on what you would like to see and hear about in future newsletters. We have so many great success stories to share; sometimes it is hard for us to decide what to pass on as news. If you have something that you think should have the spotlight on it that you aren’t seeing, please reach out to me at superintendent@svusdk12.net and I will share with all who are making this possible.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year!

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Lewis Elementary School
Patti LeBlanc, Principal
Taryn Lamoreaux, Dean
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Newberry Springs Elementary
Heidi Chavez, Principal
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Silver Valley High School
Marc Lacey, Principal
Michael Sullivan, Asst. Principal
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Aubrey Zucco, Principal
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Yermo Elementary School
Shannon Hansen, Principal
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To prepare students to be confident, collaborative and creative learners for success in a rapidly changing society.



Fall Update Topics

- | Student Achievement | District Stability |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 CAASPP Results iRead Math 180 A.V.I.D. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onboarding Recruitment Professional Development Leadership Development |

Participant Feedback:

- "Great opportunity to meet with a variety of community members."
- "Great meeting; learned so much about the district--QUALITY PRODUCT"
- "As a parent, I feel confident with the focus on Professional Development for teachers. My child is in safe hands."

Next Steps Based on Participant Input:

- | Student Achievement | District Stability |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand intervention programs to all sites Advertise to the community Support from the Military to share our message Parent involvement from home to support education Continued professional development for teachers to support student success Connecting students to life after school and helping them look to the future | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding more and better ways to mentor teachers Use exit surveys for those who are leaving Look for opportunities to create positive environment and growth Continue to nurture a culture of trust Develop leadership at all levels with all stakeholders |

Coming Spring 2016: District Annual Update

- Student/Parent Support
- Technology
- District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

District Strategic Plan Updates

On Wednesday, October 7, 2015 the Silver Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) held its annual Fall Update to its strategic plan. Over 35 representatives, including students, parents, community members, classified staff, teachers and administrators were in attendance. SVUSD places a great value on this meeting, held twice a year, and the site strategic planning meetings. Information gathered from the participants is used to inform our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and gain feedback on current programs and initiatives.

The District shared out their progress in two of the four areas of the District Strategic Plan: Student Achievement and District Stability. Besides sharing the results of the 2014-15 CAASPP results, Karla Glover from Lewis Elementary presented information on Lewis's new reading intervention program. The program is designed to help students that need extra support to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Marlo Knox, Silver Valley High School, was able to share her experiences with a new math intervention program that is being piloted at both the high school and Ft. Irwin Middle School. So far the results are showing promise and the sites will continue to monitor student progress.

Michael Sullivan, Assistant Principal at Silver Valley High School, shared the progress that has been made over the past year as we implement our Advancement via Individual Determination (A.V.I.D.) program. This is a national program that helps prepare students and families for college. Ft. Irwin Middle School implemented the program last year and we have expanded it to Silver Valley High School and Yermo School.

The District Strategic Planning team also learned about District Stability. Due to our location we have, historically, had a high rate of teachers leaving. This can lead to instability and have a negative impact on student achievement. The District works hard to keep that number low by recruiting only the best teachers; creating a safe environment for them to learn and grow and provide all our teachers world-class professional development. The District also recognizes the importance of building leadership and keeping those leaders. Students, parents, teachers and administrators are provided with opportunities to learn and improve their leadership skills.

To read more about SVUSD go to our website:

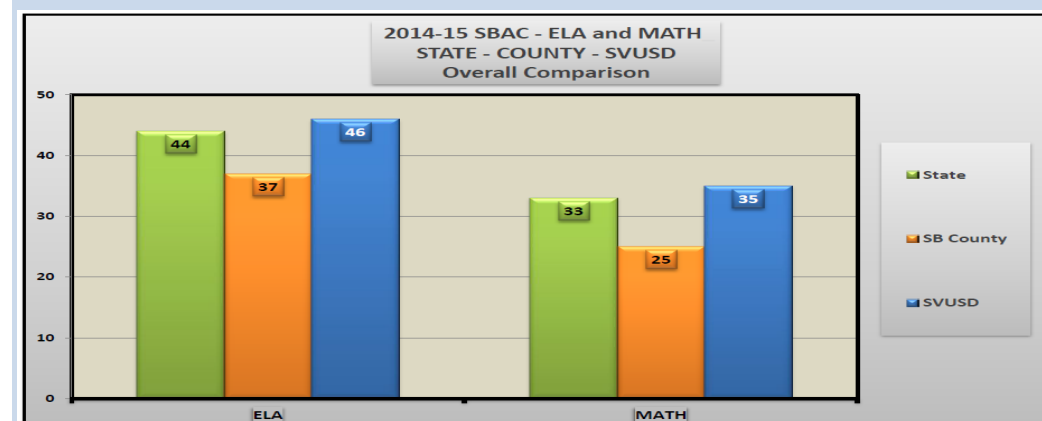
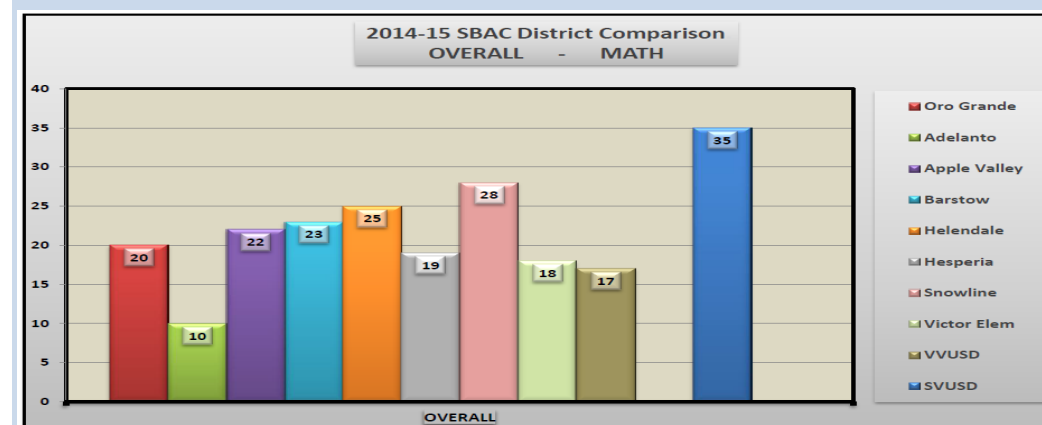
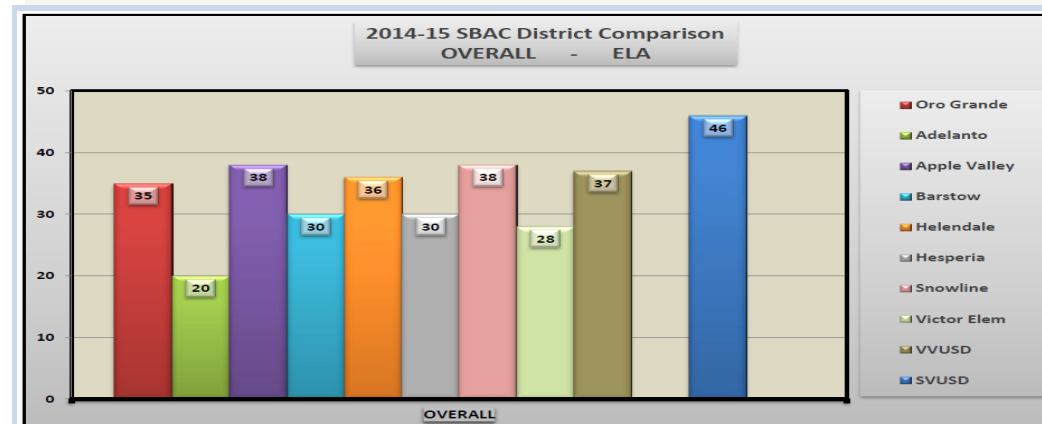
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Click on the "[Strategic Plan](#)" and "[LCAP](#)" tabs which are located at the top of the page to learn more about our district plans.



SVUSD 1st Year Success On CAASPP Test

SVUSD received the results from the 2014-15 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This was the first time our students had taken the new state test and we are very proud of the results. As you can see from the charts below, SVUSD had the highest percentage of students who met or exceeded the standard in Math and ELA in the high desert. Silver Valley students exceeded county and state averages, as well. Congratulations to our students, teachers, staff, and parents for all their hard work and support of our students' success!



Facilities Update

Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Dept. Prevents Future Flooding At Fort Schools

In August of 2013, 1.18" of rain came down in a 15-20 minute period at Fort Irwin, causing major water damage to Lewis Elementary and Fort Irwin MS (to a lesser extent than Lewis). In October of 2015, 1.13" of rain came down in the same period of time. Muddy water flooded exterior areas of the Lewis campus again (water didn't get into the buildings this time).

SVUSD grounds workers Lorenzo, Matt, James and Donny moved mountains of dirt and put temporary barriers in place at Lewis and FIMS to divert water away from our campuses, and Maintenance/Grounds worked together filling many sandbags to keep future storm water at bay.

